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Do You Have A Family Reunion?

Summertime is a time to travel, family vacations, or family reunions. Some of you may even be going to libraries, court houses, or cemeteries.

Would you like to start a family reunion? Here are some tips for starting a family reunion.

- 1) If your family was used to frequent gatherings you are on your way. If not, the death of a family member serves as a catalyst for family members wanting to get together.
- 2) Ask family members who participate in other family reunions for tips.
- 3) Select a reunion place where the family is from. People are familiar with the area and usually family members live there.
- 4) List hotels and provide lunch. Or, find a state park with both a lodge and a campground. You want to make the reunion as easy as possible for family members.
- 5) Send two reunion mailers. List the family members who will attend in the second mailer.
- 6) Provide name tags. Family members change. Some family members are new.
- 7) Provide a sign-in sheet. This provides you with a second reunion mailing list.
- 8) Select a holiday weekend for the reunion. For the future, select a consistent meeting time, like Memorial Day Weekend every election year.

You may be the only person at the reunion interested in family history. Print out a large chart of your family tree and post it on a wall. Soon, you should have people offering information that is missing. Have them write it right on the chart. ■

Don Schaefer, editor

Frank Sanders' Murder Described In Newspaper Account— "Killing At Big Pine"

The following are newspaper accounts of the murder of Frank Sanders on Christmas day, 1908: *Inyo Independent*, Inyo County, California, December 25, 1908. This was submitted by Bettie Killgore, 208 Esmeralda Drive, Santa Cruz, CA 95060-1918, <bettiellen@aol.com>.

"Killing at Big Pine"

Just as we go to press it is learned that Frank Sanders was shot and killed by a man named Lovett. The killing was done with a rifle, three shots having been fired and all taking effect. It is reported that Lovett is now barricaded at his home and defies the officers. Sheriff Naylor and Deputy Sheriff McDonald left immediately for the scene of the killing as soon as word was received. Both deceased and Lovett are well known in the county, having lived here for a number of years.

Inyo Independent, January 1, 1909

"Killing of Frank Sanders"

The following is the testimony of Elias W. Sanders, brother of the deceased, and an eye witness to this tragedy, and Dr. C. E. Turner who made an autopsy of the remains. Several other witnesses testified at the inquest but no material facts other than these elicited were brought out.

DEPOSITION OF ELIAS W SANDERS

Q. Where were you on December 25, 1908?

A. I was in Big Pine at my residence.

Q. Did you know Frank Sanders?

A. I did.

Q. Is he alive or dead at this time?

A. He is dead.

Q. When did he die?

A. He died on December 25, 1908 at Big Pine.

Q. What was his name in full?

A. James Franklin Sanders.

Q. What was his age?

A. Forty three.

Q. What was his nativity?

A. He was born in Arkansas

Q. Was he married or single?

A. Single.

Q. What was the cause of his death, do you know?

A. He was shot.

Q. By whom, do you know?

A. Supposed to be Morris J. Lovett.

Q. State what occurred in so far as you know in connection with the death of the deceased?

A. I went down to my mother's after being there a few minutes my wife came down and said, "Lovett shot one of my chickens." My brother, B. H. Sanders, and I together with my wife went back up to my house and I proposed to go and get the chicken. My brother told me he'd go and get the chicken, for me not to go. I said, "You go get the chicken and I'll go to town and see if I can have him arrested." And my brother, B. H., went up and got the chicken, where it was lying near the corner of Mr. Lovett's house, carried the chicken at distance towards my house. When I stopped him and told him to leave the chicken as evidence. He left it. I went on down to town and went before Judge Uhlmeyer and applied for a warrant. Judge Uhlmeyer informed me that there was no law against shooting chickens if they were on anyone else's premises. My brothers Frank and B. H. and myself walked down the street by Mr. Lovett's house to where the chicken was lying. I suggested that we pick the chicken up and take it to the home. Either my brother Frank or I (don't remember just which) picked the chicken up and Frank said, "I'll throw it over in the yard and give it to him since he's killed it." Walked back with the chicken, turned fronting the door and started as if to throw the chicken in the yard. A shot was fired. Frank staggered back. I said,

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Robert Sanders Seems to be the Brick Wall Facing Jerry Sanders; DNA Testing is Helping

Jerry Sanders sent this in to identify the "brick wall" he faces with Robert Sanders. You may contact him at:

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I want to say first that my cousin Janet Tranum has done the lion's share of the Sanders' research and is much better versed in our history. While it was my idea to write it, this article is actually a collaboration between the two of us. Our ggg grandfather Robert Sanders was born about 1800, we think in North Carolina, possibly Chatham Co. After years of research we have been unable to determine who his father was. This article is an attempt to find other folks that may be researching this, or branches of, this family that can help us prove, or disprove, the theories set forth here.

What we do know for sure is that Robert was in Morgan Co., Georgia in 1826. He married Sarah Phillips there on 12 Dec 1826. Their first three children, James A. Sanders, b. 1828, Joseph B. Sanders, b. 1830, and John Thomas Sanders, b. 1834, were born in Morgan Co., Ga. In addition to Robert, we know that George Sanders/Saunders, b. 15 Feb 1769 in Chatham Co., N.C. lived in Morgan Co. and died there in 1826. Further, DNA testing shows that in 25 markers, George and I were one away, in one category, from being an exact match. Now, according to Justin Sanders, that means that George is my ancestor and we are related about 150-200 years ago. Janet and I speculate that Robert's father may have been a brother to George.

From what we can find, George had a brother named James. James was born in Chatham Co., N.C. He moved to Oglethorpe Co., Ga. and lived there for a while, but moved back to Chatham Co. where he lived until moving to Tallapoosa Co., Alabama. Here is where the story gets interesting.

Some time between 1834 and 1836, Robert moved to Tallapoosa Co., Ala. Robert's next child, Jane K. Sanders, was born in Tallapoosa Co. in 1836. In May 1839, four Sanders men bought land in Tallapoosa Co. on the same day. They were Robert, James, William, and Zach

Sanders. The James Sanders was a brother to George Sanders mentioned before. Based only on age, it is possible James could have been Robert's father. James Sanders died in Tallapoosa Co. and we are almost sure Robert did as well. Robert's last child, Jefferson Harris Sanders, was born in Tallapoosa Co. in June 1846. Sarah and the children turned up in Newton Co., Miss. in 1850 without Robert. Based on that, we think Robert died in Ala. We can find no evidence of Robert between 1846 and 1850 in Ala. or Miss.

We have researched the probate records and wills of Tallapoosa Co. and came up with nothing. If the records are complete it appears that neither James, nor Robert, had a will and we can find nothing in land records where their land was sold. We really thought those records would contain information that would link James and Robert together. We were disappointed again.

We believe that there is every possibility that James Sanders is Robert's father. All we have at this point is circumstantial evidence, so we really need to find a descendent of James' to take a DNA test; hence the reason for this article. If you are a descendent of James Sanders/Saunders, or George Sanders/ Saunders, we sure would appreciate it if you would contact us. I will personally pay for the DNA test if that is what it takes to get someone to participate. The fact that George, Robert, and James Sanders lived so close to each other for so long gives us reason to believe they are related; just how, we don't know at this point. If you can shed any light on this we would like to hear from you. ■

Wants to Go Further Back

Ed Sanders, 10 Choctaw Drive, Searcy, AR 72143-5906, <edsanders@cablelynx.com>. The research I have been able to do has taken me back to my great-great grandfather John Francis Sanders, who m. Cintha Harris in Guilford Co., N.C., on 3 Jul 1823. Since early N.C. law required that the couple be married in the county of the bride's residence, I know where she lived, but do have certain info on Francis. Currently, I believe he was descended from Francis and Rachel Sanders. ■

"Killing At Big Pine"

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"Are you hit?" He said, "Yes I am," and I started to go to him, and he retreated backwards some few feet. When the second shot fired he turned then almost facing the West and staggered some few feet and fell. I went to him, knelt over him and got his head in my hands, when a third shot fired. I raised up from where he lay, and went down in front of Lovett's gate- - then turned and went for the officer.

Q. You referred to James Franklin Sanders as Frank?

A. Yes sir.

Q. One and the same person?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Where was he standing, the deceased in reference to Lovett's house.

A. I would judge ten or fifteen feet from Lovett's gate.

Q. And how far from the house?

A. It must be some twenty feet from the house.

Q. Where was he at the time in the yard or in the street?

A. He was on the street.

Q. And he was in the act of throwing the chicken into the yard?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Where was the first shot fired from if you know?

A. From in the house.

Q. Through what part?

A. Through a screen door.

Q. Where was the second shot fired from?

A. From the house also, through the screen door.

Q. About how much time lapsed between first and second shot?

A. I would say almost in succession like a man shooting quail.

Q. Was it before or after second shot that deceased stated that he was shot?

A. Between the two shots.

Q. Prior to the shooting or during time of shooting were words exchanged between deceased and anyone in the house?

A. No.

Q. Did you see a weapon in the hand of the deceased at any time during the occurrence?

A. I did not.

Q. Did you find a weapon of any kind on or near the premises where he fell?

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- A. I did not.
 Q. Did you have a weapon with you?
 A. I did.
 Q. How did you carry it?
 A. Just under my pants.
 Q. Did you take it from where you carried it at any time?
 A. I did.
 Q. What particular time?
 A. When the third shot was fired.
 Q. Where and in what position were you at that time.
 A. I was over--crouched, like this.
 Q. That is, over the deceased?
 A. Yes.
 Q. How long after the second was the third shot fired?
 A. A space of time--I could not state--quite a little space.
 Q. Did you pay any attention to the first two shots?
 A. No. Only it seems as if they were muffled. The first two shots sounded the same.
 Q. Did the third shot strike any person.
 A. I don't think it did.
 Q. Do you know how long the deceased and M. J. Lovett were acquainted?
 A. Very short acquaintance.
 Q. How long?
 A. I don't think they were ever acquainted.
 Q. Do you know where there had been any trouble between them?
 A. If there has, I don't know it. I don't think there has.
 Q. Who besides yourself and the deceased was near there.
 A. My brother, B. H. Sanders.
 Q. This to which you testified occurred in Inyo County, California?
 A. Yes sir.
 Q. Were you present where deceased was searched?
 A. No sir.

DEPOSITION OF DR. C. E. TURNER

- Q. State whether or not you were called upon on Dec. 25, 1908, to examine the remains of a deceased person?
 A. About what time of day?
 Q. Coroner Robinson spoke to me about 11 a.m. requesting me to perform an autopsy on the remains of J. F. Sanders.

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

- A. Did you see J. F. Sanders or his remains about that time.
 A. I saw his remains previous to that but I had not been called to see them.
 Q. Was he alive or dead when you first saw him on December 25, 1908
 A. Dead
 Q. Did you make an examination of his remains on December 25?
 A. I simply felt his pulse, which I found absent.
 Q. That was on your first visit?
 A. First visit.
 Q. Did you or not later on the same day hold an autopsy of J. F. Sanders?
 A. I did--about 3 p.m.
 Q. From your examination of the body what in your opinion was the immediate cause of his death?
 A. Shock and hemorrhage due to numerous gun-shot wounds.
 Q. What wounds did you find on his person? Describe what you found in connection?

A. I found 109 gun-shot wounds, involving the right and left lungs, heart, arch of aorta, liver and large intestines. I state only fatal wounds--there are also wounds on right arm and neck.

Q. There were four wounds at the base of the heart. Any one of which would prove fatal. Four perforations on the arch of the aorta, any one of which would prove fatal. Six or seven perforations of the liver. Entire right lung destroyed. left lung punctured with 5 shots. Three perforations in the transverse colon. These Mr. Dehy I consider the fatal wounds, any one of which would prove fatal.

Q. What foreign substance if any did you find in connection with these wounds?

- A. Leaden pellets.
 Q. Did you preserve any?
 A. I preserved some, four of which I produce.

The following is the verdict of the Coroner's Jury.

State of California)
 County of Inyo)

In the matter of the Inquisition upon the Body of James Franklin Sanders, Deceased.

Before H. H. Robinson, Coroner.

We the undersigned, Jurors summoned to appear before H. H. Robinson, Coroner of the County of Inyo, at Big Pine, on the 26th day of December, A.D. 1908, to inquire into the cause of the death of James Franklin Sanders, having been sworn according to law, and having made such inquisition after inspecting the body, and hearing the testimony adduced, upon our oaths, each and all do say, that the deceased was named James Franklin Sanders, was a native of Arkansas, aged 43 years, that he came to his death on the 25th day of December, A.D. 1908, in this county, by gunshot wounds inflicted by one M. J. Lovett in the borough of Big Pine, Inyo County, California.

All of which we certify by this inquisition, in writing, by us signed, this 26th day of December, A.D. 1908.

Foreman: C. R. Watson,
 Wm. Utter,
 Roy R. Magers,
 P. J. Tate,
 G. W. Melone
 J. W. Carrick. ■

Needs Help With Simeon Saunders

Mary Jane Saunders Parsons, 2730 450th St., Webb, IA 51366, <maprsns@netins.net>. Have been searching for some time now, but have not yet found anything near to my family, until lately, when someone mentioned an Abner. I have found my family back to one Simeon Saunders who was the father of my g-g-g-grandfather Captain Nimrod Saunders, b. 19 May 1774 in Caroline Co., Va. and d. 8 Apr 1862 in W.Va., and his brother, Abner, b. 1771 in Caroline Co., Va. and d. 3 Apr 1838 in W.Va. I just can't seem to learn anything on "my" Simeon, as that seems to be a very popular name in those days. Have found that he possibly died in 1838, but don't know where and when he was born and even who he was married to. Would appreciate any help anyone could give this 75-year-old lady, before my time runs out. ■

Debunking Certain Myths About Laurence Saunders, the Martyr

The following article, complete with sources, was submitted by Paul A. Saunders, 1600 Leeland, Knoxville, TN 37919-2604, <snaps@858@aol.com>.

MANY MEMBERS OF THE SANDERS/ SAUNDERS FAMILY around the world have been led to believe that they are descendants of Laurence Saunders, a theologian who was burned at the stake at Coventry on 8 Feb 1555. Laurence was a Christian Martyr who had rejected the theology of Roman Catholicism and would not renounce his views nor give up his clerical office as required by Mary Tudor when she became Queen in 1553. It was primarily this which caused Laurence to be executed in the first place. We know that Laurence had married "in late summer 1548, ignoring the convention of clerical celibacy"¹, but did he leave any descendants? So far as is known, Laurence had but one son, Samuel, who was still a babe in arms while Laurence was in prison between Oct 1553 and Feb 1555.² Samuel and his mother were entrusted by Laurence to the care of a "Mistress Lucy Harrington" if he should be executed, as expected. She had been his close friend and patroness and in several extant letters he asked her to take his wife and child under her wing after he died.³ It now appears that she did just that.

There are three myths about this man which I would like to address, namely:

1) A Lawrence Sanders was born in Cambridge, England, 9 July 1510 according to several sources based upon records contained in a 16th Century Bible, now lost.^{a,b,c} The claim is made that he was the same man who was burned at the stake in 1555. His parents are given as John Sanders and Jane Lawrence.^{a,b} In a 1996 book, based on the work of Edith Whitley located in the city library of Franklin, Tenn., the claim is made that Lawrence was born on the same date, but at Harrington, Northants, and that his parents were instead Thomas Saunders and wife Margaret Cave.^c Birthplace and parents were apparently changed from the earlier works to agree with the known facts about Laurence Saunders, the Martyr.

The Martyr is known to have been the son of Thomas Saunders of Sibbertoft, Northamptonshire, by his wife Margaret Cave.⁴ He was born at Welford, Northants, in 1519 and the family moved to Sibbertoft by the mid-1520s.¹

As a boy, Laurence was sent to study at Eton and was graduated by 1538 when he was selected for King's College, Cambridge.⁵ By this time he must have been about nineteen years old as one of the rules of Eton required that "every scholar shall be dismissed the college on the completion of his eighteenth year, unless his name be on the indenture for King's, in which case he may stay until the age of nineteen."⁶ Thus, Lawrence Sanders (b.1510) cannot have been the Martyr.

2) A claim is made on the internet that the wife and son of the Martyr "fled to Holland where they were allowed to worship as they pleased." Two generations passed with no record kept until the recorded marriage of his great-grandson, Thomas (a silversmith of Amsterdam) to Cornelise Von Gorcum in 1640.^d This appears to be based upon a 1911 book edited by Cuyler Reynolds which claims much the same thing and adds that the family arms included three bulls' heads.^e Those were not the arms of the Martyr's family, however, which instead incorporated three elephants' heads.¹³

As recently as 1903 the author of a biography of Laurence does not seem to have known what became of Mrs. Saunders and Samuel after the execution, nor even his wife's name.⁷ However, in a 1943 history of Eton College it was revealed that her first name was Joanna.⁸ By 1938 another researcher had found that Joanna went to Frankfurt am Main (Germany) with Lucy Harrington and her husband Robert after Laurence's execution.⁹ The author surmises that Joanna acted as their maid in Germany, but this is unproven. However, Lucy died before 18 June 1556, as Robert Harrington was then married to "Joanna, 'honesta Joanna Harritioni', once wife to Laurence Saunders, but now true wife to Robert Harrington, citizen (Jung, p.51)."¹⁰ On the Frankfurt dwelling-list of 10 June 1557, Robert Harrington is shown with "wife, one child and a maid" in his household, but new research by Doreen Agutter of Coventry, England, has revealed that this child was an infant daughter.¹¹ Mrs. Agutter said, "The Frankfurt exiles all returned speedily home on the accession of Elizabeth [1558]. Robert, who had trained for the Ministry received a living at Hornsey in

Middlesex in 1560, which he retained until his death 50 years later." By 1599 Joanna must have died because Robert Harrington was married to Julianna Mellowe (as his 3rd wife) that year at Islington.¹² No further information on his stepson Samuel has been found. He might have died before Joanna went into exile, as infant death was very common then, or he might have been left with relatives in England. He does not appear again in English or German records, at any rate. He and Joanna never went to Holland, so far as is known. So, the descent of Thomas Sanders, silversmith of Amsterdam, from the Martyr, is very doubtful.

3) He was said to be an "ancestor" of Tobias Saunders (ca.1625-1695) of Westerly, Rhode Island, and Tobias was said to have been a member of the King's Life Guard in old England before he emigrated.¹⁴ The King's Life Guard was established in 1639 by members of the Royalist gentry who were faithful to the monarchy, to protect the life of King Charles 1st who was then being threatened by an increasingly recalcitrant Parliament. This culminated in his defeat by the Parliamentary army led by Oliver Cromwell at Naseby, Northamptonshire, in 1645. Tobias had emigrated to America before August 1643, at which time he is found on a militia list of men between 16 and 60 years of age at Taunton, Mass.¹⁵ If he had been a member of the gentry and loyal to the King, why would he emigrate to a new land and begin life again as a laborer at the Iron Works in Saugus, Massachusetts, where he was a witness in court cases in 1649 and 1650?¹⁶ It just didn't make sense, so I began to look into the life of the Martyr to see if Tobias could have been his descendant who had left England for religious reasons.

Tobias became a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Newport, R.I., sometime after moving there about 1654,¹⁷ as he is on the membership roll of 1692.¹⁸ This shows that he was probably not a member of the established church of England, at least not after he emigrated. I have found no proof that he suffered persecution in England before he emigrated, however. Tobias was my immigrant ancestor and I have searched for a connection between him and the

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Lawrence Sanders, Cambridge/Holland

Parents: John Sanders & Jane Lawrence.^{a,b}
 Born: 9 July 1510. Youngest son.^{a,b,c}
 Birthplace: Cambridge^{a,b} or Oxfordshire.^e
 Died: unknown
 Wife: Elizabeth Kittwell, dau. of John Kittwell.^{a,b,c}
 Location: Plymouth, England^{a,b,c}
 Children: John, Richard, Mary, Elizabeth, George, Kitwell.^{a,b,c}
 Born: 1539 to 1548, at Dunstable^c or Dunstable Head.^{a,b}
 Source: Bible owned by Richard Saunders, 1777^c or 1888.^{a,b}
 Wife & son fled to Holland.^{d,e}
 Great grandson: Thomas m. Cornelise Von Gorcam.^{d,e}
 Marriage: 1640^d or Dec. 1639^e, New Amsterdam.^e
 Arms: Sable, a chevron ermine between 3 bulls' heads, cabossed Argent.^e
 Crest: a demi-bull erased, Gules.^e

Laurence Saunders, Coventry Martyr

Parents: Thomas Saunders & Margaret Cave.^{c,d,e}
 Born: 1519.¹ 2nd son.⁴
 Birthplace: Harrington^{c,d} or Welford¹, Northants.
 Died: 8 Feb 1555, Coventry.⁴
 Wife: Joanna _____.^{1,8,9} Married: 1548¹
 Location: Fotheringhay, Northants⁴
 One child: Samuel.^{3,7}
 Born: ca.1553, place unknown.
 Sources 1-13 below.
 Wife went into exile at Frankfurt am Main.^{1,9}
 Descendants unknown.
 Marriage dates unknown.
 Arms: Per chevron Sable and Argent, 3 elephants' heads erased counterchanged. Crest: An elephant's head erased Sable, eared Argent and tusked Or.¹³

Saunders family of Northants, or Laurence Saunders, for thirty years without success. There does not seem to have ever been a Tobias in the Northants family, so I think this family legend is also false.

Conclusion:

These three family stories have all been stated forcefully and without any qualifiers in several printed sources, but no proof can be found to verify any of them. I therefore conclude that it is unlikely that any of us can truthfully claim descent from Laurence Saunders, the Martyr. I invite anyone to produce proof to the contrary.

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Annie Freeman is Seeking Info About Christopher Sanders, S.C. and Alabama

Annie Freeman, 2306 Birch Drive, Tyler, TX 75701, <anniefreeman@cox.net> is seeking information on Christopher C. Sanders born May 1856 in S.C., possibly the Darlington area. Moved to Lowndes (now Crenshaw) County, Alabama before 1860. In 1900 census, he lived in Crenshaw Co, Ala. Wife's name was Sarah, b. July 1855 in Ala. Children were Lula M. (b. June 1880), Salina J. (b. June 1883), John W. (b. Dec 1885), Mary E. (b. Nov 1887), George P. (b. Mar 1889), Oren or Ira (b. Mar 1892), Bunion L. (b. Dec 1893), and Pearl Lee (b. Feb 1897). In 1910, Christopher Sanders lived in Houston Co., Ala. at Rocky Creek and in 1920 lived at Gordon in Houston Co. His son John W. lived at Mt. Ida in Crenshaw Co., Ala. in 1910; wife's name was Mattie M. and had children Jessie and Grady. Christopher was possibly nicknamed Dock, and was the son of Wiley G. and M.A.J. Sanders. ■

Nova Savage, 41/b Uxbridge Road, Howick, Auckland 1705, New Zealand, <nova.s@xtra.co.nz>. Does anyone have information on Violet Belle Saunders, born 1908 to Rosetta and Charles Obed Saunders, please? ■

ASSORTED QUERIES . . .

From Douglas Saunders, 6123 Estates Drive, Oakland, CA 94611, <douglasl.saunders@yahoo.com>. My father (Ward Bishop Saunders Jr) - who died last year - was the family geneologist. I have a ton of information on his mother's side of the family (Doan)- which traces back to two different families on the Mayflower (Chilton's and Fuller's) - but hardly any on the Saunders side. I was googling his name after his death and stumbled on a geneology online which traced a line back to the Mayflower, and before in England. The line ended (or is it "began"?) with my grandfather (Ward Bishop Saunders) from Gilroy, Calif., born 1892. Naturally I didn't bookmark that page and when I search for it now nothing vaguely like it comes up. Anyone know anything?

Earl H. Taylor, 2060 7th Street, LaVerne, CA 91750-4411, <eht2060@keyway.net> descends from Joshua Saunders/Sanders in Little Compton, R.I., (b. 1749) and Mary Taylor. Any connections?

Joy Durrett, 814 Grant Ave., Medford, OR 97501-3406, <jmdurrett@charter.net>. My Saunders line is Native American. Abner Saunders born between 1800 to 1810 married Mary "Polly" Gilbert (also Native American) born between 1810 and 1820. They married in Franklin County, Virginia on 28 Aug 1828. Their children are 1) William Harrison, b. 31 May 1831 in Virginia; 2) Jesse James, b. abt 1833 Virginia; 3) Abner John "AI" Saunders born abt 1838 probably in Missouri (Osage County); and 4) Mary A. Saunders born abt 1839 probably Missouri (Osage Co.).

William, Jesse and AI all married the Quick sisters; William married Elizabeth Ann Quick; Jesse married Sarah Ann and AI married Mary Jane Quick. We have been told that Abner and Polly Gilbert were both Cherokee and Polly may have walked the Cherokee Trail of Tears. The family went to Okla. and decided not to register for the Dawes. It is believed that Sarah Lucinda Sanders m. James Augustus Welch may have registered for the Dawes. Any one with

information on Abner Saunders and Mary "Polly" Gilbert, please contact me.

Judy Russell, 4145 Elmhurst Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46226, <rognjudy41@comcast.net>. I think I have climbed my brick wall regarding Obededom Sanders. Thanks to answers to my query and some further searching on my part, I found that the listing is sometimes Obededom and sometimes Obededone. In all places he was married to Maribah/Marribah Stone. I think confusion was caused because he was called Obed.

Although my Sanders/Saunders were born in the east, they migrated to the Indiana/Illinois area in the early 1800s. My gggrandfather, Belamine Lemine Sanders, was born in 1803 in New York; my ggrandfather, Ezra/Ezria Sanders was born in 1834 in Rising Sun, Indiana and died in 1916 in Illinois. I have found a lot of Sanders 'cousins' who claim Belamine but I have yet to find any who have Ezra/Ezria and either Nancy Emeline Perry or Caroline Shaw on their tree. Ezra and Nancy's daughter, Mary Jane, is my grandmother. The story goes that when Nancy died (about 1890), Ezra remarried to Caroline in 1893. My mom said that Caroline was 'mean' to grandma and her siblings and was always berating them. I know Mom was born in 1906 and she didn't like Caroline at all. As far as I know my Sanders side didn't do anything spectacular to write about. According to records sent to me, Obededom Sanders was in the Revolutionary War and I think Ezra was in the Civil War but for the most part they were just ordinary men doing what they needed to do. Again I want to thank all who corresponded with me. I got very useful information from everyone.

From Karlene Salyers, 336 Lexington St., Ballston Spa, NY 12020, <ksalyers@nycap.rr.com>. I'm looking for more

A continuation of the article on page 4 of the January 2006 issue was promised for this issue. This was to be about Sanders in Madison County, Tenn. Space did not allow. Look for this to be in the October issue. ■

information on William A. and Elvira E. Faust Sanders. Ellie had one son, Redford Malcolm Faust (misspelled Foust and Froust) when she married William A. Sanders. They had at least two daughters and one son together. I cannot find any mention of the son. His name was Brian or Bryant, and he was called "Bud." Ellie E. Faust, mother of Redford Malcolm Faust, may have been born in Guilford Co., N.C. In the 1900 census, she is living with her husband, William Sanders in Randolph Co., N.C. Ran-dolph Co. was formed from Guilford Co. in 1779, so Ellie E.'s parents might have been from Guilford Co. Somewhere, I have a note that someone told me Ellie was from Guilford Co.

Here's the info from the 1900 census:
Sanders, William-head-birth year unclear
Ellie E.-wife-birth year unclear
Edith E -daughter-1896
Lillian E.-daughter-1898
Froust, Rhett M.-step-son-1889

If anyone has any info on either Ellie Faust (Foust/Froust), William Sanders or their children, I would love to have it.

Kenneth Thompson, 9914 Ashmont Dr., St. Louis MO 63136-5448, <kth0mpsn@yahoo.com> is seeking info concerning a Saunders family that arrived from Ireland (Dublin?) through Castle Garden(?) 7 Dec 1859, on *Edinburgh* out of Liverpool (N.Y. Pass. List). Parents Simon Saunders (b. 1833 Ireland) and Maria Kochler (b. 1833 Ireland); father Prussian, mother French; daughters Clara (4) and Edith (3). Other children born in America: Ida, Laura, Hortense, Herbert & Lucille (twins). Family settled in Westchester County, N.Y., in East Chester in 1880, later in Mt. Vernon. My wife is a descendant of Edith. We're trying to find any information, especially from Ireland.

Marge Clements, 5843 First Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405-4019, <daclemen@copper.net>. I am descended from Thomas Saunders who was b. in 1804 in Caroline Co., Virginia. He was m. in Va. (but not in Caroline Co.) to Leah Hudson, b. 1801 in Tenn., who was probably a dau. of Abraham and Rachel Hudson. The first two or three children were b. in Va. Then they moved to Licking Co., Ohio

where several more were born. Abt 1850 they moved to Brandon Twp., Jackson Co., Iowa. Leah d. in Iowa. Then Thos. moved to Chautauqua Co., Kan. Several sons and his one dau moved to Kan.. One son moved to Neb. His son George Washington Saunders (my g- grandfather) stayed in Jackson and later Clinton Co., Iowa. I need proof of Thos. parents.

Norma DeVita, 24328 68th St. E., Buckley, WA 98321, <normagenalogy@comcast.net>. Need parents or other connections to Alfred Jackson Saunders, b. 16 Feb 1829 Hoversham Co., Ga., d. 27 Nov 1889, Monroe Co., Tenn.; m. Juda Margaret Crowder (b. 27 Jan 1836 Henderson, N.C., d. 15 Sep 1882 Monroe Co., Tenn). Children: George Lafayette, b. 19 Feb 1856, Tenn.; Joseph Atlas, b. 30 Apr 1857; Mary Safronia, b. 27 Dec 1858 Tenn.; Thomas Humes, b. 2 Dec 1860; Ann Russell, b. 8 May 1862; Josephine, b. 8 Apr 1865; Janette, b. 27 Mar 1870; Charlie Christopher, b. 10 Aug 1874. Children by 2nd wife, Missouri Elizabeth Mason (b. 13 Jul 1855, d. 9 Sep 1928): Hattie Randolph, b. 22 Nov 1885; Benjamin Franklin, b. 1 Sep 1889.

Cheryl Riddle, 7706 Huron Drive, Gainesville, VA 20155-2915, <charlescherylriddle@verizon.net>. My g-g-grandfather was Charles Saunders, b. 1849 in England. He married Jane Law, b. in Ohio abt 1882. They had three children: William, b. Aug 1883 in Ohio; Amanda Ruth, b. 27 Nov 1885 in Steubenville, Ohio and d. 7 Aug 1976 in Isabelle, Pa.; and Louise, b. Mar 1892. Charles was made a citizen on 2 Mar 1887 in Steubenville, Ohio. Amanda Ruth, (marriage certificate shows Amanda Saunders- tombstone shows Ruth A -- censuses have Amanda, Manda, Mandy) married Herbert Wellington Mortland 10 Jun 1902 in Marietta, Washington Co., Ohio. Herbert (Yo-Yo) was b. 26 Nov 1880 in Butler, Pa and d. 9 Jul 1947 in Pa. They had Audley, b. 1 Sep 1903 in Ohio, d. 19 Sep 1939 in Pa.; Lynford Roland Mortland, Sr (my grandfather), b. 4 Jul 1905 in Fly, Marrieta Co., Ohio, d. 6 Sep 1955 in Brownsville, Fayette Co., Pa.; Paul Revere, b. 13 Jul 1908 in Ohio, d. 1 Oct 1980; Kathleen Fae, b. 2 Aug 1908 in Ohio, d. 24 Apr 1925 in

Pa.; Alfred Wayne, b. 18 Sep 1915 in W.Va., d. 18 Jun 1983; and Richad Gale, b. 23 Sep 1918 in W.Va., d. 24 Apr 1999 in Geauga, Ohio. I have information on all their children's spouses and children, which I am willing to share. — Cheryl Murray Riddle, daughter of Shirley Mae Mortland (daughter of Lynford Roland Mortland.)

From Barbara Hairell, Route 2, Box 185, Clayton, OK 74536. I am seeking information on Charnel Sanders (1839-40), son of William Sanders. Other children of William are Stephen and Patrick. Stephen m. Pollie Burden and Patrich m. her sister, I believe. Charnel enlisted in the Confederate army during the Civil War in 1862 at Fort Washita, Oklahoma Indian Territory. He fought in the Battle of Honey Creek, was wounded and taken to the Allen Wright plantation at Boggy Depot to recover. He lost a leg from his wounds. Have little other information on him. Some say he came from Indiana or Illinois. He married Matilda Jane Matlock. Any information on Charnel or Matilda Jane would be appreciated.

From Lola Smith, 440 Sage Court, Soledad, CA 93960, <doxielady123@hotmail.com>. My grandmother was Pearl Sanders, b. 15 Aug 1900 to Clarinda Isabelle Pelts and John Moses Sanders. Clarinda and John had 10 children so the names are well documented in the family bibles. Many online references had this John Moses Sanders to be the same John Moses Sanders who was born in 1858 in Johnson Co., Ark. and died in Illinois in 1935. However, that can't be. My John Moses Sanders was born in Clarksville, Ark. in 1856 and died in Wetumka, Oklahoma in 1930. I have found two census listings that include them:

1880 — John M. and Clarinda Sanders are in Piney Township, Johnson Co., Ark. per the census. He is listed as age 22, a laborer, parents are born in Tenn. and Ark. Clarinda is listed as age 16, keeping house, parents from Indiana and Ark.

1920 — Clarinda is listed as head of household living in Hanna, Mackintosh Co., Oklahoma. (My dad was born in Hanna in 1920 and I think she was there to help my grandma.)

Marjorie Wolf is Seeking Info on Thomas Saunders, Descendant of Tobias

From Marjories Saunders Wolf, 508 N. Jones St., Eureka, IL 61530. I am researching my ancestor Thomas Saunders and wife Betsey Cross. He is descended from Tobias Saunders, 2nd, Stephen Saunders, and immigrant ancestor Tobias Saunders. I have documentation by land deed that Thomas Saunders purchased land in Potter Township, (Ontario) now Yates County, N.Y., in 1804. He was from Rhode Island, born there 22 Feb 1764, in Charlestown. Christopher Saunders, son of Thomas, is my ancestor born 1 May 1799. I need proof of where he was born. He married Aurilla Putney 19 Dec 1823, no record located, but probably Yates, County, N.Y. Christopher moved his family to Putman Township, Fulton Co., Illinois, 1836, and I have all documentation from that date forward. ■

From Martha G. Wise, 117 N. 14th Street, Chickasha, OK 73018, <torrywise@prodigy.net>. I hope someone out there can please help me with these men. Andrew Williamson died in Columbia Co., Ark. in 1884 but I can't find where he is buried. John, his son, was in the Civil War. I find John Williamson in the Columbia Co., Ark. 1880 census, but nothing about where he is buried. His son, Walter Williamson was married in 1900 in Columbia Co., Ark. to Cassie Harris, daughter of David Wesley Harris and Cassie Caswell. They had two sons, Ervin and Ira, then Walter Williamson disappears. Can't find out where Walter is buried or what happened to him. Cassie Harris Williamson remarried in 1906 to W. T. Caldwell, so makes sense Walter disappeared after Ervin was conceived. Ervin Williamson was born in 1905. Ira was born in 1903. My dad is Ira Williamson's son. Walter's marriage certificate lists his home in Plainfield, south of Walkerville in Mississippi Twnshp, Columbia Co., Ark. If you have any information on this family or related families, please contact me. There are many Sanders' links to these men in Columbia Co., Ark. Sanders are on my Mom and Dad's side. ■

About This Issue

As far as I know, all queries received have been used. Let me know if I missed yours. The number of queries submitted has been declining. *I need more queries from subscribers!* Review your research and see if you can put together a new query.

I still need good stories about Sanders or Saunders people such as articles from family histories, biographies from county histories, or obituaries.

I have articles left over, to be used in next issues. I prefer to have a good back log. Especially needed are shorter stories or longer queries.

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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There Was A Time When We Did Most Of Our Genealogy Exchanging Through Letters

The following letter is from several posted by Tim Mattingly, 3602 Columbus Ave., Anderson, IN 46013, <gtm3@insightbb.com>. Melody Tull, <harmony39@yahoo.com> told me about Tim's letters and got his permission for them to be printed here. Other letters are on Tim's web site at <http://www.geocities.com/theabednego_sandersdescendants/timmattinglyoldfamilyletter.html>.

This letter, dated October 22, 1978 was written from: Susan J. George, 7919 W. Weldon, Phoenix, AZ 85033 to Mrs. E. B. Hamlin, 400-172nd Place N.E., Bellevue, Washington 98008

Dear Mrs. Hamlin:

Mr. Walter R. Sanders of Litchfield, Ill. suggested that I contact you about my Sanders line. I have been trying to find some data on my third Great Grandparents, Abednego Sanders and his wife Amy Cook.

My Sanders line is as follows:
 Abednego Sanders m. Amy Cook
 Aaron Sanders m. (1) Sarah Edmonson
 James William Sanders m. Delilah Ann Harter
 William Aaron Sanders m. Jenettey (Jenny) Good
 Cuba Sanders m. Frank Montgomery Hueston
 Susan Jeannette Hueston m. William Stephen George

About 35 years ago my Mother was fortunate enough to get notarized copies of the children of Aaron Sanders by his two wives from the Aaron Sanders family Bible. However, we only had a couple of letters from distant cousins to give information on Abednego - that they were from North Carolina, that he was a school teacher, and what they remembered as the names of his children.

Except for the names of two of James William's children, one a female twin of

my Grandfather, William Aaron, the rest of the family is fairly complete.

Mr. Walter Sanders gave me two dates for the birth dates of Amy - 1789 and 1771. Also the date of birth for her Father as 1711, date of his marriage 1769, making him 78 at Amy's birth by the first dates, and 60 by the other. I wonder.

If you would be willing to exchange information, I will be glad to send you copies of the family group record sheets I have worked out on the family.

Very truly yours,
 (Mrs. William S.)
 Susan J. George

[Editor's note: this is what I wrote in the April 1997 issue of *Sanders Siftings* about the Walter Sanders mentioned in the letter.]

I had heard about the big Sanders genealogy collection in the library at Litchfield, Illinois, (mentioned in issue No. 2 of Siftings) but I wanted to see for myself. On a trip to Philadelphia in early March, we made a special stop in Litchfield. The library there (a Carnegie Library built in 1903) is in the middle of a town square. It's a nice building which we first mistook for a courthouse.

Walter R. Sanders was a high school teacher in Litchfield who must have spent a lifetime collecting Sanders and Saunders genealogy over most of the Southern and Mid-Western U.S. He used many of his students to record graves in local area cemeteries. Most of his books have a date from the 1960s. He died in February of 1984.

I asked to see the Walter Sanders collection and was directed to several shelves. The 14 Sanders/Saunders volumes alone occupied five to six linear feet of shelf space. ■

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Robert Saunders, 41 Woodland Drive, Waynesville, NC 28786 is looking for information on Captain John Sanders who supposedly came from Kettery, Maine in 1721. His relatives went to Pasquotank, Rowan, and Burke and wound up in Macon and Haywood counties in N.C. Will share if your family might be kin or if you just need a little information. ■

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