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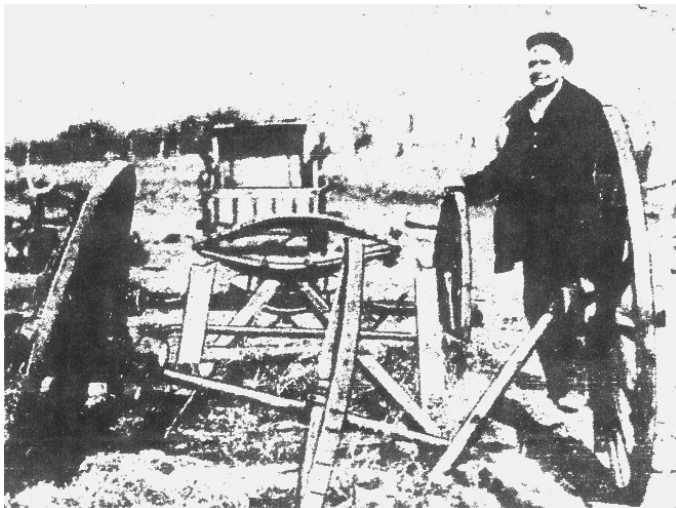
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## Did William Sanders of Beloit, Ohio, Build the First American Automobile?

The following, taken from *The Beloit (Ohio) Story*, 1963, was submitted by Bonnie D. Anderson, 410 S. Meriden Road, Cheshire, CT 06410-2926, <transit@juno.com>. William Sanders was a brother of Bonnie's grandfather.

History credits the year 1892 with the birth of the automobile, a gasoline powered machine. Fully a year before this time William Sanders was cavorting over the country roads, frightening cows, and generally disrupting the pastoral atmosphere with his land going "Fulton's Folly."

Sander's claim to the distinction of having invented the first auto is given a twinge of authenticity by the fact that like all true inventors, he never profited by his dream achievements.



William Sanders with the remains of his Horseless Carriage

It was about a year before the Chicago World's Fair, when Sanders first got the idea of making one of his buggies into a horseless carriage. He was visiting the Stratton Jump Seat Co. in Salem when he noticed a two-cylinder steam engine running a drill, but shortly after this company left Salem and he was unable to locate such an engine. In his search for an engine he

disclosed his plans to a printer in Salem, hoping that he would be able to help if he knew just what he needed it for. It was just a few days after this when folks began showing up at the house asking to see the horseless carriage, when Sanders denied having such an apparatus, they would laugh and wink and plead for a peak at it.

This was all very mysterious to Sanders until some one brought him a copy of the *Salem News* with a long story of his invention of the horseless carriage, with the prophecy that he would drive it to the World's Fair the next year.

This all served to help him make up his mind to build one. He began to assemble the parts he would need. A

boiler works in Alliance promised delivery on a boiler, which was to cost \$40.00, in three weeks, but after waiting they decided not to allow Sanders, who was such a likable fellow, to waste his money for such a foolish crazy notion, so he was forced to journey to Youngstown for his boiler. The special axles came from Cleveland. With a lot of attention on the body work the steam

wagon was ready to roll.

What a thrill it must have been that first time when water was taken aboard, the coal fire stoked into a steam raising energy, the gadgets all adjusted and then the wheels moved. Sanders stated "A man had to be pretty much of an engineer to run one of these affairs they

## Hit a Brick Wall? At a Dead End?

Sometimes we get real discouraged. People won't answer our letters. Every promising book we find has no one listed that is even remotely connected. We are convinced that no one else is searching our line.

Have you ever felt like that?

Last month I saw the following in *Arkansas Genealogical Society's Arkansas Family Historian* (Sept. 1998) as part of the "President's Message" by Ed Sanders of Searcy, Ark.

"A few years ago a gentleman with whom I share a surname assured me he had reached an absolute dead end in his research of that family. I asked him if he had traced the family to Adam and Eve. He replied, "No, of course not." "Then," I said, "you have not reached an absolute dead end!" There are difficulties, discouragements, disappointments, and seemingly insoluble problems. Actually, however, almost all these have solutions. The two of us soon made a list of 34 (!) things he might do to further his research. Within a month, he sent me a very cheery letter saying he had picked up the thread just two counties away from where he thought he had reached an absolute dead end. Today, there are more people to help and more ways to help than ever before."

Are you ready to make your list now? If you don't know how to get started, contact a friend and get their help. Visit a Family History Center or the genealogical section of your local library and ask for help.

Make your list and keep at it. Don't give up!

By the way, *you do make a list* before you go to the library, or courthouse, or wherever. Don't you? ■

Don Schaefer, editor

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## Mannie Jo Saunders Tells Story That Starts in Ga.; Goes To Cass Co., Texas

Mannie Jo Saunders was born Nov 3, 1847 probably at Ashton, N.C. (but could have been in Ga.); married May 9, 1867 to Steven Ridgley Rainey (CSA) at Ellaville, Schley Co., Ga.; died Jan 30, 1933 at Cass Co., Texas.

I am looking for any information about her family. We have been unable to find out the given names of her parents and we guess that her mother's maiden name was Smith, as inferred in the letter below. To date I have found nothing more than what is contained in this letter written by her daughter Vanessa Rainey Yarbrow in 1963. Vanessa passed away the next year. Two years after Mannie Jo Sanders and Steven Ridgley Rainey were married they moved to Cass Co., Texas.

From Vanessa's letter:

"Mannie is supposed to have dress up in her brother's uniform and gone with some friends to a cousin's house to trick her cousin. This was during the occupation of where ever by the Union Army. She was captured by Union Troops and they would not let her go until they were satisfied she was in fact a young girl.

"Her mother died when she was nine days old and her father when she was about nine years old.

"Know less of Mama (this is Mannie Sanders). She was named Precious Jo Mannie Sanders or Saunders. She had an older brother John, who was an officer in the army of the Confederacy (Leut. or Capt.). He was in charge of a bunch who cleaned up the battlefield at Bull Run. Two weeks after that battle was fought- hot summer- he got sick and died from this. They lived only 60 miles from Bull Run and could hear the canons during the battle.

"Mother had another brother - Uncle Jim who visited us - James Royle - I think. There were some half brothers, I think. Mamma lived with Uncle Zack Saunders when she was tiny. There she sat by an old blind lady, Aunt Bett Seat and was loved and taught by this lady. Aunt Betty was 109 when she died. She owned the land that Norfolk, Va. is built on, but no one took care of this for them, and I guess the Gov. finally took it over. Uncle Jimmie said they should have inherited this.

## A Genealogist's Want List

Yep — I want ancestors with names like Rudimentary Montagnard or Melchizedick von Steubenhoffmannschild or Spetznatz Gianfortoni, not William Brown or John Hunter or Mary Abbott.

I want ancestors who could read and write, had their children baptized in recognized houses of worship, went to school, purchased land, left detailed wills (naming a huge extended family as legatees), had their photographs taken once a year — subsequently putting said pictures in elaborate isinglass frames annotated with calligraphic inscriptions, and carved voluble and informative inscriptions in their headstones. I want relatives who managed to bury their predecessors in established, still-extant (and indexed) cemeteries.

I want family members who wrote memoirs, who enlisted in the military as officers and who served in strategically important (and well documented) skirmishes. I want relatives who served as councilmen, schoolteachers, county clerks and town historians. I want relatives who 'religiously' wrote in the family Bible, journaling every

little event and detailing the familial relationship of every visitor.

In the case of immigrant progenitors, I want them to have arrived only in those years wherein passenger lists were indexed by National Archives, and I want them to have applied for citizenship, and to have done so only in those jurisdictions which have since established indices.

I want relatives who were patriotic and clubby, who joined every patrimonial society they could find, who kept diaries, and listed all their addresses, who had paintings made of their horses, and who dated every piece of paper they touched. I want forebears who were wealthy enough to afford, and to keep for generations, the tribal homestead, and who left all the aforementioned pictures and diaries and journals intact in the library.

But most of all, I want relatives I can find!!!

Barbara A. Brown

(Ms. Brown's "I Want" article was originally posted in 1994 to the National Genealogical Conference, FIDO bulletin board forum.) ■

"The Saunders family lived in Rocky Mt., N.C. area. I used to address the letter to two small towns, Aventon and Ashland. John A. Saunders lived at the old house place. Mamma's mother's twin brother, Lee Smith, went to N.C. and got Mother after Uncle John's death, and took her to live with his family in Ga. Some of Uncle Lee Smith's family lived near Gladewater, and I visited with them one time (Columbus Smith's Family). I talked with Cousin Mary Smith a lot, but remember very little. She told me that General Sterling Price, high ranking Con. Gen, was a first cousin of Mother's. He saved Missouri for the south, and served two terms as Gov. of Missouri. Of course Mama did not know very much of her family, and never went back to N.C. after she moved to Ga."

Vanessa is a daughter of Steven Ridgley who lived back in Hillsboro, N.C. Anyone with any information or leads on Mannie Jo Sanders/Saunders may write me: Richard A. Rainey, 11858 Campo Seco Rd., Sonoma, CA 95370, <rar@sonnet.com>. ■

## PARENTS OF BARTLETT SANDERS?

Pat Denning, 25928 189th Ct. SE, Covington, WA 98042-6052, <rokyflat@aa.net>. They are looking for the parents of Bartlett Sanders, b. 11 Aug 1815, d. 24 Nov 1875 in Putnam or Hendricks Co., Ind., m. 11 Mar 1834 in Hendricks Co. Clarkey Russell (d/o Barnabus Russell and Mary Catherine McCloud), b. 13 Oct 1817, d. 6 Feb 1901 in Putnam or Hendricks Co., Ind. All four of the above are buried at the McCloud/Russell Cemetery, Putnam Co., Ind.

Son of Bartlett Sanders and Clarkey Russell: Barnabus "Barney" Sanders, b. abt. 1844 in Ky., m. abt 1862 Elizabeth "Lizzie" Moore, b. abt. 1844 in Ind.

Daughter of Barnabus "Barney" Sanders and Elizabeth "Lizzie" Moore: Rosella Sanders, b. 14 Feb 1868 in Ind., d. 18 Nov 1937 in Frankfort, Clinton Co., Ind., m. 23 Jul 1889 in Frankfort, James Thomas Sellers, b. 19 Sep 1858 in Ind., d. after 1912 in Clinton Co., Ind.

Daughter of Rosella Sanders and James Thomas Sellers: Alva Marie Sellers (Pat's mother). ■

## First American Automobile?

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were really complicated.”

The outward appearance of the wagon was similar to the Irish jaunting cart. He placed the boiler of his engine upright in the center of the body. The engine was dropped below the seat level and access to the seating arrangement was had from a short flight of steps that dropped down at the rear of the vehicle. Passengers sat sideways on two central seats facing the outside.

It took considerable foresight to navigate in this craft. Besides watching where he was travelling, the driver needs must look to his fires to keep his steam up, and then watch out for the places where he had cached coal and water in advance. Sanders did not start out for the World's Fair as was predicted, but was content to ride around the local country side; he was quick to recognize that steam was not the proper motive power for the horseless carriage, as it took too long to get anywhere due to so many stops for fuel and water.

However, several wealthy men offered to finance him if he would turn his carriage works into a horseless carriage works. Sanders stated “I knew the buggy days were doomed and we were on the threshold of a new era in transportation, but I also knew that steam was not the right kind of power.” Word got around of the proposal to change his business and the one man in the world to whom Sanders owed money - \$650.00 - was one who could not see ahead. Appearing at the house he declared he would foreclose if Sanders did not promise then and there to give up such ideas for the manufacture of such crazy things “that would never amount to shucks.” Thus he was forced to give up the idea that might have resulted in establishing a Detroit in Ohio.

The once noble vehicle has since rusted away and parts were scattered throughout the area in many farm yards and scrap piles. The carriage works was flattened by a tornado many years ago and all that is left of Beloit's near claim to fame in the memories of a few citizens.

Bill Sanders came to Beloit as a young man and at the age of 18 began to build the large home on the N.E. corner of Fifth and Main Streets, which was to be the home to which he brought his bride.

Through the years this corner was the

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site of a number of enterprises. In 1895, a part of the house served as a grocery store with a barber shop on the first floor. The third floor was used as a meeting hall for many revival meetings and church groups. Public dances and roller skating was also an important part of the social life of the community and the third floor of the Sanders hall holds memories for many.

Sanders was well known as a buggy maker, taking much pride in the finish and fine lines. The Sanders children recall the buggy shop just north of the house, with the body works in the downstairs and the varnish room upstairs. No one was allowed to enter the building when painting was being done upstairs.

Bill and his brother Harvey also operated a saw mill at this site, northeast of the house. ■

## Papaw Ron Needs More Help

Ronald D. Sanders, 3708 River Bluff Road, Prospect, KY 40059-3227, <PapawRon@aol.com> is searching for a John B. Sanders, b. abt 1815 in Va. He is listed in the 1850 Census of Jackson Co., Tenn. with wife Emiline, 41, born abt 1809 in Tenn. Their children were: Robert F. age 19, Thomas P. age 14, John C. age 12, Nancy J. age 10, William T. age 8, Penelope H. age 4, America J. age 3 months, Missouri S. age 3 months, and Mahala age 21.

Recent information indicates that John and his family moved to Illinois abt 1860. Other Sanders families that were in Jackson Co., Tenn., moved to Franklin and Hamilton Co., Ill. in 1860. I checked both of those census records for 1870 and 1880 and could not find them. Any descendants of John and Emiline out there? ■

## Help Marjorie Bell Find Her 'Aunt Jane' Sanders

Marjorie Bell, 2830 Chesapeake Ave., Anchorage, AK 99516, sent in this account. Although she has no blood connections to a Sanders line, she is interested in finding answers to questions raised in this story.

My grandfather, Dr. Wm. S. Robinson, was a doctor in Frostville, Ark., which no longer exists, and he had great success in treating alcoholics and “dope addicts” which in those days meant morphine because that was the strongest painkiller they had and it was readily available everywhere. Jane Sanders came to him in 1887 or early 1888 to be cured of her addiction which came because she was prescribed the drug for pain resulting from a skin cancer on her nose being eaten away by some kind of acid. Such was the sophistication of medicine at that time in her part of the country.

She was cured of her addiction, and because she had no family to return to, she stayed with the Robinsons and helped raise their daughter (my mother, born in 1888) and then stayed with my mother to help raise my brother and me. She was born in 1849, perhaps in Columbia Co., Ark. I found her there in the 1870 census living with her mother, Mary, who was born in Alabama circa 1827. Jane would have been 21 at that time. That is the extent of my knowledge of her family.

Jane had gone to school long enough to learn to read, which she did every night from her Bible, moving her finger along the lines and mouthing each word. She told of Indians coming around their cabin, and after the Civil War, when word came that Carpet Baggers were coming, her mother would take their cow and sow with piglets, all the chickens she could carry, and go down to the swamp until the danger of the livestock being stolen was past. Jane, who was around ten, was left in the cabin with a rifle across her knees to defend herself if need be. I have no doubt that she could and would have used the gun.

Aunt Jane, as she was always known to my brother and me, made a very deep impression on me which has never gone away. When she died in 1932 it was as if a blood relative had left us and she was greatly missed. If any of you are lucky enough to claim Aunt Jane and her mother as relatives, I would certainly love to hear from you. ■

## John Henry Sanders - Western Tennessee To Missouri Bootheel

From Kay Casey Pepple, 51 Singing Tree Drive, Jackson, TN 38305-9767, <kpepple@aeneas.net>.

My g-grandfather, John Henry Sanders was born 17 Jun 1856 in Bells (Haywood/Crockett Co.), Tenn. In the 1860 Haywood Co., Tenn. census, he was listed as Henry, age 4, in the John Sanders (40) family with five siblings: Wm. H. (18); George (14); Richard (12); Joseph (7); Emma (2); and mother, Ann (22). In the 1850 Madison Co., Tenn. census, the family had included John (28); Eliza (26); William (8); George R. (6); Richard T. B. (2); and Margaret Batson (16).

Research shows that John Henry's mother was Rachel Ann Mizell/Measels who is thought to have been born in Brownsville, Tenn. (near Bells). A July 14, 1845 Haywood Co. school record shows Rachel and Thomas Mizell as students. It seems that a Mizell or Measels family lived in every west Tenn. county during the mid- 1800s, and no one has been able to piece together these families.

A Dunklin Co., Mo. history book states that the Mizell family came there after the Civil War and included the "Widow Mizell," one son, Thomas, plus five daughters: Ann who married a Sanders; Emily who married Samuel Hutchens; Jennie who married Samuel Redman; and Hannah who married Samuel Redman's twin brother, James who died; Hannah then married Marendra Harris; and Mary who must have died young.

John Henry Sanders family is said to have moved from Tenn. to Ironton (Iron Co.), Mo. where the father, John Sanders, died and was buried in an unmarked grave near Thomasville (Oregon Co.), Mo. I have not found any records to support this.

John Henry Sanders was brought to Dunklin Co., Mo. when he was a young boy, presumably with his sister, Emma. I have not located this family in the 1870 census; however, in the Dunklin Co., Mo. 1880 census, John Henry (24) was listed with his wife, Nancy M. (25), and two daughters, Inez E. (4) and Roda Belle (1). Eighteen houses away were Wm. H. Gosnell (29); wife, Emma (22) who was John Henry's sister; a daughter, Emma E. (1); and Gosnell's mother-in-law, Rachel A. Sanders (42).

While nothing more is known about

the parents of John Henry Sanders, his sister Emma, and family eventually moved to Keystone, Okla. Emma died in 1940; she and Wm. H. Gosnell are buried in the Sennet Memorial Cemetery between Sand Springs and Cleveland, Okla.

John Henry Sanders grew up in the Nesbit Community in southern Dunklin Co., Mo. where he met and married Nancy Mahalia Champ (born in Woodlawn, Jefferson Co., Ill.) on 19 Dec 1875. They had fourteen children; thirteen were girls and the last child was a boy. Three daughters died young, but the other children married into Dunklin Co., Mo. families whose descendants still reside there, to wit:

Inez Emma (1876-1938) m. Lewis Ham.

This family moved to Cass Co., Texas.

Minnie E. (1882-1957) m. William F. Dawson.

Lona, a twin, (1883-1958) m. Jerry B. Carmack.

Luna, a twin, (1883-1959) m. Isom Harrison Wilburn.

Millie Myrtle (1885-1962) m. George Washington Darden.

Rachel Rhea (1886-1960) m. Richard Albert Wilson; J.O. Balledge; W.B. Long.

Rickie Margaret (1887-1964) m. S. Erastus 'Ras' Grugett and had no children.

Nettie Pauline (1888-1968) m. James William 'Pete' Gargas.

Ida (1890-1958) m. Walter McGee. This family moved to Clay Co., Ark.

Lillie Mae (1893-1959) m. Charles Lee Pelts (these are my grandparents).

Asa Bryan (1896-1974) m. Mary Edith Smith. The only son had no children.

John Henry Sanders was a prosperous farmer and money lender who also served on the Board of Directors of a local bank. He owned several farms, one of which he gave to each of his children (except for Lillie Mae who preferred his rental homes in Kennett plus cash). After his wife died in 1929, he married Lena (last name unknown) in 1931, but this marriage ended the same year when he sought and received a divorce. Nothing more is known about Lena.

In 1931, John Henry Sanders suffered a severe stroke which paralyzed him for the remaining three years of his life. Yet, he continued to spend his summers at a camp at Thresher's Ford, near Ironton, Mo., said to have been near his childhood home. It was there that he died on 21 Jul 1934. His body was returned to

his home in Kennett (Dunklin Co.), Mo. where his funeral was held, and he was buried beside his first wife, Mahalia, in the Oak Ridge Cemetery in Kennett. According to his obituary, his half-brother, J. T. Sanders, came from Nashville, Ill. and his sister, Emma, came from Keystone, Okla. to attend the funeral.

On July 11, 1998, my husband and I hosted the first John Henry & Mahalia (Champ) Sanders Reunion in Kennett, Mo. Nine of their children also had children, each of whom was represented by descendants. While photographs and family stories were exchanged, everyone was interested in the little information I was able to provide.

I would appreciate hearing from anyone in regard to my Sanders or Mizell/Measels families, even if it is only a clue. Of course, I will gladly exchange notes with other researchers. ■

### Need Connection of Elisha to Thomas Sanders in N.C.

Patsy J. Foster, 15731 Butterfield St., Westminster, CA. 92683, <j.foster@juno.com>. My 3rd great grandfather, Elisha, was born in 1795 so he was six years old when Thomas Sanders made his will in 1801 in Edgecombe Co., N.C. I feel there is some kind of a family connection between Elisha and Thomas but how I am not sure. I still lean toward him being the son of Elisha who lived in Johnston Co. and possibly on the land that belonged to Thomas Sanders. I have papers that show an insolvent Elisha Sanders in 1802- (Johnston Co.) and this was the same year the will of Thomas Sanders was probated. The will called for the land in Johnston Co. to be sold so maybe Elisha Sanders lost his home at that time. I believe the family was in Rutherford Co., Tenn. by 1810. Can anyone shed more light on this relationship? ■

Stephanie Tayloe, 510 Hickory Dr., Buchanan, TN 38222, <sata@compu.net>. Am looking for info on Jordan Sanders (Saunders) who lived 1790 Charles Co., Md.; moved to Caswell Co., N.C. where he died. Also looking for father and mother of William Saunders who married Elizabeth Jordan 1740 in Isle of Wight Co., Va. Would like to work with anyone working on Isle of Wight Sanders. ■

## Reports on Two Recent Sanders Reunions

This past May 3, 1998, I was able to attend my first Sanders family reunion at the Ramah Primitive Baptist Church near Gordon, Wilkinson Co., Georgia. The next reunion will be on the 4th Sunday in April at the same location next year, 1999. Held annually, this reunion is to honor Malichi Madison Sanders, a founding father of Wilkinson County, Georgia and a veteran of three wars. The following lines are his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. At least those that I am aware of. I am looking for anyone who might have more on this line or who is related to this family. Any help of information is welcome and I will try to help anyone the best that I can. Robert K. Fisher, 100 Deep Step Road, Covington, GA 30014-1604, <FISH2FARM@aol.com>.

From Elizabeth "Lee" Hoover, P. O. Box 125, Centerville, TN 37033-0125, <hooverdo@juno.com>.

The Sanders/Saunders reunion at the Pickwick Landing Resort in Tennessee June 26-28 is over and we had a great time!! Thanks to all those wonderful folks who were there. For those who weren't there, we talked and ate snacks all day, which included Colonel Sanders chicken! There were 33 adults, which is great for a first time, and we would have had many more if the housing had not been full. We were told by the reservationist at the Resort that she had many calls about facilities for the Sanders Reunion and had to tell them that all was booked. All the surrounding motels were also filled.

Our next reunion will be June 4-5, 1999. A block of ten rooms are being held in the Sanders Reunion name so if you plan to attend next year it is advisable to make reservations at once. I couldn't believe that was the only weekend we could get the suite.

We met so many great folks and if we are not related, we should be...for all had that Sanders family resemblance. What a wonderful time we had trying to copy each others info to take home. Four families found they shared an ancestor name, other than Sanders, so they will be working on that also. I will be trying to sort out my notes until next year.

More information later. Write me or e-mail me if you have questions. Lee ■

## Seeking Parents of Ervin Sanders, Born in Virginia; Was He Related to Neighbor Solomon Sanders?

Priscilla White Perry, 8242 DeVoe Street, Jacksonville FL 32220-2375, <CampCP@aol.com> is looking for parents and siblings of Ervin Sanders . . . 1880 census states his father was born in Va. A Solomon Sanders lived close to the parents of Lucinda Barnett when Lucinda and Ervin would have been five- and six-years-old, respectively.

Ervin Sanders was born 1814, assumed in Gowdesville area (Greenville/Spartanburg) of S.C., died 1897, buried at Clifton Cemetery, Spartanburg Co., S.C. Various numbers of children have been rumored ... up to 22.

Ervin married #1) —Lucinda Barnett, b. 1815, d. abt 1855. Her father was Randolph (Randal) Barnett; mother - Phoebe Dillard. Sanders family #1 (children all born in S.C.):

1. Marcus or Mark, b. 1838 died Arkansas? Son Joe?
2. Jonas, b. 1845
3. James Scott, b. 18 Sep 1847 (twin) d. 27 Jul 1920, buried Providence Wesleyan Meth. Cem., Chesnee, Spartanburg Co., S.C.; m. 1) Scmantha or Scmanthia Murray; m. 2) Leann or Leanna Allen
4. John Simpson, b. 18 Sep 1847 (twin) died ? maybe in Texas
5. Amelia Ann, b. 1849
6. Jesse (Jeremiah), b. 30 Jun 1852, d. 21 Apr 1921, buried at Sardis Meth. Church Cem., Gaffney, Cherokee Co., S.C.; m. Nancy Jane Dorman and had children by sister also: Virginia Medora Dorman
7. Mary "Polly," b. 30 Jul 1854, d. 3 Mar 1937, buried at Sardis UMC Cem., m. Gadberrry Wright
8. Thomas Luther, b. 15 Sep 1857, d. 15 Apr 1946, buried El Bethel Bap. Cem., Gaffney, Cherokee Co., S.C., m. Sarah Agnes Coyle

Ervin Sanders married #2) Nancy or Nannie Griffin, b. 1842 in S.C., d. 1898, buried Clifton Cemetery, Spartanburg Co., S.C. Sanders family #2 children:

9. Gabriel, b. 1858, d. in Arkansas?
10. Robert, b. 18 Aug 1859, d. 9 Aug 1933, lived in Union Co., S.C.?, m. Mary Georgeanna Kennett
11. Crenshaw, b. 1862
12. Nancy Elizabeth "Lizzie," b. Sep 1865, d. 20 May 1922, buried Upper Long Cane Presby. Cem., Abbeville, S.C., m. Jesse or Jeff Kirby

13. Hamlet, b. 11 Nov 1867, d. 10 Nov 1937, buried Rosemont Cem., Newberry, S.C., m. 22 Dec 1889  
Amanda Crocker

14. Nathaniel, b. 26 Dec 1869, d. 28 Nov 1936 Newberry Co., S.C., buried Sardis UMC, Cherokee Co., S.C.

15. Julia Rachel, b. 12 Jul 1876, d. 8 Oct 1954, buried Oakwood Cem., Spartanburg, S.C., m. William Richard Lands

16. Wynona "Nonie," b. 3 May 1880, d. 17 Apr 1949 N.C.?, m. William O. Falls, buried Mountain Rest Cem., Kings Mtn., N.C.

17. "Son" buried at Clifton Cemetery, Spartanburg Co., S.C. ■

## Jane Saunders Thornton Was Irish Immigrant

From Mary L. Price, 1004 Hwy 78, Mt. Horeb, WI 53572, <Mary\_L\_Price@MSN.COM>. Jane Saunders Thornton (b. 1838, England) and Arthur Thornton emigrated to New Jersey from Belfast, Ireland c1863. They lived in Jersey City and Hoboken, N.J. with children John, Isaac, William, Arthur, Samuel, Henry, Charlotte, and May. Jane's brother Isaac Saunders (b. 1826, Kent, England) m. Arthur's sister Mary in Belfast. They settled in Manchester, England after he served 23 years in the British Army. Their daughters were Mary Jane Saunders Hartley Reynolds, Elizabeth Saunders Angell, and Maria Saunders Jones. Jane and Isaac's sister, Maria Saunders (b. 1848, Co. Down?, Ireland), m. Michael Fraser and lived in Hollywood, Co. Down, Ireland with children Elizabeth, William, Mary Jane, Francis, and Albert Fraser. Looking for any descendents and I would be happy to share extensive research. ■

Julie Hagen, 6601 Three Oaks Circle, Austin, Texas 78759 (paulh414@aol.com) is looking for the parents of Joseph Sanders, born Oct 2, 1825 in Belmont Co., Ohio. He married Elizabeth Ann Meek on April 8, 1854 in Van Buren Co., Iowa. He died Jan 17, 1903 in Bonaparte (Van Buren Co.), Iowa. He had eight children: Margaret, William, Mary Ann, Robert Meek, Enoch, Flint, Charlie, and Ida—all born in Van Buren Co., Iowa. ■

## ASSORTED QUERIES . . .

Bonnie D. Anderson, 410 S. Meriden Road, Cheshire, CT 06410-2926, <transit@juno.com> is looking for information about her g-g-grandparents, William Sanders/Saunders, b. abt 1814 in Erie County, Pa., and Hannah Redner. She is descended through their son, Henry W., b. 9 Nov. 1839 Georgetown, Brown Co., Ohio, d. 14 Mar 1921 Ithaca, N.Y.; m. Mary Ann Oyster (b. 27 Jul 1837, d. 25 Jul 1919) 7 Sep 1859. Their children were: William H., b. 1864; Harvey Ross, b. 1866, m. Tacey Mae Stanley (Bonnie's grandparents); Francis May, b. 1874, m. R. Harvey Oswalt.

M. Dennis Sanders, 467 Joost Ave., San Francisco, CA 94127-2405, <m\_dennis\_s@hotmail.com>. I have an interesting situation. My grandfather Manual Sanders and his brother Julius Sanders came from the Azores in Portugal. I don't know what the family surname was in Portugal. They came around 1877 or later. My Aunt Mary thinks they came through New York, N.Y., but I think maybe Boston. I am putting this in your newsletter just in case somebody else has the same problem or knows of any Sanders from Portugal.

Bill Browder, Route 3, Box 719, Selmer, TN 38375. In the last two years about ten to fifteen of us cousins from all over the U.S. have joined together and have pooled our information so that now we have identified more than 1400 descendants of Lemuel and Martha Saunders. Lemuel was born about 1740-50 and first appeared on record when he witnessed a deed in January of 1767 in what is now Lincoln Co., N.C. (A Lemuel Saunders appeared on a delinquent tax list for Augusta Co., Va. that same year but we're not sure it was the same one.) Lemuel Saunders died in 1795 leaving a widow (Martha), five sons and at least four daughters. The sons were identified in the estate settlement as Thomas, Lemuel Jr., Edward, Samuel, and Jesse. The daughters were not identified but we are sure they included Mary (No record of birth, death or marriage. Witnessed deeds and other papers along with Lemuel), Sarah (married John Self), Elizabeth (married Jacob Henry Painter) and Martha "Patsy" (married Hezekiah Beaver).

The 1400 descendants identified span the years from about 1750 to the early 1900s and I'm sure that is only a fraction of the total. We are continuing to search for more descendants along with the parents of Lemuel and Martha Saunders. There are some researchers who believe that Lemuel's parents could be Thomas and Juduth? Saunders. Thomas was a descendant of the Edward Saunders who came to Virginia in 1635 on the ship "Safety." Thomas married Juduth about 1742 and, after selling land he inherited from his father in 1755, moved to southern Maryland. We have not, as of yet, found anything about his family after that move. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Laine Sutherland, 2695 North Pebble Beach Dr., Flagstaff, AZ 86004-7419, <LaineBelle@aol.com>. Anyone researching this family?

Thomas Sanders - b. abt 1724, m. abt 1760 to Sarah Jordan, d. 1802 in Edgecombe Co., N.C. Their children:

1. Thomas, Jr., b. abt 1760
2. Cornelius, b. 30 Mar 1762 Edgecombe Co., N.C., m. Mary Hedgpath, d. 1 Mar 1854 Rutherford Co., Tenn  
Children:  
Isaac, b. abt 1792, m. Lucinda Armstrong, d. 11 Apr 1868  
Margaret, b. abt 1795  
Elenor Penelope "Nellie," b. 1795, m. Lemuel Wright, d. Ark.  
Lucinda b abt 1797, m ? Flowers  
Cornelius, Jr. b. abt 1801, m. Susan Barnett, d. Dec 1874 Tenn.  
Rhoda, b. abt 1803, m ? Robertson  
Demaris, b abt 1807, m Zadoc Phelps on 15 Jul 1835 Tenn.
3. Luke, b. abt 1764
4. Elisha, b. abt 1766
5. Elender, b. abt 1768
6. Mary, b. abt 1770
7. Isaac, b. 1772 d. 22 Mar 1860 Rutherford Co., Tenn.
8. Sarah, b. abt 1774

Beulah S. Springer, P. O. Box 628, John Day, OR 97845-0628 needs information on the parents of Joseph H. Saunders, b. 1802-04 in Virginia, d. abt 1849 in Arkansas, possibly Independence County; on 14 Sep 1827 m. Nancy Yates, b. 17 Feb 1810, d. 20 May 1872 in Nevada, Iowa. Nancy was d. of David and Christine Edmonson.

Tim Doyle, 10500 Preston Vineyard Dr., Frisco, TX 75035, <tdoyle@doit.com> is searching for the parents of or other descendants of the brothers Thompson and Perry Sanders of Loudoun Co., Va. Both brothers moved their families to Muskingum Co., Ohio. Thompson Sanders was born 1815 or 1820 in Va. He m. Ann Caroline Davis about 1840. She was b. c1820 in Va. and d. 17 Jun 1858. Children (all b. Va. except the last) were: Sarah Virginia, b. 20 Dec 1841, m. John William Allbright; Mary, b. 1843; Louisa Maria, b. 1844, m. Edward Garrett; Susan, b. 1845; Martha, b. 1846; George, b. 1847; John, b. 1847/8; Fanny, b. 1848; Thomas, b. 1850; Thompson, b. 1856 in Ohio. Perry H. Saunders was b. c1817 in Va. He m. Sarah Ann Russell 4 Nov 1844 in Shelburne Parish, Loudoun Co, Va. She d. 28 Aug 1872 in Brush Creek Township, Muskingum Co, Ohio. Children (all b. Ohio except the first): Mary V., b. 1846 in Va.; Sarah F; b. 1848; James S; b. 1850; Charles W., b 1852; N.A., b. 1854; Marlo Harvey, b. 1856; John, b. 1858/9; Emma, b. 1869.

From Pat Henderson, 625 West Oak Drive W., Aledo, TX 76008, <pathenderson@juno.com> asks if anyone is researching William Sanders who married Anny or Anna Riley 17 May 1824 in Clay Co., Kentucky. William died sometime between 1842-1850 in Ozark Co. Mo. Anna and the children came to Texas about 1851-1852. Children: Stephen-1825; Patrick Riley-1827—both born in Clay Co. Ky.; Charnel- 1837, Eliza Ann-1839 both born in Indiana; Elizabeth-1842 born in Missouri. Hope some one can help with early years of this family.

Sheree Puccio, 8 Chelsea Court, Dayton, NJ 08810, <Hawk334@aol.com>. Needs information on two Sanders/Saunders brothers who lived in Plymouth, Luzerne County, Pa. on Parrish Street off Franklin. Robert Sanders, b. 1859; family attended St. Vincent's Church. Charles Sanders, b. 1859; family attended Primitive Methodist Church. May be related to New York Sanders who came from Rhode Island. My grandmother, Doris Sanders Evans, b. 1917, d. 1991, was granddaughter of Robert Sanders. Have good information about the brothers and children.

Jane F. Larish, 711 Turf Court, Lexington, KY 40502, <TNMoose@aol.com> is searching for more information on the family of Mary Ann Saunders born 1837 in North Carolina, daughter of John Saunders/Sanders. She may have had brothers or uncles named Joseph and William Saunders/Sanders. She was married on Mar 27, 1854 in Pasquotank Co., N.C., to Thaddeus Cox, born 1831 in N.C. Mary Ann, Thaddeus and a young daughter, Martha were killed in an ambush during the Civil War, Feb 7, 1863 in Pasquotank Co., N.C. Two other daughters survived. Any information would be greatly appreciated.

Jeannie Griffin, 401 Hampton Court, Longview, TX 75605-4736, <KL2000G@aol.com> is looking for information on the parents and ancestors of the following Sanders:

Nathaniel Sanders I, b. 14 Sept 1744 in Christ Church, Middlesex, Va.; d. Oct 1826 in Gallatin Co., Ky.; Nathaniel's father: Hugh Sanders, his mother: Catherine Hoskins. Nathaniel I m. Sallie Patie Jun 1776 in Caroline Co., Va. (according to widow's Rev. War pension papers) Sallie b. Aug 1758 in Caroline Co., Va.; her Father: James Patie (widow's pension papers)

Children:

1. Nathaniel Sanders II (my line of descent), 2. Catherine Sanders, 3. Hugh Sanders, 4. Robert Sanders, 5. James Sanders, 6. John Sanders, 7. George Washington Sanders, 8. Sarah/Sally Sanders. and 9. George D. Sanders.

I am particularly interested in the ancestors of Sallie Patie. Also, Nathaniel Sanders II, my ancestor, moved to Georgia and then to Alabama while the rest of his siblings seem to have located with their parents to Kentucky. I would like to have more information on the Kentucky Sanders branch. I have also heard that the father or grandfather of Nathaniel Sanders I came from England by way of the Netherlands. Willing to share information, clues, rumors, family stories, etc.

Michael Atkins, 9 Caitlyn Circle, Nashua, NH 03062, <AtkinsMike>. I am searching for more information on Elizabeth Sanders (b. 1763, d. 1814 S.C.), m. John G. Guignard I (1751-1822), 1779 in South Carolina. Elizabeth's father - James Sanders, mother - Sarah Slann.

Frank Sanders, Jr., 11 Jack-O-Lantern Park, Springfield, NH 03284-9998 needs more information about the parents of Eben(ezer) P. Sa(u)nders, b. abt 1823 Waterbury, Vt., d. 5 Aug 1891. 1st married Susan Foster of Berlin, Vt. 22 May 1842. 2nd married Jane Parthena Young or Ramsdell at Montpelier, Vt. 29 Aug 1852. Children of Eben and Jane:

1. George E., b. 17 Nov 1853
2. Caroline L., b. 10 Jun 1856
3. Malena P., b. 5 Jun 1858
4. Austin Lewis, b. 25 Aug 1860
5. Esther Daggett, b. 1 Mar 1862
6. Charles Joseph, b. 12 Apr 1864
7. Chester Sherey, b. 15 Oct 1866
8. Arba S., b. 24 or 25 Jul 1869
9. Bertie L., b. 30 Aug 1873
10. Carrol, b. 21 May 1875

Have much more information to share.

Vicki N. Rushford, P. O. Box 661, Newtonville, NY 12128 is seeking more information about Michael Sanders, b. 17 Dec 1774 in Memel, Prussia. Think he was a sea captain. He married Helen Thompson Smith (widow of Smith), b. 21 Feb 1778 in Dumfries, Scotland, d. 7 Mar 1835, New York City. Michael Sanders d. 1 Dec 1854 in Philadelphia, Pa. Michael and Helen had one known daughter, Eliza Jane, married William Hubert Gardner 3 Oct 1844 in Holy Evangelists Episcopal Church, Vanderwater St., New York City.

Claire Weeber, 15300 Mercury Drive, Grand Haven, MI 49417-9505, <cweeber@webtv.net> Is anyone else researching the Sanders family of Perquimans and Pasquotank Counties, N.C.? My ancestor was Aaron Sanders, b. 11 Jan. 1795, Pasquotank Co., N.C. He was the son of Abraham and Mary (Morris) Sanders. He married Abigail Osborne and moved to Wayne County, Ind. in 1819. I would like to hear from anyone who has information on this family.

Kathryn Goy, 2912 Stivers Blvd., Bryant, AR 72022, <KBaby2@aol.com> is researching Ezekial Sanders from S.C. His son, John Sanders, moved to Black Warrior River in Ala.; renamed Sanders Ferry. His son, William H. H. Sanders, born 1840. William married Julia A. Ellis and moved to Lonoke, Ark. They had 10 children—6 boys and 4 girls.

### John M. Sanders Had Four Brothers Who Moved From Missouri to Texas in 1870s

Mike Sanders, P. O. Box 15502, Lenexa, KS 66285, <PXKA41E@prodigy.com>. My g-grandfather, John M. Sanders, had four brothers who moved to Texas in the 1870s. Their names are: James L., Nathaniel B., (Joseph) Benton, and Peter M. Following is what I know about each:

James L. - served in the Union Army; farmer by occupation; lived in Eastland, then Stephens Co., Texas; b. 1845 or Apr 1846 in Stone Co., Mo. m. 26 Nov 1869 in Stone Co., Mo. to Rachel Plumley; had four children with three living in 1900; two children are Thos B., b. Jul 1872 in Mo. and Joel P., b. Jan 1877 in Texas. Thomas was a farmer and a drug salesman. Joel P. was a farmer and a druggist. James L. was alive in 1920.

Nathaniel B. - lived in Eastland Co., Texas; b. Apr 1847 in Stone Co., Mo.; m. 22/27 May 1872 in Stone Co., Mo. to Eliza Plumley; had four children, one living in 1880 and one living in 1900. Two children are Florence A., b. 1878 or 1879 in Texas, not alive in 1900 and Minnie B., b. Jan 1888 in Texas. Nathaniel B. was living in 1900.

(Joseph) Benton - lived in Eastland Co., Texas; farmer by occupation; b. 1848 or 1849 in Stone Co., Mo.; m. 26 Nov 1869 in Stone Co., Mo. to Elviria Johnson; had two children: Nancy A., b. 1874 or 1875 in Mo. and John L., b. Mar 1880 in Texas. Benton was alive in 1880.

Peter M. - lived in Eastland Co., Texas; farmer by occupation; b. 1855 or 1856 in Stone Co., Mo.; alive in 1880.

Would be interested in corresponding with descendants. Have other information to share. ■

David A. Dunn, 1316 Petronia Street, Key West, FL 33040 is seeking parents, ancestry, and any other information on Mary Katharine/Katherine Sanders/Saunders, b. c1766; m. c1783 George Suggs. They lived in York Co., S.C. near N.C. line. She died 28 Jul 1809 and is buried at Mills Creek Cemetery, York Co., S.C. ■

## About This Issue

All queries received from subscribers to date have been included. Let me know if yours was missed. Queries from subscribers take precedence over queries from non-subscribers. Many queries from non-subscribers were left over this time.

Thanks for the good stories. I had quite a few medium to long stories left over. There should be some good stuff in the next issue. Keep sending in those stories and other products of your research, but I need a few shorter ones. Also, more good pictures are needed.

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Lana Kay Smallin Kirby, 305 Lovers Lane, Grand Saline, TX 75140-9631, <lksk@vzinet.com>. I am looking for the documentation or proof about George W. Sanders or Saunders, about his daughter Kitty Sanders who married David Phillips and their children. Also does anyone know anything about the parentage of George W. Sanders? Any help would be appreciated. ■

## More News On Sanders/Saunders Twins

More "Sanders twin news,"—this time from Bob Sanders, 1987 N. Genessee St., Orange, CA 92685-3837, <BBIRD@aol.com>

Another set of twins by descendants of Henry Sanders and Pica Blake—they are Larissa Jean and Abaigale Marie Sanders, born February 7, 1994, in Indiana, daughters of Jason Daniel Sanders and Dawn Michelle Glasser Sanders. Jason is an eight generation descendant of the above.

Recently spent much time in Indiana and met many cousins I had not met before, over 100 of them and they as well as others will appear in the tree. Of particular interest was the visit to Vernal Cemetery outside Bloomington, Indiana which is where 32 or more immediate family members are buried. They include Henry and Dica as well as many of their children and grandchildren.

There are also Mayfields and Martins in the cemetery which also were related through marriage. The cemetery is now in private hands and has recently been fenced to keep the cattle out and many of the headstones have been broken. The boundaries are in dispute between two current owners. The DAR wanted to fence and upkeep but because of the land dispute the cemetery was fenced only. Henry Sanders was a Revolutionary War Veteran and a Baptist minister for forty years and was instrumental in establishing six to eight churches in Monroe, and Bartholomew Counties.

The original Mayfield was instrumental in the founding of the normal school and it later became the University of Indiana. One of Henry's children or a grandchild was also one of the first trustees of the university. ■

## How About A Ralph Sanders Living in Quinton, Okla.?

Tom Brewer, 2785 S. 136 E. Place, Tulsa, OK 74134, <tcbrewer@worldnet.att.net>. My father-in-law who is 77 yrs old gave me this information. His mother died in 1934 when he was 13 yrs. old and he knows very little about her family. He said that his mother, Bettie (Harris) Cravines Gerboth had a cousin Ralph Sanders who was living in Quinton, Okla. the time they were in the 1920s. He remembers the children, but can't remember their names. The Sanders left Quinton around 1930 and he thinks went to Stratford, Okla. but not sure. But was somewhere around Okla. City, Okla. Thought if I could find some of the Sanders family it would open up new doors in trying to learn about his mother's family. Bettie Harris' mother was Eatie Tramble or Trammel. Possibly her sister would have married a Sanders. This would have made Ralph and Bettie cousins. ■

## New Sanders Family History Is Available

Linda Bizzell has finished the Sanders genealogy book and it's for sale. The title is *The Sanders Family History 1700s to 1900s*. It pertains to the four Sanders men who settled in Barnwell, S.C. They are Nathaniel, John (Black Jack), William, and Moses Sanders. Nathaniel and John are brothers as is William and Moses and the two sets of brothers are cousins. Whew!!! The price is \$35.00 per book (189 pages, soft back cover). Please add \$3.00 for shipping 1-2 books and add \$6.00 for shipping 5-6 books. For more information, contact: Linda Sanders Bizzell, 1005 Jungle Road, Edisto Beach, SC 29113.

She is still working on the Sanders Burial Grounds book about an old family cemetery which is rich with history. ■

Craig Larson, 15700 Hyde Parke, Edmond, OK 73013, <cj-bslarson@juno.com>. I'm searching for information about Robert Simpson Sanders, born 1837, died 1907. He was married to Winnie Catherine Ellen Trammer. Robert and Winnie's son, Robert, was born 1882 in Oxford, Miss. and died 1951 in Okla. In 1905 he married Grace Franklin (b. 1889 near Jackson, Miss., d. 1968 in Ada, Okla.) in Mississippi. The family moved to Ada, Okla. around 1917. ■

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