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Sanders Siftings Is Primarily Your Link To Others

This surname newsletter is primarily your link to others who are researching the names Sanders or Saunders. You may already have your own "network" of people who are working on your particular line.

Maybe you just have a relative or two with whom you check occasionally. Anyway you do your genealogy work, it's always good to have some help—someone who is at least a little interested in the family history. If your family and friends are like most, there are way too many who could care less about digging around in the family roots. They may even indicate that you are just a little off your rocker to spend all that time in libraries and graveyards!

So, *Sanders Siftings* is a place to get some help and understanding.

If you find someone with whom you have some ancestors in common, the connection will invariably lead to others.

We depend on your contributions to help make the connections. Send in your queries, stories, pictures, and other material. Real long stories are the most difficult to fit in. If your stories include good pictures, they have a better chance of being used. We want a good balance between stories, queries, and illustrations in the newsletter to make it more interesting and easy to read. Sorry, we don't have space for full-page pedigree charts.

Future issues will feature articles that you send in. Keep the good stuff coming in. And be sure to help other researchers. ■

Don Schaefer, *editor*

George Saunders, Gold Miner, Tells Story Of His Escape From The Sioux Indians

The following newspaper account was submitted by Cloyde E. Saunders, 4340 Wimbleton Court, Apt. D, South Bend, IN 46637-4055, <cesmbs@aol.com>. The article was published in the *Sunday Morning News*, Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 27, 1876.

PERILS OF THE FRONTIER

A ROMANTIC STORY FROM THE WEST

A Gold Miner Saves the Life of an Indian, and is in Turn Rescued from Death by the Grateful Savage

Last Friday morning a man walked into the bakery on the west side of High street, between Long and Spring, and asked for something to eat. He had an honest, intelligent appearance, although not clothed in the richest attire. He said he had eaten nothing since the day before, and was very hungry. The baker gave the man a good meal, and, being interrogated as to his history and present condition, he related the following narrative, which is so romantic and interesting that we report it for the benefit of our readers:

The man gave his name as George Saunders, stating that he is a plasterer by trade, and that his mother lives about three miles from Big Run station, on the Marietta and Cincinnati railroad, in Athens county. Saunders says he left his mother's house January 3d, 1875, and went to St. Louis, where he remained for a short time, and then started for the Black Hills, in search of gold, arriving there about the first of June. He went to work immediately, and up to the 28th of July last had succeeded in mining a large amount of gold ore worth about \$15 per ounce. [It may be stated that the ore referred to is what is known as surface ore, not quartz, and is very rich indeed.] Saunders was in a camp of thirty persons, who divided themselves into pairs and erected small wooden huts, two miners occupying each. Saunders occupied a hut with a man named Smith.

Their means of sustenance consisted of buffalo meat, venison and fowl, with some salt which they carried with them from the settlements. They had no bread of any kind except a few crackers which they carried with them, but the supply of which was soon exhausted.

During last winter, while snow was so deep as to render it necessary for them to remain in their huts for a long period, an Indian one day came to the door of Saunders' hut, in an almost exhausted condition, stating, by means of signs and gestures, that he had been out hunting and got lost in the snow. Saunders and Smith fed and sheltered the wayfarer for several days, and when the snow disappeared the Indian went on his way rejoicing, apparently very grateful to his preservers.

On the 28th of July last the party were surprised by a band of two hundred Indians, supposed to be Sioux. At the time of the surprise Smith had gone from the hut for a bucket of water, and Saunders saw no more of him from that day to this. The miners, although taken completely by surprise, made a desperate resistance in a hand to hand conflict. They had nothing but their knives to defend themselves with. Twelve of their number were killed upon the spot, and the rest overpowered and taken prisoners. Saunders, with others, was tied upon a horse, his feet under the animal and his hands behind his back. They were tied with wet raw-hide thongs. Their captors then set out upon the march, and the prisoners were kept in the saddle from Friday evening until Sunday morning at six o'clock. The savages then went into camp, and the prisoners were taken from the horses and tied to trees. Four of these unfortunates begged for meat and drink, for which the Indians burned them to death at the stake, pricking their naked flesh with burning sticks.

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An Account of Thomas B. Sanders and Wife's Journey From North Carolina to Louisiana

Annette Shelton has put together this account of THOMAS B. SANDERS and CAROLINE E. ARENDELL and their journey from Franklin Co., North Carolina to Carroll Parish, Louisiana from 1809-1847. Her address is at the end.

The marriage bond for the marriage of Thomas and Caroline was witnessed by Bailey Perry, and is dated February 12, 1829, Franklin Co., North Carolina. The cost of the bond was Five Hundred Pounds current money and was paid to the governor at that time, Esq. John Owen. The bond was usually purchased in the home county of the bride, and it is said on the bond that Caroline was of this county. Even though the groom's county of residence isn't noted, there were many Sanders families in the same area of Franklin Co. where the Arendells were living at the time. There was much interaction between these two families.

The year 1830 saw the birth of their first child, a son, Kemp H. Sanders, followed in 1832 by the birth of another son, Percival Fabinet Sanders. Migration west apparently began around 1833 or '34, and by 1836 the small family is documented in Alabama with another son, Thadeus Constantine Sanders. Thadeus had a relatively short life, being wounded in the Civil War. He died on June 12, 1862 at Vicksburg, Mississippi, and was buried on June 14, 1862 in the Vicksburg Military Cemetery, grave #13. The following children were also born as they trekked westward: Erasmus Isaiah Sanders born October 15, 1837 in Mississippi; Mary Varice Sanders born 1840 in Mississippi; Rebecca Angeline Sanders born November 6, 1843 in Mississippi; James Napoleon Sanders born 1845 in Mississippi; David Quincy Sanders born 1851 in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; Etta Sanders, born c1853/54 in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. That's nine children in all, seven of which were born during their migration. It must have been a long, hard journey for the young family.

Thomas and Caroline settled in the northeast corner of Louisiana in Morehouse Parish, somewhere near the present day towns of Bastrop and Mer Rouge. There were Arendells already there, who are believed to be Caroline's father Richard Arendell, brother Aleric D. Arendell, and two uncles namely William Arendell and Thomas Boon

Arendell. Their first order of business was to purchase 200 acres of land for the sum of \$60. On March 20, 1852 Thomas bought for the sum of \$500 a Negro boy named Ben, supposed to be 22 years of age, as a slave for life. In February 1853, A. D. Arendell sold to Thomas B. Sanders for the sum of \$2400 a whole family of slaves, namely Jerry, and Matilda, and their children Louisa, Oliver, Jasper, and Joshua. Also in 1853, Thomas purchased for the sum of \$700 a certain Negro girl named Frances, age 17, as a slave for life.

For some unknown reason, records show that on September 11, 1855 Thomas B. Sanders deeded all his property and slaves to Kemp H. Sanders, and his other heirs. In the following year, 1856, court records verify that Thomas and Caroline had bought 240 acres of land for \$100 from a widow Harriet Whitfield Felton in the vicinity of Concord Community. This property was located on the west side of Boeuf River, where many of Thomas and Caroline's descendants still live today; one hundred forty years later. Thomas lived only four more years, and died on November 7, 1859 after thirty years of marriage.

After Thomas' death, Caroline lived with her different children. The oldest son Kemp, as well as her children Mary Varice (Jane) Eggers, James Napoleon, and David Quincy all migrated to Arkansas and lived in a three county area including Independence, White, and Jackson.

Sanders Siftings has helped me locate many of my Sanders cousins, and we have shared visits, phone calls, pictures, letters, email, and even one reunion near where Thomas and Caroline settled in Carroll Parish. It is unknown where Thomas B. was laid to rest, but it was probably on his home place in Carroll Parish (now West Carroll Parish). Caroline died in Arkansas, and is buried in Coffeyville Cemetery; Possum Grape Community near Newport, Jackson Co., Arkansas. Connecting surnames are: Thomas, Collard, Dossett, Cleveland, Bowren, Stout, Pearson, Marsh, and many others in the 4th and 5th generation down. For more information, please contact Annette Shelton, 207 Wheeler Rd., Monroe, Louisiana 71203 318-343-1256. Hope to hear from some new Sanders cousins! ■

Leonard Sanders, 91, of McAlester, Oklahoma, Died August 14, 2003

The following obituary for Leonard Sanders is from the August 15, 2003 *McAlester News-Capital*, McAlester, Okla. It was submitted by Lorene Eubanks, Route 6, Box 216, McAlester, OK 74501 [Editor's note: Leonard Sanders was just about the last surviving first cousin of my mother's, Nancy Caroline Whitford Schaefer, who died in 2001 at the age of 98. She had at least 57 Sanders first cousins.]

Leonard Sanders, 91, of McAlester, [Okla.] died Thursday, Aug. 14, 2003, at McAlester Regional Health Center.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bishop Chapel of Memories with the Rev. Clarence Brinkley officiating, assisted by the Rev. Robert Tate. Burial will be at Oak Hill Cemetery under the direction of Bishop Funeral Service of McAlester.

Born Feb. 8, 1912, in Hartford, Ark., he was the son of John Nathan and Rosie Allie Barnes Sanders. He came to Oklahoma as a young boy, and married Lelari Edith Collier on Aug. 3, 1931, in North McAlester. She preceded him in death on Sept. 16, 1991.

He worked in construction for Consolidated Gas Company for nine years, then for Atlantic Meeco until he retired in the early 1970's.

He had been a farmer and rancher his entire life and was known for his harmonica playing. He was a member of the Second Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Freddie and Jo Sanders, and Carl and Mary Sanders, all of McAlester; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Edith Lorene and Kenneth Eubanks, Pauline Williams, and Ruby and Jim Reimer, all of McAlester.

Also, a brother and sister-in-law, A.L. and Laverne Sanders, Fort Worth, Texas; a brother-in-law, Chester Collier, of Oklahoma City; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, William Sanders, Earl Sanders and Joe Sanders; a sister, Audie Stovall; a son, Jimmy Dale Sanders; a daughter, son-in-law and grandson, Naomi and Max Ferguson and David Lee Ferguson, and a son-in-law, Bill Williams. ■

Escape From Indians

(Continued from page one)

Sunday afternoon a strange Indian came into camp, and Saunders recognized him as the savage whom he had befriended the previous winter. He was about to speak to him, but the latter slyly motioned him to remain silent. About ten o'clock that night, this Indian crawled up to Saunders in a manner peculiar to the savage, and cutting him loose motioned him to follow him, which he did. After traveling two or three hours, they came to a halt, when the Indian, leaving Saunders a few moments, returned with a magnificent black stallion, saddled and bridled, and telling Saunders to mount, gave him the direction to take to reach Denver City, and bid him make the best time possible, which he did. Before leaving Saunders the savage told him to follow a certain trail until he should come to a cross trail, where he would find five stakes and some meat close beside them.

Saunders did as directed, and about two o'clock on Monday he found a buffalo head, from which he made a good (?) meal, and soon after came to a small prairie stream, where he slacked his parched thirst for the first time since the Friday previous. Saunders got nothing to eat or drink from that time until he arrived in Denver on the Wednesday following at six p.m.

Saunders had been stripped by the Indians of all his clothing except a pair of buckskin pants, and in that condition he had ridden the entire distance. He had an excellent beaded buckskin shirt on when captured. At Denver Saunders traded his horse for a suit of clothes. The stallion was a splendid animal, of extraordinary bottom and remarkable speed, and would undoubtedly have been worth a large sum on the market.

From Denver Saunders worked his way on stock trains to Detroit, Michigan, and from thence he managed to get conductors to pass him as far as Shelby Junction, Shelby county, on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. From thence he walked to this city, arriving, as above stated, on Friday last, hungry and destitute.

We give the narrative as related by Saunders who tells it in a straightforward, honest sort of way that compels one to believe that he is telling the truth. He was sunburned and ragged-looking, and his general appearance went far to

Still Some More About Rev. Moses Sanders; From History of Nails Creek Baptist Church

From: Franklin Co. Historical Society, in a letter by Rev. Edward Patterson—*History, Nails Creek Baptist Church, 1787 to 1950, a Short Historical Sketch*, privately published by G. G. Strange. Submitted to *Sanders Siftings* by Georgia Cooper, 250 E. Alameda Street, Apt. 111, Sante Fe, MN 87501-2143 <gcooper30@earthlink.net>.

Page 19, "Moses Sanders was born in Dawnton Parish, Westshire, England, in 1732. He came to America in his early manhood and settled in Pottsylvania County, Virginia. Soon after his arrival he married a Miss Sallie Hamilton of the same county. A family of several children were born to them. He made some two or three missionary journeys down in the new colony of Georgia before moving to the state in 1784. He located on a farm in western Franklin County, now Banks County, about four miles east of the present city of Maysville, where he lived out the remainder of his life. He was buried in the Thornton cemetery (family Cemetery) on the road from Maysville to Bushville in what is now the

corroborate his story. While fleeing from the Indians Saunders says the sun burned his bare back terribly, and leaving his back in an extremely sore condition.

Saunders was looking for work at his trade in this city when last seen, in order to reach his home in Athens County.

Cloyde Saunders, who submitted the above article, says this George Saunders was his "half grand uncle." He says the parents of George E. Saunders were Charles B. Saunders (b. 29 Apr 1829, Athens Co., Ohio OR 29 Apr 1830 in Vermont and d. 31 Aug 1913, Landess, Ind.) and Margaret Martin. George E. was born 28 Feb 1849 in Meigs Co., Ohio. His siblings, all born in Meigs County, were Margaret E. (10 Aug 1851), William James (b. 5 Apr 1853, d. 5 May 1949), and Charles A. (b. 20 Oct 1859, d. 7 May 1899. By the time this article was written, the father, Charles B., had moved to Jay Co., Ind. with his sons, William J. and Charles A. He later married twice and had five more children. Cloyde would welcome any information to add to this family and he would like to correspond with anyone who thinks that he or she may be connected to this family. ■

southern part of Banks Co.

Tombstone inscription is:

Rev. Moses Sanders

Born In England 1742 died 1817

Founder of Grove Level, Nails Creek and
Many other Baptist Churches

A soldier of the Revolutionary War

The Cross of Jesus Christ my Anchor

Joseph L. Sanders, Salt Lake city, says he participated in the Battles of King's Mountain, N.C., "Cowpens, South Carolina, the long campaigns in Virginia and the fierce 'guerella' warfare in the Carolinas. In a battle of Kings' Mountain, Moses received a sabre wound on the side of his face while engaged in a hand to hand conflict with a British Officer. The scar from which he carried to his grave.

"He served as a soldier in the Continental armies under General Washington. He bore a number of scars, caused by bayonet wounds, one across his face, and others on his body, proving his valor as a soldier, as well as being a valiant soldier of the Cross." Page 21, "Moses Sanders was the leader and responsible for the founding of Nails Creek Church."

"Who assisted him on the presbytery in its organization is problematic..." There is a stone tablet, Page 22, "Moses Sanders served as the church's first pastor and was said to have served a number of years..." This is Edward Patterson's church. He is the pastor that sent this information to Georgia. Rev. Moses Sanders was a Revolutionary War soldier and a pioneer who created many churches. ■

Mary Winn McFarland, 159 Sandpiper Lane, Morro Bay, CA 93442, <bmcfarland2@webtv.com>. Still looking for parents of Oliver John Sanders, b. abt 1827, maybe in Arkansas. He married Mary Vidler 5 Jun 1848 in Louisiana. He died in 1864 as result of wounds suffered in an attack by Jay Hawkers. They lived in the Ft. Jessup area of Louisiana. Their daughter, Mary Elizabeth Sanders, b. 1855-6 in Sabine Parish, is my ggrandmother. She lived to be 104 and died in Leesville in 1960. Her husband was William Vogel. Any help would be greatly appreciated. ■

Paul Sanders Promotes Ancestral Sites in Maine, N.H., and Mass.

The following article appeared in the July 18, 2003 edition of the *Portsmouth Herald* of Portsmouth, New Hampshire and was written by Lisa Arsenault

RYE - Paul Sanders is searching for more than just a sign, he wants to keep history alive.

The 75-year-old Kittery Point native lives in Washington state now, but he spends every July on the Seacoast, wandering from historical societies to library genealogy sections to museums dredging up the history of the Sanders family, one of the original settlers of the area.

"It's extremely important that some member of the family create a family tree for their descendants before these stories, these legends, are lost," Sanders said. "Before I die, this will be in good condition - the research will be verified and the mistakes will be corrected—and this will be a legacy passed on through the family."

Sanders drew up his first family tree when he was just 12 years old, in an attempt to keep all his cousins straight; there were more than 50 names in all, and one branch of the family alone had 27 members.

Now Sanders travels the Seacoast every summer with a detailed version of the same tree in his pocket—a tattered four-page document listing the names, phone numbers, street addresses and e-mail addresses of more than 300 descendants still living in the area.

Sanders is the 12th generation direct-line descendant of John Sanders, one of the original colonists of coastal New England in the 1600s. He and 60 men, who were contracted by the same man who financed the Mayflower expedition, settled at Sanders Point in Rye in April of 1623. The spot became a center for commerce at around the same time Strawberry Banke was founded.

To celebrate the rich history of Sanders Point and the Sanders family, which Sanders has worked so hard to document, Sanders has requested a sign to mark Sanders Point in Rye, where the bridge begins that leads to the Wentworth by the Sea Marriott Hotel and Spa. Rye selectmen approved such a sign Monday night; Sanders has also applied for a state historic marker, which could take up to six years to come into being.

But for Sanders, the recognition is

well worth the wait because it means much more to him than just names and dates in history.

His goal is to create a comprehensive guide to his family tree. So far, he has compiled an 87-page document titled "The Sanders Family Genealogy Report." It is a glorified form of the family tree he made when he was 12 years old, courtesy of a software program called Brodebund Family Tree Maker.

"I tried to keep my original family tree up to date, but I got sidetracked by college, finding a job, getting married and raising children," Sanders said. "It's labor-intensive work."

Sanders began doing serious research eight years ago. But because he doesn't trust the information he finds on the Internet, he has done all the digging himself. Most of his research is limited by the time he can spend at libraries, historic societies and museums on the Seacoast when he visits in the summer.

"I have to prove for myself the history," said Sanders. "I'm a hands-on person. I don't rely on the Internet."

He began by researching the story of John Sanders. His ancestor was contracted by Thomas Weston, who had financed the Mayflower, to set up a colony north of Plymouth, Mass., to harvest natural resources and ship them back to England to be sold for a profit. Sanders and his men established Weymouth, Mass., in 1622, but the following year the men got in a fight with the American Indians in the area and had to move north. They sailed to Smith Islands, now the Isles of Shoals, and ended up founding Sanders Point in April of 1623.

That is just one of the many stories Sanders tells about his ancestors—tales he hopes to pass along with the family tree.

He can tell the story of the Wessagusset Massacre, the founding of Kennebunk or the settling of Monhegan. He knows all the names, dates and spellings right off the top of his head.

In his journey to collect the stories, Sanders is acutely aware that he may be following in the exact footsteps of his long-dead relatives.

Sanders has already visited Weymouth, Mass., and he plans to visit the war sloop Providence during its stay

in Portsmouth this week because it may be of a similar design to a boat his relative Thomas Sanders captained from 1725 to 1775. And he even had the chance to play John Sanders in the re-enactment of a peace treaty signing in Wells, Maine, this year, celebrating the 350th anniversary of the town.

Sanders has no plans to have his family tree report published, but he has given copies to the historical societies and libraries that have helped him in his research along the way.

It's all been a labor of love for Sanders, who basks in the legacy of his family while enjoying his time on the Seacoast.

"I've traveled to 58 countries around the world, and still you won't find a prettier town than Portsmouth or Kittery Point, Maine, in the summer," said Sanders.

Paul Sanders is planning a celebration at the Memorial Gardens in the community of Wessagusset in North Weymouth, Mass, honoring the Weston Colony settlers of 1622. The date will be Sunday, July 11, 2004. Other details will be announced later. He would like to reach as many descendants of John Sanders/Saunders as possible; also, the Phineas Pratt clan and the Robert Gorges descendants (son of Sir Ferdinando Gorges). Paul can be reached at 2680 169 Ave., S.E., Bellevue, WA 98008, <PaulFSande@aol.com>. [See related article on page 1 of the last issue (July 2003) of *Sanders Siftings*.] ■

Is Silas Sanders Connected To Moses Saunders of Ga.?

Jim Sanders, 2235 Los Encinos Road, Ojai, CA 93023, <jsanders@ojai.net> wants to know if any of our "cousins" have info on the Sanders of Maury Co., Tenn. in the early 1800s. I have a copy of an 1824 deed/grant to Silas Sanders for 50 acres on Snow Creek. Also have a copy of the marriage license granted to Moses Sanders and Amanda Fausett in 1826. Have noticed a few Sanders in the 1820 census, Britton, John, John, Joseph and Jamine. Found an Edward Saunders and his sons Joel B and John W. and a daughter Melissa in the deeds of Maury 1812. Trying to connect Moses and Silas. I believe both belonged to Groves Level Church in Banks, Ga. 1800-1810. ■

Robert E. Sanders, Born in Kentucky, Is Prominent in Sangamon County, Illinois

The following is from *Past and Present of the City of Springfield and Sangamon County Illinois*, by Joseph Wallace, M. A. of the Springfield Bar; The S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., Chicago, Ill., 1904:

ROBERT E. SANDERS. - Robert E. Sanders is now living a retired life in Pawnee and his rest is well merited because his has been an active, useful and honorable business career. Few indeed are the residents of the county whose coming antedated his, for he arrived in December, 1829, and is, therefore, numbered among the "snowbirds." His birth occurred in what is now Green County, Kentucky, Mary 26, 1825, and he represents one of the oldest families of that state, his grandfather, Elijah Sanders, having located there when Kentucky was a frontier district. Elisha Sanders, the father, was born in Green county, January 16, 1804, was reared amid the conditions of pioneer life and was married in his native state to Elizabeth Faucett, who was also born in Kentucky. They began their domestic life upon a farm there and thirteen children came to bless the household. In 1829 they removed to Illinois, settling in what is now Pawnee township, Sangamon county, after a residence of about five years in Springfield. Mr. Sanders purchased eighty acres of land on Brush creek, improved it and lived thereon for four or five years, when he sold out and bought a tract near the present village of Pawnee. He also opened up another farm near the Christian county line and had about six hundred acres of well improved land. His last days were spent in Sangamon county and he died in 1893, at the very advanced age of eighty-nine years. His wife passed away in 1865. He afterward married again and his second wife died in 1901.

Robert E. Sanders is one of a family of thirteen children, nine sons and four daughters, born of the father's first marriage. All reached years of maturity and were married and five of the sons and two of the daughters are yet living. Robert E. Sanders continued on the old family homestead until he had attained man's estate and the public schools afforded him his educational privileges. He early learned how to operate the farm in the most capable manner and broke many acres of virgin soil, planted crops and continued the work of culti-

vation with good result. He was married April 1, 1846, in the twenty first year of his age, to Eliza Funderburk, a sister of R. Funderburk, and they began their domestic life on a farm near the old homestead. After two or three years there passed Mr. Sanders entered one hundred and sixty acres, which he secured with a government warrant, and although not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made upon the place he at once cleared the land and soon developed a good place, which is still in his possession. In 1873 he erected a substantial residence and he also built commodious barns and outbuildings, planted an orchard and shade trees and has a nice grove upon the place. His land is well tilled and the farm is almost entirely surrounded by a hedge fence. He also bought an adjoining tract of forty acres, so that the place comprises two hundred acres, of which one hundred and twenty acres lies across the boundary line in Christian county. Mr. Sanders continued his farming operations until 1897, when he removed to Pawnee. He then bought seven acres of land and built two houses. He also owns eighty acres of land in Rochester township. He has been very successful as a farmer and stock raiser, and as a financier is well known for his ability and enterprise.

In 1852 Mr. Sanders lost his first wife, who died, leaving two children, Ellen, the wife of George Payne, of Sangamon county, and Elisha, of Pawnee township. There were also two children of that marriage who died in infancy. In 1854 Mr. Sanders was again married, his second union being with Isabel Bridges, who died in 1865. There were six children by that union, of whom five are living: Margaret, the wife of William T. Beam, of Pawnee township; Eliza Jane, the wife of Harvey Beam, of Cotton Hill township; Susan, who died in childhood; John, of Cotton Hill township; Thomas, of Pawnee township; and James W., a practicing physician of Decatur. In 1868, in Sangamon county, Robert E. Sanders was married to Sophia Porter, a native of Belmont county, Ohio, who was reared and educated there and engaged in teaching prior to her marriage. There were seven children by this union, of whom five are living: Sarah, the wife of John Costley, of Louisiana;

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Oma is Looking for Father Of Nathan Sanders

Oma Sanders, P. O. Box 127, Naples, ID 83847, <omasan@peoplepc.com> is looking for the father of Nathan Sanders, born abt 1792 in Georgia, died 5 Dec 1856 in Lawrence Co., Miss. He was married to Cynthia Bennett born Oct 1795 in South Carolina, died about 1879 in Lawrence Co., Miss. Would like to find parents and siblings of both of these people. Have some information on descendents, but really stuck with these two. ■

Robert W., of Rochester township; T. Emerson, a business man of Decatur; Dennis and Ezra, at home. They also lost two children in infancy.

Mr. Sanders and his wife are consistent members of the Predestination Baptist church. He cast his first presidential vote for James K. Polk in 1848 and has since been an earnest Democrat, but the honors and emolument of office have had little attraction for him. On the organization of the township, however, he was elected and served as township collector, later was commissioner of highways and while living on the farm served as a school director. He has been a resident of the county for almost three fourths of a century, and his memory forms a connecting link between the days of the past and the present time, when progress and prosperity have wrought a wonderful change here. He has killed many deer and wolves on the prairies and has seen his district when almost the entire countryside was wild and unimproved. There were few roads and no towns of any importance, but the work of improvement has been carried steadily forward by such enterprising men as our subject and central Illinois is now a most populous and prosperous district. During the long years of his residence here Mr. Sanders has become widely known and his friends will receive with interest the record of his career. ■

ASSORTED QUERIES . . .

From Robert W. Sanders, 1427 Bumblebee Lane, Gardnerville, NV 89460, <kernel.s@netzero.net>. I'm looking for the parents of my g-grandfather; Oliver Sanders, b. 1817 Wilmington, Essex Co., N.Y., d. 1906 Wilmington, N.Y., married Eunice Washburn abt. 1840 Wilmington, N.Y. The 1880 N.Y. census says both of Oliver's parents were from Vermont. Oliver had sons named Frederick, Henry, and Jasper. There was also a Theophilus Sanders in Essex Co. about 1800 who may have been an uncle to my Oliver. Theo had two sons, Oliver and William who left N.Y. about 1820 and moved to Ohio. Does anyone have a Sanders family in Vermont about 1750 to 1800 who may have moved to Essex Co., N.Y.?

From Doris Kirschke Brown, 1750 Stone Road, Deland, FL 32720, <dkirschke@atlantic.net>. My lost Elijah Edward Sanders is STILL LOST! According to his in-laws and children (after his death) in the 1900 Grayson Co., Texas census, Elijah was born in Tennessee. Was he? I still don't know for sure. On 20 Oct 1889 he married Rilla Delijah Hyatt in Fannin Co., Texas. Their first three children were born there in Wolfe City and Celeste. The fourth was born in Denison, Grayson Co., Texas in 1898. Of course, can't find this family in the missing 1890 census and not close enough to go looking thru land, tax records. In fact, I can't even find where Elijah died, though his daughter Nora wrote that he died July 25-29, 1909 in Chillicothe but which Chillicothe? If in Texas, there are no records there in Hardeman Co.. So, HELP.

Darla Wilson, 1216 Robinwood Lane, Elberton, GA 30635, <dlailson@elberton.net>. George T. Sanders married Mary Mills 18 Oct 1832 in Johnson County, Indiana. They had two children, Nancy E., b. 1834, and Willis Henry, b. 1836 in Johnson Co., Ind. Mary is enumerated as head of family in 1840 and 1850 with these two children. 1850 also lists her mother, Elizabeth Mills, age 59 and her sister, Martha Mills, age 28. George T. Sanders is not on any census record. Does anyone know anything about him?

Dale Barnes, 1120 N. Davies Springfield, MO 65802, <dbarnes@pcis.net>. Rebecca Sanders, b. 1726, m. 1 Apr 1754 Bucks Co., Pa. to Jedidiah Adams. Her father was Robert Sanders who married Mary Williams 1721. She died in Byberry, Pa. 10 Jun 1818. This is all I have.

M. J. Burgos, 6513 Wister Street, Philadelphia, PA 19138-2550, <kenterose@msn.com> is looking for information on Sanders family from Round O, S.C. Looking to solve mystery of father of Isaac Sanders, 1800? who was my ggfather; Julius Sanders was my grandfather. He died 1958. Family stayed in area and was living on Fisburne Plantation Road during 1865 before emancipation of slaves.

From Del Smajstrla, 4217 Cumberland Rd N, Ft. Worth, TX 76116, <delsmaj@aol.com>. I am looking for a John R. Sanders born in Alabama abt 1856 (from Texas census records). Married Irena McManis in Milam Co., Texas 11 Aug 1876. She remarries abt 1885. I don't know if he left or died!

Howard Kaepplein, 33 Jacob Gates Rd., Harvard, MA 01451, <Howard.K@GalaxyPwr.com> is searching for the name of the father of Nathan Sanders, b. 1829, who married Marcia Barker 22 Oct 1850 in Stoneham, Maine. One possibility is Nathaniel Sanders of Effingham, N.H. Another is Ezekiel Saunders, b. in Rowley or Andover, Mass. and moved to Bethel, Maine.

From Jean Sanders Beard, 1806 Rico Dr., Lillian, AL 36549, <Jaybrd@gulftel.com>. My brick wall is John Sanders of Carteret Co., N.C. or Onslow Co., N.C. and I have found some evidence of him in England. His son was Samuel Hyde Sanders of Carteret Co., N.C. These are in the same line as Philip Sanders who married Elizabeth Bean and Martha Susanna Hill. In between these is Samuel Hyde, m. Phyllis Dudley; John Sanders Sr., m. Ruth Phillips; Samuel Sanders, Sr., m. Eleanor Nelly; Philip Sanders, m.

Martha Susanna Hill. Samuel Hyde, b. 1690, John, b. abt 1715; Samuel Sr., 1741-1745. I would appreciate any info about these and also any about John Sanders of Onslow Co. I will share with anyone who would like to exchange.

From Mildred S. Laney, 1720 Circle Drive, Oxford, AL 36203-3210, <msl1875@cableone.net>. Sanders is my solid and substantial "brick wall" which I have not been able to break through for the past 56 years. My g-g-grandparents were William Riley Sanders and Jane B. Owen. William Riley gave his birthplace as Tennessee in 1799. I surmised he came to Jefferson Co. Ala. where he married Jane in 1825. She came with her Owen family from South Carolina. He could have joined with the Owen family as they passed through Tennessee. They went on to that portion of the Mississippi territory which became Pike Co., Ala., living there for approximately 5-7 years, then moving on to Randolph County where they lived until after the War between the States when they moved to Cobb Co., Ga. where they lived until their death in the 1880s. I have a substantial amount of information on Jane's family and am desperately seeking information on William Riley's ancestors and siblings. I have much information on Mary M. Sanders, their daughter and my great grandmother, from their marriage until the present time.

Linda La Hue, 710 W. Jackson St., Knoxville, IA 50138, <kinseeker@iowatelecom.net> seeks information on a John R. Sanders who married Pheriba Pate in North Carolina.

Virginia Hale, P. O. Box 146, New Castle, AL 35119, <Haleginny123@aol.com>. Elias Sanders born about 1775 N. C. died about 1865 Hart Co., Ga. married about 1796 Ga. to Mary Carter, who was born S.C. or N.C. died about 1860 in Hart Co., Ga. I need Elias's parents. Elias Sanders and Mary Carter Sanders' children are Eliza Jr., Mary, Thomas P. "Kit," Calvin P., Lewis Manley, Rachel, Samuel B., Johnathan Prerston, and Patience. I have an application to the Guion Miller Roll filed by Elias Sanders' grandson Lewis Manley Jr. saying that Elias was Cherokee Indian. Does anyone have any further information on him?

June R. Poole, 5229 Eden Roc Dr., Marrero, LA 70072, <JuneRP56@aol.com> is searching for info about John Sanders married to Claricy Rutland in Orangeburgh Dist., S.C. This was in the late 1700s. Their son, Blancett Sanders married to Sarah Hughes, migrated to Washington Parish, La. by at least 1811. Any info would be appreciated.

Marian Sanders, 585 Heather Ave., Alden, IA 50006, <msanders@mycns.net> is still looking for Sanders ancestors in Morris Co., N.J. She has not been able to make a connection, looking for Joseph and Jerusha (Pennington) Sanders. Their son, Darius, married Mary Lochman, probably in Somerset Co., N.J., in the late 1700s. If anyone has information about this family, please contact her.

Cloyde E. Saunders, 4340 Wimbleton Court, Apt. D, South Bend, IN 46637-4055, <cesmbs@aol.com> is seeking info on George E. Saunders, b. Feb. 10, 1849 Athens County, Ohio. Parents were Dr. Charles B. Saunders and Margaret Martin. Grandparents - Benjamin Saunders and Mary Ryan.

Marsha Hamilton, 190 Hamilton Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718, <mshamilton@kih.net> is interested in finding out more about one of her Sanders lines—George and Ann Sanders and their three children, William (b. 1710-1720, Lunenburg Parish, Richmond County, Va., d. 1 Dec 1796), George, and Judith (m. Ambrose). Marsha is also descended from Henry Sanders, b. abt 1756 in Loudoun Co., Va. to Green Co. (later Taylor Co., Ky.) and Ruth Walker. She descends through their son Henry and live near the Henry Sanders, Sr. and Jr. plantation—on the National Historic Register. She has much more information to share on these two lines.

Georgia Cooper, 250 E. Alameda Street, Apt. 111, Sante Fe, NM 87501-2143, <gcooper30@earthlink.net>. After 3 years of no genealogy, I am back in it! Still researching: Aaron Sanders (b. abt 1716, Downton, W. England); son - Moses (b. 1742); Moses son - John S. (born 2 Mar 1787, North Carolina).

Michelle Slabaugh, 79 CR 395, Wynne, AR 72396, <michelleslab@cablelynx.com> is looking for information on the Sanders family from Tipton County, Tennessee. Robert K Sanders married Mary Field Marcum on 24 Dec 1882 in Tipton Co, Tenn. Their son, Robert Calvin Sanders married Alfy Bell around 1907, maybe in Kerrville, Tenn. Their five children were:

Isaac Thomas "Tommy" Sanders, b. 1909
Lex Mae Sanders, b. 1910

Ruby Hartrud Sanders, b. 21 Feb 1914, d. Feb 11, 1998

James R Sanders, b. 14 Feb 1917, d. 12 Dec 1975

Vera Sanders, b. 1919

Isaac Thomas Sanders married Thelma Ruth Jackson on Dec 22, 1928 in Memphis, Shelby Co., Tenn. They had a daughter, Ruth Marie, born 14 Apr 1933 who was put up for adoption in 1938 when her parents separated and probably divorced. From court records and what little Marie remembered it appears Tom and Thelma were both alcoholics. Marie was adopted by James Edmond and Avis (Rose) Fitzgerald of Parkin, Arkansas. There was another child, Isaac Thomas Jr, born in 1936 who only lived two days. Have no information on Marie's mother, Thelma Jackson, other than she was born in Hot Springs, Arkansas around 1914.

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

Simpson Sanders Maimed In Wagon Wheel Accident

The following was posted by Bobbie Parker, 2 Bahan Street, Taylors, SC 29687, <bjharker@charter.net>. This was from the *Carolina Spartan*, Spartanburg, S.C. of July 19, 1882. It is from Bobbie's Sanders research and she would appreciate further information on this person:

"Simpson Sanders, some 65 years old, living near Cowpens had his foot and ankle crushed between a wagon wheel and a stump last week. The leg was amputated above the ankle. This is a great affliction on him and his family." ■

Can You Connect To Samuel Joseph Sanders?

Can you connect to these ancestors of John and Virginia S. Keyes, 105 Flint Rock Ct., Folsom, CA 95630, <VaKeyes@aol.com>?

1. Samuel Joseph Sanders/Saunders
b: 1690 in Scotland, d: 1765 in English Colonies of America

2. Samuel Sanders, II, b: 1734 in North Carolina, d: 1803 in Green Co., Kentucky

+Anna Gordon-Sanders, b: 1745 in S.C., d: 1826 in Green Co., Kentucky, married: 1760 in Va.

3. Edward Sanders, b: 1764 in Va., d: abt. 1792

3. Mary Sanders-Wilson, b: 1766 in Virginia

+Samuel Wilson, b: abt. 1767 married: 15 Jul 1788 in Green Co., Kentucky

3. Joseph Saunders, Sr., Reverend, b: 1767 in Va., d: 1825 in Edmonson Co., Kentucky

+Mary (Polly) Woollard-Goodman-Saunders, b: abt. 1768, married: 26 May 1791 in Barren Co., Kentucky

3. Elizabeth Sanders-Willett, b: 1769 in Va., d: 25 Mar 1815 in Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky

+George E. Willett, b: 17 Apr 1756 in Prince Georges Co., Maryland, d: 6 Jul 1811 in Bardstown, Nelson Co., Ky., married: abt. 1785

3. Samuel (Sammie) Sanders, III, b: 8 Dec 1770 in Va., d: 1866 in Edmonson Co., Kentucky

+Nancy Wilton-Saunders, b: 1776 in Va., d: bet. 1850 - 1860, married: 3 Mar 1793 in Green Co., Kentucky

3. Joshua Sanders, b: 1775 in Va., d: in Arkansas

+Margaret Haycraft-Sanders, b: abt. 1775, married: 9 Jul 1805 in Green Co., Kentucky

3. John Swadden Sanders, b: 1777 in Clinch River, Va., d: 29 Jul 1856 in Dog Creek, Edmonson Co., Ky.

+Martha (Patty) Daugherty-Saunders, b: 1734 in Pa., married: 9 Jun 1801 in Green Co., Ky.

3. Nancy Anna Sanders-Lancaster, b: 1784 in Kentucky

+William Lancaster b: abt. 1773, married: 17 Sep, 1803 in Green Co., Kentucky ■

About This Issue

I still need good leads to Sanders or Saunders people that would make a good story. Send me the story or a lead for a story. There were a couple of large articles left over after preparing this issue.

All queries received to date have been used. Again, I was short of queries, especially queries from subscribers. Please update your research, state your queries differently, or send me a repeat. Don't give up. Maybe some new eyes will come across your family material. Do you want a query repeated? Send me the issue and page number. *I need more queries from subscribers!*

I still need more stories of various lengths, biographies from county histories, wills, 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.

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 <dschaeffe@cox-internet.com>. I no longer have an AOL address. 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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Gary Sanders Has Three Queries For Different Sanders in Montgomery County, Arkansas

Gary Sanders, P. O. Box 309236, UNT Station, Denton, TX 76203-9236, <gary_bsanders@hotmail.com>, would like to exchange information with anyone who has material about the following three Sanders families who lived in Arkansas in the 1850s and may or may not be related to his great grandfather, Isaac Sanders (1818, North Carolina—after 1880, Prentiss Co., Miss.) who lived in Montgomery Co., Ark. from about 1851 until after the Civil War:

1. William Sanders, born about 1789 in North Carolina. He appears on the 1850 Jackson Co., Ala. census (at least, I think it's the same person) and the 1860 Montgomery Co., Ark. census. He married Martha T. A son of William may have served in the same Confederate unit as a son of Isaac in 1861 in Montgomery County. Another researcher has proposed that William is a son of the Daniel Sanders who appeared on the 1779 tax roll of Montgomery Co., N.C., a suggestion based mainly on the fact that both

William and Daniel were blacksmiths. The children of William were Joseph, Lucrecia, Hiram, John B., Ann B., and Martha L.

2. George W. Sanders, reportedly born 17 Dec 1812 in North Carolina, married Anna 1833 in Randolph Co., N.C., and appears on the 1850 Montgomery Co., Ark. census with children Mary E., Benjamin F., Isaac Brantley, Martha Ann, Sarah Jane, and Andrew J. George Sanders apparently owned land near the property of my great grandfather Isaac in Montgomery Co., Ark.

3. George's daughter, Sarah Jane Sanders married Greenville Sanders, 6 Aug 1865 in Montgomery Co., Ark. Greenville was the son of William Patrick Sanders, born about 1819 in North Carolina. William Patrick Sanders appears on the 1860 Pike Co., Ark. census, occupation blacksmith, with wife Elender (nee Southerland according to other researchers), and children Frederick, Greenville, Arminta, Elender, and William J. ■

An Account of a Sentence Given For Slave Murder

The following submitted by Gary Sanders, P. O. Box 309236, UNT Station, Denton, TX 76203-9236, <gary_bsanders@hotmail.com>, was probably taken from a contemporary newspaper. It provides an interesting perspective on Southern society before the war. It's from Fan Alexander Cochran, *A History of Old Tishomingo County, Mississippi Territory* (Oklahoma City, 1971: Barhart Letter Shop), p. 104-105. I have no idea who David Sanders was, but there is unlikely to be any who would wish to establish a genealogical link to a fellow like this.

A Slave is Killed

"On the 22 of April, 1850, a Negro girl slave named Matilda, the property of David Sanders, died under suspicious circumstances. E. S. McGlathery, justice of the peace, impaneled a jury of inquest and the testimony showed that both Sanders and his wife were in the habit of beating the slave, she being the only one owned by them. The bill of indictment charged that on the 14th of April both Sanders and his wife attacked the slave, throwing her violently to the ground, beat her unmercifully with clubs, fracturing her skull, and leaving her body a mass of bruises. [They] refused to furnish food and proper

medical attention, and from the result of the wounds, the girl died on the 21st of April. The jury of inquest returned a verdict certifying that the deceased came to her death at the hands of her owners. At a preliminary hearing before justices of the peace S. E. McGlathery and W. W. Marshall, sitting together, the defendants were bound over to the grand jury in the sum of \$800 each, and in default were remanded to the county jail. The grand jury at the September term of court for Tishomingo County returned a true bill charging the two defendants with murder and upon trial the jury returned a verdict of manslaughter in the second degree. The two defendants were sentenced to the penitentiary for four years, beginning with September 26, 1850." ■

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