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Robert Sanders Had Big Part In Settling Poughkeepsie, N.Y. In 17th Century

This was submitted by Robert W. Sanders of Gardnersville, Nevada. It is from a publication of the Poughkeepsie (N.Y.) Chamber of Commerce, and they credit it as excerpts from *How the City of Poughkeepsie was Founded*, by Helen Wilkinson Reynolds.

"Late in the seventeenth century, two white men were living in Albany and bought from the Indian owners a large tract of land, part of which the City of Poughkeepsie now occupies. One of the two men was Robert Sanders, an Englishman who was widely known as an interpreter between Indians and Europeans. The other was Myndert Harmense Van Den Bogaerd a Dutchman of whom it was customary to speak as Myndert Harmense. These two partners reported to the Governor of New York their purchase of land from the Indians and received from the Governor legal confirmation of their title.

"It was the purpose of Robert Sanders and Hyndert Harmense in buying this land to sell from out the tract homestead farms to settlers and the first step they took toward getting their property opened and occupied was to enter onto an agreement with two other men at Albany, by which agreement, in the form of a lease, it was arranged that the latter should move down from Albany, should each take up forty-eight acres of land as tenants for ten years and should each build a house, cultivate crops and keep livestock.

"The two men who thus agreed to settle as tenants on the lands of Sanders and Harmense were Baltus Barents VanKleeck and Hendrick Jans Ostrom and the land that they were to take up was described in the lease and called Minnisingh and Pochkeepsin.

"The lease, signed by Robert Sanders and Hyndert Harmense as owners and by Baltus Berenti VanKleeck and Hendrick Jans Ostrom as tenants, was dated at Albany, June 9, 1687. Before

1687 a transient hunter or squatter of European ancestry occasionally have explored the woods that covered the area which is now Dutchess County, but 1687 is the earliest date now known for the establishment by white men of permanent legal residence within the boundaries of the County.

"Soon after Baltus VanKleeck and Hendrich Ostrom established themselves on the site of the City of Poughkeepsie, Myndert Harmense also arrived from Albany as a permanent resident. Among the children were two boys, Johannes VanKleeck (born, 1680) and Myndert Harmense (born 1682). Like all boys, they enjoyed wandering in the woods and they early explored the forest that surrounded their home. Soon they were familiar with the Indian trail.

"Following that trail as it ran along the course of the present Market Street, South Avenue and the State Road, they finally reached a spot about a mile and three quarters south of where the Court House now stands and there the spirit of boyish adventure had its reward. On high sloping ground they found a spring, surround by cat-tail reeds. Out of the spring issued a small stream—a stream that is still running and which, rising on the east side of the present State road, flows across the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery and enters the Hudson River at Mine Point. Around that spring the two little Dutch boys found Indians camping.

"The Indians had cut the cat-tail reeds, plaited the reeds into mats, hung the mats over branches and thus made 'lodges' or shelters for themselves.

"The boys called this spot 'Rust Plaetz,' a Dutch word (pronounced Roost Plawts) meaning Resting Place, because the natives rested or camped there. But the Indians themselves spoke of it in three words of their own, words well known to modern students of

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Don't Shortcut Your Family Research; Utilize All Tools

Robert Tilman, CEO of RootsWeb, has said, "Only a small fraction of genealogy-related information is on the Web."

Computers have done a fantastic job of making more genealogy material available to researchers and connecting even more people than we would have ever thought possible. RootsWeb is probably the best place on the Web to get help, or receive help. Just this past year I heard from individuals who were related to me on two different lines for which I had nearly given up hope. They saw my posting on the RootsWeb Surname list that has been there for more than five years.

However, you can't just sit at that computer and expect to do all your genealogy work. I am afraid that we are getting away from some of the traditional tasks related to sound family research. Subscribers to surname newsletters are also declining. Newsletters are still a very good place to find other researchers and information not available elsewhere. You need to get out to those libraries, court houses, cemeteries, and Family History Centers. You still need to write letters to many relatives and friends who may have information you need.

Use all the tools you can. The computer is a great one! And it is one of the best tools that you can have to help write those letters.

In our busy, busy world we all want shortcuts and time savers. Don't shortcut your family research by looking for the easy way out. Keep up the traditional research. ■

Don Schaefer, editor

Dates and Places of Wars in the United States May Be Helpful In Relation to Ancestors

When placing your ancestors in the proper time frame, it is helpful to know what wars may have been underway when and where they lived. Here is a list of wars affecting America from the 16th through the 19th centuries, with the name of the war, dates and areas listed—in that order.

French-Spanish, 1565-67, Florida
 English-French, 1613-1629, Canada
 Anglo-French, 1629, St. Lawrence Riv.
 Pequot War, 1636-37, New England
 ???, 1640-45, New Netherland
 Iroquois, 1642-53, New Eng.; Acadia
 Anglo-Dutch, July 1653, New Netherland
 Bacon's Rebellion, 1675-76, Virginia
 King Philip's, 1675-76, New England
 War In North, 1676-78, Maine
 Culpepper's Reb'n, 1677-80, Carolinas
 Leisler's Rebellion, 1688-91, New England
 Revolution in Md., 1689, Maryland
 Glorious Revolution, 1689, New England
 King William's War, 1689-97, Canada
 Queen Anne's, 1702-13, New England
 Tuscarora, 1711-12, Virginia
 Jenkin's Ear, 1739-42, Florida
 King George's, 1740, Ga. & Va.
 Louisbourg, 1745, New England
 Fort Necessity, 1754, Ohio
 Anglo-French, 1755-58, Canada
 French & Indian, 1754-63, New Eng; Va.
 Siege of Quebec, 1759, Canada
 American Revolution, 1775-83, USA
 Wyoming Valley, 1782-87, Pa.
 Shay's Rebellion, 12/1786-1/1787, Mass.
 Whiskey Insurrection 1794, Pa.
 Northwestern Indian, 1790-95, Ohio
 War with France, 1798-1800, Naval
 War with Tripoli (Naval) 1801-05, North Coast Africa
 Burr's Insurrection, 1806-1807, South Mississippi Valley
 Chesapeake (Naval), 1807, Virginia
 Northwestern Indian, 1811, Indiana
 Florida Seminole Indian 1812, Florida (Georgia Volunteers)
 War of 1812, 1812-15, General
 Peoria Indian, 1813, Illinois
 Creek Indian, 1813-14, South
 Lafitte's Pirates, 1814, Local
 Barbary Pirates, 1815, North Coast Africa
 Seminole Indian, 1817-18, Fla. & Ga.
 Lafitte's Pirates, 1821, Galveston
 Arickaree Indian, 1823, Missouri Riv.;

Dakota Terr
 Fever River Indian, 1827, Illinois
 Winnebago Indian, 1827, Wisconsin
 Sac & Fox Indian, 1831, Illinois
 Black Hawk, 1832, Illinois & Wisconsin
 Toledo, 1835-36, Ohio & Michigan
 Texan, 1835-36, Texas
 Indian Stream, 1835-36, N.H.
 Creek Indian, 1836-37, Ga. & Ala.
 Florida (Seminole), 1835-42, Fla., Ga., & Ala.
 Sabine / Southwestern 1836-37, Louisiana Indian
 Cherokee, 1836-38, ---
 Osage Indian, 1837, Missouri
 Heatherly Disturbance, 1836, Missouri
 Mormon, 1838, Missouri
 Aroostook, 1839, Maine
 Dorr's Rebellion, 1842, Rhode Island
 Mormon, 1844, Illinois
 Mexican, 1846-1848, Mexico
 Cayuse Indian, 1847-48, Oregon
 Texas & New Mexico Indian, 1849-55, -
 California Indian, 1851-52, ---
 Utah Indian, 1850-53, ---
 Rogue River Indian, 1851, 1853, 1856, Oregon
 Oregon Indian, 1854, Oregon
 Nicaraguan, 1854-58, Naval
 Kansas Troubles, 1854-59, Kansas
 Yakima Indian, 1855, Local
 Klamath & Salmon, 1855, Oregon & Idaho River Indian
 Florida Indian, 1855-58, Florida
 John Brown's Raid, 1859, Virginia
 War of Rebellion, 1860-65, General
 Cheyenne, 1861-64, Local
 Sioux, 1862-63, Minnesota
 Indian Campaign, 1865-68, Oregon, Idaho, California
 Fenian Invasion of 1866 from New England, Canada
 Indian Campaign, 1867-69, Kansas, Colorado & Indian Territory
 Modac Indian, 1872-73, Oregon
 Apaches, 1873, Arizona
 Indian Campaigns, 1874-75, Kansas, Colorado, Texas, New Mexico, & Indian Territory
 Cheyenne & Sioux, 1876-77, Dakotas
 Nez Perce, 1877, Idaho
 Bannock, 1878, Idaho, Washington Terr. & Wyoming Terr.
 White Riv. (Ute Ind.) 1879, Utah & Colorado
 Cheyenne, 1878-79, Dakota & Montana
 Spanish-American, 1898-99, Cuba
 Phillippine Insurrection 1899-1902, Phillipine Islands ■

Poughkeepsie Story

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Indian language: 'Uppuqui' pronounces OO-poo-kee, and meaning "Lodge covering" the name of the cat-tail reed; 'IPIS,' little water; 'ING' meaning place; a free translation of which is 'the reed-covered lodge by the little water place.'

"That spring was about half way between New York and Albany on the Indian trail and it served as a camping place for Indian runners and for local hunters. It was so well known locally that its name was applied to the general vicinity surrounding it. But when Dutchmen and Englishmen, who arrived as settlers, wrote the name they spelled it phonetically and each man heard it differently so it appears in the early documents in a great many combinations of letters." ■

Robert Roten Continues Search For Sanders Kin

Robert R. Roten, 2850 Oak Creek Drive, Paris, TX 75462, <rrr@cox-internet.com>. I continue to search for an unknown Sanders, believed to be living in South Carolina in the mid 1800s. His family which I am sure of is as follows.

MARY FRANCIS SANDERS, b. July 28, 1850 (believed to be in Darlington, S.C.) d. 20 Jun 1903 in Itasca, Texas. Married Charles Allen Rotton, believe to have been in Alabama.

DRUMMOND PUTNAM SANDERS, b. 15 Jun 1848 in Darlington, S.C. Drummond became a Baptist preacher, and was in the Texas/Okla. area. Died in Corpus Christi, Texas, 31 Oct 1917.

SALLY SANDERS, no known information whatsoever.

RICHARD B. SANDERS, b. 30 Nov 1845, d. 15 Apr 1886, Itasca, Hill Co., Texas.

Family Tree maker gives information suggesting that the unknown Sanders came from England and actually had two families. The one given above being the second family. It also suggests that the unknown Sanders served in the Civil war and was killed. I have not been able to confirm any of that information. Mary Francis Sanders was my g-g-grandmother so I am certain about the information with regards to her and also to Drummond Putnam Sanders, from family bibles and etc. It seems that I am just not able to connect the family to any known Sanders line. ■

Was Robert Sanders English or Dutch?

The following was received from Robert W. Sanders, P. O. Box 1397, Garnerville, NV 89410, <kernel@worldshare.net>. Comments and notes are his. [I don't rememebr where I got this, but I copied it from a book back in the 1970s. The original photo-copy is now fading, so I retyped it here.]

SANDERS, THOMAS, smith of Amsterdam, m. Sarah Cornelise Van Gorcum in New Amsterdam, Sept 16, 1640. She died in Albany in Dec 1669. He received a patent from Gov. Kieft for a house and 25 morgens of land on Manhattan Island. In 1654 he owned a house and lot in Beverwyck, which he sold to Jan Van Accker. He probably returned to New Amsterdam. Ch: bp. in New Amsterdam; Robert, Nov 17, 1641; Cornelis, Nov. 25, 1643; Cornelis, Nov. 17, 1644; Thomas, July 14, 1647.

SANDERS, THOMAS, bolter, of New York, son of the last had the following ch. bp. in New York: Robert, Oct 4, 1696; Styntje, Dec 24 1697; Robert, Jan 4, 1700; Jacob, Oct 19, 1701; Elsie, Oct 27, 1703; Anneke, Jan 30, 1706; Marjtje, May 13, 1708; Jacob, June 9, 1712; Beatrix, Sept. 25, 1715.

SANDERS, ROBERT, son of Thomas and Sarah Van Gorcum, smith, 1667, merchant 1692, settled in Albany as early as 1665. In 1691, he and Harmanus Myndertse Van Den Bogart received a patent for a mile square of land in Dutchess County, including the site of the city of Poughkeepsie. His first w. was Elsie Barentse; the second was Alida _____. Ch. Helena, w. of Johannes Lansing; Barent; Maria, w. of Gerrit Roseboom; Sara (?), w. of Hendrik Greefraadt; Elsie bp. July 13, 1683, buried Dec 31, 1732.

SANDERS, BARENT, mayor, 1750-4, m. Maria, dau. of Evert Wendel, Sept 19, 1704. He was buried in the church, June 22, 1738. She was buried in the church Nov 21, 1757. Ch. bp.; Robert, July 15, 1705; Maria, Dec 3, 1707; Johannes, July 12, 1814.

[NOTE: This preceding paragraph does not make sense. It is not clear who is buried in the church if Barent Sanders was still mayor after 1738. However, the paragraph is copied exactly as it appeared in the book.]

SANDERS, ROBERT, merchant, m. first Maria Lansing, Dec 6, 1740; secondly, Elizabeth Schuyler, Jan 11, 1747. His

first w. was buried in the church, Feb 15, 1743, and the second d. about 1763. He made a will May 7, 1765, proved June 6, 1765 and spoke of "my only son Pieter"; and "my late wife" Ch. bp.; Barent, Feb 6, 1743; Maria, Aug 23, 1747; Maria, Oct 22, 1749; Catharina, Feb 23, 1753; Barent, Dec. 16, 1753 buried Oct 6 1756; Pieter, Dec. 7 1755; Debora, Feb 9, 1758; Elizabeth, b. July 9, 1760; Elizabeth, bp. Dec. 20, 1761.

SANDERS, JOHANNES, m. Debora Glen, of Schenectady, Dec 6, 1739. She was the only child and heir of Col Jacob Glen of Scotia. In 1765, by the purchase of the interest of John Glen, of Albany, and John Glen Jr., of Schenectady, for £4,000, Johannes Sandes and w. became sole owners of the Glen estate in the present town of Glenville. He made a will Jan 27, 1779, proved Feb 11, 1783; in it he mentions his only son, Johannes; w. Debora, living; and daughters Maria; Sarah; Elsjje; and Margaret. He d. Sept. 13, 1782: she d. March 8, 1786. Ch. all b. in Schenectady; Maria, bp. June 14, 1740, w. of Johannes Beekman of Albany; Sarah, bp. Feb 20, 1743, m. her cousin Jno. Sanderse Glen, of Scotia; Barent, b. Aug. 6 1744, d. Nov. 21, 1746; Elizabeth, b. Dec. 5, 1758; Elsjje, bp. April 5, 1752, m. Schuyler Ten Eyck, of Schenectady; Jacob Glen, b. April 5, 1755, d. Sept. 18, 1765; Johannes, bp. Oct 23, 1757, m. his cousin Debora, dau. of Robert Sanders of Albany; Barent, b. Dec. 26, 1759, d. Dec 31, 1759; Margaret, bp. June 24, 1764, m. Kiliaan Van Rensselaer, of Claverack.

SANDERS, JOHANNES, JR. (son of the last), m. first, Debora Sanders, of Albany, Feb. 24, 1777, and secondly, Albertina Ten Broeck, of Claremont, Columbia County in 1799. His first w. d. Nov. 28, 1793, the second d. July 30, 1834. Johannes Sanders Jr., inherited his father's estate, and resided in the ancient Glen house at Scotia. Ch. b. at S.; Elizabeth, Dec. 20, 1777, m. Doct. William Anderson, d. June 21, 1850; Barent, Jan 12, 1779, d. June 5, 1854, a. 75 y.; Robert, Sept. 8, 1781, d. Oct. 25, 1783; Sarah, Aug 28, 1783, m. Peter S. Van Rensselear, d. Aug. 13, 1869, a 86 y.; Catharina, Oct 10(11), 1785, m. Gerard Beekman, of New York; Robert, July 18, 1787, d. Nov. 5, 1840; Jacob Glen, April 20(22), 1789, d. March, 1867; Peter, Feb. 17, 1792, d. May 12, 1850; John, Dec, 27, 1802; Theodore (or Derrick Wessels), Oct. 20, 1804. ■

Edgecomb and Chowan County Wills Related?

This is the will of Thomas Sanders who m. Sarah Jordan, dau of Cornelius Jordan Sr. Submitted by Gary Sanders, P. O. Box 309236, UNT Station, Denton, TX 76203-9236, <gsanders@library.unt.edu>.

Thomas Sanders (Edgecombe Co., N.C.)

"May 22, 1801. May Ct 1802. Land in Johnston Co where Jesse Sanders lives, also tract on Mash (Marsh?) Swamp, Nash Co., to be sold in order to settled just debts. Wife Sarah, lend plantation and remaining land, furniture, stock, etc. during her life. Reversion to sons Cornelius, Isaac and Luke Sanders and grsons Thomas Sanders, son of Thomas Sanders, and William Sanders son of Elisha. Daus Elender and Mary, bed and furniture each. Residue divided between my chil. and heirs of Thomas Sanders, Elisha Sanders and Sarah Barfoot, each family to have 1/8.

"Extr Charles Coleman, Isaac Sanders. Wit Bas Simms, Jethro Harrison, William White, Thomas Horn."

[Jesse Sanders who owned the land in Johnston County was not referred to as a son. Could he have been a nephew? Same as Jesse Sanders named as son in the John Sanders will of Onslow? Were John Sanders d. 1796 Onslow and Thomas Sanders d. 1802 Edgecombe brothers? If so, perhaps this is the will of their father:]

John Sanders, (Chowan County, N.C. 18 Aug 1751- Oct 1751 Will)

"John (plantation on Cypress Swamp where Thomas Rutter lives), Robert, Jesse, Thomas. To each of above-named sons is bequeathed negroes. Daughters: Mille, Feribe and Elizabeth Sanders. Wife and Executrix: Mary.

"Witnesses: John Loe (or Loce), Jr., John Loe (or Loce), Sr., Jacob Ruth.

"Clerk of the Court: James Craven." ■

Editor's note: For this issue I had the fewest number of queries to print. I had to use several "back logged" articles to fill up this issue.

Please review your last query and either update it to reflect new information, or ask that a previous one be rerun. There are different readers all along, so you may find someone new to furnish you information. If you haven't sent in a query, *do it now!* ■

East Tennessee Sanders Family In Sullivan, Washington Counties

The book, *Genealogy of the Sanders, Alison and Collateral Families of Sullivan & Washington Counties Tennessee* by W. R. Sanders was found in the Johnson City, Tenn., Public Library. It is also in many other libraries. W. R. (William Robert) was born 25 Nov 1888 and held a 1912 engineering degree from the University of Tennessee. The following is from pages 1-4:

The gathering of the records of the East Tennessee Branch of the Sanders Family has been obtained with much effort and delay. It had been hoped to have this record traced to the emigrant. However, the task of unraveling the progenitor of John Sanders 1st., from whom the East Tennessee branch of the family derive, proved too herculean for the compiler to carry through to completion.

John Sanders 1st., was born October 24, 1754. This authentic information was taken from an old family record in the possession of Michael Judson Sanders, a great grandson of John Sanders 1st. His consort, the date of his death, or the date he settled in Sullivan County are all unknown. No record can be found in the Registrar of Deeds Office in Blountville or Jonesboro, to show the date or from whom he purchased his approximately 200 acre tract of land located on the south side of the Holston river two miles upstream from the fork of the two rivers. Presumably this record, with others equally as valuable, was destroyed when the old court house, at the time of the battle of Blountville, September 22, 1863, was hit by a shell from the Federal guns, setting it on fire. However, the exact location of the old John Sanders 1st. homestead is known, and the boundary lines of the original 200 acre tract can be closely approximated from the tracts held by the John Sanders 1st. heirs.

The earliest date of record which links John Sanders with Sullivan County, is August 14, 1812, this being the date his son, John Sanders 2nd., then 27 years of age, purchased from John Sitzler, or Sitsler, a "certain tract or parcel of land situated and lying in Sullivan County on the south side of the Holston river and joining a former survey of John Sanders 1st."

JOHN SANDERS 1st (children):

1. and 2. Catherine and Elizabeth

(twins), b. 5 Sep 1733, death dates unknown; 3. John 2nd, b. 5 Jul 1785, d. 16 Jan 1856; 4. Henry, b. Sep 1787, d. 2 Nov 1792; 5. Barbra, b. 25 Jul 1789, death date unknown; 6. Abraham, b. 9 Feb 1792, d. 2 Apr 1815; and 7. Sarah, b. 30 Sep 1796, d. 3 Sep 1832.

The aforementioned family records in possession of Michael Judson Sanders also included a copy of the will of John Sanders 1st.:

John Sanders 1st Will

In the name of God Amen, I, John Sanders of the County of Sullivan in the state of Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory, knowing that it is appointed of me to die after commending my soul to God who gave it, and my body to be buried in a Christian like manner,—To Witt—After paying just debts and funeral expenses, I bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth and my grand daughter Elizabeth Catherine, infant child of my daughter Sarah deceased, one hundred dollars each and all the household belonging to my decease, also the loom and anything appertaining to it and the bed clothing and bedsteads, likewise two cows of the first choice of my stock, all of said property to be kept by my daughter Elizabeth until my grand child above mentioned shall arrive at age, then I further bequeath to my son John all my farming utensils that may be on my plantation at my decease and further my land and all movable property not named here to fore shall be equally divided between my children and my grand child share alike Catherine, Elizabeth, John, Barbra and Elizabeth Catherine. I further request that my grand child be sent to school at the proper age and provided it should die before it arrives at age the part bequeathed to it shall descend equally to my four children above mentioned.

This copy of the will was not dated. However, mention of his deceased daughter, Sarah, would be proof that the will was drawn some time after 1832, this being the known date of Sarah's death. No mention of his consort is made so we must assume that she was deceased.

The burial place of John Sanders 1st., his wife, daughters Elizabeth, Barbra, Sarah, sons Henry and Abraham are unknown. In view of the fact the old Goodman family cemetery was located

on the John Sanders 1st. tract, and in close proximity of the old home, it would only be logical to assume this was their final resting place. The Goodman Cemetery was one of many which fell within the reservoir of the TVA lake. In the year 1952, many of the remains were removed from this old cemetery to the present location of the new Goodman Cemetery. However, a good number of the unmarked graves were not disturbed and we have every reason to believe the members of the Sanders family mentioned here are included in these unmarked graves. ■

Sandra Taylor Finds Helpful Article By Walter Sanders In Old NGSQ Issues

Sandra Taylor from Ardmore, Oklahoma writes: Just viewed (on LDS film) an article written by Walter R. Sanders entitled "Settlers in Montgomery County, Illinois Before 1840" and printed in several issues of the NGSQ in 1951 and 1952. It is a long alphabetical list of names, many with birthdates and the areas they were in before coming to Montgomery Co., Illinois. I was so excited with the information found that I wanted to share it with someone else. All locations are *before* settling in Montgomery Co. and any with an * means they were found *after* Montgomery Co. in another county (possibly adjoining). I hope this is helpful to someone. Here are some of the names on the list:

Sanders, John, b. Nov 30, 1798, N.C.; Adair Co., Ky.

Triplett, b. May 3, 1808, Adair Co., Ky.

*Samuel, b. 1800-1810

*Jesse, b. 1790-1800

Moses M., b. 1800-1810

Philip, b. 1780-1790

Asa, b. 1800-1810

Joel, b. 1800-1810, Adair Co., Ky.

Julius, b. 1799, N.C.; Adair Co., Ky.

Sanders, Henry, b. 1810, Va.

[Editor's note: This Walter R. Sanders is the same person who accumulated a quite large file of Sanders/ Saunders material that is in the Public Library of Litchfield, Illinois. The many volumes take up about three feet of shelf space. Go see it if you can.] ■

Sanders Marriage Records From Hot Spring County, Arkansas, 1846-1899

Following are Sanders marriage records from Hot Spring Co., Ark., compiled from official marriage records by Ed Sanders, 10 Choctaw Drive, Searcy, AR 72143, <esanders@cswnet.com>. Please note that this is Hot Spring County (without the "s") and that the city of Hot Springs is in Garland County.

Sanders, Hamlin, 19, to Catherine Williams, 17, on 22 Feb 1846, by N. A. Ewing, J. P., Hot Spring Co., Ark., Bk A, p. 37

Sanders, Daniel, 29, Clark Co., to Elizabeth Coffman, 20, Hot Spring Co., on 23 Dec 1852, by George W. Snow, J. P., Hot Spring Co., Ark., Bk I, p. 10

Sanders, Jane, 21, Hot Spring Co., to Sterlin Coffman, 22, Hot Spring Co., on 14 Jan 1855, by W. C. Vantrease, J. P., Hot Spring Co., Ark., Bk I, p. 70

Sanders, Elizabeth, 18, Clark Co., to George W. Fowler, 21, Hot Spring Co., on 14 Nov 1860, by Allen A. McDonald, J. P., Hot Spring Co., Ark., Bk I, p. 65

Sanders, Hamlin, 35, Saline Co., to Mary Willbanks, 25, Hot Spring Co., on 17 Feb 1861, by Zach Phillips, J. P., Hot Spring Co., Ark., Bk I, p. 87

Sanders, Levi M., 18, Hot Spring Co., to Charlotte C. Spencer, 18, Hot Spring Co., on 5 Dec 1865, by P. H. Borrough, J. P., Hot Spring Co., Ark., Bk I, p. 166

Sanders, Charles, 29, to Leoty Adaline Thornton, 27, on 17 Jun 1866, by John McDaniel, J. P., Hot Spring Co., Ark., Bk I, p. 187

Sanders, Lydia, 32, Hot Spring Co., to Willis Pond, 45, Hot Spring Co., on 4 Mar 1870, by Jeremiah Williams, M. G., Hot Spring Co., Ark., Bk I, p. 146

Sanders, Inision, 35, to Elizabeth Page, 33, on 20 Jan 1871, by John Anderson, M. G., Hot Spring Co., Ark., Bk I, p. 201

Sanders, Alice Jane, 23, Hot Spring Co., to James P. Whitney, 26, Hot Spring Co., on 12 Jun 1873 by John W. Norton, J. P., Hot Spring Co., Ark., Bk I, p. 282

Sanders, Washington, Hot Spring Co., to Catharin Willis, Hot Spring Co., on 14 Jun 1873, by Robert Tisdale, M. G., Hot Spring Co., Ark., Bk I, p. 290

Sanders, Susan, 22, to Matthew A. Coats, 34, on 20 Mar 1879, by D. K. MeVay, M. G., Hot Spring Co., Ark., Bk

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

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Sanders, Martha, 16, Hot Spring Co., to Noble W. Ladd, 29, Hot Spring Co., on 16 Dec 1879, by Joe W. Howard, Hot Spring Co., Ark., Bk B, p. 265

Sanders, Loucinda, 22, to James M. Killian, 24, on 25 Feb 1883, Hot Spring Co., Ark., Bk C, p. 63

Sanders, Evaline, 45, Malvern, to Laurence Barker, Malvern, 65, on 18 Feb 1888, Hot Spring Co., Ark., Bk C, p. 283

Sanders, J. W., 36, Potash Sulphur-Garland Co., to Delia Foreman, 18, Cove Creek, on 9 Sep 1890, Hot Spring Co., Ark., Bk , p. 422

Sanders, Nora, 17, Bismarck, to John M. Hardage, 23, Bismarck, on 7 Dec 1890, Hot Spring Co., Ark., Bk C, p. 442

Sanders, Spencer, 22, Malvern, to Fannie Summerville, 22, Malvern, on 1 Jun 1889, Hot Spring Co., Ark., Bk C, p. 470

Sanders, Joseph, 24, Malvern, to Mattie Lea, 17, Malvern, on 11 Jun 1891, Hot Spring Co., Ark., Bk C, p. 498

Sanders, Jesse, 19, Bismarck, to Sara Moore, 16, Bismarck, on 11 Oct 1896, by James T. Small, Hot Spring Co., Ark., Bk D, p. 329

Sanders, J. B., 30, Bismarck, to James (Jane?) E. Copeland, 20, Arkadelphia-Clark Co., on 13 Apr 1899, by James Lewis, M. G., Hot Spring Co., Ark., Bk D, p. 637

G. R. Sanders, M. G., was a marriage official in Hot Spring Co., Ark., in the 1880s-1890s. e.g., he performed a ceremony for James M. Norris, 22, Malvern, to Cordelia Carroill, 16, Malvern, on 23 Nov 1893, Hot Spring Co., Ark., Bk D, p. 52. See also Bk D, p. 317, 1896. There was a community named Sanders In Hot Spring Co., Ark., in 1887- 1890. A. G. Donohoe, 30, mrd Sarah A. Nations, 29, on 13 Oct 1887, Hot Spring Co., Ark., Bk C, p. 258, and the marriage license application states that they were both from Sanders. See also Bk. C, pp. 317-318, 416, 419. ■

Moves of William Jasper Sanders and Family Found Recorded In Library

The following was found in the verticle files of the genealogy section of the Fayetteville (Ark.) Public Library. It is a partial family record and was evidently compiled several years ago, likely not long after 1965. It may be partially copied from a Family Bible.

WILLIAM JASPER SANDERS and LOUISE PHEMISTER were married February 5, 1882 in Marion, Illinois. [Another page seems to indicate that his parents were Dempsey Steveson Sanders (1 Sep 1824 - 22 Mar 1894) and Ellender Mercy Wood (28 Sep 1830 - 6 Dec 1866.)

They moved to Wright County, Missouri and lived there about seven months. Leaving Missouri, they went to Cartersville, Illinois and stayed there for about two years when they moved to Bonham, Texas and lived there for six years after which they moved to Fayetteville, Arkansas. They lived in Fayetteville for about forty-five years, then they moved to Farmington, Arkansas and lived there until the death of Mrs. Sanders on April 22, 1936. Mr. Sanders then moved to Van Nuys, California on August of 1936—where he is now living.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sanders were born twelve children with five now living:

Clara A. Sanders, born Nov 18, 1882, died

Mar 1, 1916 (Will Garretson, husband)

Mary E. Sanders, born Sep 1, 1884, died

May 19, 1928 (John P. Davis, husband)

Lucy E. Sanders, born Oct 5, 1886 (John

S. Moore, husband)

Thomas LeRoy Sanders, born Dec 11,

1888, died 1955 (Bertha Ragsdale -

wife)

William Ira Sanders, born Dec 13, 1890,

died Jun 17, 1965 (Rita Hess, 1st wife,

died 1911; Jonnie L. Manning, 2nd

wife)

James Frank Sanders, born Dec 21, 1894

(Eva Stuart - wife)

Myrtle E. Sanders, born Nov 11, 1892,

died Aug 11, 1914

Clifford A. Sanders, born Nov 26, 1896,

died Nov 12, 1931 (Flora E. Barnes -

wife)

Robert Cleo Sanders, born Oct 1898, died

Sep 1899

Ruby May Sanders, born May 10, 1900

Hazel Virginia Sanders, born Aug 11, 1904

(John F. Gandy - husband)

William Jack Sanders, born Oct 18, 1907

(Svea Swenson - wife) ■

ASSORTED QUERIES . . .

From Sharron Bonner, 11601 C.R. 604., Burleson, TX 76028, <RSBONNE@aol.com>. I am working on the Joshua Sanders-Charity Cooper family. Joshua was born in 1799 in Va. He and his first wife (unknown) were parents of four boys born in Gibson Co., Tenn.—Meade, Chris, Hiram, and Robert. Joshua and Charity (his 2nd wife) had four sons half born in Tenn. and last two after they moved to Marshall Co., Miss. They were Thomas H., John R., Henry W., and Charlie. Joshua died in 1854 in Marshall Co., Miss., and Charity died (after a marriage to Levi Martindale) in 1861. I know that Meade, Thomas, and Henry went to Logan Co., Ark. and that John stayed in Miss. Would like to know what happened to Chris, Hiram, Robert and Charlie.

From Edward S. Saunders, 8240 Capelwood Drive, Richmond, VA 23235-5708, <esaundmsil@juno.com>. Can anyone help with Ed's "stone wall," which is his grandfather, John Archer Saunders, born 1859 died 1932 in Lynchburgh, Va.?

Lelia (Sanders) Huggins, 145 Oyster Road, Brunswick, GA 31523 <lgh_meow@bellsouth.net>. I am searching for any information on William Frank Sanders/Saunders, b. late 1800s Va./W.V. (possibly N.C.). married 4 Jul 1889 to Martha Ann Williams, b. 1 Nov 1868 (Nicholas Co., W.V.); buried Indore, Clay Co., W.V. William is my g-grandfather.

Marilyn Sanders, 3215 Purdue Place NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106, <Msrtsanders@aol.com>. In search of parents of Thomas Sanders, b. 1773 in Md.; m. Mary Polly Mitchell, b. 1782 in Shenandoah, Va. Two sons: George, b. 1810 and Martin, b. 1816 in Russell/Tazewell, Va.; d. 12 Jul 1897 Logan, W.V.; m. Elizabeth Mitchell 1821 of Grayson, Tenn.; d. 1895 Logan, W.V. Had 11 children: #4 John Sanders, b. 1847 Russell, Va.; d. 1934 Logan, W.V.; m. Polly C. Barker, b. 1845 Bald Knob, W.V.; d. 1914 Logan, W.V. Had 10 children: # 7 Blackburn, b. 1881 Russell, W.V.; d. 1929 Logan, W.V.; m. Nancy White.

From Mary Winn McFarland, 159 Sandpiper Lane, Morro Bay, CA 93442, <bmcfarland2@webtv.com>. My g-g-grandfather was Oliver John Sanders, b. about 1828, maybe in Ark. He married Mary Ann Vidler, b. 1831 maybe in Mo. They were married 5 Jun 1848 in Ft. Jessup, La. Looking for his parents and siblings. He died in 1864 as the result of a Jayhawker raid according to family lore. Their daughter Mary Elizabeth Sanders was my g-grandmother. Any help would be appreciated.

Melba Bishop, 4966 Tyler St., Ocean side, CA 92057, <OceansideMelba@aol.com> is seeking information on any members of the following family: James Sanders, b. abt 1818 in Georgia; died April 1896 in Geneva Co. Ala. He was married to Eliza ? b. abt 1820 in Ga. They had the following children: 1) Susan Mallissa Sanders, b. 1854 in Ala.; d. 1886 in Morris Co., Texas; m. Bufford James or James Bufford Reese 10 Mar 1871 in Pike Co., Ala. 2) William Thomas Sanders, b. in Ga. d. 1927 in Pike Co., Ala.; m. Mary Jane Reese 20 Nov 1865. 3) Mary E. Sanders, b. 1848, married first a Lindsey and second a Gates. 4) Nancy A. Sanders, b. 12 Mar 1840, d. 15 Nov 1913 in Texas. 5) John A. Sanders, b. 1842 and 6) Martha A. Sanders, b. 1855.

Bobbie Jo H. Parker, 2 Bahan Street, Taylors, SC 29687, <bjhparker@home.com> is looking for any descendants of Marcus L. Sanders, b. Spartanburg District, S.C. 1838, d. Ark. after 1900 ??? Please help with this unfinished research. Also researching/hunting information regarding three children of John and Nancy Griffin Sanders, born in S.C. 1808-1813

Wanda McKay, 45641 Calle Ayora, Temecula, CA 92592-1219, <mckay123@earthlink.net> still needs the parents of Presley Sanders, b. 1782 probably in Virginia, d. Missouri 1847; also his wife, Dulaney Blackwell, b. c1784 probably in Virginia. They were married in Fauquier Co., Va. in 1809. I know from court records that Dulaney was orphan of James Blackwell, but I can find no trace of him.

Ron Daniel, 301 Westminster Ave., Ashborough East, Summerville, SC 29485-8070, <rdaniel@knology.net> is seeking ancestry of Edward Saunders, b. 1626, d. 1672 near Lancaster Co., Va.; m. (1660, Northumberland Co., Va.) Mary Webb, b. 1625 in England. Their offspring included two sons: Ebenezer, b. 1661, and Edward, b. 1663.

Doris Kirschke Brown, 1750 Stone Rd., Deland, FL 32720, <kirschke@atlantic.net>. Elijah Edward Sanders, born in Tenn. 1855-59, married in Texas 20 Oct 1889 to Rilla Delilah Hyatt (b. 25 Sep 1871 Rolla, Mo.). Three children born in Hunt Co., Texas, one ch. in Grayson Co., Texas. Elijah Edward died 25-29 Jul 1909—possible in Chillicothe (but what state?). No progress has been made on parents, birth or death of Elijah Edward Sanders.

Duane R. McKenzie, 421 N. Morningside Ave., Litchfield, MN 55355-2335, <mckenzie@hutchtel.net>. Thomas Sanders/Saunders, b. 1757 in Louisa Co., Va., m. Anna Nancy Spitler/Spidler/Spiller on 18 Sep 1792 in Washington Co., Va. and died on 3 Jul 1833 in Scott Co., Va. I descend from their daughter or granddaughter, Ann Sanders/Saunders, b. 1818 in Scott Co., Va. She married David Jesse McKenzie on 21 Feb 1836 in Scott Co., Va. Their son, Lafayette McKenzie (my g-grandfather), was born 3 Apr 1836-37 in Scott Co., Va., married Mary Ann Sparks on 17 Jul 1859 and died 15 Dec 1905 in Johnson Co., Ky. Would appreciate help on this line.

Peggy Wilson, P. O. Box 253, Estero, FL 33928-0253, <Jococity@yahoo.com> is looking for ties to Alberta "Bertha" Jane Sanders, b. abt 1893, d. abt 1952 in White Co., Ark., m. William Henry Sylvester Basinger, b. abt 1882, d. abt 1939, Mississippi Co., Ark. Researching surnames Basinger/Baysinger/Bennett/Liles-Lyles/Harrell-Herrell/Mizell/Sanders/Wilson in Ark., Mo., and Okla.

Gene R. Webb, 200 Salisbury Rd. No., #6, Richmond, IN 47374-4551 <genemary@peoplepc.com> is seeking any information on his g-grandmother, Elizabeth Saunders/Sanders, b.1841, d. 25 Oct 1894. She married Moses Heminger on 17 Apr 1866 in

Montpelier, Ind. Six Children: Alice, Theodore S., Minnie L., Anna Mary, Flora, and Albert Saunders/Sanders, b.17 Apr 1864 (father unknown). Was believed to have lived in Ludington, Mich. area c.1875.

Also needs information about parents and death location of Etta May Saunders/Sanders. She married Wm. Thomas and lived in Kendalville, Ind. Children: Clara Elva, b. 1884, d. 12 May 1946; Jessie T., b. 28 Mar 1893, d. 28 Mar 1972; Joe; Ernest, b. 29 Jun 1913, d. 4 Jan 1983.

From Jeanne Harris Bruck, 5920 North Camino Escalante, Tucson, AZ 85718, <kerjeanne@aol.com>. Was my maternal great grandfather Nicholas Bolivar Sanders, b. around 1853 part Cherokee? I found a number of Nicholas Sanders in the LDS listings and he would have fit right in with that birthdate. They were all Cherokees, born in Oklahoma. Nicholas died in 1893 in Cushing, Okla. He married Anna Elizabeth Heller 1 May 1873 in Peoria, Illinois. He was born in Pekin, Tazwell Co., Ill., and in the 1860 U.S. Census was living in Peoria with cooper John R. Sanders, b. 1795 in Pa., and Caroline, b.1801 in Pa. also. Were they his grandparents or parents? Nicholas and Anna had three children: Carrie Della, b. 1875 in Little Caney, Kan., Minnie Alice, b. 1877 in St. Louis, Mo., and Frederick, b. in Saybrook, Ill. in 1879.

Paula Walters, 2120 Payne Lake Rd., Middleville, MI 49333-9767, <pwalters@voyager.net> is looking for parents and siblings of Stephen Sanders, b. c1795 England. He married Jane Pryor in England c1825-26. Jane was born in England c1814. I don't have any information on her family, either. Stephen and Jane had 3 or 4 children born in England—Stephen, b. 2 Nov 1827; Elizabeth, b. 18 May 1830; Thomas, b. 12 Feb 1832 or 24 Mar 1832; Sarah Anne, b. 29 May 1834. They came to the U.S. about 1834-35 and settled in Albion, Calhoun Co., Michigan. There they had 9 more children: Samuel, b. 1 Dec 1836; George W., b. 2 Nov 1839; Mary Jane, b. 7 May 1843; Lucy Alice, b. 1 Jan 1845; Emaline, b. 23 Sep 1846; Lydia, b. c1850; Sylvan, b. 25 Feb 1850; James W., b. 9 Jan 1952; and Amos, b. 25 Sep 1854. ■

Will of Richard Sanders of Perquimans County, N.C.

Will of Richard Sanders of Perquimans County, NC
Perquimans Co., NC Will Book C: 88
I, Richard Sanders of the County of Perquimans and Provance of North Carolina, being sick and week of Body, but of sound and perfect sence and memory, and calling to mind the Mortallity of my body and that it appointed one for all men to die do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament in manner & form following (Viz)

1stly: I Give to my son John Sanders Twenty Acres of Land Joining on Aaron Albertson's Line Beginning at the River & Runing a N.E course to the back Line which was his Mothers Right to him and his Heirs for ever.

2ndly: I Give to my son John Sanders Twenty Shillings Silver Money and my wareing Cloaths to him and his Disposal.

3rdly: I Give to my Daughter Elizabeth Sanders all the Remainder of my Land and Plantation whereon I now Live being Eighty Acres more or Less to her and her Heirs for Ever.

4thly: I Give to my above Daughter Elizth one of the best of my Cows end Calves and one Ewe & Lamb and Also one Sorrel Mair Named Fly with her increase from the date of these presents to her & her heirs for ever.

5thly: I Give to my daughter Elizth Sanders one pr of Iron Dogs to her and her Heirs.

6thly: I Give to my above Daughter Elizth one Feather bed & Furniture and Oval Table and one Large Iron pott to her and her heirs for ever.

7thly: I Give to my Grand Daughter

Lydia Sanders four Sizeable New puter Dishes and four New puter Basons and one Dozen New Puter plates to be Delivered to her when she comes to age or on the day She marries, to her and her and her heirs for ever.

8thly: I Give to my Daughter Mary Sanders one Negro Boy Named Silus and all the Residue or Remainder part of my Personal Estate her and her heirs for ever.

Lastly: I Nominate constitute and appoints my Friend Thomas Peirce and my Cousin John Sanders, son of Abraham, to be my Executors of this my last will and Testament, and do hereby utterly Revoke and Disannul all other wills heretofore made by me and do intend this to be my last will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & Seal this Fourth day of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Nine.

Signed Seald and acknowledged Richard Sanders (Seal) his mark in the present of Us Zachariah Nxon, Joshua Moore, Jonathan Phelps

Perqmans County April Term Court 1770

Present His Majestys Justices.

This Certifies that the within will was Exhibited Into Court & Proved According to Law By the Affirmn of Zachhariah Nixon & Jonathan Phelps & at the same time Appeared Thos Pierce & John Sanders & quald as Exors According to Law Ordrd thereto as the Law Directs. Test Miles Harvey Clk Crt. ■

Revolutionary War Pensioners in Tennessee in 1835

1835 Military Pensions list from the State of Tennessee:

Cornelius Sanders

Rutherford County

Private, North Carolina Line

\$53.33 annual allowance; \$159.99 amount received; pension started March 21, 1833; age 72

James Sanders

Smith County

Private, Virginia Line

\$80.00 annual allowance; \$240.00 amount received; pension started April 6, 1833; age 73

John Sanders

Claiborne County

Private, North Carolina Line

\$30.00 annual allowance; \$62.86 amount received; pension started March 2, 1833; age 81; died April 22, 1833

Richard Sanders

Wilson County

Private-Captain, North Carolina Line

\$335 annual allowance; \$837.50 amount received; pension started July 26, 1833; age 77

Solomon Sanders

Franklin County

Private, North Carolina Line

\$80.00 annual allowance; \$240.00 amount received; pension started May 3, 1833; age 94 ■

About This Issue

If you have any tips of Sanders or Saunders people who would make a good story, send me the story or the leads for a story. This is the first time since *Sanders Siftings* was started in April of 1995 that there has been such a shortage of both stories and queries. The queries have been especially few in number. I appreciate those of you who have been sending in material, but I need more.

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.

Many subscribers have never sent in a query. Some of you need to send me one again. (You might need to do some more work first!) Anyway, I need more queries from subscribers.

Also, I still need more stories of various lengths, biographies from county histories, old letters, obituaries, etc.. I have some 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 in recent issues were received by e-mail.

It will be very much appreciated if you send me your queries and other material via e-mail. Send it to me at <dschaefer@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!*

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

This newsletter was done in QuarkXPress 4.1 on a Power Macintosh 7500/120 computer and a PowerBook G-3. Output is on an Apple Personal LaserWriter NTR. Text type is 10 pt. Berkeley Medium on 11 pt. line spacing. Display type is Berkeley and Opine Heavy. Scanning is done with a Microtek ScanMaker IHR using ScanWizard, PhotoShop, and OmniPage Pro. ■

Records Indicate That Some Sanders in Virginia Came From Norway By Way of England

This is from "Beryl's Family File" at <<http://homepages.rootsweb.com>>.

Sanders Ancestry Leading to John Sanders (b. 1740) of Goochland, Virginia. These Sanders were from Norway, where they used the name Sønders (spelled with a slash through the "o") They migrated to Wales and then to Wiltshire, England, and from there to America. They settled in Salem, Mass. in 1630. The name was spelled Sanders, but pronounced Saunders because they had no knowledge of how to write the "ah" sound in English. The arms were a chevron between three elephant heads. The family motto was "To be conscious of no guilt, and to turn pale at no charge" (original in Latin).

Henry Sanders, b. abt. 1552 in Downton, Wiltshire, England; m. 1572 at Downton, Wiltshire, England; Wife: Sibyl, b. abt. 1552.

John Sanders, b. abt. 1578 in Weeks, Downton Parish, Wiltshire, England; m. 4 Feb 1610 at Downton, Wiltshire, England; d. 10 Jul 1670 in Salem, Mass.; Wife: Alys Cole, b. 1591 at Downton Parish, d. Salem, Plymouth, Mass.; Other wives: Hester Rolfe and Sara. John had 2 children with Alys, including John, b. 26 May 1613. John also had 5 children with Sara and 9 with Hester. He was allowed to begin a plantation called Merrimack at Salisbury, Mass. on 7 Jun 1638.

John Sanders, b. 26 May 1613 in Weeks, Dainton Parish, Wiltshire, England; m. 1639 at Whiteparish, Wilts,

England; d. 28 Sep 1643 in Newbury, Essex, Mass.; Wife: Pricilla Elizabeth Grafton, b. abt. 1613. This John came to America with his father in 1630. He was a Salem proprietor farmer on 25 May 1636, a Marblehead proprietor farmer in 1639, and a deputy in 1642. He had 2 sons, the first being Capt. John, b. Dec 1640.

Capt. John Sanders, b. Dec 1640 in Salem, Mass.; d. 26 Nov 1694 in Salem, Mass.; Wife: Hannah Pickman, b. abt. 1643.

Capt. John's will was probated on 26 Nov 1694. His third son was Nathaniel, b. abt. 1668.

Nathaniel Sanders, b. abt. 1668; d. 1731 in King & Queen Co., Va.; Wife: Unknown. Nathaniel was a farmer and had 5 sons and several daughters. His first son was Philip, b. 1694. His will is on pages 121-122 in the Saunders book.

Philip Sanders, b. 1694 in Carolina Co., Va.; d. 9 Dec 1722 in Westmorland Co., Va.; Wife: Elizabeth Graves, b. abt. 1691. Philip's will was dated 6 Apr 1723. He had at least one child, William, b. 1717.

William Sanders, b. 1717; Wife: Elizabeth (Unknown). William was the first of 8 children. He had at least one child, John, b. 1740.

John Sanders, b. abt. 1740 in Va.; m. 23 Oct 1758 in Goochland Co., Va.; Wife: Elizabeth Hancock, b. abt. 1737. John had at least one child, John, b. 1764. (Another of John's sons, William, b. 1760, married Sally Crow.) ■

Dear Ancestor . . .

Your tombstone stands among the rest;
Neglected and alone.

The name and date are chiseled out
On polished, marbled stone.
It reaches out to all who care
It is too late to mourn.

You did not know that I exist
You died and I was born.

Yet each of us are cells of you
In flesh, in blood, in bone.
Our blood contracts and beats a pulse
Entirely not our own.

Dear Ancestor, the place you filled
One hundred years ago
Spreads out among the ones you left
Who would have loved you so.

I wonder if you lived and loved,
I wonder if you knew
That someday I would find this spot,
And come to visit you.

--Unknown ■

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