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## *Have You Identified Your Brick Wall?*

Have you identified your “brick wall,” the furthest back you can go with your line of Sanders or Saunders? Have you identified the dates and geographic locations of your Sanders/Saunders ancestors?

One of our readers has suggested that we have an accounting of the subscribers of *Sanders Siftings* and sort them out by the geographic area where their Sanders/Saunders have been. One reason for this has been the assumption by some that we do not have enough readers or queries from the northeastern part of the United States—places like New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, etc.

Could each of you send me the name of your brick wall, with the location and dates associated with that person—and the states where you have since found your Sanders or Saunders?

I explained to this lady (you must know that most people looking for their dead relatives are female) that anytime in the past that I have asked for something from the readers, that I hear from only a fraction of the subscription list.

Make a liar out of me and send me that information. If you haven't yet listed that information yourself, it will be a profitable exercise.

Mine is: Francis (1782 - ) and Rachel Sanders (1779- ) N.C.; descendants > Jackson Co., Ala.> Madison Co., Ill.> Texas Co., Mo.> LeFlore Co., Okla.> and Washington Co., Ark.

Notice that I did not use any of those pesky post office abbreviations for states. They are good for addressing mail! Only! ■

Don Schaefer, *editor*

## **“A Notorious Actor” – John Sanders of Virginia – and His Descendants, Part II**

The following is the conclusion of an article compiled and written by Gary B. Sanders, Box 309236 UNT Station, Denton, TX 76203, <gary\_bsanders@hotmail.com>. He welcomes any comments, other opinions, or corrections from readers. This article is continued from the last edition of *Sanders Siftings*. [Editor's note: I share with Gary Sanders the possible ancestry to this line of Sanders through Francis and Rachel Sanders of Randolph County, N.C., and later Jackson and DeKalb Counties in Alabama.]

### **Part II**

Since Francis and John Sanders are apparently adults at the time of the 1731 will of Robert Sanders and are mentioned in Chowan land deeds in the 1730s, it is likely that they were born before 1710 or even before 1700. John Sanders was the first of the two brothers to die, and he made his will in Chowan in 1751. His will was witnessed by John Loe (or Lowe), Jr., and Sr., and by Jacob Routh. The Loes and the Rouths were Quaker families from Chester County, Pennsylvania (per e-mail from Sherry Stancliff). The Loes and Rouths appear on the 1779 tax roll of Randolph County, North Carolina. If the Loes were old family friends, it is possible they persuaded the Sanders family to follow them to Randolph County because many Sanders families were living in the Randolph County area by 1800. Nothing in the will indicates, however, that John Sanders himself was a Quaker. I was recently able to obtain a photocopy of the will from the North Carolina Archives and here is a transcription:

### **Will of John Sanders of Chowan County, August 18, 1751**

In the name of God, amen. August, the 18th day, 1751. I, John Sanders, of Chowan County in the province of North Carolina being at this time sick and weak of body but thanks be to

Almighty God of a sound and perfect sense and memory calling to mind the uncertainty of this transitory life and that all life must submit to death when pleases God to call. I therefore think meet to make this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

First and principally, I give and bequeath my love into the hands of Almighty God, hoping in through the precious death and passion of my blessed living Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon of all my sins and to inherit everlasting life in the world to come; and my body to be entombed, buried at the directions of my executors hereafter named, and as touching all such worldly estate it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon and give and dispose thereof in manner and form following: first my will is that all my just debts and — charges be paid and discharged.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Francis Sanders the plantation whereon I now live and land belonging to it only that his mother to have privilege her life in what form has occasion and also the plantation that my brother Francis Sanders lives on and all the land belonging to it and also a piece of land I have in the fork of the swamp called the Cypress Swamp. I give the land, plantations, and land — to my son Francis Sanders to him and his heirs forever only excepting his mother's privilege during her natural life.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son John Sanders a plantation I have on the Cypress Swamp that Thomas Ritter [or Rutter-GS] now lives on and all the land belonging to it. I say [lay? -GS] I give to my son John, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Francis Sanders my Negro man named Sam, to him and his heirs forever and also I give to my son Francis Sanders a

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## Dr. Thomas E. Sanders, Son of Dr. A.F. Sanders, Was Born in White County, Arkansas

From *A Centennial History of Arkansas*, edited by Dallas T. Herndon, the Director of the Dept. of Archives & History, published by The S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., Chicago-Little Rock, 1922:

"DR. THOMAS E. SANDERS, actively & successfully engaged in the practice of medicine in Hot Springs, was born in Beebe, Ark. on the 13th of Dec., 1880. His father, A. F. Sanders, a native of Alabama, was also a physician & in 1886 came to Hot Springs, where he continued in the practice of his profession to the time of his death in 1906. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having joined the Confederate army when a youth of but 14 years. He belonged to the Knights of Pythias lodge & was highly esteemed by those with whom he was brought into contact through social or professional relations. Dr. Thomas E. Sanders was a lad of but 6 years when brought by his parents to Hot Springs & here he attended the public schools, while after completing his high school course he became a student in the Ark. State University [actually should be the University of Arkansas since neither Ark. State University or its predecessor, Ark. State College, existed in 1901], graduating there from with the class of 1901.

Whether natural predilection, environment or inherited tendency had most to do with his chore of a profession it is perhaps impossible to determine, but at any rate he entered upon the field of labor for which nature seemed to have aptly adapted him. He determined to follow in the footsteps of his father & read medicine under his direction for a time, while later he entered Tulane University at New Orleans, Louisiana, as a medical student & was graduated therefrom with the class of 1905. He then put his theoretical knowledge to the practical test by serving as interne in the Charity Hospital at New Orleans & there gained that broad & valuable knowledge which hospital practice & experience bring. He afterwards returned to Hot Springs & became associated with his father in practice, the partnership continuing until the father's death. Since that time Dr. Sanders has practiced independently & has steadily advance by reason of his merit & skill

to a point in the front rank of the able physicians of the city. His practice is now extensive & of an important character & the results which he secures well entitle him to the enviable reputation that he now bears. Dr. Sanders was married to Miss Ethel Hallman, a daughter of Dr. Hallman, and they now have 2 sons: Hallman, who is 12 years of age; and Carl, a lad of 7. The parents are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church & along strictly professional lines Dr. Sanders is connected with the County, State & American Medical Associations. He served as city health officer in 1914 & 1915. He is keenly interested in everything that tends to bring to man the key to the complex mystery which we call life. His reading & study have covered a wide field & he at all times keeps in touch with the trend of modern thought, investigation & progress." ■

### Bill Browder Gets Quaker Records For Lemuel

From Bill Browder, 221 Steadman Rd., Selmer, Tn. 38375, <blbrowder@hotmail.com>. While researching the Lemuel Saunders line a fellow researcher sent me two items from early Maryland Quaker records but I haven't found anything on them. Maybe someone else is researching this line and will share information with me.

Item one: Gunpowder Monthly Meeting, Baltimore Co., Maryland. "Richard Belt, son of John Belt, of Gunpowder in Baltimore County married Keturah Price, dau. of John Price of Gunpowder in Baltimore County on 24th day of 1st month called January 1760. (Among the wedding guests was a Lemuel Saunders. That's all I know about him.)"

Item Two: Quaker Records of Northern Maryland, 1716-1800, by Henry C. Peden, jr., M.A. Deer Creek Monthly Meeting, Harford Co., Md.: page 128: "On 3rd day of 3rd month, 1761 Thomas Saunders, son of Edward, 'hath by keeping unprofitable company, been induced to dance.' "

Could this be the same Thomas who married Judith in 1742 in Va. and later moved to Maryland? ■

### "A Notorious Actor"

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Negro girl called Mother, only I give the work of the said wench to my loving wife Mary Sanders during her natural life or widowhood and then to my son Francis Sanders, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son John Sanders a Negro girl called Gode (?), to my son John Sanders, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Robert Sanders my Negro wench called Cato (?). I say I give to my son Robert Sanders, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Jesse my Negro man called Tom and a Negro woman named Lone (?) I say I give to my son Jesse Sanders, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give to my daughter Martha a Negro boy called Mingo, to my Martha Sanders, to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give to my son Thomas Sanders a Negro girl called Libb. I say to my son Thomas Sanders, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give to my son Francis Sanders all the pewter that belongs to my brother Francis Sanders and also seventeen head of cattle and two feather beds and two good (?) hats and two chests and oval table and also my riding hood (habit?), bridle, and saddle to my son Francis Sanders, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Francis Sanders and my son John Sanders my whipsaw. I say to my two sons Francis and John for both their use.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son John Sanders a chest with a drawing on it and oval table and also six cows and (illegible phrase) And also the first colt that my bay mare shall bring and also a good pot of six gallons.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Sanders thirty pounds in gold and silver coin.

Item. I give to my son Robert Sanders thirty pounds in gold and silver coin.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Mille Sanders five pounds in gold and silver coin.

Item. I give to my daughter Feribe Sanders five pounds in gold and silver coin.

Item. I give and bequeath to my  
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daughter Elizabeth Sanders a feather bed and furniture belonging to it that she lies upon and also 9 head of cattle.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son John Sanders a feather bed and furniture.

Item. I give to my son Robert Sanders a gold (?) pot of seven gallons.

Item. I give to my son Jesse a gold (good?) pot of five gallons.

Item. I give to my son Thomas Sanders a gold (?) pot of five gallons.

Item. I lend the use of all the remainder part of my — good chattels and all others of whatsoever, of whatsoever — and kind it be, to my loving wife, Mary Sanders during her natural life or widowhood and then to be divided among five of my children, Robert Sanders, Thomas Sanders, Jesse Sanders, Mille Sanders, Feribe Sanders.

And lastly, I nominate and appoint my loving wife Mary Sanders and my son Francis Sanders to be solo and sole (?) executors of this my last will and testament --- revoking all other will or wills that hath been made by me heretofore. In testimony whereof, I the said John Sanders have hereunto set my hand and — my — the day and year — above written.

Signed, sealed, —, and pronounced by the said John Sanders as his last will and testament in the presence of —.

John Sanders,

His mark

John Lowe

His mark

John Lowe, Jr.

His mark

Jacob Ruth (Ricks?Routh?)

His mark

October Chowan County Court 1751 (1759?)

Then was the within will proved in open court by the oath of John Lowe, Sr. And John Lowe, Jr. Two of the ---evidences thereto in the form of law and at the personally —Mary Sanders, executrix, and Francis Sanders, Executor, to the will and was duly qualified by taking the oath of law appointed to be taken by executors and read that thereon. --- --- Secretary of said Province --- --- that letters testamentary issue thereon as the law provides (pertains?).

This will provides us with quite a bit of information about John's family and possessions. He appears to have been

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an unusually wealthy man, owning many slaves and at least four separate plantations or parcels of land. Though his brother Francis is mentioned as living on a plantation that John owned, apparently Francis lived there only on John's generosity, not through any right of his own, because John gave the plantation and "all the pewter that belongs to my brother Francis Sanders" to John's own son, also named Francis. Mention is also made of a plantation on Cypress Swamp "where Thomas Rutter lives," which was to go to John, another son. Further, we learn from the will that John's son Francis was old enough to be co-executor of the will with his mother, thereby establishing that the younger Francis must have been born before 1730. It seems likely that Francis was the eldest son since he got three parcels of land: the plantation where his father lived, the plantation where his uncle lived, and another parcel in the fork of the Cypress Swamp. It is possible that many of the other children, and especially the daughters, were still underage since none of the daughters appear to have been married at the time of the will.

Almost nothing is known about what happened to other members of the family after their father died, but John's son Francis lived until 1783 when he made his will in Gates County. Though the county where the will was proved is different, the will describes the same land and family. Gates was created in 1779 from parts of Chowan, Hertford, and Perquimans counties. Here is a transcription:

#### Will of Francis Saunders of Gates County, August 6, 1783

Gates County, Original Wills, 11763-1904

CR 041.801.10

Francis Saunders, 1785

In the name of God, Amen. I, Francis Saunders, of Gates County in the State of North Carolina, being sick and weak of body but of sound and perfect mind and

memory, blessed by God for the same and calling to mind the vast uncertainty of this mortal life do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament. I give and recommend my soul into the hand of God that gave it and my body I commit unto the earth to be buried in a Christian-like manner and form, and for what worldly goods it has pleased God to bestow upon me, I give and bequeath the same as in manner and form following, viz:

Item. I give unto my wife Charity Saunders one Negro called Ned, to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Parker one Negro girl named Doll and one feather bed. And furniture and two pewter dishes and nine pewter plates and three head of cattle, all which she now has already got in her possession. I lay [leave? say? -GS] to her and her heirs forever

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Zilpha Knox one Negro boy named Sam, and one Negro girl named Poll; and one feather bed and furniture, and one cow and calf, one pewter dish and two pewter plates. I say to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Abraham Saunders one Negro man named Luke and the plantation on the south side of the Cypress Swamp whereon Thomas Ritter formerly lived, only reserving the use of it unto my wife Charity Saunders during her natural life; and two cows and calves. I say to him, my son Abraham Saunders, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Francis Saunders one oval table and one desk to him and his heirs.

Item. I lend unto my wife Charity Saunders all the land and plantation whereon I now live and one Negro woman named \_\_\_ and one Negro girl named Esther until my son Francis Saunders comes to the age of twenty one years, and then I give all the land and plantation whereon I now live and the said Negro woman named --- and the said Negro girl named Esther I say unto my son Francis Saunders, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give unto my daughter Jemima Saunders the first living child which the above mentioned ---, which I have lent unto my wife, doth bear after the date of this will; and one cow and

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calf, and one ewe and lamb.

Item. I lend unto my wife Charity Saunders the land and plantation whereon my uncle Francis Saunders formerly lived, now mine, and it joins to the white oak \_\_\_\_, and one Negro man named Ben until my son William Saunders comes to the age of twenty one years. And then I give the said land and plantation whereon my uncle Francis Saunders formerly lived joining the white oak \_\_\_\_ and the said Negro man named Ben. Also one whip --- and all my cooper's tools I lay to my son William Saunders, to his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I lend unto my wife Charity Saunders one Negro boy named Andrew until my daughter Anne Saunders comes to the age of 18 years, then I give the said Negro boy Andrew unto my said daughter Anne Saunders and one small \_\_\_\_ table. I say to her heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I lend unto my wife Charity Saunders the remainder part of my estate, be it of what kind or nature soever, for and during the time of her natural life in widowhood and after her decease or marriage, which shall first happen, then all the said remainder to be equally divided among my seven children Mary Parker, Zilpha Knox, Jemima Saunders, Abraham Saunders, William Saunders, Francis Saunders, and Ann Saunders

And, lastly, I constitute, nominate, and appoint my wife Charity Saunders and my son in law John Parker executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my seal this sixth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three. Signed, sealed, embellished, pronounced and declared by the said Francis Saunders to be his last will and testament in the presence of the subscribing witnesses.

Francis Saunders  
His mark  
William Odom  
Uriah Odom  
Kedam (?) Parker

State of North Carolina, Gates County, May Inferior Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions 1785. The within will was exhibited into court by Charity Saunders, Executrix, and John Parker, Executor, therein appointed, and was proved by the oath of William Odom

and Uriah Odom, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto. Then the said will was ordered to be recorded at the same time the said Executrix and Executor came into court and qualified themselves for that office and prayed an order for letters testamentary thereon which was accordingly granted. And is recorded in Book A, Folio 51.52G53.

The 1783 will allows us to speculate on some events in this family between 1751 and 1783. Thomas Rutter, who lived on the plantation on Cypress Swamp in 1751, no longer lives there in 1783, but he must have lived on the land for a long time because over thirty years after his father's will, Francis still refers to the parcel as "the land where Thomas Rutter lived." Francis now owns the Rutter land, so we may assume that his brother John, who was given the land in the 1751 will, either died or sold the land. Francis mentions the land where his uncle Francis lived, but since he uses the past tense, it is probably a safe assumption that the uncle died between 1751 and 1783.

In the will, Francis reveals that two of his daughters are married. Mary is married to John Parker and Zilpha is the wife of a man named Knox, but the age of the two unmarried daughters, Ann and Jemima, is not apparent. One son, Abraham, is definitely old enough to inherit, but Francis and William are obviously under twenty-one. Many researchers have identified the son Francis of the 1783 will with the Francis Sanders who married Rachel Sanders in 1801 in Randolph County, North Carolina, but census data casts some doubt on this assumption, though it is still a possibility. The problem is that it is relatively certain that Francis of Randolph County was born in 1782, and the young Francis of the 1783 will may have been born several years earlier.

Charity Sanders (or Saunders) appears on the 1786 North Carolina State census for Gates County. She is listed as head of a household with one male between the ages of 21 and 60, two males either under 21 or above 60, two white females of all ages, and seven black persons. Francis and William are probably the two white males. If so, they could not have been born before 1765. Charity also appears on the 1790 federal census for Gates County with a greatly reduced household: two males over 16, 2 white females, and 4 blacks.

## Alexander Sanders Had Good Connections In The State of Texas

The following paragraphs are from an article in *Family Histories of Henderson County*, volume I, p. 63, article by Harriett Gunn, based on the files of Lois Sanders Gunn. Mary Elizabeth Clark Sanders was the half-sister of Nannie Jane Spear, who was the mother of Ralph Yarborough, U.S. Senator from Texas from 1957 until 1971.

"Mary Elizabeth Clark and Alexander Sanders were married, June 24, 1881, at Chandler, Texas, where their only child, Charlie Elbert Sanders, was born September 19, 1882. Family records indicate that Alexander Sanders was born (May 19, 1844, Hamilton County, Illinois-December 2, 1930, Okemah, Oklahoma) and that he was reared in Mississippi, where he entered the Confederate Army at the age of seventeen years. Four of his brothers were killed in this conflict. He returned to Illinois with his family after the war.

"Alexander Sanders was a railroad contractor and did contracting in Texas for a number of years. He handled construction on the Cotton Belt tap out of Tyler, Texas in the early 1800s. This was an eventful period in railroad history since they were pushing into the South opening vital transportation routes; a portion of this one being to Chandler. He later owned and operated businesses in several states, developed some inventions and was involved in local politics. In his late years, he related that following the building of railroads had been the most meaningful part of his life." ■

If the two white males are William and Francis, they could not have been born after 1774. Further, on June 1, 1795 a Francis Saunders married Ann Vann (Bondsman: John Vann, Witness: Law Baker) in Gates County. The most obvious interpretation is that the young Francis of the 1783 will was born between 1765 and 1774 and that he is the person who married Ann Vann in 1795. I have not been able to find anyone who is researching the descendants, if any, of the Francis Sanders who married Ann Vann, but there are many investigating the descendants of the Francis who married Rachel. Hopefully, further research will help resolve many of these unanswered issues with the line of John of Nansemond. ■

## Elnora Bowen Has Additional Information on Margaret Jane Sanders and Her Parents

Elnora White Bowen, 1106 Westland Road, Sapulpa, OK 74066, <swteb@aol.com>. I have sent a query before but have additional information, now. My line is in bold face type below.

My gr gr grandfather, **Stephen Saunders/Sanders**, was born in Kentucky abt 1809-10. In 1834, he was in Spencer Co., Ind. where he married **Caroline Woolard/Woodard** on 12 Mar 1834. Children that I know of:

William - b. 1835

**Margaret Jane** - b. 1836 near Ft. Branch, Ind., m. Ferguson Braselton in Gibson Co. 30 Mar 1855, Gibson Co., (Book 2, p. 24), d. 6 Jul 1911, Kendrick, Okla.

John - b. 1850 - according to census. Caroline must have died giving birth to him.

Census, 1840, Spencer Co, Ind.:

Stephen Sanders - 1 male child under 5, 1 female child under 5, 1 male 30-40, 1 female (20-40)

Census, 1850, Gibson Co., Pataca Township, Ind.: Stephen Sanders, 39 - b. Ky. - with only William with him - age 15, b. Ind.

Census, 1860, Gibson Co. (Stephen remarried)

Stephen Sanders, 51- b. Ky.

Nancy Sanders, 55

Hannah I or J Emmerson, 19 - b. Ind.

Malissa, 17 - b. Ind.

Samuel, 14 - b. Ind.

John Sanders, 10 - b. Ind.

Census, 1870, Gibson Co.. page 223

Stephen Sanders, 60, b. Ky.

Nancy Sanders, 65

Malissa, 28

Charles M., 8

1860 Census, Gibson Co., Ind., shows Ferguson Brazelton (26, b. Ind., married to **Margaret Jane** (23, b. Ind.)). They had the following children at that time:

1. William Brazelton, 2, b. Ind. (Nov 8, 1858) m. Margaret Newell, 1894, buried in Kendrick, Okla.

2. Stephen Brazelton, 6/12, b. Ind. (Feb 3, 1860) died in Kan., July 5, 1907.

Later, born to them were:

3. **Mary Elizabeth**, b. July 23, 1862 near Ft. Branch, Gibson Co., Ind., m. **Hiram E. Inman**, May 27, 1867, in Wright Co, Mt. Grove, Mo., died in

Stroud, Okla. on Aug 20, 1942.

4. Martha, b. July 23, 1862, a twin to Mary, died Nov 28, 1863.

5. John David, b. Mar 25, 1866, m. Allie Gates (I believe they were in Mich.).

6. Samuel Robert, b. May 11, 1869, in Iowa, m. (1) Margaret Memery, (2) Harriet Kerzog in 1918. Had a record in gov. service. Died in Okla City, Okla.

7. Lenora Brazelton, b. Sept 15, 1871 in Kan., schoolteacher, died in Stroud, Okla., m. (1) Frank Harrison, (2) Wm Price-in 1907.

8. Rosalie, b. May 17, 1875 in Kan., m. Albert DeZelum or DeSelum in 1896, burned in a housefire with three children in Orlando, Okla. in 1903.

It appears that Stephen's first wife, Caroline Woolard/Woodard might have died between 1850 and 1860, as he appears in these census records with Nancy as his wife. Stephen Sanders m. Nancy Emmerson on July 29, 1851, (Book 1, p 244). If this is true, then Caroline must have died after the 1850 census and prior to Stephen's 2nd marriage. In the 1860 census, there are three Emmerson children living in the household. They must be from the first marriage to Robert G. Emmerson.

In 1870, Stephen is 60 with Nancy, 63, in Gibson Co., Ind. Nancy's dau, Malissa Stephen is at home with them, widowed with son, Charles M, age 8. My researcher found no will or record of Stephen's death. After 1870, I have no record.

Could they have gone to Iowa with Ferguson and Margaret Brazelton? From Iowa, the Brazeltons went to Kan. I don't know where. In 1886, tho, they were in Wright Co., Mo. That is where their dau., Mary Elizabeth, my grandmother, m. Hiram E. Inman in 1887. Ferguson and Margaret were found in Stoud, Okla. next, then in nearby Kendrick where they lived and died. I would like to know about Stephen Sanders/Saunders's parents, siblings and other children, if any. What happened to John? When did the Sanders move to Ind. from Ky.? Also, are there any records of Caroline's family?

I am the dau of **Mary Edna Inman** and **Charles White**. **Mary Edna** is the dau of **Mary E. Brazelton** and **Hiram Inman**. ■

## Nimrod Sanders Couldn't Serve on Jury for Trial of Vice President Aaron Burr

The following is a record of trial of Vice-President Aaron Burr for treason in 1807 and is from the following Web page: <<http://home.earthlink.net/~smith-sp/burr/14693-4.html>>

United States vs Burr (Part Four)  
Case No 14,693 Circuit Court, D Virginia  
25 F Cas 55 August 31, 1807  
Monday, August 10, 1807

Mr. Burr begged leave to inform the jurors, who were within hearing, that a great number of them may have formed and expressed opinions about him which might disqualify them from serving on this occasion. He expected that, as they came up, they would discharge the duties of conscientious men, and candidly answer the questions put to them, and state all their objections against him. The deputy marshal then summoned Nimrod Saunders declared that he had expressed an opinion previously to his being summoned on the jury, that the prisoner had been guilty of treason. He was therefore set aside as incompetent. ■

## Know Info About Thomas And Anna Nancy Sanders?

Duane R. McKenzie, 421 N. Morningside Ave., Litchfield, MN 55355-2335, <[dmckenze@hutchtel.net](mailto:dmckenze@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. ■

William R. Sanders, PO Box 1301, Jonesboro, AR 72403-1301 is searching for information on Absalom Roger Sanders. He lived in Hayti, Mo. and was m. to Rosa Groves. They had three sons and one dau. that I am aware of. ■

## ASSORTED QUERIES . . .

From Mario Perrino, 2941 Country Woods Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45248-5058, <mperrino@cinci.rr.com>. I'm looking for information about George W. Sanders or Saunders born abt 1760 - 1770. George is listed in the 1790 census of Chatham Co., N.C. He left the Chatham Co., N.C. area about 1797 and went to Anderson City, Tenn. and then to Rock Island within the present Warren Co., Tenn. about 1812. George continued to Huntsville, Ala. and then to Mississippi about 1829. He is listed in the Lowndes Co., Miss. census of 1830 and 1840. George may have married Sarah Roberts, the daughter of Reuben Roberts, a revolutionary soldier from N.C. George may also have been the father of George W., Reubin P., Elijah B., and Elihu Sanders and possibly William, James, and John. I would appreciate any information about George W.

Robert L. Sanders, 3061 Knotty Pine Dr., Pensacola, FL 32505, <RLSMS2@aol.com> is seeking information about his GGG Grand father. The information he have is: Isaac Sanders, b. abt 1765, London England. Came to U.S. abt 1790 settled in Stephens City, Frederick Co., Va.; d. 7 Sep 1822, Stephens City, Frederick Co., Va.; mar. Elizabeth Steele, abt 1798. He has a pretty complete record of his children and other descendants including the Tarr, Clark, and other families. Robert would like to correspond with any other persons who may be related to this line and find Isaac's parents and any other ancestor.

Hannah Sampe, 2109 West La Loma Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670, <Samperoots@attbi.com> is seeking information on Simon Henrich Sander(s) b. 20 Sep 1831 Lieme, Lippe Demoldt, Germany. He moved to Denmark where he married Ane Marie Pederdatter in 1857 they had three children, Wilhem Adolph, Peder, and Ane Kristen. I would like to know when and where Simon and his wife died. The last information I have been able to find they were living in Aleso, Odense, Denmark 1870 census. Their oldest son, Wilhem Adolph, emigrated to America in 1882. I have not been able to locate the rest of the family. Any help would be appreciated.

From Georgia Kobel, 20023 81st Ave. E., Spanaway, WA 98387, <Uponyou2@aol.com>. My three-year search has developed no results on Henry Sanders. I still have hope. Henry Sanders of Missouri (?) married my grandmother Susan Childers (other married name may have been Gibson). Susan left Indiana with her son (my grandfather), Vilroy P Gibson, b. 1867 Valparisio Indiana, d. 1952 Pullman, Wash. Vilroy was 7 years old at the time. It is said a sister, Pearl, also traveled with them to Kansas. My photos of them were taken in Eureka and Topeka, Kansas. John Gibson is Vilroy's father. Don't know if Susan was married to him or not. Susan and Henry remodeled a home in Kansas, I have pictures of them and the home. They later moved to Missouri.

From Sandra Stienmier, 7955 Tangle Lane, Castle Rock, CO 80108, <sandra@viawest.net>. My brick wall is Eli Sanders, born 1794 and died 26 Feb 1876. He is buried in Lingo Cemetery in Monfort Heights, Mill Creek, Hamilton County, Ohio. He married Orpha Lingo. Who are his parents and siblings? I believe a brother to be William. Was he born in Virginia., Connecticut., or Ohio?

From Robert Tracy Sanders, 3215 Purdue Place, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106, <Mrtsanders@aol.com>. Can someone tell me the names and birth-dates and places of the children of Samuel Saunders, b. 1732, and Anna Gordon of Virginia/Tennessee/Maryland? Samuel, b. 1770 in Md./Va., is one. Our Thomas Sanders, b. 1773, Md./Va., is another but we cannot find their parents. I am wondering if Samuel and Anna were the parents. All lived in Tenn/Va./Md. Does anyone have info on Thomas and Ann Sanders who gave birth to Thomas Sanders in Essex County, Va. in Oct 1773? Thomas m. Polly of Shenandoah and had Martin, b. 1821 in Tazewell, Va. Martin m. Elisabeth Mitchell, b. 1825, of Grayson, Tenn. Their son John, b. 1845 in Russel, Va., was our progenitor. Thomas lived with another son George and died in his household in Tenn. Martin and John William Sanders appeared on 1860 census of Lake, Logan Co., W.V.

From Dick Edwards, 7809 Hayfield Rd., Alexandria, VA 22315, <RmlnRek@aol.com>. I am researching my g-grandmother, Sarah Cole. 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 County, 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 County in 1929. Does anyone know who Sarah's family could be?

Jeanette S. French, P O Box 781, Kemah, TX 77565, <jfrench1@prodigy.net> is interested in information on a Dicy T. Saunders (Sanders) born 29 Sep 1833 and died 5 May 1863 in Orange Co., Indiana. She married a Warren White 14 Sep 1850. One of her sons, Simon, b. 8 Sep 1852, was my g grandfather. If anyone has additional information about Dicy and her family I would appreciate hearing from them.

From Kay Nix, 8262 A Lincoln Ave., Evansville, IN 47715 <KayNix@msn.com>. I have been able to trace my lineage back as far as James Sanders, born in 1823 somewhere in Illinois. He came to Kentucky to marry Nancy A. Young in September 1847. Does anyone have information about these two individuals and/or their ancestors?

June R. Poole, 5229 Eden Roc Dr., Marrero, LA 70072, <JuneRP56@aol.com> is searching for the family of Thomas Sanders, married to Claricy Rutland (d/o Cullen Rutland) from Orangeburg Dist., S.C. They were born in the 1700s. Thomas Sanders had a son Blancett Sanders married to Sarah Hughes. Blancett Sanders migrated to Washington Parish, La. by 1811. He had a son William Sanders married to Celia Morgan who I'm descended from. They died between 1860-1870 in Calcasieu Parish, La. Any info would be appreciated.

From Kay Kaylor, 1003 C Street, Eureka, CA 95501-1756, <kay22@northcoast.com> Does anyone have information on the parents or siblings of Winfield Bristian Sanders, b. 13 Dec 1874/5, d. 30 May 1948, buried in Hummelstown, Pa.? He married Cora Snavelly, but they separated in the 1930s. I am descended from their daughter, Almeda Beatrice Sanders. I can't find Winfield Bristian Sanders in the SSI or any other search, but I haven't sent for a death certificate.

Arthur Sherry, 1825 Riverside Dr. #3c, New York, NY 10034, <ASherry@aol.com> I am looking for information on Henry Sanders and his wife Nancy. All that I have now is the census listing below. I am a descendent of Rufus, b. 29 Oct 1855 in Tennessee. He died about 1895 in Dallas, Texas. Married Jennie Ellien Thompson, (b. 25 Feb 1863, Quincy, Ill., d. 25 Feb 1863, Dallas, Texas.) on 4 Feb 1882 in Dallas, Texas. 1860 *Tennessee Census Index* Mckeehon-Sexton, Vol 4 pp 418, Sanders, Henry, Nancy 32, Elizabeth 11, Julian 9(f), Mary 7(f), Rufus 4(m), Eliza 1(f). Lincoln County Civil District no. 21 *Lincoln Co., Tenn. 1860 Census* pp 178 lines 27 -33.

Mary Winn McFarland, 159 Sandpiper Lane, Morro Bay, CA 93442, <bmcfarland2@webtv.net> is looking for parents and other info on Oliver John Sanders, b. abt 1827 somewhere, m. Mary Ann Vidler 5 June 1848 in La., d. abt 1864 in La. His daughter, Mary Elizabeth Sanders, was my great grandmother. This is really a brick wall. Any help would be appreciated.

Betty Crawford, 1309 North 61 St., Omaha, NE 68132 is searching for parents and info on John Saunders of Mecklenburg Co., Va. He m. Millie (?). They had 11 ch: Mildred Saunders, m. Bolling Wright 30 Jul 1785; Elizabeth Saunders, m. William Vaughn Mar 1794; George Saunders, m. Halley Every 3 Dec 1804; John Saunders (died in Monroe Co., W.V.), m. Susan William; Mary Saunders, b. 1784, d. in Cass Co., Mo., m. William Chambley 1819; Thomas Saunders, b. ca 1785, m. Mary ("Polly") Morris 19 Dec 1803; Nancy Saunders, m. Daniel Morris 15 Dec 1807; William Saunders, m. Polly Emery; Catherine Saunders, m. Hundley

Ryland 18 Mar 1830; Jesse Saunders; Turner Saunders, m. Lucy Vaughn 20 Dec 1820. All the marriages occurred in Mecklenburg Co., Va. John died there in 1828.

Guy M. Norton, 719 Idlewild Rd., Bel Air, MD 21014 is looking for info on and parents of William E. Sanders, b. 5 Oct 1822 (8) in Ga. He married Lucy Ann Gibson (b. 9 Jan 1816) 9 Jan. 1842 in Upson Co., Ga. and later moved to Alabama. Their son George was my great grandfather, b. 26 Feb 1855-6 in Tallapoosa Co., Ala. George m. Mary Ellen Nichols (b. 3 May 1852 in Lineville, Clay Co., Ala.). Anything on their ancestors or descendants would be helpful.

From Donna Britt, 223 Skytop Dr., Apt 16, Kingston, NY 12401. Seeking information on Thurrell Sanders and his wife, Martha Hicks. No dates or place of birth known. Their ch. included Emma, Nan, George, Will, John, and Charles Lee (b. 21 Aug., 1864 in Ill., d. 29 May, 1937 in Mo.). Charles L. was my great grandfather. He mar. Lillie Bell Scherer in 1889. Charles L. and Lillie had the following ch: Homer (15 Dec 1889-23 Aug 1959), Margaret (18 Aug 1891-17 May 1966), Vesta (5 Aug 1893-23 Aug 1959), Walter Samuel (29 Mar 1895-11 Feb 1994), Jesse (2 Jan 1897-10 Apr 1979), Ruth Illinois (14 Sep 1899-8 Dec 1991), Lillie Ethel (living) and Hazel (22 Nov 1905-32 Dec 1992). Most of the family remained in Missouri but some moved to Kansas, Oklahoma, and California. Thurrell's parentage seems to be a dead end. I have not been able to find them in Illinois. I have found a Burrell whose life closely resembles my ancestor's but I do not know if they are one and the same. Can anyone offer any help on this family?

From Jo Ann Brown, 129 Haywood, Benbrook, TX 76126. I have very little information on my great grandmother, Martha E. Sanders. She was living in Bosque Co., Texas in 1884. She m. James Jefferson Davis. Their child was Beulah Jane Davis, b. 17 Jun 1884 in Bosque Co., Texas, m. William Henry Lott 15 Aug 1900 in Walnut Spring, Bosque Co, Texas. My grandparents Beulah Jane and William Henry Lott's son, Jake Daily Lott, was my father. He m. Lila Inez Bolling. Any help on the

### **Mary Sanders Esse Needs To Identify Parents And Siblings of Joe P. Sanders of Miss.**

May Sanders Esse, 418 Paloma Street, Corpus Christi, TX 78411-2649 is still searching for information about her great grandfather, Joe P. Sanders from Wayne Co., Miss., a Civil War veteran from 1861-65. He was born about 1827-1831. His death certificate of 16 Jun 1927 gives his age as 96. He resided in Choctaw Co., Ala in 1861, also 1870. He was in Clarke Co., Miss. 1874-1900. He married Mary Everett in 1865. They had eight children, five of whom lived to be adults: Jehu (Gehue) Barry, b. 1866; Thur, b. 1868 in Ala.; Lucy, b. 1874 Miss.; George Lionel, b. 1881; and Thomas J., b. 1884. She needs names of siblings and parents of Joe P. Sanders. ■

ancestors of Martha E. Sanders would be greatly appreciated.

Bette Hill, 9706 Turnbuckle Drive, Burke, VA 22015 is looking for ancestors and descendants of Ezekiel Sanders, born in the 1750s. He lived in Chester Co., South Carolina, where he is listed on the 1790 through the 1810 US census. His wife (unknown) apparently died in the 1790s. He and wife had at least five sons and six daughters (according to census records), including Nancy Sanders (born 1780s or 1790s in Chester Co., S.C.), who married Thomas Gore and migrated to Pickens Co., Ala. about 1820.

From Rod Ballengee, 100 S. Highland Ave., Wellsville, NY 14895-1416. I am looking for information on Nathaniel Burl Sanders/Saunders. He was b. ca 1840 in Louisa Co., Va. He m. Susan T. Walker. Children were Nathaniel Burl Sanders Jr. (1861-1902), Mary, and Cora. Nathaniel B. Jr. moved to Talcott, Summers Co., W.V. and m. Florence Bloom Davis. They had three children: Pauline Folsom Saunders (my grandmother), Arthur Saunders, and Jessie L. Saunders. I am trying to find out where Nathan B. Sr. lived in Louisa Co. and who his parents were. Does the old homestead still exist? ■

## About This Issue

If you have any good ideas of Sanders or Saunders people who would make a good story, send me the story or the leads for a story. There are some good articles left over after preparing this issue. Keep sending them in.

All queries received to date from both subscribers and non-subscribers (except one long one) have been included. Let me know if yours was missed.

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

Also, I still need more stories of various lengths, biographies from county histories, old letters, obituaries, etc. 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.

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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Soldiers Discharge Records - Elkhart County (Ind.) - Book 1 included Samuel Sanders, age 25, Worteinkein, England, 7 Mar 1863, page 151. ■

## Here Are Some Interesting Notices From Montgomery, Alabama, Newspapers

The following documents came to Gary B. Sanders, Box 309236 UNT Station, Denton, TX 76203, <gary\_bsanders@hotmail.com>, courtesy of Charles Harrison at <vetarm@aol.com>:

I will pass on some Sanders data I came across in the book: *Death, Marriage and Probate Notices from Montgomery, Alabama Newspapers, Vol 1 (1821-1865)*, compiled by Larry E. Caver, Jr.

1). Marriage Notices from the *Alabama Journal*: June 6, 1839 issue. "Married on the evening of the 21st ultimo, at the residence of Daniel Sanders, Macon County, Alabama, Mr. Jackson S. Bagby of Abbefoil, to Miss Amanda Malvina Hardin." (page 182)

2). Death Notices from the *Alabama Journal*: August 29, 1850 issue: "Died on August 1st, at the residence of Reverend R. Chamberlain, Shady Dale, Alabama, Mr. Elliott Chamberlain Sanders, late of Montgomery, Alabama." (page 36)

3). Probate Notices from *MGM Advertiser & State Gazette*: May 12, 1858 issue: "The cause of the allegation and statement of Nathan Anderson, Administrator with the will annexed, of the estate of Hamlin Sanders, deceased, Alleging that said estate is insolvent, and praying that the same may be so declared, coming on for a hearing; it appearing to the Court that notice of the filing and statement of said report, and the time appointed to hear and determine the same have been published... And the Court proceeding to examine said schedule and statement, finds the estate to be insolvent; it is therefore

ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the estate of Hamlin Sanders, deceased, be and hereby declared insolvent...David Campbell, Judge of Probate." (page 255)

4). Probate Notices from the *Montgomery Mail*, March 24, 1859 issue, Montgomery County, Special Court of Probate, March 17, 1859: "This same day came Nathan Anderson, administrator of the estate of Hamlin Sanders, which estate has been declared insolvent and filed his account and vouchers for the final settlement of said estate...David Campbell, Judge of Probate." (page 260)

5). Death Notices from the *Montgomery Advertiser*, July 13, 1864: "Died at Stonewall Hospital, near this city, on Thursday morning last, the 7th instant, M. H. Sanders, Company B, 4th Alabama Battalion." (page 71)

6). Death Notices from the *Montgomery Mail*, March 29, 1859: "We are informed that on Thursday night last a white man and a colored woman, strangers in the neighborhood, were struck by lightning and killed under a tree on the Line Creek Road beyond Mt. Meigs, in this county, near Line Creek bridge. Their bodies were found the next morning in a sitting posture under the tree, where they doubtless sought partial protection from the rain. From some papers found upon the body of the white man, it is supposed his name was Moses Sanders, and that he had been recently in this city. Beyond that, all is mystery as to who he was, or where he was going with the colored woman." (page 143) ■

### Know Sanders in Geneva County, Alabama?

From Jan Spear, 114 Knollway Ct., Asheville, NC 28806. I am looking for information on my grandmother, Minnie Lee Sanders, b. Nov 1881 in Geneva Co., Ala. She lived in Coffee Springs, Ala. in a beautiful white house on a corner and was married to Luther Parks Gibson. She was the daughter of Elijah H. Sanders and Josephine Rogers who married in Geneva County in 1911. Minnie and Luther had six children. They moved to Tampa, Fla. in the late 1930s or 1940s. She died in Virginia and is buried there. Don't know if she had any siblings but could probably find out. ■

Editor's note: 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 ■

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