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## Letter From Sanders Researcher in 1974 Is a Gold Mine of Info; Raises Questions

The following letter was sent to me by Carole Finley Davis, 12960 FM 1392, Terrell, TX 75160, <yataha@webtv.net>. It was written by her father-in-law, Louie Richard Davis to friends in Scottsboro, Alabama. It is full of information but still leaves some questions unanswered. See comments at end of letter.

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July 24, 1974

Leola, Eunice and Hazel Mathews

Dear Friends,

It has been some time since we have written and I hope this finds all three of you in good health and enjoying life.

You may have noted that my address has changed. We moved from Grand Prairie to Weatherford last May. We bought a place out in the country 4 miles West of Weatherford. We like it in the country and Richard who was eleven this past Monday, sure has a big time. My work and business has brought us out here.

We continue to think of you and the very nice visit we had, last year when we were in Alabama. We wont be able to make the trip this year as we are starting a new business and its taking all the time.

Even though I am very busy with my work, I still try to put some time in on Genealogy.

I beleive you have some information on the Sanders there in Jackson County. We have collected some information but always continue to look for more. I know I am related to most of them but know little about them. I would like to know more.

Pheobe Sanders Lee was my Great Grandmother. She was born 1813 and died 1902. Is burried in the Fowler Cemetary at the head of Fowler Cove. She is burried by her daughter, Deborah Emaline Lee Fowler b. Aug 16, 1849 d.

Feb 3, 1928. Her first Child was George Lee that I know little about. Her third child was Mary Angeline Lee b. Dec 22, 1857 d. Mar 27, 1924. (My Grandmother) who married Martin Vanburen Davis.

Some of the family stories I have heard are; Pheobe was well known for her strength. She could stand in a half bushel and shoulder 2 bushels of corn (appox 100 lb) She helped bury many of the War dead during the WBS. Her Granddaughter, Jency Cagle, remembers her Grandmother Lee stating that she helped burry as many as 16 bodies in one nights time.

Pheobe Sanders had a brother who lived to be an old age and was called Uncle Mash. Pheobe had a sister named Becky and called Aunt Becky. Pheobe's daughter Deborah was married by a John Sanders, Justice of the Peace. This John may have been her brother. (Pheobe's bro)

I know you have some information on the Sanders that was killed by bushwhackers. I have heard a story here in Texas passed down through generations (may have changed some) One of the Sanders, close relation to Pheobe was caught off guard while plowing in a field by bushwhackers. They took him and his horse to the top of a hill and made the Sanders dig a grave. Then the Bushwhackers killed both man and his horse and burried both in the grave with the legs of the horse sticking up out of the grave. (This is some tale and may not be exactly true but it is what I have heard) I think you have a more accurate account of the event.

There is another story about two of the Sanders. I don't know the exact Relationship to Pheobe but they were close kin. The story goes that two brothers were fighting during the WBS, One had enlisted with the Union Army and the other was serving with the Confederates. They were mounted and fight-

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## Don't Forget Those Old Letters

Letters can be quite valuable to those researching their family history. In my research I have found old letters to contain information that I could not have found elsewhere. They also give you good leads to begin a search for new, specific facts.

I can recall a copy of a 1932 letter written to my grandmother by a Schaefer cousin. It was full of names, ages, and places that put many things together for my grandfather's relatives. And a few years ago another cousin of my grandfather found some old letters—one written to Germany (in 1870) by a brother of my great grandfather and another written from Germany. Both letters were in old German script and had to be translated, but once I had them in English they unfolded loads of information. And there are still facts to be gleaned from the letters after family information was obtained from other sources. Having more than one source of information for a specific fact can be very reassuring.

Of course, present day genealogists must write a great many letters (and e-mails) if they are to gather information from family members, relatives, and other researchers. But, finding a letter from the past can produce facts and thrills. We like to think of them as treasures.

Two such treasures are included in this newsletter, one starting on this page and another on page three. The one on this page was written by someone doing family history research. They are the best kind!

Have you looked for old letters? Do you have a good letter from a Sanders or Saunders relative that you would like to share? ■

Don Schaefer, *editor*

## What's Source of "Wignall" in John Wignall Sanders?

John Wignall (Winall, Wynell, etc.) Sanders (b. abt 1706 in King and Queen County, Virginia) was my 4th great grandfather. He was (perhaps) the youngest son of Nathaniel Sanders and \_\_\_\_\_ Watkins and is described as "a seafaring man." There is a reference to his as Master of the ships "London" in 1742 and "Industry" in 1751. There are also various references to him in business and property transactions in Spotsylvania County (in both 1740 and 1773) and in Culpeper County, where he bought 335 acres of land in 1749 "because of service in the French and Indian War."

JWS seems to have used his middle name more often than was usual in those days, either just to differentiate him from other John Sa(u)nders, and/or because it may have been of some importance to him. We have never discovered the source of the Wignall name, or any relationship between the Sanders and Wignall families. This is puzzling because there were not many Wignalls in Virginia during this period. We're quite certain that JWS' mother was a Watkins (although we do not know her first name), and cannot find a clear reference to a Wignall anywhere in JWS lineage, unless perhaps \_\_\_\_\_ Watkins' mother was Ann Wynell [1635->1704] the daughter of John Wignoll [1620- ].

Another possibility is some connection with the Wignalls found in Barbados. Vol 3 of Vere Langford Oliver's *Caribbeana* has a reference to a John Wignall, an inhabitant of Nevis 1707-1708. Other volumes in the series have other isolated references to John (and other) Wignalls. There may have been a friendship between the Sanders and the Wignalls which resulted in a Sanders son being named for a John Wignall.

John Wignall Sanders' grandfather and perhaps also his father (both named Nathaniel Sanders) were also seafaring men, and the elder Nathaniel is believed to be the same person as the Captain Nathaniel Saunders of the "Golden Lion" who sailed the ship to Barbados at least three times during the 1670s.

Interestingly enough, the name Wignall appears again in our Sanders lineage—three generations and almost 100 years later. A second JWS, great grandson of the earlier one, was born in 1789 and married Barbara Carr Fontaine (1794-1829):

1. John Wignall "Wynell" Sanders, b. abt. 1706 in King and Queen County, Virginia; m. Frances V????, b. abt. 1710.

2. Robert Sanders b. abt. 1740 in Virginia(?); d. Sep 1790 in New Baltimore, Virginia; m. Ann Nash, b. abt. 1740 d. 1812.

3. Thomas Saunders, b. 22 Jul 1752; d. 3 Jan 1832 in Bullitt County, Ky.; m. Mary Jane "Mollie" Rogers, b. 5 Dec 1758; d. 1847.

4. John Winall Sanders, b. 28 Feb 1789; d. 3 Jun 1849; m. Barbara Carr Fontaine, b. 25 Dec 1794 in Louisa County, Va.; d. 15 Jan 1829.

This would suggest the possibility of an important and enduring relationship between the Sanders and Wignall families, but we have been unable to determine who or what was involved. The Fontaine family is well documented, and second JWS is recorded in the LDS Ancestral File, but the researcher who put it there was unable to give us any additional information.

If you have pertinent information, e-mail John Konvalinka at <wk00326@worldlink.com> or write to him at 24 Gordon Way, Princeton, NJ 08540-3957. ■

## Faye Rhoden is Still Looking For William Lemuel Sanders

Faye Sanders Rhoden, 10708 N.E. 5th Street, Midwest City, OK 73130, <Redcan1@aol.com> is researching William Lemuel Sanders, b. 1863 in Ky. Found in Ark. married to Susie Randall and had James Harrison Sanders. Later found on Ark. 1895 marriage cert. to Vinetta Poplin whose father, Ananias Poplin, gave consent for her to marry. They had Steven Wallace (my g-grandfather), Ara Jane, and William Allen. Wm. L. at one time had a riverboat that he and brothers used going up and down the White River hunting, fishing, and entertaining. Wm. L. played banjo and sang. Wm. L. and family at one time moved to Okla. and lived on an Indian reservation or the children went to an Indian school—can't figure out where exactly or why. Wm. Lemuel and Vinetta finally moved to Gainsville, Mo. where Vinetta died of TB in 1916. Wm. L. bought land there, married a Robert(a) Snow and had Charles, Wesley, Bill, Ernie and others. Wm. L. died in 1922. Any one have connections? ■

## Letter From Sanders Researcher

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ing and charging with sword and sabre.

It was at night and dark and they did not recognize each other or who they were fighting against. One of them said "Get Ert Aunt Becky." and the other said "Is that you John"? and they then recognize each other as being brothers and stopped fighting. They had an Aunt called Aunt Becky who had a "By-Word" of Get Ert. I have a note of a John Sanders serving with Co. B. 3rd Ohio Regiment (Union Army) I don't remember where I got it but wonder if this might be the one in the story.

Some of the Sanders came to Texas about the time my folks did. The Sanders lived North of Cisco in Eastland County and were Cousins to my Grandmother (related to me by my older cousins)

One descendant of Pheobe Sanders Lee (my Great Grandmother) lives in Scottsboro near you. She is Della Hunt and lives at 114 N. Kyle at Five Point. Scottsboro, AL. She owns, has inherited, a good picture of Grandmother Pheobe and I took photos of it while there and have enlargement which is perfect.

We met Della after we visited you. We had gone up to Tennessee to visit the Fowlers and found that Della had a Photograph and made a trip back to Scottsboro to take pictures of it.

This will give you some information as to the knowledge I have of the Sanders. I do not wish to be a bother but would like to know more if you ever look for something to do and would send me what information you have.

Also if you know some of the Sanders or Descendants, They might be interested in the above stories to compare with the ones they have heard. I'm sure some of my stories have been slightly altered in the process of passing down through generations.

I will close and wish the best to all of you and if I can be of any help out here, please indicate.

Sincerely yours

Louie Davis & Family  
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Weatherford, Texas 76086

Tell Lalia and Tom Sisk hello for us. They are fine folk.

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Carole had written me several years before with an interesting story about her Pheobe and a drunken Indian to whom Pheobe was married after her first husband, Henry Lee, left her. It is on page 3 of the July 1995 issue of *Sanders Siftings*. Carole was seeking the parents of Phoebe. That was a very common given name among these Sanders, but I could not match this Phoebe with any I had.

The first thing I found in the above letter was Phoebe's family in Jackson County. Identifying a brother named Mash, a sister named Becky, and a brother named John who was a JP—these had to be none other than the children of Francis and Rachel Sanders. This was my line, since the John Sanders, a JP, was my g-g-grandfather. There were not many named Alfred Head Mash Sanders—called Mash. He was a well known character in Jackson County, as was his sister Aunt Becky—married to Uncle Bill Cornelison.

The Sanders who was killed by bushwhackers was Joseph Sanders (a brother of Rachel in the paragraph above, therefore an uncle of Phoebe). I have several versions of the murder of Uncle Joe Sanders, but this one is the most bazaar. But, could be true. He was killed by bushwhackers in 1863.

The next account, the one about the two brothers in the WBS (War Between the States), was the most interesting to me. My g-g-grandfather, John Sanders, served in Co. D of the 3rd Ohio. In his Southern Claim file, where he was asked if any relatives fought for the Confederacy, he stated that his brother, Isaac, of Montgomery Co., Ark., was in the Confederate Army. I haven't researched this to see if it was possible for their two units to have been in the same battle, but I guess it is probable. If this story has any truth to it, it has to be John and Isaac meeting on the battlefield. But, what a story to find!

I still do not know who Leola, Eunice, or Hazel Mathews were. Or Della Hunt, who had the photograph. And, who were Lalia and Tom Sisk mentioned in the P.S.?

If anyone has answers to these questions or comments about this letter, please contact Don Schaefer, editor of *Sanders Siftings*. I am quite interested in any Sanders from Jackson County,

## Another Letter From the Past Sheds Light On Life In Jackson County, Alabama

This letter below was received from Shannon Doermann, 20 Olsen Drive, Ft. Rucker, AL 36362, <rdoermann@email.msn.com>. Her husband is descended from William S. Sanders, the recipient of this letter.

Both William S. and Benjamin A. Sanders are grandsons of the Joseph Sanders who was murdered by bushwhackers during the Civil War. (See the letter that begins on page one.) William S. was the son of William (son of Joseph and his first wife) and Benjamin was the son of John G. (son of Joseph and his second wife).

Benjamin speaks well of Jackson County and wants his cousin to return, but in a few years Benjamin moved to the state of Oklahoma, as did his father, John G. Sanders.

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Mud Creek, Alabama  
Nov. 28th 1893

Mr. & Mrs. Wm S. Sanders,  
Dear Cousins,

It is with much pleasure that I seat my self to write you a few lines in ancer to your kind & most wellcome letter which came to hand a few days ago, and I was glad to hear from you all and to hear you all were all well. We are all well at present hoping these few lines will find you all well and getting rich.

Well cousin I would have written sooner but I came verry near getting killed the same day I received your letter. I was cutting cedar pencil timber and I cut a tree between two bluffs of rocks and the top of the tree fell up the mountain and roaled a rock from the bluff a bove me and it struck me on the right hip a knocked me off of the bluff below me. I fell a bout thirty or forty feet and it hurt my hip and I got a big place cut in the top of my head to the skull and the left side of my face was tore all up but I am getting about well. My face has cured up and my head is getting about well. When I got hurt I did not know anything untill after after they got me home. They was a bout forty people came to see me whild I was hurt. Miss Maggie Proctor came to

see me and they say she cured me just as soon as she came.

We have about two hundred sticks of cedar pencil timber to get out yet and we have a bout one hundred all ready out. Pa has proved out his mountain place and he has bought Mr. Loveless place. Mr. Loveless is going to Tennessee. Pa owns four hundred and sixty two acors of land.

Come down and take Christmas with us. I do wish I could see you and talk a little any how if you will come back here I will go back to Ark. with you if you went back, but I think if you would come back here I could get you to stay. We are through gathering corn. We made plenty to do us.

We got a letter from Aunt Phebe Kingery last Thursday. Cousin Anna E. King has married. She married a man by the name of Basil-Louis Wright. He lives in Girard, Ill. Ther post office address is Girard P. O., Macoupin Co., Illinois.

I was over oan[?] Paint Rock a few days before I got hurt and I guess I will go back over there before Christmas. We are looking for Walker Mathews and several more of the Paint Rock folks over to night. They are coming over to go to Scottsboro to morrow. All the people a round here ask me when I have heard from you and I tell them and the most of them will say well he was a sight and they say they would like to see you and they ask me if you are ever coming back here do fix your business. So you can come to see us all.

Some of the boys sed the other day they wished you was down here a Christmas to go a surnaiding. Gillie Cornelison has married. She married Jones Bishop. Jones is John Bishop's boy. He has whipped her two or three times they say all ready is not that bad for poor Gillie I think so, don't you.

Well I will cloas for this time hoping to hear from you soon & often, Please write as soon as you get this. Please excuse bad written as I am in a hurry. So goodbye for this time.

Your Loveing Cousin  
Benj. A. Sanders

[Would like to hear comments or receive additional information about any of the people in letter. Don E. Schaefer, editor, *Sanders Siftings*.] ■

Alabama. My e-mail address is <dschaefer@comp.uark.edu> or write to my U.S. mail address on page one. ■

## Have You Heard That Mexican General Santa Anna Was A Sanders?

Much has been written about Santa Anna, the Mexican general. being a Sanders from Kentucky. Fact or fantasy, it makes interesting reading. Here is what Bill Davis shared on the internet recently. (Bill Davis, P.O. Box 337, Ghent, KY 41045, <wmadavis@kih.net>).

I happened upon another source citing the legend that the Mexican General Santa Anna was the illegitimate son of a Sanders from Kentucky:

*The Carrollton Democrat*, Carrollton, Ky. Saturday, April 8, 1882

—From the *Eminence Constitutional*, Eminence, Ky.: Judge Mayor, of Kentucky, recently related the following story of Santa Anna, the Mexican Dictator. "Did you ever hear," he said, "that he was a Kentuckian?" I confessed that I never had. "Well, that is believed by many old people about Frankfort. I have heard it from boyhood. It is said that Santa Anna, afterwards President of the Mexican Republic, was an illegitimate son of one Nat Sanders, of this county. While a youth he went to New Orleans on a flat boat, and was never afterwards heard from. When captured at San Jacinto, in 1856, he was brought through this place on his way to Washington, and was recognized by the Sanders, who recognized him as their illegitimate and long lost relative. He did not deny it. He spoke English like a Kentuckian, and with a Kentucky accent. One of the Sanders had determined to kill him, on account of the death of a relative in the massacre of the Alamo, but abandoned his purpose when he was convinced that they were blood relative!

s. The mother of Evan Settle, of Owenton, was a Sanders, and she bears a marked resemblance to the pictures of Santa Anna. Larkin F. Sanders, Rep. from Carroll County to the present General Assembly, belongs to the family, as also did the noted George N. Sanders, who figured so prominently in politics during the administration of Pierce and Buchanan.

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Some old notes on the story:

In "Exit Laughing," Irvin S. Cobb, who was a writer and movie star in his day, wrote that "Jimmy Dry" Sanders had two sisters-in-law who had been at Bryan's Station during the siege, and a brother-in-law "Gip" Bartlette who had

been at the Battle of Blue Licks. It then tells of an older brother of "Jimmy Dry" that "took up with a Cherokee Squaw" and had a son, Nathaniel Sanders — called "Bull" because of his temper. It says Nathaniel was sent off to West Point to study military affairs. Under suspicion of killing a ferryman, Nathaniel swore his innocence then disappeared.

Later, Cobb says, after the War of Texas Independence, the captured Santa Anna was given over to the United States and escorted by guards to be taken to Washington D.C. Stopping in Frankfort, Ky, a group of Kentuckians who had had friends and relatives murdered by Santa Anna's order resolved to overcome his guards and lynch the Mexican general. They managed to get the guards drunk and overpowered them. But reaching Santa Anna something stopped them in their tracks: Santa Anna called some of them by name, he claimed to have been their boyhood friend. He told them he had run away to Mexico and assumed a false identity, and excused his actions during the war on the grounds of military necessity. He begged for his life. The mob, the story goes, decided not to kill Santa Anna because of the shame on the family and Kentucky if the evil man's identity became known. They released him and all swore to keep the revelations secret — but details eventually leaked out.

I'm sure it's all fantasy, but the tale contains interesting and familiar details. Why did Cobb have the name Nathaniel Sanders? Cobb describes Nathaniel as "Swarthy and Black Haired," and it called to mind Lewis Sanders of Carroll County, who wrote that "Brown or dark skin, dark colored hair and eyes are characteristics of the Sanders family."

According to Cobb, Jimmy Dry's son Dr. Reuben Sanders was Irving S. Cobb's grandfather. *The Kentucky Encyclopedia* says Cobb's parents were Joshua Cobb and Manie Sanders.

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Ernest Kapphahn wrote:

James Sanders who married Phoebe Bartlett was my ggg grandfather. My grandmother always said we were related to Irvin S. Cobb who wrote about the Sanders family relatives in *Exit Laughing*. My line is John Sanders-

James Sanders-Harry Bartlett Sanders-Dr. James M. Sanders-James Fred Sanders-Cleo Sanders-Ernest Kapphahn. The family was in Caroline Co., Va., early 1700s, went to Frankfort, Ky. ca 1789, then Paducah. Settled in Crawford Co, Ind., in 1850s where H.B. and Dr. James M. are buried at West Fork, Ind. James M. was a country doctor and somewhere I have a photo of him carrying his doctor's bag. Dr. Reuben was a brother of Harry Bartlett Sanders. He was written about extensively in *Story of Paducah*, 1927 and in *Exit Laughing*. Cobb says that Reuben's father was Jimmy Dry or dry talking Jimmy.

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Another account says a James Sanders married a Pheobe Bartlett 24 Jan 1795 in Woodford County, Ky., and that she was the daughter of Harry Bartlette and Sarah Crane.

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And still another says "Jimmy Dry" Sanders (so-called to distinguish him from drinking James Sanders) was a Colonel, married first Hannah Mitchell and second Mary Smith and built a Methodist Church in Saundersville (later Hendersonville), Tennessee. ■

## Siblings, Descendants of Griffin Newton Sanders?

Jean Parton, P. O. Box 296, Burden, KS 67019, <EWBJPart@aol.com>. I am looking for information on parents, siblings, and any descendants of Griffin Newton Sanders, b. Jun 1842 in Tennessee, d. 1905 in Mississippi Co., Missouri. On 26 Oct. 1874 he married Phobia Alice Pearcy in Mississippi Co., Mo. She was born April 1848 in Crittenden Co., Ky., and died in 1922 in Mississippi Co., Mo. Children of Griffin and Phoebe: Hannah, b. Aug 1877, Mo., m. Eli Stephenson, 8 Aug 1894 in Mississippi Co., Mo.; Theora Alice, b. 16 Jan 1880, Crittenden Co., Ky., d. 20 Jun 1919, Anniston, Mo., m. Thomas Andrew Cooper, 19 Apr 1896 in Anniston, Mo.; Willie B., b. May 1882, m. Douglas Graham, 30 Jun 1905, Charleston, Mississippi Co., Mo.; John Thomas, b. 3 May 1887 in Crittenden Co., Ky., m. Johnnie Gertrude McCuiston. They had no children. ■

## Was Thomas B. Sanders From Virginia or North Carolina?

Sheila Hedrick, 3703 September Dr., Baytown, TX 77521-2606, <mscitron@flash.net> is researching these families:

Thomas B. Sanders (b. abt. 1817 in N.C. or Va. ?; d. 7 Dec 1888 Lawrence Co., Ohio), m. (1) Celia Anna Ward on 6 Nov 1842 in Lawrence Co., Ohio. Children: Frances, Marcus, Anna, William, Rawley White, and David. Most of the children appear to have been born in Ohio. Thomas m. (2) Julia ?.

Looking for exact birthdate and location for Thomas B. (often appears as only "B."). Also looking for info on his second wife Julia - last name, dates, locations and children, if any.

Rawley (aka Raleigh, Rolla) White Sanders (b. 31 May 1863 in Ohio or Ky.; d. 16 Jan 1936 in Laurel Creek, Fayette Co., W.Va.; s/o Thomas B. Sanders & Celia Anna Ward Sanders), m. Emma Jones 2 May 1887 in Fayette Co., W.Va. Ten children: Lester, Lillie, Mamie, Mary, Sadie, Samuel Thomas, Ralph, Ethel, John Walker, and Zepha Irene. Looking for a correct birth location for Rawley. Would also like dates and locations for his ten children. ■

## Siftings Back Issues Available

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A copy of issue No. 1, April, 1995, will be included free with any order for a back issue. ■

## Robert Sanders, Born 1770 In N.C., Died 1844 in Miss.

Ona Sanders Patrick, 142 Fairley Bridge Rd., Wiggins, MS 39577-8506, <gdunn@datasync.com>. Looking for the parents and siblings of Robert Sa(u)nders and his two wives: Robert Sanders, b. 10 May 1770 N.C.; d. July 1844 Claiborne Co., Miss. Robert married (1) Amanda \_\_\_ d. Aug 1820, and (2) Ann Caroline Baker 14 Dec 1820 Claiborne Co., Miss., the widow of Robert Wilson Gibson. Ann Caroline was born 9 Sept 1784 S.C.; died Aug 1859 Claiborne Co., Miss. Robert Sanders, Amanda \_\_\_, and Ann Caroline are buried in Claiborne Co., Miss. Robert W. Gibson died about 1820 and is buried Franklin Co., Miss. ■

## Looking for Family of James (A. or H.) Saunders; May Have Come From Marseilles, France

B. J. Hamilton, 25201 Black Horse Ln, Laguna Hills, CA 92653-7834, <bhamilton3@home.com>. I am searching for information on the following Saunders family of James (A. or H.) Saunders and his three wives. Parents of James are unknown but family history says his mother came from Marseilles, France and married into the Saunders family in Virginia.

James (A. or H.) Saunders (b. 6 Oct 1844, Ala.; d. 16 Feb 1900, Anacoco, Vernon Parish, La.) was a doctor who spent most of his life in or around Anacoco, Vernon Parish, Louisiana. According to family history, he and his wife, Nancy M. Beavers, (also his nurse) tended wounded from both armies in a battle near the Louisiana/Texas border during the Civil War. Nancy M. Beavers was shot and killed while standing in a wagon searching for wounded. I do not know the name of the battle.

He m. Nancy M Beavers 17 Jul 1862 in Cataloula Parish, La. We think they had one child, Beavers Saunders.

The 2nd wife of James Saunders was Mary Elizabeth Byrd (b. 1842 in La; d. 15 Apr 1880 in Woodville, Angeline Co., Texas). Married in 1863. Children: Eva Viola (b. 1 Jun 1882; d. 11 Nov 1961), m. Gilum Caperton Hamilton. Cap, m. Jean. Iola Estelle (b. 1864). Remesica James (b. 1868). James D. (b. 29 Jul 1871; d. 17 Feb 1947), m. Docia Gordon. Dyalana A. (b. 1872). Alphesia Decova (b. 1874), m. \_\_\_\_\_ (H/Alphesia) Kay. Belle D. (b. 11 Mar 1874; d. 15 Sep 1943), m. George W. Dixon. Zebrida D. (b. 1876). Elizabeth (b. 13 Jun 1879; d. 4 Jun 1952) m. James P. Kay).

The 3rd wife of James (A. or H.) Saunders was Mary A. Forest (b. 1859 in Miss.; d. 1922). Married abt. 1882. One child:

Samuel (b. 2 Apr 1888, d. 25 Jun 1969), m. Lee Sanders. ■

## Sanders in Orangeburg District of South Carolina

Lewis Cotesworth Emerson, 101 Calvin Lane, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, <lemerson@juno.com> needs help. Thomas Sanders, with his wife Clarisey, lived in the old Orangeburg District of S.C. The only date that I have is that he died in 1812. His children were: John Sanders, Cullen Sanders, Blanset Sanders, William Sanders, Wilson Sanders (wife Sara Sanford), Allen Sanders, Ceila Sanders, and two more children whose names I do not have. The only line I can follow is that of my gr gr grandfather Wilson. From there my line comes through sons Burrell Sanders, Cotesworth Pinckney Sanders, then my mother, Marion Sanders. Burrell moved to Colleton Co. in lower S.C. where he built the home at Beech Hill Plantation in 1825 which is still standing and is still in the hands of my second cousin, Edward Berien Sanders. Beech Hill was one of the few not burned by Gen. Sherman during his destructive march through the state in 1865. I find it interesting that many of the Negroes working on the plantation today are the descendants of the original slave population of 75 at the outbreak of the Civil War. ■

## Joan Carr Will Share Bible Info

Joan Carr, 16 Mifflin Ct., Plainsboro, NJ 08536, <jsc44@worldnet.att.net>. This information came from a Family Bible. I will share any information regarding this Sanders family.

1. William Sanders, born 1808, died Lexington, Tenn., married Elizabeth Lindsey, born 1809, died Lexington, Henderson Co., Tenn., 1910.

2. William J. Sanders, born Aug. 9, 1852, Paris, Henry County, Tenn., died June 11, 1935 in Henry Co., Tenn. He married Sarah A. Phillips in Nov. 1871. Sarah was born 1852, died June 1927, Lexington, Tenn. These are the known children of William J. Sanders and Sarah A. Phillips—John Claud, Cager Andrew, B. Harrison, Joseph P., Anna Bell, Nora Lee, Riley, & James F.

3. A "cousin" says that John Riley Sanders is the son of William John Sanders, born 1830, died 1863, married Martha Lindsey, born July 1830, died Aug 26, 1921, Lexington, Henderson Co., Tenn. Buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Lexington, Tenn. Their children are—William John, Mary Elizabeth, C. Claude, & John Riley II. ■

## ASSORTED QUERIES . . .

Clarice H. Mitchell, RR 11, Box 1009, Bedford, IN 47421, <clarice@tima.com> I'm looking for the parents of Mary Sanders who married John Howard. He died in Butte now Warren Co., N.C. the latter part of 1771. He left a will naming his wife Mary, and his sons. He mentions his daughters but does not name them. His oldest son was Julius Howard. Julius along with Elisha Sims, a son-in-law were the executors of his will. I have been told that Julius Sanders was the father of Mary, but the only Julius Sanders I can find is young enough to be a brother of Mary. Does anyone have anything on this family? Julius Howard named his youngest son Sanders Moss Howard. I have nothing on the Sanders, but I have some of John Howard's family and more on Julius Howard and his family. He was my ancestor. I will share.

Kathy G. Wells, 425 Evergreen Dr., Hurst, TX 76054, <rebeltrumpet@worldnet.att.net>. Need help finding parents and siblings of John Sanders of Edgefield Co., S.C. John Sanders was born ca 1750/65 in Edgefield Dist., S.C. and died before Sep 1832 in Edgefield Dist., S.C. The inventory of his estate implies they had at least four children: 1) Joseph Sanders, b. ca 1798 Edgefield, S.C., d. Conecuh Co., Ala., married Emily \_\_\_; 2) Martha Sanders, b. ca 1800, married a Corley; 3) Bartlet/ Bartley Sanders, b. ca 1801 Edgefield, S.C., married Ann Jordan; 4) Moses Sanders, b. ca 1804, married Lydia Bean.

From Dixie McCoin, 149 Anabel Lane, Houston, TX 77076-4505. I have found my g-g-grandfather Elijah B. Sanders' brother, Elihu Sanders, left Mississippi and went to Hot Springs, Ark. and was there in 1850. Now I have something else to work on. Anybody have further information on him?

Jeanne H. Bruck, 5920 N. Camino Escalante, Tucson, AZ 85718, <kerjeanne@aol.com> would like to know if anyone has information about John Heller. He is the father of Anna Elizabeth Heller who married Nicholas B. Sanders in Peoria, Ill. Her Heller/Sanders line stops right there.

Kim Bryant, 5607 Millburn St., Carmichael, CA 95608, <waltnkim@jps.net> needs parents of Richard Richardson Sanders, Pvt., Co. M, Phillips Legion, Georgia (Civil War), d. 26 Nov. 1862 Charlottesville, Va. (pneumonia), bur. University of Virginia Confederate Cemetery, wife: Julia Ann Rollison/ Rawlson/Raulson, b. 1837 Richland Dist., S.C. Children: Almyra Jamima Sanders, b. 1857 Atlanta, Ga.; Ruben Benjamin Sanders, b. 1860 Atlanta, Ga.

Pat Jones, 12720 South Pine Villa Dr., Laurinburg, NC 28352, <pjjones@carolina.net> needs information on Jeremiah Sanders, b. 15 Feb 1846 in Boone Co., Ind., m. Lois Ann Griswold 26 Oct 1870 in Madison Co., Ind., d. June 1918 in Adams Co., Ind. They are both buried at Windfall, Ind., in Brookside Cemetery. Jeremiah's parents are Sampson (Samson) Sanders, b. 1809 (some members in the family say Ky. and some say N.C. but found no proof of either). Samson, m. Sarah Russel. They are both buried in Brookside Cemetery. Know nothing of Sarah's parents.

Kathy Privett, P.O. Box 131, New Blaine, AR 72851, <kprivett@cswnet.com>. I am searching for Frank Sanders born 1853 in Arkansas or Texas not for sure. He lived in Arkansas as a child then moved to Texas where he met and married Mary Jane Farmer. They had children—Hattie Sanders, Phoebe, Addie, and possibly a Benjamin. (Hattie was my ggrandmother.) He later moved to Oklahoma and died about 1939. He was also once a Texas Ranger, or so the family presumed. It is what they remember about him.

Richard D. Reddick, P. O. Box 757, Paso Robles, CA 93447-0757, <rreddick@tcsn.net> needs help with this. Descendants of two of our lines say Joshua b. c. 1730, in Halifax, Va., not 1755. And marriage to Patience Williams c. 1754+, not 1774 as we assumed earlier? Our family bible and DAR records had been reasonably accurate back to Joshua, but this makes good sense from Williams family Georgia land transfers, other documents. [I am descended from son Jeremiah Sanders].

Darrienne Hall, 836 Blue Jay Lane, Coppell, TX 75019-5981, <dkhall@flash.net> is researching Greenville Russell Sanders, b. abt 1840 in Benton, Franklin Co., Ill. Married Amanda Summers (b. abt 1851 in Auken, Ill.) on 29 Oct 1876 in Franklin Co., Ill.

Karen Luna Ray, HC 69, Box 192, Hugo, OK 74743, <karenray@oio.net>. Searching for info on Melissa Sanders. She is said to have been the 2nd wife of James Kain Luna. Supposedly a relative of his first wife, Mary Clarissa Hogan, who was also his first cousin. James Kain Luna, b. 23 Jan 1815, Lincoln Co. Tenn., d. 8 Aug 1868 Searcy Co., Ark. First married Mary "Polly" Clarissa Hogan, b. ca 1815, d. ca 1850, daughter of Andrew C. Hogan and Peggy Luna. Mary "Polly" Clarissa Hogan Luna was dead at the taking of the 1850 census. By the time the 1860 census was taken, James Kain Luna was married to Fanny Goats, who was about 27 years his junior. During the decade between census' 4 more children were born. If Melissa Sanders is indeed the 2nd wife, where does she fit into the Sanders family? Any info greatly appreciated.

John Wacaser, 490 Route 87, Columbia, CT 06237, <mwacaser@neca.com>. My ancestor, Needham Sanders was born in Alabama in 1841; was married to Maria Jane Tatum in Troup Co., Ga. on 14 May 1868. He died in Fort Smith, Ark., on 4 Jan 1891. His father was (allegedly) Jonathan Sanders married to Lucy (last name unknown). Any information regarding the correctness of the connection between Needham and Jonathan and Johathan's ancestors would be greatly appreciated.

Paula Walters, 2120 Payne Lake Rd., Middleville, MI 49333, <pwalters@voyager.net>. I am looking for parents or siblings of Stephen Sanders, b. c 1795 England. He married c 1826 a Jane Pryor, b. c 1814 England. They came to America about 1834. They were in Albion, Calhoun Co., Mich., in 1836. Both Stephen and Jane died in Calhoun Co. Four of their children were born in England—Stephen 1827; Elizabeth 1830; Thomas 1832; Sarah Anne 1834. Their other nine children were born in Calhoun Co. from 1836 to 1854.

Luther Kelly, 100 General Lee St., Houma, LA 70360-7539, <lkelly@iamerica.net> is just getting started with his Sanders and needs help. Drusilla Sanders, b. abt 1805, N.C.; d. after 1880 in Blount Co., Ala. She married Alexander Graves 18 Nov 1823, Blount Co., Ala. Family tradition states "She came from a prominent Mississippi family." I have no other data on Drusilla. Can anyone help?

Rick Colyer, 109 Thornberry Cir., Hillsborough, NC 27278, <RSColyer@aol.com>. My dead end is John Sanders who died in Wake County, N.C., 1795; wife Elizabeth (Betsy), children were Wiley/Willie, Nancy, John, Mary, Sallie, Elizabeth, Thomas, James, and Daniel. Most of the children moved to Madison/Garrard Co., Ky. Many Sanders descendants live in central Kentucky. Wiley/Willie moved on to Missouri.

Susie Holt, 2269 S.E. 37th Ave., Trenton, FL 32693, <jandsholt@worldnet.att.net> is searching for the parents, siblings, and children of a James H. Sanders, b. 16 Oct 1841 Ga., d. 26 Nov 1914 Alachua Co., Fla. James, m. Mercy Jane Burnett, b. 4 Feb 1841 Fla., d. 8 Mar 1911 Alachua Co., Fla. James was a Confederate soldier in the 2nd Fla. Rgmt., Co. B. Any kind of help will be greatly appreciated.

From M. Dennis Sanders, 467 Joost Ave., San Francisco, CA 94127-2405, <m\_dennis\_s@hotmail.com>. My grandfather Manuel and his brother Juius Sanders came over from Portugal, somewhere in the Azores in the 1890s. They left a sister behind who became a nun. She wrote my dad a letter during World War II. My grandfather Manuel died in 1944 in Oregon. Anybody know what Sanders would have been in Portugal or what name could have been used in Portugal? My uncle Julius is a mystery. I know only this—we have relatives in the Azores and in St. Sault Marie, Ontario.

Darlene Wood, 241 Del Norte Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94085-3029, <ourhome@ix.netcom.com> has hit brick walls! [Haven't we all.] Her great grandparents were Ida A. Saunders and Henry Allen May. The 1900 Union Co., S.C. census shows Ida as being born in South Carolina in 1860.

Billie Gage, 9130 Faulkner Road, Harrod, OH 45850, <bgage@wcoil.com> I have just begun to research Sanders/Saunders. My line of Sanders would be through my maternal grandmother, Margie Della Bland. Her mother was Elizabeth J. Sanders, b. 19 Mar 1862; m. Joseph Brown Bland in Victor, Ark, 15 Feb 1883; d. 23 Jul 1894. That's all the info I have and have not done any research other than the above facts which were on pages from a family Bible.

From Harold Sanders, 7208 Brentwood Circle, Waco, TX 76712, <HSand81175@aol.com>. My father was an orphan. The only known record that I can find of his family is the 1900 Census of 1st. Civil District of Shelby Co., Tenn. My father at 4 mos. with his parents are living with his grandparents due to his father being sick and out of work. The census is as listed:

Silas Sanders, b. Sept. 1841 in Tenn. with parents from Tenn.

Octavia Sanders, wife, b. Sept. 1842 in Alabama and parents from Alabama.

Thomas Sanders, son, b. Mar. 1869 in Tenn. to above parents. (my grandfather).

Josie Sanders, dau., b. Jan. 1877 in Tenn.

Hughes Sanders, son, b. Oct. 1879 in Tenn.

Molly Parker Sanders, dau. in law, b. Jan. 1880 in Tenn.

Adolphus Sanders, grandson, b. Jan. 1900 in Tenn. (my father).

After the 1900 census I have no record of the family other than my father. The family does not show in the 1910 census and my father is listed in the 1910 census as living with his maternal grandparents in Hardeman Co., Tenn. as an orphan. Would appreciate any and all assistance that fellow Sanders researchers can give.

### LOST RESEARCHERS

Issues of *Sanders Siftings* have been returned from two subscribers. The October 1999 issue was returned from Mark Strube, 11061 E. 43rd St. S., #1214, Tulsa, OK 74146 - "no forwarding address." Subsequent attempts to locate him have been unsuccessful. The January 2000 issue was returned from Beulah Springer, P. O. Box 628, John Day, OR 97845 - "box closed." Each of these subscribers have issues remaining on their subscription. If you know either of them and have their address, please let them know about this or send me their address. *Don Schaefer, editor.*

### Is Nicholas Bolivar Sanders, Born Illinois, Part Cherokee?

From Jeanne H. Bruck, 5920 N. Camino Escalante, Tucson, AZ 85718, <kerjeanne@aol.com>. Is it possible that Nicholas Bolivar Sanders is part Cherokee? My information is that Nicholas was born in Pekin, Tazwell Co, Ill. in 1853. I may have found him in the 1860 US census living in the home of a cooper John R. Sanders (b. Pa., 1795) along with Caroline (b. 1801). He was listed as being 11 years old, which does not fit too well with the 1853 birthdate. Nicholas married Anna Elizabeth Heller, a blacksmith's daughter, in Peoria, Ill. 1 May 1873. She had been b. in Dayton, Montgomery, Ohio 2 Mar 1873. They had three children: Alice who was b. in St. Louis, Mo.; Carrie Della, who was born 26 Aug 1875 in Little Kaney, Kan.; and Frederick. who was born in Saybrook, Ill. The family migrated to central New Mexico. Nicholas left Anna Elizabeth and Alice in New Mexico, sometime after 1880, taking Carrie Della and Frederick and went to St. Joseph, Mo., and then to Oklahoma, where he eventually settled and died in 1893 in Cushing. Nicholas was a sometime school teacher, at other times a farmer, and sometimes a miner.

I would like to hear from anyone of Sanders Cherokee ancestry concerning the several Nicholas Sanders that I found in the IGI file. ■

Carole East, 757 Copper Drive, Vista, CA 92083, <kceast@worldnet.att.net> is specifically interested in Saunders in Canada and Illinois. Her great grandfather was Howard Edward Saunders (b. 17 Jan 1850, Toronto, Quebec, Canada; d. 27 Jun 1933, Broughton Twp., Livingston Co., Ill.) married 1 Feb 1882 in Emington, Ill. to Mary Hamilton Duff (b. 25 Dec 1860, Eaglesham, Renfrow, Scotland; d. 5 Jan 1932, Radville, Sask., Canada.) Children were Eugene (my grandfather), Jennie, Joseph, and Gertrude. Eugene changed his name spelling to Sanders. Howard's parents were Abraham Saunders and Sophia Miller according to Howard's death certificate. Any information about this family would be appreciated. ■

## About This Issue

All queries received to date from subscribers have been included. All other queries have been used, too, except for one. There were quite a few left over from the April issue. They have all been used. Let me know if yours was missed. More queries are still needed.

Thanks for the good stories. I had lots of good material left over. Many articles were rather long and I may just have to wait for the right size space to fit them in. Keep sending in stories and other products of your research, but I need a few shorter ones. Also, more good pictures are needed to support stories and queries.

E-mail addresses of contributors are listed right after the other address in these signs < >, if the person has an e-mail address. It will be listed as an Internet address, so if you are on Compuserve, Prodigy, America-On-Line, or whatever—you can recognize the part of the address that can be used just for your service.

It will be very much appreciated if you send me your queries and other material via e-mail. Send it to me at <dschaefe@comp.uark.edu> or <DES32@aol.com>. If you can't e-mail, put your copy on a 3 1/2" disk in WordPerfect or Microsoft Word (PC or Mac) or most anything on a Macintosh. Also, if you send cleanly typed copy, I can scan it with OCR software and a scanner to save time. *Whichever is okay for you—but send me something!*

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Ed Sanders, 10 Choctaw Drive, Searcy, AR 72143-5906, <esanders@cswnet.com> is seeking the complete list of children of John Francis Sanders and Cintha Harris who were in Jackson County, Alabama 1840-1870. Will be glad to exchange information with anyone interested in this line. ■

## Help Sandra Kaser Find Information About David Quillian Sanders, Born In Illinois

Sandra Lea Sanders Kaser, 3825 N. SR 48, Covington, OH 45318-9783. My great-great grandfather was David Quillian Sanders, born 20 May 1846 Williamson Co., Ill. according to his death certificate and born 20 May 1847 according to his tombstone. Census record sometimes showed birth in Tenn. and one informant was told Nashville, Tenn. I have not found him on the 1850 census in Illinois, Tennessee or Missouri. In 1865 he appears on the Williamson Co., Ill. census of draft age men. I have not found direct evidence of his first marriage but multiple records and sources indicate that he married about 1866 Mary Ann Baker (born ca 1846 N.C. dau. of Jacob Baker and Hannah Elmira Pelt). He subsequently married 14 Aug 1875 Mississippi Co., Mo. R. E. Matheny. After her death he married on 13 Feb 1881 Mississippi County, Mo. Mary Margaret McDade Davidson (b. 17 Apr 1858; d. 25 Mar 1925). His first marriage produced my great-grandfather, Frank Ellsworth Sanders (b. 8 Feb 1867 Mo., Ill., Hickman Co., Ky.?: d. 8 Jun 1963 Oregon Co., Mo.) and Daniel Wade Sanders (b. 5 Apr 1870 Charleston, Miss. Co., Mo.; d. 12 Apr 1949 Harviell, Butler

Co., Mo.). The third marriage produced James Bennett Sanders (b. 12 Sep 1891 East Prairie, Miss. Co., Mo.; d. 25 Feb 1925 died in an auto accident near Cobden, Ill., but buried at WOW Cemetery, Mississippi County, Mo.). David Quillian was a farmer, a Mason, and a staunch Methodist. He died 14 Jul 1924 East Prairie, Miss. Co., Mo. His obituary did not list siblings but I have found evidence in newspaper articles that he had a sister, Adeline (b. ca 1840 in ? Benton Co., Tenn.; d. 2 Feb 1914 Miss. Co., Mo.) Her obituary stated that she married 1) Sanders and after 1870 married 2) Timothy Finney (d 1893). Her children with residence in 1914 as shown in her obituary included the following: Columbus H. Sanders (b. Mar 1861 Ill.; d. 1914 residence Rector, Clay Co., Ark.); Robert O. Sanders (b. Mar 1869 Ill.; d. 1914 Alto Pass, Union Co., Ill.); Mary Farmer nee ? (1914 residence Cambria, Williamson Co., Ill.); Sadie Parham nee ? (1914 residence Isabel, McCurtain Co., Okla.); Annie Finney Henley (Mrs. George W. Henley 1883-1960 Mississippi Co., Mo.); and Lucy Burk nee ? (1914 of Pine Bluff, Jefferson Co., Ark.). ■

## How About a Levi Sanders; Died Ark. 1926; Married a Spencer

Phil Sanders, 8592 Bannerman Bluff Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32312, <Psanders7@aol.com>. I am looking for Levi Sanders (my ggf), d. 1926 Ark., m. Charlotte Christian Spencer (d. abt 1928 of stroke in Okla., est. age 88 yrs). Three known children: Joseph Leonard (b. 23 Sep 1870 Ark., m. Nancy Arminda Bates; 9 Apr. 1892 Montgomery Co., Ark.; Hamilton (d. abt. 1933 prob. Ark., unmarried); and Theodosia "Doshie" Paralee (b. prob in Ark., m. Ross—children: Arvin, Eddie, Lenny [or similar], Ress or Bess.) ■

## Know About Michael F. Saunders?

Sharon Peot, W701 Froelich Road, Sullivan, WI 53178, <speat@intaccess.com>. Does anyone have any information on a Michael F. Saunders (Sanders) born 25 Aug 1838 in Pittsford, Vt.? He was married to Harriette Alexander and had one daughter, Lilie, born 28 Mar 1885. His first wife was Harriet Howard. He died 17 Jul 1915 in Tennessee City, Dickson Co., Tenn. I'm trying to locate any descendants that may have come down from Lilie. I would appreciate any help on this line. ■

Lee Sanders Hoover, P.O. Box 125, Centerville, TN 37033, <lhoover1@bellsouth.net>. Seeking any and all info about Thomas Saunders/Sanders on 1820 census Hickman Co. & 1830 Humphreys Co. Tenn. (The county line moved.) Died ca 1832 in Humphreys Co., Tenn. Need his parents, wife, and children. Believed to be born in Granville, N.C., and the son of Jesse and Ann Yancey Saunders. ■

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