

# SANDERS Siftings

an exchange of Sanders/Saunders family research

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## What Facts Can You Find From An Ancestor's Death?

Just finding the date and place of a person's death may not be the end of your search for the information that you really need. Sometimes it depends on the source of the date and place. Some sources may also have additional information.

A Social Security Death Index (SSDI) may also give a date of birth and the person's mother's maiden name.

Death certificates are considered an official statement of a person's death and can give cause of death, date and place, parents, and spouse.

Perhaps you got the death date from a relative or a gravestone. The cemetery may have graves nearby of other family members.

If newspapers were published in the area where your ancestor died and you know the date, look for a published obituary. An obituary may list parents, their origin, place and cause of person's death, siblings, spouse, and children. It may even tell where these survivors lived. The obit could tell where the person was buried and what funeral home was used.

Don't overlook the funeral home record. It may have family members, place and date of burial, and who paid for the services.

These facts may lead to church records, probate records, other court records, and a search for the siblings or children listed as survivors.

One thing leads to another. If you are lucky you may discover many little things along the way that are better than dates and places. ■

Don Schaefer, editor

## Early Montgomery County, N.C. Sanders Detailed In Research By Jim Sanders, Part 1

To continue what was published in the last issue of *Sanders Siftings* from Jim Sanders' booklet, *The Sanders Families of Montgomery County, North Carolina, 1757-1810*, I have below what is on pages 1-5. This is based primarily on land and tax records that Jim has researched. Copies of many of the land records are included in the booklet.

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### Barnes Creek Sanders 1770-1810

An extensive review of all known warrants, deeds and patents recorded for Montgomery County, NC, gives us a pretty accurate view of the land holdings of the Sanders families who lived on or near Barnes Creek between 1770 and 1810. Barnes Creek is east of the Pee Dee River, south of the Randolph County line and in the Uwharrie watershed. The Barnes Creek is not a single watercourse, but a creek with numerous branches. Only a few of which are named. The Reedy Branch, Abners' Fork (or Creek) and the Dark Fork are three that are mentioned in Sanders' land grants that have not been located. Barnes Creek flows into the Uwharrie about 4 miles above its conflux with the Pee Dee. It originates in the mountains and hills of northern Montgomery and southern Randolph Counties. It flows, generally, southerly and westerly into the Uwharrie. The Uwharrie River joins the Yadkin, west of Troy, North Carolina. From this point south the Yadkin is called the Pee Dee. Duncombs Creek flows southerly between the Barnes Creek and the Uwharrie. It actually joins the Uwharrie about 1.5 miles north west of the Barnes Creek. Sanders families, other than the Barnes Creek branch, who lived in Montgomery County, are recognized in this work but not researched with the vigor of the Barnes Creek families. The names of other families are included for reference and a

connection has not been made to the Barnes Creek families.

Many documents have been located and over 2500 individual recordings have been reviewed. Even with this pointed research we cannot make accurate assessments of the actual relationships of the many Sanders we have found. It will require further study from many other sources.

Among these sources, but not limited to them, are bible records, court records, original family correspondence and family tradition. When all available information is processed one may make more reasonable assumptions to the relationships. DNA testing has supported some of our findings. We would encourage all Sanders family members, interested in their lineage, to be tested. We may never know the true relationships of our Sanders forbearers but we will continue to search. "SIEMPER FRATRES."

Thanks to Gary Sanders of Denton, Texas and Eldon Hurst of Salt Lake City, for their valuable research and willingness to share.

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As stated before many land documents have been reviewed showing a Sanders family member as a Grantee or Grantor or they may be referenced in the body of the document. They may be chain carriers or their property mentioned as a boundary point, but their names are there. Most frequently and as was commonly done, neighbors and adjacent property owners assisted with surveys as chain carriers. This assistance was not only neighborly, it was necessary, if one was to ensure the surveyor accomplished his duty correctly. We have tried to assimilate this info into a concise form. But we will acknowledge that sometimes it is not easy to follow the direction these documents have taken us. We continue to review all

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## Jerry Sanders Has Follow Up On Sanders DNA Story In Last Issue of Sanders Siftings

Jerry Sanders, 9602 Stillforest, San Antonio, TX 78250, <jerrysand1968@sbcglobal.net>, OR; Janet Trnum, 321 Gregory Lane, Grand Prairie, TX 75052, <jtranum3@comcast.net>, in response to the article, "Could DNA Be The Answer To Some Of Your Puzzles?" in the last *Sanders Siftings*.

I participated in the Sanders DNA testing and got some surprising results. In our research, we really figured I would match with Justin M. Sanders and Gary Sanders; however, that proved to be incorrect. I did match with Michael John Sanders, whose earliest known Sanders was Joseph Sanders, Sr., born about 1755. Joseph Sanders had a son named George Sanders, born 1785 in Randolph County, N.C. I also matched Alton Sanders, brother to R. S. Sanders, who wrote the book *Ancestors and Descendants of Henry Simeon Saunders*. Alton and R.S.'s earliest Saunders/Sanders was William Saunders, born about 1740, died 1790. William Saunders lived in Johnston County, N.C. and had a son named George W. Saunders, born 1767. I will explain the comment on George Sanders/Saunders later. In addition to the aforementioned Sanders' DNA tests, Charles Henry Sanders of Jones County, Miss. also took the test. Charles is a gg grandson of Robert M. Sanders (born abt. 1800). Charles took the test to ensure that we were on the right track. We got a match with him also.

My earliest family member so far is my ggg-grandfather Robert M. Sanders (mentioned above), born about 1800, probably in N.C. According to different census data, one son said he was born in N.C. and another said he was born in S.C. Robert married Sarah Ann Phillips 12 Dec 1826 in Morgan County, Ga. His children were:

1. James A. Sanders (my gg-grandfather), born 28 Mar 1828 in Morgan County, Ga., died 13 July 1863 in Vicksburg, Miss. He married Sarah Caroline Nesom about 1851 in Jasper County, Miss.

2. Joseph B. Sanders, born 1830, Morgan County, Ga., died 1866-1869 in Miss. He married Elizabeth B. Haygood/Haigood 10 July 1852 in Greene County, Alabama.

3. John Thomas Sanders, born 1834 in

Morgan County, Ga., died 23 Sep 1879 in Jones County, Miss. He married Mary Ann Cooper 1 July 1851 in Jasper County, Miss.

4. Jane K. Sanders, born 1836 in Tallapoosa County, Ala. She married Marion K. Duffy about 1854 in Jasper County, Miss.

5. Jesse R. Sanders, born 1839 in Tallapoosa County, Ala., died between 1865-1869.

6. Jefferson Harris Sanders, born Jun 1846 in Tallapoosa County, Ala., died 28 Sep 1923 in Canton, Van Zandt County, Texas. He married Sarah Jane Jones 24 Dec 1866 in Newton County, Miss.

As you can see, Robert and Sarah Sanders moved to Tallapoosa County, Alabama between 1834 and 1836. On 1 May 1839, Robert, along with William Sanders, James Sanders, and Zachariah Sanders, all bought land in Tallapoosa County, Ala. We don't know how, but we think these Sanders men are all related. We do know that James was the father of William and was either the father or uncle of Robert. Robert is in the 1840 census in Tallapoosa County under the name of R. M. Sanders. In 1850, Robert's wife Sarah and all the children turned up in Newton County, Miss. We haven't been able to determine whether Robert died, or if he and Sarah divorced. We at one time believed that Robert divorced Sarah and married Mary Haney in Tishomingo County, Miss., and they moved to Arkansas, but DNA test results prove we are not kin to the Robert that married Mary Haney. With all of this information we are still unable to prove how we are related to Michael John Sanders, R.S. and Alton Sanders. The only thing we have for sure is the DNA match with them.

In 1820, Robert probably lived in Morgan County, Ga. George W. Saunders, son of William Saunders, was also living in Morgan County in 1820. George died there in 1826, the same year Robert married Sarah Phillips. We think that George W. Saunders may possibly be Robert's father; however, when George died, there was no mention of Robert when his estate was divided. It is possible that Robert was his son by a previous marriage. In any case, we sure do need some help in putting all this together. If you have a connection to any of these Sanders please contact us. ■

## Montgomery Co. Sanders

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available research material and will make adjustments as needed.

The earliest records of Montgomery County are found as land entries. When the county was formed from Anson County in 1779, property owners were instructed to "enter their holdings" at the county office. These "land entries" were not only used as documentation for all property owners it was also used as a basis for taxation. Within these lists we find numerous citations of our Sanders family. Prior to the formation of Montgomery County, land warrants or patents were issued through the Provincial Government and recorded in Anson County. Fortunately the legal descriptions contained in these documents are tied into streams or rivers. It is from these records and their descriptions that we are able to determine the approximate location of our family holdings. By date of acquisition and proximity to each other we can make assumptions as to relationships. In doing this one must consider the work of others. The lines of communication between researchers are open and will continue to be so.

### FIRST GENERATION

The first of our family's holdings on Barnes Creek were issued to Moses Sanders, Aaron Sanders and George Sanders beginning in 1771. We will call them the first generation. Moses and Aaron are brothers and we believe that George is also a brother, although the evidence is scant. We have not found documentation that provides proof of this but the dates and proximity of the grants leads us to this conclusion. It is also possible that he may be a cousin. There may be other first generation Sanders and we believe Francis, Daniel and Isaac are the others. They are all certainly related and we suspect they may be brothers.

### Francis Sanders 1777

Moses Martin Sanders, a grandson of The Reverend Moses Sanders, while completing his Vicarious Ordinance Work, at the Temple in St. George, Utah, in 1778, noted that Moses had a brother, Francis (Reference Eldon Hurst). Jos. Thompson Jr. referenced in March 1778 in a Land Entry in Anson County, a "F. Saunders." The property was on the "middle fork of Lick Creek, the waters of Jones Creek." Another transcribed entry

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was viewed on the internet that referenced a John Sanders in 1778 on the Lick Fork of Jones Creek. We do not know if the "F." Saunders mentioned in Thompson's warrant was Francis or if a previous researcher mistook the "F" for a "J" as in John Sanders or vice versa.

This property is about 20 miles south of the Barnes Creek area. Mathew Bailey was also mentioned as a neighbor of Jos. Thompson. We know that Aaron Sanders wife was a Bailey (reference Gary Sanders). We think it appropriate that this entry is mentioned. We believe that our Francis is mentioned several times in the records of Rowan and Wilkes Counties. In 1777 Francis Sanders is noted in the court records of Rowan as one who had not taken the "Oath of Allegiance." This "Oath" was a pledge required of all men in our fledgling country. If one did not "take the Oath" he may be considered a "Tory." We do not know if Francis ever took the Oath.

We are reasonably certain that our first generation Francis received a land grant in 1778 for 100 acres on the Bear Branch of Hunting Creek in Wilkes, N.C. A Francis also received a warrant for 150 acres on Cabin Creek in then Rowan County, now Davidson County. This latter location is about 10 miles northwest of the Barnes Creek area of Sanders families. We know that Francis is on the Wilkes County tax list of 1782, 1787 and 1790. In March 1792, he sold his property on the Bear Branch for 40 lbs. to Benjamin Crabtree. The Montgomery and Rowan County citations of Francis are entered here as reference material for further research. Other possibilities may exist. Francis was a first generation Sanders.

#### **Isaac Sanders 1782**

Our search of the records of Montgomery County through 1810 reveals only one mention of Isaac. He is on the tax list of 1782 showing him owning 200 acres, with one cow and a horse. Without viewing this grant we cannot determine the proximity of Isaac to the Barnes Creek Sanders. Isaac is listed in the Hillsboro District of Randolph County in 1800. Thomas Bailey Saunders of Texas wrote in a letter in about 1890 in which he referred to three brothers in Montgomery County, N.C., "William Aaron," "Isaac," and "another brother, named Moses who was a Baptist preacher." Isaac is

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probably this brother and would bring the number of Sanders brothers to five. An Isaac Sanders is indexed in Franklin County, Ga. along with Moses and Francis in 1803. He had no property there but paid a poll tax. He was not listed subsequently in Ga. If we are to assume that T.B. Sanders 1890 letter is factual, and we do, Isaac is a first generation Sanders

#### **Daniel Sanders 1778**

One Sanders that has been elusive and may be related to the first generation is Daniel. On 6 March 1779 Edward Young entered Warrant #289 for 150 acres of land. The land was described as lying on both sides of Barnes Creek. Included in the warrant for this land is the statement that the improvement of Daniel Sanders was to be included. This of course, would indicate that Daniel Sanders had once 1) either owed the land or 2) "squatted" and built a cabin or other improvement on it prior to 1779. Edward Young, in Entry #290, March 6, 1779 also referenced Moses Sanders as an adjoining property owner. This property was also on Barnes Creek. This would indicate that Moses and Daniel were close neighbors.

A Daniel Sanders is listed on the 1759 and 1755 Rowan County tax list but no other record has been found of him. This Daniel, if he were the same Daniel as the Barnes Creek Daniel, would be older than the first generation brothers. He could have been a progenitor of the Sanders family of Barnes Creek. OR, a Daniel Sanders is shown on the LDS website as being married in 1778 to Jane Lyons in Montgomery County, N.C. They had 2 sons, Peter who married Marchial Tarbutton, and William Archie. Peter and Silas Sanders are noted, in the ordinance work of Moses Martin Sanders, as his second cousins. Silas was a son of Francis and we have assumed that Peter was also his son. However, if Peter were

the son of Daniel, as mentioned on the LDS website, it would seem possible that Daniel and Francis were brothers. The website states that Daniel Sanders died in Maury, Tenn. in 1809. Moses Martin Sanders with his family (David Sanders and Mary Allred) and Francis Sanders left Ga. in 1807 for Tenn. Records show that they were in Maury and Bedford Counties 1807-1830. (Reference Eldon Hurst). Daniel Sanders may be a first generation Sanders.

#### **Moses Sanders 1771**

Moses Sanders family has been well documented by Eldon Hurst. We'll summarize some of his work here. Moses wife was Mary Hamilton Sanders. They had 5 sons: Aaron (1769 Va.); Moses Jr. (1771 N.C.); David (1775 N.C.); Amos (1781 N.C.); John (1787 N.C.) and two daughters: Sarah 1773 (N.C.); Nancy (1778 N.C.). Moses was probably one of the more aggressive Sanders in accumulating property. As early as 1771, Moses had received several grants of land in Montgomery, then Anson County. The locations of these grants were noted as 640 acres, south west of the Pee Dee, on Old Mill Creek. Another was for 100 acres on the west side of the Uwharrie; Chain carriers were Arthur Adkins and William King. Another for 200 acres on Duncombs Creek and is cited as being adjacent to Nathaniel Steed (a chain carrier) and James Cotton (the surveyor). However, the most interesting grant, for our purposes here, is his 200-acre plantation granted in 1772. It was described as "NE of the Pee Dee on Abners' Creek."

In 1796, Joseph Carnes received a warrant and survey for 100 acres. The beginning point for the survey was a White Oak on Moses Sanders line. The warrant for the survey was based on a 1779 entry in the Montgomery County entry book of Benjamin Baird. Carnes was a neighbor of the Sanders family. This discovery has two benefits, 1) it is probably the home parcel of Moses as it would put him in close proximity to Aaron in 1779 and, 2) the chain carriers were noted as Luke Sanders and Walter Hamilton. The Hamilton family is closely intertwined with the Sanders family. Moses left Montgomery in 1782 for Wilkes County. He was taxed in 1782, 1784 and 1785 in Wilkes County. In 1785 he bought a piece of property from Obediah Baker on Hunting Brook. He is

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## Emmett Sanders Dies

Found in *The Floyd County Times*, Prestonsburg, Ky., July 29, 1932

### Garrett Miner Killed By Slate

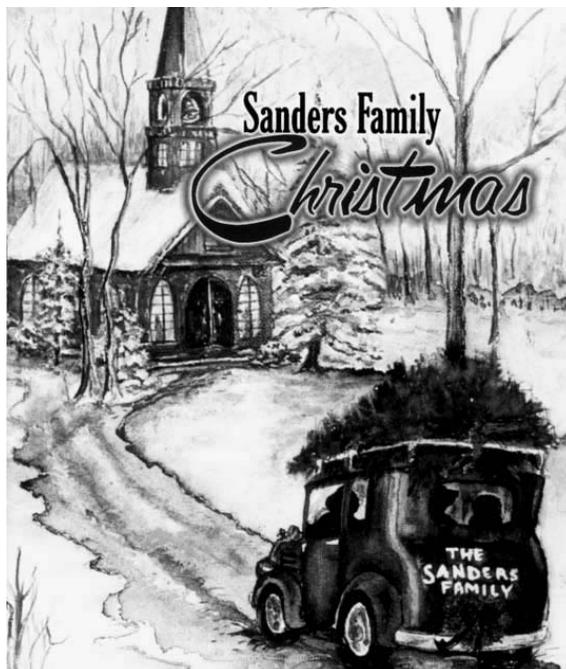
Emmett Sanders Dies Instantly, Neck Broken in Slatefall Tuesday. Emmett Sanders, 35 years old, miner, was instantly killed at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning by a slate fall inside the mines of the Elk Horn Coal Corporation at Garrett. His neck was broken by a heavy piece of slate dropping from the roof of the mine onto him.

The victim was a native of Tracy City, Tenn., where his body was shipped Tuesday afternoon by G.D. Ryan, Martin undertaker for burial. Mr. Sanders had been employed at Garrett for some time, and had also worked in the mines on Marrowbone, Pike county. Surviving him are his widow and four children ■

Lavonne Sanders Walker, 19603 13th Street, Shawnee, OK 74801, <lavonnew@flash.net>. Would like to exchange information with others whose Sanders came from Itawamba and Lee Counties in Mississippi. Also a Margaret Sanders, born 1803, married Nathaniel West and they moved to Carroll Co., Miss. ■

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referenced many times in the court records of Rowan and Iredell counties during the years 1786 through 1791. He was a justice of the peace, road overseer and constable. Moses seemed to have travel between Rowan and Montgomery Counties frequently. He still held several pieces of property in Montgomery and he most likely returned to settle family business in April of 1785 when he was noted as a chain carrier on a survey for Francis Jordon for property next to Joannah. His son, Aron, also appeared as a chain carrier in 1785 in the survey for Elias Butler for property adjacent to Luke and Joannah Sanders. Of course there is another explanation for Moses and Aron appearing, as chain carriers on these surveys and that is they could have been second generation Sanders,



### “SANDERS FAMILY CHRISTMAS”

Paul F. Sanders sent information about this musical that may be playing in a city near you.

On Christmas Eve, 1941, the Sanders family returns to Mount Pleasant Baptist Church for a down-home country Christmas you'll never forget. Spawned by the mega-hit musical, *Smoke On The Mountain*, the church-performin' clan has good reason to assemble before twin son Dennis goes off to war. The stage is set for a warm, heartfelt and hilarious evening of peace, joy and fantastic blue-grass Christmas music, featuring such favorites as “Joy to the World,” “Jingle Bells” and “We Wish You a Merry Christmas.” A great treat for the whole family this holiday season. ■

sons of Aaron or Isaac. We believe the former statement is the more feasible possibility.

Moses filed a lawsuit in 1789 in Rowan County Courts. Apparently George Kirk had Moses arrested for taking property from him. Kirk was a neighbor on Duncombs Creek. Court records of Rowan County displayed that Moses stated that he had been taken from his home, by Kirk and several armed men and ordered to sign a mortgage to Kirk for forty dollars. Moses admitted he signed the note but denied he owed any money to Kirk and Kirk now had possession of Moses' property (in 1789). A review of subsequent records does not show a disposition of this case. Moses inferred that Kirk had accused him of being in concert with the “Tories.” This bit of information and another family history legend that Aaron

## Who was the Michaels Who Married Margaret Elizabeth Sanders?

Minne Carender, 7097 N. Peacock Road, Williamsburg, IN 47393-9507, <minniecare@aol.com> is seeking information about Margaret Elizabeth Sanders. Does anyone know who the Michaels was she was supposed to have married? Was he killed in the Civil War? She married Franklin Worthen during the 1860s I think, so that may be why her name wasn't Sanders when she married Franklin Worthen. My cousins in Alabama said she was definitely a Sanders, so I don't know why the name was different unless she was married and her husband died. ■

Paul F. Sanders, 2680 169 Ave., Bellevue, WA 98008, <PaulFSande@aol.com> is looking for the maiden name of Lt. John Sa(u)nders' wife Ann. Born early 1600s, lived with John at Crescent Surf Beach, Wells (now Kennebunk), Province of Maine, moved to Cape Porpoise, Maine, 1663, died there Oct 1670. Children were Thomas, John, Sarah, Grace, Elizabeth, and Goodwin — per Esselyn Perkins, researcher for Wells-Ogunquit Historical Society. ■

was killed by “Tories” and also that Francis had not signed the “Oath of Allegiance,” gives a glimpse into what the “atmosphere” might have been like in Montgomery County during the war. This may lead one to believe that perhaps there may have been some perceived British sentiment in the Sanders family during the war for Independence. Moses may have owned at least one more property on Barnes Creek, as Edward Young referenced him as an adjacent property owner in his survey of 1782. We have not been able to locate this parcel. We now believe that Abners' Creek is a fork of Barnes Creek. This fork of Barnes is shown on the topo maps near Abner and Abners' Mountain.

Moses Sanders was a first generation Sanders.

This will be continued in the next issue of *Sanders Siftings*. ■

## Sanders, Bidy Families Move From Alabama to Arkansas, 1851

This article was compiled by Gary Sanders, P. O. Box 309236, UNT Station, Denton, TX 76203, <gary\_bsanders@hotmail.com>. Written March 3, 2005

Recently, Cathy Gallen, who has been researching the Bidy family, sent me information about the migration of the family of James Jones Bidy and his wife's Sanders family in 1851 from Marshall County, Alabama, to Hempstead and Montgomery counties in Arkansas. Her research indicated that the Sanders family involved in this pioneer movement was that of William Patrick Saunders who appears on the Pike County, Arkansas census of 1860. The information she provided and documents previously sent to me by Ralph Jackson and Don Schaefer appear to indicate that William Patrick Saunders was the brother of James Jones Bidy's wife and that the parents of these siblings were Francis and Rachel Sanders. Below I have summarized the evidence that leads me to this conclusion.

William Patrick Saunders married Ellender Southerland March 9, 1843 in Marshall County, and their family appears on the 1850 Marshall County, Alabama, census, living near Phoebe Sanders Lee and her husband Henry Lee. Phoebe is believed to be a daughter of Francis and Rachel Sanders. Enumerated two houses away from William Patrick is the family of James Jones Bidy. James Jones Bidy married Mary Jane Saunders December 1, 1838 in Marshall County. Their first child was named Rachel and their last child was named James Francis. At least one grandchild of this union was also named Francis. Francis Sanders, who was enumerated on the 1850 Dekalb County, Alabama, census, made an application in Marshall County in January 1851 for bounty land based on his service in the Seminole Indian War in Jackson County, Alabama, in 1838.

In 1851, probably in the spring or summer, the Bidy and Sanders families made the move to Arkansas. James Jones Bidy lived in Hempstead and Montgomery counties through the 1850s and 1860s and moved in 1873 to the Indian Territory, where he applied for Choctaw citizenship. He was rejected on two occasions but his son James Francis continued the effort until at least 1903. In the 1903 hearing, the surviving children were asked by the court about their childhood and ances-

try. Most of the questions were directed toward whether they had sufficient Choctaw ancestry to qualify as citizens, but the children did make several references to their Sanders relatives. Some of the testimony is contradictory and vague, but over fifty years had passed since the 1851 migration, and there is no reason to doubt any of the statements as they relate to the Sanders family. According to the testimony in 1903 of Sarah Ann Bidy Kinsey, who was born in 1841 or 1842, the Sanders relatives who moved were one of her mother's brothers and her Sanders grandparents. Based on subsequent events, these grandparents appear to be Francis and Rachel Sanders, and the brother appears to be William Patrick Saunders. It was the following exchange in the transcript that really convinced me that Sarah Ann was referring to Francis and Rachel:

Q. - How many people came with you? A. - One of my uncles on my mother's side, and my grandfather and my grandmother on my mother's side.

Francis was sixty-nine in 1851 and Rachel was seventy-one. It's doubtful they traveled to Arkansas alone, regardless of the year they came, and documentary evidence from Arkansas records of the 1850s appears to indicate that Sarah Ann was referring to Francis and Rachel.

Sarah Ann stated the Sanders and Biddys traveled in a wagon and a carriage. Her sister Elizabeth said they had five wagons and two buggies. There must have been at least twenty people in the group if all the children of each family are included with the parents and the two Sanders grandparents.

Isaac Sanders, who is usually regarded as a son of Francis, had been living in Tishomingo County, Mississippi, but moved to Arkansas in 1850 or 1851. This is known because he had a child

who was born in 1849 in Mississippi and one born in 1851 in Arkansas. In 1855 and 1857 he acquired land in Montgomery County, Arkansas. Since he appears to have moved to Arkansas in the same year as the Biddys and moved to the same area they did, it's possible his move was co-ordinated with theirs or that there was a plan to meet them along the way. One of the judges asked Sarah Ann if the group traveled through Corinth, Mississippi, which would have been the usual route to Memphis and on to Arkansas. If they did indeed travel that route, they were probably not very far from where Isaac Sanders lived.

After the move to Arkansas, probably in late 1851 or 1852, Mary Jane Sanders Bidy died and William Jones Bidy remarried in 1853 to Mary Polly Burnam, but the family seemed to split up, and at the time of the 1860 census, some members are living in Hempstead County and some are living in Montgomery County. The Bidy family and the William Patrick Sanders family appear to have been neighbors in Hempstead just as they were in Marshall County, Alabama.

Francis Sanders' bounty land warrant request that he had initiated in 1851 in Marshall County was executed in August 1855 in Hempstead County, Arkansas, and one of the witnesses was James J. Biddie. This is believed to be the same person as James Jones Bidy. The application states that Francis was a resident of Hempstead County at that time. Francis seems to have received the right to eighty acres in Pike County and then signed his rights to the land in October 1856 to Henry Merrill, an agent for the Arkansas Manufacturing Company. This is the last record we have of Francis Sanders. William Patrick acquired land in Hempstead County in 1856, but he also bought land in Pike County and was living there at the time of the 1860 census.

In 1860, James Jones Bidy is still living in Hempstead County with his son James Francis and, curiously, there is a woman living next door in a separate household whose marital relationship to James Jones is mysterious. She appears to be the Mary Burnam whom he married in 1853 and who still appears as his legal wife on a legal document issued in 1861. Only one of the Bidy children

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From Janice Richardson, 8319 NE 316th Street, La Center, WA 98629, <rchrdsnzoo@mstar2.net>. I have been looking for my g-g-grandfather Eason W. Sanders, born 5 Jun 1852 in Canada somewhere and died 13 Oct 1933 in Tryon, Okla. He married Louisa Rachel Church, born 7 May 1861 in Canada somewhere, died Nov 23 1909 in Golden, Colo. ■

## ASSORTED QUERIES . . .

Lloyd Sanders, 2608 W. Dengar, Midland, TX 79705, <landdsanders@cox.net>. I have just about "given up" on finding any more information on my great grandfather, Samuel Blake Sanders. Samuel was born 11 Mar 1822 at Petersburg, Lincoln Co., Tenn. He and his family moved to Arkansas at some later date. He fought in the Mexican American War. He married Malinda (Pearce, Pierce) in Lawrence Co., Ark. 12 Jul 1849. He received land for fighting in the War. Samuel died 28 Feb. 1901 in Sharp Co., Ark. He is buried in the Buchanan Cemetery. Would appreciate hearing from anyone who might have information on my Samuel. By the way, I have done the DNA, but have not found any matches as yet.

From Bettie Morrell, 627 Loving Way, Bowling Green, KY 42104, <ba6328@aol.com>. My Sanders, is a great big brick wall. I am looking for the parents of James Henry Sanders, born ca1816 in Ky. I do know his parents were born in Va., but that is all. He married Sally Pare, 3 Feb 1910, in Barren Co. Ky., possibly Glasgow. She was the daughter of Marcus Pare, born ca1798 in N.C., and Martha Frances Williams, born ca 1800 in Monroe Co., Ky. Their daughter, Martha Frances (Mattie), married Lewis Wesley Dowling. Hope that someone recognizes some of these names.

Carol Marney, 2950 C. R. 139, Bangs, TX 76823, <Jerrystoneacre@wmconnect.com> is seeking info on a George Sanders who married a Eva Mae Holder. She was born in 1900 in Texas. They had a daughter named Georgia Mae Sanders born in N.M. 12 Jun 1918. The story that was told was he went to town one day and never returned. they were living in the Sedan, N.M. area. We have one picture of him. Was told he gambled for a living, so he may have left because of debts from gambling. Anyway, feel he was probably about the same age as his wife. He left when their child was young. He is a dead end in my research would appreciate any help. He looks to have light colored hair and not be real tall in the picture. They may have married in Texas or Arkansas. He would be my husband's grandfather.

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.

Duane McKenzie, 421 N. Morning-side Ave., Litchfield, MN 55355-2335, <dmckenze@hutchtel.net>. I am looking for information on Thomas and Nancy Anna Spitler Sanders/Saunders who were married in Washington Co., Va. on 19 Sep 1792. Thomas Sanders/Saunders died in Scott Co., Va. on 3 Jul 1833, and Nancy Anna died there between 1856 to 1860. I would like to know about the family history of this Sanders/Saunders and Spitler family. My great great great grandparents were David Jesse and Ann Sanders/Saunders McKenzie who were married in Scott Co., Va. 21 Feb 1836.

From June Raimer Poole, 5229 Eden Roc Drive, Marrero, CA 70072, <JuneRP56@aol.com>. William Sanders, b. abt 1829 in La. or Miss., husband of Sarah Elaine Coward, b. abt 1830 (d/o Richard Addison Coward and Eleanor Henderson), died between 1862-1870. Both of them are buried in the Indian Village area near Kinder, La. I'm searching for Wm. Sanders' father, John Sanders, b. in 1790, m. to Mary. Any info about the lineage of these Sanders would be appreciated. There was a John Sanders in Barnwell Co., S.C. which is adjacent to Orangeburg Co., S.C. where Blancett Sanders migrated from about 1810 to Washington Parish, La. Could this John Sanders be a brother to Blancett Sanders?

From Ed Sanders, 10 Choctaw Drive, Searcy, AR 72143-5406, <edsanders@cableynx.com>. My great great uncle Thomas Jefferson Sanders emigrated from Jackson Co., Ala. to Calhoun Co., Ark. with his father, brothers, and nephews in 1871, where he married Missouri Bumgarner, who gave her name as Garner on the marriage license. Near the beginning of the 20th century they relocated to Pike Co., Ark. where Uncle Tom homesteaded land, preached in Primitive Baptist churches, and is said to have brought up a large family, died and been buried in Texas—possibly at DeKalb in Bowie Co. Can anyone confirm or deny any of this?

Freida Chambers, 5812 Atlanta Hwy., Flowery Branch, GA 30542, <fpchambers@juno.com>. I am searching for g-grandmother Emmeline Sanders, not much to work with. She married my g-grandfather, Harden Passmore Feb 1851 in Macon Co., N.C. On 1860 census Cherokee Co., N.C., she is reported as 22 years of age. Children: Marion, William T., James, Margaret, and an unnamed male two months of age who turned out to be Elijah, and another son George W., born 1864. Harden Passmore was in Civil War, not much record on that, apparently they died or disappeared before 1870 census. I would love to find out more on them

Joyce Parker, 929 Stephens-Salem Rd, Stephens, GA. 30667, <theparkers@direcway.com> I would like to know if anyone can tell me parents of James Sanders, b. 1733 Va., d. 1863 Ga. and possible brothers and sisters. I have seen his father as James, b. 1713, son of William, but cannot find any thing to verify that.

Mary Lu Sanders, 5203 Fieldbrook Drive, Greensboro, NC 27455-1119, <marylus@earthlink.net>. My husband's ancestor, Nahum Sanders (b. abt 1740, d. 1795 Stokes Co., N.C.) and his wife Susanna had a son Benjamin (abt 1788- aft 1860) who, with his wife Mary Naomi "Polly" Gibson moved to St. Clair Co., Ala. about 1832. They later moved to Lincoln Co., Tenn. where Benjamin died after 1860. He was a shoemaker. Their first few children were born in Stokes Co., N.C. and the others were

born in St. Clair Co., Ala. Their children were Arden [m. (1) Sarah "Sally" Caddle and (2) Anna Phillips Copeland]; Mary Jane [m. George Washington Jordan, Jr.]; Susannah Penina [m. James L. Jordan]; Nahum Green [m. (1) Phebe Jane Burchfield (2) Eunicy Elizabeth Burchfield]; William Lee [m. Susan Brown]; John Hill; James Monroe, Sr. [m. Mary Jane Popel]; Nancy L.; and Eugenia.

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Exchanges on the internet:

Posted by Jerry Sanders, 9602 Stillforest, San Antonio, TX 78250-3481, <jerrysand1968@sbcglobal.net>

I am looking for information on

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## Here's How to be Creative With Troublesome Kin

Lets say that your great-great uncle Remus Starr, a fellow lacking in character, was hanged for horse stealing and train robbery in Montana in 1889.

A cousin has supplied you with the only known photograph of Remus, showing him standing on the gallows. On the back of the picture are the words: Remus Starr: Horse thief, sent to Montana Territorial Prison, 1885. Escaped 1887, robbed the Montana Flyer six times. Caught by Pinkerton detectives, convicted and hanged, 1889.

Pretty grim situation, right? But let's revise things a bit. We simply crop the picture, scan in an enlargement and edit it with image processing software so that all that is seen is a head shot.

Next, we rewrite the text:

Remus Starr was a famous cowboy in the Montana Territory. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and intimate dealings with the Montana railroad. Beginning in 1885, he devoted several years of his life to service at a government facility, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad. In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the renown Pinkerton Detective Agency. In 1889, Uncle Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honor when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed.

Now we give Uncle Remus a distinguished place inside the family tree, not hanging from it.

From the Internet. ■

Lewis S. Sanders, b. Feb 1837 in Alabama. His wife was Sarah F, b. Oct 1839 in Georgia. They had two children in 1900, Alaph... Sander, b. 1873 in Texas, and Grace Z. Sanders, b. Jun 1881 in Texas. The family was living in Van Zandt Co., Texas in 1900. Would appreciate any help.

Reply by Justin Sanders, 1111 Lucerne Drive, Mobile, AL 36608-4116, <jsanders@jaguar1.usouthal.edu>

That is Levi L. Sanders, my great-great-grandfather, born in Jackson Co., Ala., son of Benjamin Jr., born in Randolph Co., N.C. The wife is his 2nd, Sarah Frances Smith—his first was Susan Collins. The elder daughter is Alafair (or Alaphair), daughter by first wife. The younger daughter Grace is by his second wife.

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Barbara Walls, 29823 Kickapoo, McCloud, OK 74851, <wallsbarbie@aol.com> is searching for info on two Sanders brothers. Elijah Sanders was born about 1800 in Tenn. He married Catherine Eaton. J. R. Sanders was born in Tenn., also. He married Phoebe Eaton. They migrated to northeast Ark.—Lawrence and Greene Counties. From there they moved to Navarro County, Texas, Fannin and Jack County, Texas. My g-grandfather John Sanders was born 1832 in Tenn. I would love to know where in Tenn. they were from and where and when they married. Any info appreciated.

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From Tim Mattingly, 3602 Columbus Ave., Anderson, IN 46013, <gtm.3@insightbb.com>. My line starts with Abedinago Sanders (abt 1776-May 7, 1835) born and raised in Guilford Co., N.C. area, married Amy Cook (abt 1789-Oct 1869) on Aug 11, 1802 in Wilkes Co., N.C. Abedinago's children were: Elizabeth (m. James Sisk), Mary Ann (m. Joel Adams), Wyatt (m. Susan \_\_\_\_), Jane/Janie (m. George Leaky), Aaron (m. Sarah Edmonson and Nancy Smullen), Matilda (m. Francis A. Gravatt), Sarah Caroline (m. Joseph Sisk), James (m. Phoebe Rector), William (m. Nellie \_\_\_\_), Margaret A. (m. Matthew Gray), John Merrell (m. \_\_\_\_Adams), Orinda (m. Charles Emerson), Abedinago Jr. (m. Harriet Shank). Around 1818 Abedinago and his family moved to Rockcastle Co., Ky. About 1825, he moved to Delaware Co., Ind. and some

## Ilene Jones is Looking For Father of Robert Sanders

From Ilene Jones, 9319 Admiral Lowell Place, NE., Albuquerque, NM 87111, <genealogy4@comcast.net>. I am seeking some documentation for the father of Robert Sanders b. 1735-1749 in Goochland Co., Va. and died about 1780 in Wilkes Co., N.C. during the Rev. War. Robert's wife was Ann Elmore. Robert's father may have been John Saunders b. abt 1710, with wife Sarah Cox. I have not found any documentation for this John and Sarah. If I can find that, then I may be able to trace the line back to John Sanders with wife Sarah Hargrave. Any information to prove Robert with John as the father would be greatly appreciated. ■

of his children went with him. I have a lot of info on this line of Sanders, but a lot of blanks. Any help?

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Jesse McCullar, 55 Northridge Road, Shawnee, OK 74804, <roho29@charter.net>. My query is Ephraim Sanders whom I've been chasing a long time he is my g-grandfather and I now believe that he was a son of Thomas F. of Jones Co., Ga. son of Thomas of Franklin Co., N.C. and Martha Sanders dau of Thomas Carrol Sanders of N.C. and Martha Cadenhead of Oglethorpe Co., Ga. Both lines go back to an Edward Saunders of Virginia. This in accordance with Rhonda Bailey Stanton's listing on Ancestry.com. Have been unable to contact her although my e-mail was apparently delivered to someone as it was not returned as "not deliverable." I found Ephraim in 1880 Texas census and Thomas F. via 1850 Georgia census and then connected to Rhonda's site.

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Regina M. Henderson, Post Office Box 93, Jasper, FL 32052, <rmh9@alltel.net> is searching for the parents or relations to Catherine Sanders Tintle, b. 6 Feb 1791, d. 23 Nov 1858 in Newark, Essex Co., N.J. and buried in Fairmont Cemetery in Newark. She m. 25 Apr 1807 to George Tintle. Children: Elizabeth, Charles, John Peter, George G., Valentine, Nicholas, Michael, Garret, Ellen, and Thomas. ■

## About This Issue

I still need good stories about Sanders or Saunders people. Send me a story or a lead for a story. Stories or articles from family histories, biographies from county histories, or obituaries (preferably older ones) would be great.

All queries on hand have been used. I even found a couple of queries that I missed last issue. I keep trusting that you, the readers, will keep sending me things. I especially need queries *I need more queries from subscribers!*

I need more stories of various lengths, wills, your genealogy odyssey, old letters, great research ideas, obituaries, etc. Keep sending in products of your research, but I need quite a few short items. Also, more good pictures are needed to support stories. Think about the kind of things you like to read here, and send similar stuff.

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## Do You Have Information On Joshua Sanders, Born About 1765 in Pennsylvania?

From Yvonne O. Bowers, 392 East Napa St., Sonoma, CA 95476-6755, <ybowers@comcast.net>. Still looking for information on my 6ggrandfather Joshua Sanders, born abt 1765 in Pennsylvania. He died before 1834. His wife was Margaret "Peggy," born abt 1771 in Pa., died 1857 in Crawford Co., Missouri.

Joshua and Peggy were found in the 1810 Mason Co., Ky. census records. He was age 45/up (1765 & back). Joshua Sanders was in Washington Co., Mo. as

early as 1815. During this time, Washington Co., created in 1813, was being permanently settled by lead and iron ore miners. A list showing names of those people who settled and eventually got "settlement rights" is shown in *Goodspeed's History*. The list of names is incomplete, so it isn't known if Joshua Sanders was a miner or simply looking for new land to settle on. The gravesites for Joshua and Peggy have not been found. In 1830 Census, Washington Co., Mo.

### Children

1. Mary "Polly," b. 26 Feb 1793 in Pa., d. 31 Mar 1873 in Crawford Co., Mo.; m. 1) Lovel Thompson, 2) Jeremiah Campbell
2. James, b. abt 1800 in Ky. d. 1882, m. Elizabeth Hudspeth
3. John, b. abt 1810, d. abt 1845, m. Nancy ?
4. male Sanders
5. male Sanders ■

## Sylvester Sanders, Illinois

Marian Sanders, 585 Heather Ave., Alden, IA 50006, <msanders@myncs.net>. I still have not had any luck at all in finding Leonard's ancestors in New Jersey. Looking for information on Sylvester H. Sanders (Saunders) who was born in Morris Co., Illinois 16 Dec 1812 to Darius Sanders and Polly Lochman. I think Darius was born about 1788, probably in Mendham, N.J. Sylvester married Eliza Ann Bryan 8 Oct 1836 and I would like information on any of these people. Darius father was Simeon Sanders/Saunders- father was Ephriam, whose father was Joseph and according to family information he married Jerusha Pennington. If any of these names fit your ancestry, please contact me. ■

## Robert Sanders Died In 1910

From the *San Bernardino (Calif.) Sun* of 28 Apr 1910:

ROBERT SANDERS, 77 years of age, and for 45 years a resident of California, died in a private ward of the County hospital Tuesday night. The remains are held by the J. D. McDonald company, pending the receipt of word from the deceased's brother, T. D. Sanders of Prescott, Arizona. He was a native of Kentucky. ■

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## Sanders, Bidy Families

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seems to have even a slight recollection of this marriage. It's possible the marriage was in name only and was related to an effort to acquire or retain land, but the circumstances surrounding it are extremely confusing. Bidy would later marry a fourth and last time, after the Civil War.

Two of Bidy's children, Lucy and Wilson, are enumerated in Montgomery County, Arkansas in 1860 near Aaron Sanders, the son of Isaac Sanders. Other of the children are scattered around the county, living with families whose relationship to the Sanders or the Biddys is not always clear.

The testimony of most of the children in the 1903 attempt by James Francis Bidy to acquire Choctaw citizenship is that James Bidy lived in Montgomery County, Arkansas during the Civil War and moved to the Indian Territory in 1873. Some of the Biddys served in the same unit of Montgomery County Confederate volunteers as the sons of Isaac Sanders. Isaac also moved from Montgomery County after the Civil War, but he went to Mississippi rather than to the Indian Territory. ■

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