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## Readers Write In About What They Read or Find

It is always good to hear from readers when they like what they see in *Sanders Siftings*. On page five there is a response to requests for identifications of persons addressed in a letter printed in the July 2000 issue. We hope you will always be ready to answer questions raised in articles or queries.

In the January 2001 issue of *Sanders Siftings* (the last issue), the lead article was about Gen. William P. Sanders, a Union general during the Civil War. Several readers have said they especially liked the article.

In the same issue, on page five, there was a 1907 story submitted by Wayne Schulz of Chicago, Ill., that appeared in the *Confederate Veteran Magazine*. The article was by P. H. Prince of Conway, Ark., who had served in "Sanders Scouts" under General Forrest. The question was asked, "Who were the Sanders Scouts?"

Well, an answer has been received about Sanders Scouts. Dorothy Kelly, who wrote the Gen. William P. Sanders story, says her information is that Union General W. P. Sanders' brother, Col. Edward J. Sanders, was the leader of the Confederate unit called Sanders Scouts. (The story stated that Gen. Sanders was writing a letter to his brother in the Confederate service and was leaving it where it would be found by the Rebel cavalry and forwarded.)

Dorothy Kelly's information was from an account of a sister of these two brothers who said Edward served under General Forrest.

How about that? ■

Don Schaefer, *editor*

## William Penn Had a Connection to the Old Saunders Manor in Amersham

The following article and photograph was submitted by Paul A. Saunders, 5400 Shelbrooke Drive, Stroudsburg, PA 18360, <Pasaun0712@aol.com>.

THE OLD SAUNDERS MANOR in Amersham, Buckinghamshire, was called The Bury Farm and is located at the east end of Amersham Old Town at the corner of the road to Beaconsfield from The Broadway in Amersham. It was owned by six generations of the Saunders family, beginning with William Saunders (d.1488) and his wife, Isobel (d.1497) and at one time consisted of more than 732 acres. The last "Saunders of the Bury" was Sir Thomas Saunders (d. 1653/4) who put it up for sale in 1624. It was here in 1669 that young William Penn proposed to his future wife, Gulielma Springett, who lived at Bury Farm at the time with her mother and stepfather, Isaac and Mary Penington. Her father was Sir William Springett, who died in the English Civil War before she was born.

Although he lived then in London, William occasionally visited his distant cousins who had a manor at Penn Street, between Amersham and the village of Penn. During one of those visits he met Guli, as he called her, and started a courtship which culminated in their marriage at King's Farm in Chorley Wood on 4 April 1672.

William was then 27 and Guli (8 months older) was 28. Both Guli and William were Quakers, so the ceremony was a simple exchange of vows in front of their relatives and other Friends of the Truth, as the Quakers then called themselves.

William Penn was born on 14 October 1644, the son of Sir William Penn, a famous English Admiral and General of the Fleet. When young William became a Quaker about age 21 he and his father disagreed completely on religion, putting a strain on their relationship that remained until the Admiral died on 16 Sep 1670 at age 49 and four months. After years of persecution for his beliefs, during which he was imprisoned four times, the son petitioned King Charles II for land in America north of Maryland, south of New York and west of Delaware in place of the 16,000 pounds which the King still owed to his father. This land would be used as a "Holy Experiment" where religious freedom and non-autocratic government were to be employed. As the King was short of funds at the time, he found this proposal attractive and on 4 March 1681 he signed the charter for this land and named it Pennsylvania in honor of the Admiral. Thus began the founding of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which William lived to see fulfilled. He made several trips to Pennsylvania to oversee its beginning, but Guli died in England on

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This is the back of what was THE OLD SAUNDERS MANOR in Amersham, Buckinghamshire. Photo by Paul Saunders, 1999.

## Captain George M. Sanders of Montgomery County, Illinois, Has Fact-Filled Biography

The following biographical sketch of Captain George M. Sanders was taken from *Portrait and Biographical Record of Montgomery and Bond Counties (Illinois)*, written in 1892. It was submitted by Elva Dixon, 19 S. Kingsbridge Place, Apt. A, Chesapeake, VA 23322-5699.

### CAPTAIN GEORGE M. SANDERS

In the peaceful agricultural life which our subject now leads there is little suggestion of the military deeds of merit by which he earned his Captain's commission; only in the title will the stranger know that he is a veteran of the late war. Mr. Sanders was born in Maryland January 18, 1830. He was the eldest of a family of nine children born to Henry L. and Mary (Hall) Sanders.

Our subject's father was of German ancestry and was born in Maryland May 5, 1810. His maternal grandfather served in the War of 1812 and was also in the Battle of New Orleans. His mother, Mary Hall, was of Irish extraction. Aside from these brief facts but little is known of the early history of these families. In 1837 when our subject was a boy of but seven years, his parents made their way to Illinois and settled in what is now Jersey County. The young Sanders grew up much the same in his habits and the manner of rearing as other farm lads. The intervals of attendance at school were filled with farm duties and such pioneer sports as the fertile minds of the young people of that day could suggest. Of his brothers and sisters only three are living. They are: Samuel K., who served in the late war for three years and who now lives in California; Jesse W., who gave his country one year's service, and who now lives at Atwater, Illinois; and Sarah A., who is the wife of John B. Kirkland of Litchfield, Illinois.

About 1850 our subject's parents with their household effects and their children went to Montgomery County and located on a farm where T. T. Smith now lives, two miles southwest of the village of Walshville. There the parents died, the father February 28, 1863 and the mother January 8, 1864, both occurring while the Captain was fighting for the honor of the country which his forefathers had fought to organize as a free and independent nation.

It was on the above named farm in

Walshville that our subject was tilling the soil when the war broke out. On the first call for troops, he tendered his services, but as so many eagerly sprang forward in answer to the three month's call, some were rejected and he was among the number. On the second call, August 2, 1861 we find his name on the roll of Company L of the Third Illinois Cavalry, Col. E. A. Carr's regiment and was at once made Quartermaster-Sergeant and in October 1862 was promoted to the office of Orderly-Sergeant. Later he was commissioned Second Lieutenant and in June 1863 he was advanced to First Lieutenant and in May 1865 he was promoted to the rank of Captain of his company.

Captain Sanders was with Gen. Fremont in the Southwest in the fall of 1861 and with Gen. Curtis' Army at Pea Ridge in March 1862. He was detached from his regiment with part of his company in Central Missouri from July to October 1862 and with the command of Col. S. H. Boyd was engaged in scouting with General Sherman's Army in his attack on the defeat of Hayes Bluff in the fear of Vicksburg. In January of 1863, he was detached in his company as escort for Headquarters, Thirteenth Army Corps where he remained through the siege and capture of Vicksburg and Jackson, Mississippi and the Battle of Champion Hills and Black River Bridge. He was with Gen. Banks' Army in Louisiana from October 1863 to January 1864 and at Memphis, Tenn. when Gen. Forrest made his memorable raid.

After going with his command to Fort Snelling in the Northwest and from there on the Devil's Lake expedition in Dakota, he was finally discharged on October 10, 1865 after having served his country with marked distinction for more than four years.

August 13, 1863 while home on leave of absence from the army, our subject was married to Miss Eveline Maryman, who was a native of this state. Of the seven children born to this union six are now living: Marcia A. died when two years of age; Nora B. is engaged in the millinery business in Salem, Ill.; William Chalmers is a graduate of the Jacksonville Business College and is now a book-keeper in the Deaf and Dumb Institute of that place; Mary A. is a teacher in the public school of Sorento and also teaches music, being a fine per-

### Need to Link Thomas Jefferson Saunders With Son Henry

From Brad Sanders, 304 Seminole Court, Montgomery, AL 36116, <bbbrad@juno.com>. I am trying to complete my documentation for the SAR and am missing one piece. I am looking for documentation linking Thomas Jefferson Sanders and his son Henry Finch Sanders.

T.J. Sanders was born in Hancock County, Ga. 27 Aug 1804, the son of Mark Sanders and Nancy Finch. He married Hunta/Hunty Griggs 15 Dec 1835.

Their 6th child, Henry Finch Sanders was born 28 Feb 1837 in Hancock Co. Ga. They moved to Macon Co., Ala. cir. 1840. Henry Finch first married Rebecca Ellen Simmons 3 May 1864. Married 2nd Catherine "Kittie" Minerva Jones 20 Dec 1871. Both marriages were in Macon Co. Alabama. Henry and both wives died and are buried in Macon Co. Ala. Looking for will, deed, obit. family bible or other written reference linking both T.J. and H. F.

Also looking for ancestors of T.J.'s grandfather - Joshua Sanders, born Va. cir 1730, came to Ga. 1751; married Patience Williams, daughter of Thomas Williams cir 1754; died Columbia Co., Ga. 1800. Patience died Hancock Co. - 1807. Known issue are Mark, Reuben, Nathan, Jeremiah and Patience. ■

former; Clara A.; Rufus H.; and Eunice E. All now being educated in the Sorento schools.

For twenty years after the war, Capt. Sanders was book-keeper for a large flouring mill in Carlyle, this state. He came to Sorento in 1886, and here has a very pleasant home. He owns a farm of about one hundred and eighty-seven acres in Clinton County. Politically, he was reared an abolitionist and is now a strong Republican. Naturally, he is greatly interested in the Grand Army of the Republic. In church relations, he is an exemplary Baptist and is a life member of the American Baptist Publication Society, which has headquarters in Philadelphia. Throughout his life, he has been an advocate of temperance principles, which he supports by example and precept. ■

## William Penn Connection

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23 Feb 1694 without ever seeing the new land. William died 30 Jul 1718.

I visited this site in 1999 and found the home, built in 1563, still standing and in good repair. There are several families now living on the premises, including the house, the stables (which have been converted into upscale flats), and several new small apartment buildings being built near the manor house.

Behind this, the farm is still in open fields leading up to Gore Hill on which is a large stand of trees. The view is lovely and it is rewarding to see that the property is still in good condition. The family has been well traced by several researchers and a genealogy of the first ten generations has just been completed by Mrs. Pamela Langston of Rock Island, Illinois.

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## Was Sarah Cole a Sanders?

From Dick Edwards, 7809 Hayfield Road, Alexandria, VA 22315, <RmlnRek@aol.com>. I am researching my g-grandmother, Sarah Cole. However, family tradition has it that her maiden name was Sanders, and that she married a man named William Cole, who was killed in the Civil War. She subsequently married my g-grandfather, Andrew Edwards, in March 1862 in Brown Co., Ohio. The marriage certificate simply states her name as "Sarah Cole." Sarah was probably born sometime during the period 1837-1842. Tradition also has it that she was from Clermont County. I have been to the courthouse in Batavia, but was unable to find anything that looked relevant on Sanders there. Sarah and Andrew moved to Greene Co., Ill., where my grandfather, Charles Henry Edwards, was born in 1871. Sarah died in Greene Co. in 1929. ■

## Looking for Elisha and Jane Saunders In Marshall Co., Ala.; Parents of William Redman

Ralph Jackson, 1660 E. Greenway St., Mesa, AZ 85203-4531, <rajac2@msn.com>, would like very much to exchange information on any of the following names.

Probate of estate of Elisha Saunders in Oleander, Marshall Co., Ala. was settled May 4, 1841 by Administrators James M. Evans and Francis Saunders. Heirs were widow, Jane Saunders Anderson, and William R. and Solomon Saunders. Jane Saunders was married to Wesley Anderson in Marshall Co., Ala. on 19 Mar 1841. Jane is listed on the 1850 census as age 34, b. Tenn. as being married to John Rayons (sic), b. Va. Children listed are Geo. W. 1 yr, Sarah Jane 1/12, William Saunders 15, Mary Isbel 10 and Jasper Anderson 8.

On 15 January 1853, Robert Childress, guardian of the estate of William Sanders, the only living child of Elisha Sanders (who was a private in Captain A. Coffee's Alabama Canfield Regiment, Florida War), filed an application for bounty land for the service of Elisha Sanders. The application states that there is no widow as she had become married to John Rains before the Act of 20 Sep 1850 authorizing the bounty land. The census of DeKalb Co., Ala. of 1850 shows a Solomon Saunders, age 14 in the household of Francis and Rachel Saunders, age 68 and 71. Sworn statements before F. M. Kirby, Justice of the Peace, signed on 15 Jan 1853 testify to the fact that Solomon, child of Elisha Sanders was dead.

On 28 Dec 1853, Robert Childress (as guardian of William Sanders, minor child of Elisha Sanders dec'd), petitioned the Judge of Probates, Marshall Co., to sell the land warrant for money so his ward could buy land elsewhere. He states that his ward, William Sanders was then living in Jackson Co., Ala. near Bellefonte.

William Redman Sanders, b. 2 Jun 1834, married Elizabeth Ann McAdams in Jackson Co., Ala. 28 Dec 1852. He would have been 18 at the time and would have needed a guardian to execute business transactions. Robert Childress was appointed as guardian of William and Solomon Sanders on 7 Jan 1853 by J. M. Gilbreath, Probate Judge of Marshall Co.

There are no other William R. Sanders of the proper age, other than William

Redman Sanders, listed on the census of 1860 and successive censuses of Jackson Co., Ala. A preponderance of evidence points to William Redman Sanders as being the son of Elisha and Jane Saunders. There appears to be a relationship between Elisha and Francis Saunders who administered the probate and had Solomon in his household in 1850. But was Francis the father of Elisha or perhaps an uncle or other close relative?

No information has been found on Wesley Anderson, the second husband of Jane Saunders. The marriage record of Wesley and Jane show her name as "Jane Saunders." What was her maiden name? Contacts with a descendant of John Rains indicate that they thought he was married to a Jane Saunders. Was she a Saunders, also? ■

## Help Lee's Luck Change

Lee Sanders Bartos, 1911 Inglewood Street, Henderson, TX 76554-2507, <lee.bartos@artibbs.com>. I have been working on this line for years, but no luck, so I am going to try to go another route this time. Does anyone out there have a Sanders/Saunders family in S.C. (not sure but maybe Pendleton Dst.) about 1770-1810 with these children? John B., b. ca 1800; George W. (older than John B.); James; and Mary or Marly Lee? After they left S.C. they were in Hall Co., Ga. in 1820, 1830 and some went to Forsythe Co., Ga. and Russell Co., Ala. John B. was in Shelby Co., Ala. in 1850 and stayed there until his death. George, James, Mary Lee (who married Green B. Dowis in Russell Co., Ala.) and four children of John B. Sanders came to Smith, Cherokee, Kaufman, and Grayson Counties in Texas in 1853. I am sure there were more children, and another name that crops up is Isaac. ■

Laine Sutherland, 2695 North Pebble Beach Dr., Flagstaff, AZ 86004-7419, <LaineBelle@aol.com> is looking for info on Jarrett Sanders, b. ca 1827. In 1870 living with wife, Mary and daughters Susan and Mary in Wilson Co., Rural Hill post office. He was executor to her ggggf, Cornelius Sanders', will but she can't figure out what his relationship to him Jarrett was. ■



## Some Good Information and Advice From Experienced Reserarcher

The following is from Pamela Sanders Langston, 3713 - 24th St., Rock Island, IL 61201, <pamlang@revealed.net>.

I have been researching my Saunders /Sanders family for almost twenty years. A few years ago, after tracing my family back to the 16th century, I finally made the link with the Saunders family of Agmondisham (now Amersham) in Buckinghamshire, England beginning with the patriarch William Saunders who died in 1488. Although the Saunders of Beechwood manor (Hertfordshire) line of descent from William is not my own Potsgrove line, I have spent many months transcribing contemporary documents relating to the Beechwood descendants of William.

We all know that errors and missing generations in the Visitations of England are not infrequent, even the heralds being unfortunately subject to bribes. But one hesitates to question such venerable works as Lipscombe's History and Antiquities of Buckinghamshire and the Victoria County History of Buckinghamshire. However, I have found incontrovertible proof that two very formidable errors exist in these works. I would like to offer my findings in the hope that it may spare some other Saunders researcher the frustration of trying to sort out all these relationships and also to save a lot of wasted time and effort and possibly money for overseas help.

First the above works state that Thomas Saunders of Long Marston, the son of John of Agmondisham and Dinton (great grandson of Killiam), married Jane Clerk, purchased Beechwood manor in 1628 and outlived his son John who died in 1648. There is plenty of primary proof for this marriage and the death in 1648. But I was puzzled about an entry in the Amersham register for a marriage of Thomas Saunders and Jane Smithe in 1573.

I began my research by reading the Post Mortem of John Saunders of Agmondisham dated 1578. A Post Mortem was an official inquiry made by court officials into the possessions of a man at the time of his death. This was to make sure that the monarch got his cut of any taxes and dues. Since it was all sworn to in court under oath it is beyond question. The last line of this document states that John's heir was his son Thomas and at the time of John's death Thomas was living at Amersham

and was "30 years of age on 10 November last." This puts Thomas' birth at 10 November 1547. This is the man who was supposed to have outlived his own son John in 1648!

It now became obvious that a generation was missed out and the first Thomas must have died much earlier and that the Thomas who outlived his son was a later Thomas, probably his son. This theory was proved to be correct when I found another document which outlined a court case which took place in 1602 in which Jane Weston nee Saunders and Ruth Rowse nee Saunders were contesting the conduct of their Uncle Robert's administration of the will of their father Thomas Saunders of Long Marston (Thomas had by this time purchased property in Long Marston) who had died in 1602. The court found for Robert who had been named Executor of the will and ruled that he had "rendered a faithful and accurate account" and found "in favor of Robert's honesty," all of which established that the first Thomas married Jane Smith and had a son Thomas and two daughters and that the second Thomas married Jane Clerk and he was the one who bought Beechwood manor in 1628 and outlived his son John who died in 1648, making a more ereditable sequence of events.

I then looked at the continuation of the lineage after John Saunders' death in 1648. The above works state that after the death of John's father, the manor of Beechwood came into the hands of John's son, yet another Thomas who married Ann Sadler, wrote his will in 1688 and died in 1693 and whose only surviving child Ann married Sir Edward Seabright. Again there is plenty of proof for both the death in 1693 and the marriage to Ann Sadler on 11 Dec 1662. But John had married Maria Coningsby, the daughter of Sir Henry Coningsby and Elizabeth Boteler, an old aristocratic family. After John died in 1648 Maria married Sir John Luke. There is a memorial brass in Flamstead church extolling the virtues of Maria placed there by her "grieving son Thomas," and expressing the wish to be "buried at her side" but another part of the church has the tomb of Thomas who died in 1693 and his children. How could he be buried in two places?

I next obtained a copy of the will made by Thomas Saunders in 1688. In

it Thomas refers to Maria as his grandmother!! Other documents revealed that Thomas was a lawyer trained at the prestigious Lincoln's Inn in London. There is no way that such a man would mistake his mother for his grandmother in a legal document.

Again there had to be another generation named Thomas missed out - not surprising when there were so many Thomases - and once again I was able to find proof of this in the lease of a cottage made in 1550 between one Charles Inwood and Thomas Saunders of Beechwood, his wife Mary and his son Thomas. One condition of this lease was that Thomas demanded the right of way for his carriage to and from Beechwood manor. Also I was also able to find proof back in the parish register of Amersham for the baptism of Thomas Saunders son of Thomas baptised 11 Jan 1631. So that the son Thomas would have been 19 when the document was drawn up and he was the father of Ann.

All of which provides proof that the lineage should read:

1. John Saunders of Agmondisham and Dinton, d. 1578, married 1st Elizabeth Tredway nee Duncombe, m. 2nd Ursula Yates.
2. Thomas Saunders, b. 1547, d. 1602, married Jane Smith 1573.
3. Thomas Saunders, d. 1649, m. Jane Clerk, bought Beechwood Manor from John Puttenham in 1628.
4. John Saunders, d. 1648, married Maria Coningsby, d. 1664
5. Thomas Saunders, d. after 1550, married Mary --?
6. Thomas Saunders, bp. 1631, d. 1693, married Eilen Sadier
7. Ann Saunders, married Sir Edward Sebright. Established the Sebright-Saunders line.

In all fairness I should point out that the authors of those old works may not have had access to all the old documents available to us today and anyone compiling a work involving dozens of families would not have the time for an in depth study of each one of them.

All of which points out the need to verify everything that you find with your own research. Any printed source, however well known, is subject to error. The only conclusive way is to look at contemporary documentation yourself for final authenticity. ■

## Found Info on Drummond Putman; Needs Sister's Now

From Robert R. Roten, 2850 Oak Creek Drive, Paris, TX 75462, <rrr@cox-internet.com>. My search continues for my great grandmother's family. I would like to see if any one could shed some light on the subject for me. She was Mary Francis Sanders, and married a Charles Allen Rotton (Roten). Here is a brief lineage that I am pretty sure of.

I have been trying to trace her by tracing her brother Drummond Putman, who became a well known Baptist Preacher.

Children of Unknown Sanders parents are:

1. MARY FRANCIS SANDERS, b. 28 Jul 1850, S.C.; d. 20 Jun 1903.

2. DRUMMOND PUTNAM SANDERS, b. 15 Jun 1848, Darlington, S.C.; d. 31 Oct 1917, Corpus Christi, Texas.

3. SALLY SANDERS.

4. DICK SANDERS, b. abt. 1846; d. 1886.

Generation No. 2

1. MARY FRANCIS SANDERS m. Charles Allen Roten, b. 27 Nov 1851 in Hilliard, Ala., d. 12 Mar 1931 in Itasca, Texas.

2. DRUMMOND PUTNAM SANDERS (Missionary Baptist preacher) married (1) Georgia Eva Josephine Day 15 Oct 1869 in Greenville, Ala., daughter of Joseph Day and Mary E. She died 16 Sep 1893. Their children were:

Jasper, b. 14 Jul 1872, d. 18 Oct 1908, Itasca, Hill Co., Texas.

Martha, b. Aug 1874 Hill Co., Texas, d. 9 Feb 1913, Frederick, Okla.

Sarah Delia, b. May 1876 Hill Co., Texas, d. 10 Jul 1925, Frederick, Okla.

Lafayette Pleas, b. 4 Jan 1879, d. 6 Jun 1957, Venus, Johnson Co., Texas.

Judson Graves, b. Jul 1881, d. 19 Sep 1930, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Mollie C., b. 28 Jul 1884, d. Dec 1988, Ardmore, Okla.

Bunyan Wylie, b. Jan 1887, Hill Co., d. Fort Worth, Texas.

Charles Spurgeon, b. 1 Mar 1890, Hill Co., d. 25 Sep 1891, Itasca, Texas.

Drummond Putnam Sanders married (2) Nancy Minnie Dawson 1897. She was born April 1851 in Ala.

3. SALLY SANDERS married John Davis and their children were Lula, Lon, Walter, and Mand.

4. DICK SANDERS married and their children were Martha, Georgia, John, Francis, and Andrew. ■

## 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. ■

## Here is Some Good Advice For Getting the Maximum Help From County Clerks

Ron Prince of Longview, Texas, shared this with members of the PRINCE-L list on Rootsweb. I thought it was appropriate to share it with *Sanders Siftings* readers and Ron gave permission.

It has been my experience that most County Clerks are willing to check their indexes for any time frame you request. It's relatively easy and requires minimum time for them to check their indexes. The trouble begins when your queries are unclear, involves searching several volumes or other time consuming requests that discourage clerks from helping you. These clerks must give priority to present day job requirements. They relegate genealogical queries to their spare time..if they have any spare time. When I first began visiting County Courts many years ago, very few people were involved in genealogical research. Most of the researchers I encountered in those early days were members of the DAR.

Now it seems everyone and his uncle are engaged in genealogical research and the clerks are almost inundated with queries and requests. Many become so overwhelmed they refuse to answer any query and often passed them on to a local person willing to do the research for a fee. So, today's researchers will find greater success if they will recognize the problems confronting most clerks and keep their queries simple, concise, and clear. I've seen clerks throw their hands up and give a hearty laugh, saying "here's another genealogy bug wanting me to trace their family history back 200 years!" These queries usually get the curt reply, "Sorry, we don't have the staff to deal with your request." I finally wised up and began asking one simple question at a time, even though I was dying to ask a hundred. ■

## Answers to Some of the Questions in Letter Printed in July Issue

The following was received in response to a letter published in the July 2000 issue of *Sanders Siftings*. In that letter, several people addressed or mentioned in the letter were unknown. The following response was from Ann Barbee Chambless of Scottsboro, Alabama. [Editor's note: I first met Ann in about 1988 in the library in Scottsboro when she turned out to be a great help in finding cemeteries and old home sites in the area. She is editor of *Jackson County Chronicles*, a quarterly publication of the Jackson County Historical Association.]

Louie Davis' 1974 letter directed to Leola, Eunice, and Hazel Matthews of Scottsboro was interesting to me for several reasons. Leola, Eunice, and Hazel Matthews were sisters who never married, lived and died in Scottsboro, and were all avid genealogists—long before genealogy became a "national pastime." In fact, they were my mentors when I first got interested in family research about 1972. They spent their spare time copying any records from as many Bibles as county families would agree to share. I made several trips with them to Birmingham, Chattanooga, and Nashville libraries and archives. Tom and Lalia Sisk mentioned in the Davis letter P.S. owned a family-type restaurant located on the public square in downtown Scottsboro. In 1974, it was one of Scottsboro's most popular restaurants, especially for breakfast and quick lunches. Tom's Restaurant (as it was called) was probably the last "mom and pop" type restaurant in Scottsboro. I never knew Della Hunt and suspect she has been dead a number of years, as I cannot find anyone who knows anything about her. ■

Carol Bair Taylor, 1015 Darby Drive. Yardley, PA 19067, <x-stitcher@juno.com>. I am searching for info about William H. Sanders (b. 1825). From 1860 on he lived in Cumberland Co., Pa.; don't know about before that. He was married to an Emmaline \_\_\_\_\_ and their children were Jane M (b. 1848), Lizzie (b. 1851), Charles J. (1860-1933, married to Annie Margaret Rhoads); and William (b. 1865). ■

## ASSORTED QUERIES . . .

Nancy Gephart, 403 Kathleen St., Ponchatoula, La. 70454, <nanspace@hotmail.com>. We have traced our Sanders family back to John Sanders, born 1749, place unknown. He married Margaret Meginnes in 1769, place unknown. He died in 1813 in Lycoming Co., Pa. They had six children: John, Jacob, Margaret, Judith, Israel, and Ann.

I come into this family through Israel, born 1769, place unknown. I do not know who he was married to, but married he was, with eight children: Priscilla, Judith, Margaret, Elizabeth, John, Israel, Oliver Perry, and Thomas.

Then comes Israel Sanders, my great great grandfather. He was born 9 Oct 1806 at Shettle Hill, Muncy Township, Lycoming Co., Pa. He married Elizabeth Minnick in 1828. They had eight children: Charles W., Charlotte, Oliver Perry, Andrew Jackson, Israel (Jr.), David P., John, and Jeremiah K. He died 4 Jun 1889 in Hughesville, Lycoming Co., Pa. Elizabeth Minnick was born 7 Mar 1807, place unknown. She died 24 Jun 1889 in Hughesville, Lycoming Co., Pa. (20 days after her husband's death).

Andrew Jackson Sanders was my great grandfather, born 27 Dec 1833 in Slabtown, Lycoming Co., Pa. He married Mary Ellen Derr. Her name may have been Mary Ellen or just Ellen. The family said Ellen, but Andrew's death certificate said Mary. She was born about 1835. They had eight children: John, Louis, Harry, Charlotte, Elizabeth, Alonzo, George M., and Charles M. Mary Ellen died 26 Jun 1889 in Muncy, Lycoming Co., Pa. Andrew died 13 Nov 1920 in Warren, Trumbull Co., Ohio.

My grandfather, Charles Maurice Sanders was born 19 Sep 1874 in Muncy, Lycoming Co., Pa. He married Olive Mae McKeag on 19 Sep 1899. They had seven children: Grace, George E., Mabel Catherine (my Mom), Lee Charles, Alberta, Charlotte, and Thelma. Olive Mae was born 2 Mar 1881 in Williamsport, Lycoming Co., Pa. She died 9 Feb 1918 in Warren, Trumbull Co., Ohio. Charles died 23 Jun 1956 in Youngstown, Ohio and is buried in Warren, Trumbull Co., Ohio. There is a different name on Olive Mae's death certificate—Mary Mae. I have never heard any one refer to her as Mary.

My Mom was Mabel Catherine Sanders born 4 Jul 1904. She married David Franklin Gephart on 1 Jul 1925 in

Wren, Van Wert Co., Ohio. They had two children: Nancy J. and David B. She died 22 May 1996 in Hammond, La. and is buried in Vienna, Ohio. David Franklin Gephart was born 31 Jan 1900, in Wren, Van Wert Co., Ohio, and died on 29 Nov 1971 in Columbus, Ohio and is buried in Vienna, Ohio.

Steve Sanders, 13117 Marcy Circle, Omaha, NE 68154, <SanSDii@aol.com>. I am searching for g-grandfather, William J. Sanders, who was born in Putnam County, Indiana, in 1832; died in 1901 in Coffey County, Kansas.

Dr. A. Graves, P. O. Box 918, Point Clear, AL 36564, <agraves45@hotmail.com> would like information on Epsy Sanders (21 Sep 1842 S.C.-21 Jun 1898 Barbour Co., Ala.). She was the third wife of Levi Dunn (m. 26 Jun 1855 Barbour Co., Ala.).

Linda Dail, Dail's Pond, 4500 Slocum Trail, Atkinson, NC 28451, <lindydail@yahoo.com>. My paternal grandmother was a Sanders from Pamlico County, N.C. At this time, I am trying to find the ancestors of Seth Sanders (spouse Zela or Zebbe Hunnings) who lived in Tyrrell County, N.C. in 1850 in the home of their son, my gggrandfather, John Williams Sanders (spouse Nancy Alexander).

Sandra L. Wilson, 5270 Glendale Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89156, <ivenl8u@aol.com>. I am searching for my ggg-grandfather, William Sanders. He was b. 1806 in S.C., d. 1870. He married 1.) Susan?, 2.) Nancy A.? abt. 1834, she was born 3 Sep 1809, d. 1 Jan 1865. Child of William and Susan: Laura Sanders. Children of William and Nancy? were: 1) Thomas, b. 1835; 2) John S., b. 26 Sep 1838, Livingston Co., Ky., d. aft. 1871 in Livingston, Ky.; 3) Mary E., b. 1840 New Oz Furnace, Ky., m. James Beavers 1865; 4) Nancy, b. 1844; 5) Sarah, b. 1844 (Nancy and Sarah were twins); 6) Harriet, b. 1848; 7) Martha, b. 1865 (could be mistake, maybe 1855). I have everything from there forward, I just need to get William's parents and Nancy's last name and parents.

Melodee Slaney, 29 Lou Ann Place, Pittsburg, CA 94565, <melnasam123@aol.com>. Looking for information on the family of Tinsley Crutchfield Saunders or Sanders. Tinsley Crutchfield Saunders was born 2 Jul 1848 in Ark.; m. Nannie M. Basham 25 Jun 1874; d. 21 Oct 1939 Harmon, Ark. (buried Saunders Cemetery) near Batavia, Ark. 2nd wife Dovie A Sanders, b. 28 Oct 1872; d. 16 Jan 1935. Children of Tinsley: Milton; Ben, b. 14 Nov 1875; Elton b. 1 Jul 1877; Charlie; Harlow; Helen, b. 2 Jan 1879. Elton married Mittie Thompson, of Gibbs, Montgomery Co., Ark. 20 Nov 1911. He was from Rover, Yell Co., Ark. This couple had a small infant or child who died early; no information concerning this child or where this child is buried. Mittie left Elton; he was abusive to Lem and Cecil Thompson, who were children from Mittie's first husband. Any info concerning this family group, please contact me. My grandmother Mittie was married to Elton J Saunders for only a short time. My grandmother died in March of 1985. I am unable to locate her divorce or a remarriage to my grandfather George Caves.

Patti Rairden Scholl, 212 Smith Road, Amsterdam, NY 12010, <rairden@netzero.net> is looking for information about Charles Shelton Saunders, b. near Pomeroy, Ohio; m. to Alice Jane Honaker in that area, probably in the 1890s. More information on <<http://www.roush.org>>.

Sasha Mitchell, 131 Broadway, Ocean Grove, NJ 07756, <sasha@monmouth.com> is seeking information on Phoebe Sanders. She was a slave of Stephen and Locky Sanders in Wythe County, Va. Information about her may be available in "Great Grandma Locky's Bible" which was last in the possession of Frances Sanders Eller, of Abingdon, Va. She was the daughter of Mary Wood Sanders and Quincy Aswell Eller, granddaughter of Steven Kincannon Sanders "Steve" and Frances Armstrong Aker "Fanny," great grand-daughter of Steven Sanders and Locky Walker. Frances Sanders Eller passed away, leaving no children of her own. The bible may have been left to her sister, Marian Carleton Eller who married Joseph Alfred Johnson. Their children are Joseph Alfred Johnson and Marion Eller



Johnson. I would love to find out if this bible has any reference to slave births, or if information about any Sanders slaves exists in any paperwork held by descendants of those slave owners. I will post it for those researchers on the Afrigeneas website if anyone has slave records to share.

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Betty Freeman, Route 1, Box 424, Lamar, AR 72846-9729, <blfree@cswnet.com> would like to have information concerning John Milton Sanders (b. 1839 Tenn.) who served in the Civil War from Tennessee (an infantry Co. K). He married Louise Huckaby and they had a daughter, Mary Cordillera (b. Tenn.); Annie (b. 1881) another daughter and other children were born in Arkansas.

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From Ellen Lacey, 208 Keasler Drive, Paragould, AR 72450, <envlacey@bscn.com>. My ggg-grandmother was Eleanor "Nellie" Sanders, b. N.C. 1803, m. Alfred Moore Lambeth 6 Mar 1828, Davidson Co., N.C., d. 15 Sep 1834, Hardeman Co., Tenn. I descend from their dau Jane Elizabeth Lambeth who m. 18 Mar 1845, Hardeman Co., Tenn. to Andrew Craig. I have no further info on her; i.e. siblings, parents, etc.

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Bill Browder, 221 Steadman Road, Selmer, TN 38375, <blbrowder@hotmail.com>. I am researching a Sanders family which lived in Davidson County, Tenn. (North Carolina at that time) as early as 1784 when Nashville was chartered by the North Carolina Legislature. This family probably consisted of Julius (referred to in 1786 as Captain), James (listed in 1784 and later as a surveyor), Daniel (identified in 1802 as a non-commissioned officer in the transfer of a land grant), Francis, Edward, and William. After 1800 there was a much larger family. I would be happy to exchange information with anyone else researching this family.

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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? ■

## Still More On the Mexican General Santa Anna; There Is Tennessee Connection This Time

We have still more on the subject of General Santa Anna to add to the articles that were in the July and October 2000 issues of *Sanders Siftings*. Those earlier articles were concerning the hearsay or rumors that Santa Anna was a Sanders.

Lee Hoover, P. O. Box 125, Centerville, TN 37033-0125, <lhoover1@bellsouth.net> sent this in that she copied from the *Hickman County (Tenn.) Times* of May 1, 1995. It is from a column titled "Yesteryear" by Edward Dotson.

Several years ago, Dorothy McClannahan Love, who was a student when I taught school at Only in the early 1940s, gave me a copy of an old court record. She knew of my interest in old records. The heading was "State of Tennessee, Hickman County Circuit Court, November term, A.D. 1847 — Winfield Scott vs. Antonio Lopez De Santa Anna."

The lawsuit was in regard to the title to a tract of land on the south side of Duck River in Brown's Bend. Santa Anna was attached to answer Winfield Scott on a plea of trespass and ejectment. Scott alleged that William (I cannot make out the last name on the old document) on the 20th day of December 1842 devised to Winfield Scott a certain tract of land in Hickman County, Tenn.

The writing on the document, which was signed by R.A. Smith, attorney for plaintiff, wasn't too legible, but on the back of the instrument Santa Anna wrote a letter to Jesse R. Murphree stating that he had been sued in this action as a casual ejector only and advised Murphree to appear in court in his stead with an attorney to represent Murphree. Santa Anna was making no claim to the property.

I checked the boundary description on the property described in the suit filed by Winfield Scott. It was the same description as given on the deed from William McGee on December 13, 1841 to Jesse R. Murphree. Since the circuit court records were destroyed in the courthouse fire in 1864, there is no record of the outcome of the case. The Murphree family did retain ownership of the property. I don't know how Scott or Santa Anna became involved in a lawsuit in this county.

Winfield Scott and Santa Anna had

been adversaries on the battlefields of Mexico and Texas for many years. Both had been involved in military and political affairs of their respective countries.

Scott served as general in three wars: the War of 1812, the Mexican War and the Civil War until age forced his retirement in November 1861. He led the United States Army into Mexico in September 1847, thus ending the war. He was later called by President James K. Polk to a court of inquiry into his conduct during the war. The charge was dropped and Scott was promoted to Lt. General. His tenure as Commanding General of U.S. Army was 1841-1861. He was a nominee of the Whig Party for President in 1852 but was defeated.

Santa Anna was one of Mexico's leading military and political leaders for more than 50 years. He overthrew the Mexican president in 1832. In 1836 he was the leader of the troops who slaughtered the Americans, mostly Tennesseans, at the Alamo.

Evidently, Santa Anna must have had some claim of ownership to the property to be summoned to appear here in a lawsuit. It might have been a ploy to get him here so that the deaths at the Alamo could be avenged. David Crockett, who was killed at the Alamo, had friends and relatives in Hickman County. ■

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### Saunders buried in the Webster Cemetery on Blocker Plantation, Harrison County, Texas:

Saunders, Claiborne, 18 Jun 1831-20 Oct 1859  
 Saunders, Eliza J. Webster, 1827-1894, dau. of J.R. and M.R., wife of Thomas C. Saunders  
 Saunders, Florence Amelia, 1852-1914, wife of J.N.  
 Saunders, Dr. J. M., 1822-1886, hus. of Mary Ann  
 Saunders, James Jefferson, 1871-1907, son of J.N. and F.A.  
 Saunders, John N., 1848-1938, son of J.M. and M.A.  
 Saunders, Mary Ann, 1853-1853, dau. of J.M. and M.A.  
 Saunders, Mary Ann, 1824-1853, died in childbirth

### Saunders marriages in Harrison Co., Texas:

Saunders, Jefferson to Mary Ann Heard, June 12, 1845  
 Saunders, Riley to Ellen Broadinax, February 29, 1868  
 Saunders, Seaborn J. to Julia Ann Hadley, August 26, 1852 ■

## About This Issue

I believe this is the first time that I have had to mail *Sanders Siftings* past the second day of the month for which it is dated. We planned to be gone on a trip out of state from March 20 to April 4. Problems with my Power Mac have kept me from finishing up with printing and mail preparation before the trip. I have been able to do much of the work on my PowerBook (a Macintosh laptop computer) and was prepared to complete the job on the PowerBook. However, the Power Mac is fixed, and I'm back in business—but too late to mail before March 20.

All queries received to date from both subscribers and non-subscribers have been included. Let me know if yours was missed. My filing and recovery system is not perfect.

I still need more stories of various lengths, biographies from county histories, old letters, obituaries, etc.. 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 products of your research, but I need a few shorter items. Also, more good pictures are needed to support stories and queries. Photos used recently were received by e-mail.

E-mail addresses of contributors are listed right after their regular mailing address in these signs < >, if the person has an e-mail address.

It will be very much appreciated if you send me your queries and other material via e-mail. Send it to me at <dschaeffe@uark.edu> or <DES32@aol.com>. If you can't e-mail, 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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## Gale is Looking for the Correct Elias Sanders; Is He Related to the Reverend Moses Sanders?

From Gale Sanders, 922 West Ave F, Garland, TX 75040, <LGaleSanders@hotmail.com>. In researching the Family History website, I have found two references to my ancestor, Elias Sanders born 1775, Maryland. Let me start off by saying that there are many questions surrounding this person and his place of birth. The birth date doesn't seem to be in much dispute though but other references show a different birth place (1850 Georgia Census shows birthplace as North Carolina) but from what I understand, that is not at all unusual. The two references above Family History show:

1. Elias Sanders born 1775, Md. as a relative to Moses Martin Sanders.
2. Elias Sanders born 1775, Md., father John Sanders.

As to #1, Moses Martin Sanders was born 17 Aug 1803 Ga., he was the son of David Sanders b. 1775 Iredill?, N.C. married to Mary Allred. David's father was Rev. Moses Sanders born 1742, married to Mary or Sarah/Sallie Hamilton.

Rev. Moses Sanders born 1742, started the Nails Creek Baptist Church that is still an active church in Georgia today. It is located between Banks and Homer, Ga. I ordered the film from the FHS to see what I could find and the film was from the endowments of the dead. It

was submitted from a Darius Sanders in the 1940s or later. Either Darius submitted it or someone got the info from him. It was hard to tell and the ladies that I was dealing with didn't seem to understand the FHS records, as they were only volunteers.

It turns out that Darius is Moses Martin Sanders' grandson. Moses Martin Sanders son John Franklin Sanders born 1830 married Mary Irene Clement and their son, Darius Sanders was born in 1872 and would have been 68 years old in 1940, the date of the submission. Can anyone shed any light on this?

#2, as I understand the line of descent in Rev Moses Sanders line, it would have gone something like this. John Sanders, b. 1790 m. Jane Clement, their children were: Joseph, b. 1731 m. Mary Lamb; John, b. 1733 m. Susanna; Hezekiah, b. 1734 m. Martha Elmore; Richard, b. 1736; Jane, b. 1740; Joe, b. 1745 m. Mary Elmore. I'm looking for information on John, b. 1733 and Susanna Sanders and anyone that can take the lines of the sons of Rev. Moses Sanders out into at least 1780. If anyone knows of an Elias Sanders/Saunders tied to this line, please let me know. Any history on this family would be very much appreciated, traditions, old wives tales, etc. ■

## Researching Solomon Sanders In N.C , Kentucky, Tennessee

Tim Meeks, 2426 E. Main St., B-2, Murfreesboro, TN 37127, <eagleheart47@hotmail.com>. is researching Solomon Sanders, b. 1740 N.C. and died 1837 Franklin Co., Tenn. He was married at least once with his last wife being Mary ??? b. 1778 in N.C. They were married in 1791 in Powells Valley and lived for a short time in Ky. before moving to Paynes Cove in then Franklin County, (now Grundy Co., Tenn.). They had Nancy, b. 1798, m. William Timmons; Jacob, b. 1804, m. Martha Yates; Sally, b. c. 1808; (my line) Jordan, b. 1814, m. Julie Smith; Silas, b. 1819, m. Philadelphia Thompson. He had two nephews both born in N.C. to his brother, John R. Sanders and Mary ??? (lots of Marys in this family). The nephews are Thomas G. Sanders and William Sanders. Thomas married Mary McDaniel. ■

## Parents of "Jack" Sanders?

Joe Carroll, 465 Sunset Terrace, Cedar Park, TX 78613, <Carroll465@aol.com> is seeking any information on the parents or siblings of John "Jack" Sanders, b. 6 May 1816 in Christian Co, Ky., d. 5 Aug 1871 in East Hamilton, Shelby Co., Texas in 1838 m. Rachel Boyd Willingham (b. 3 May 1820 in Halifax Co, Va.; d. 3 Jun 1881 in East Hamilton, Shelby Co, Texas. They had four daughters and two sons. ■

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