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Why Are Queries Important?

All you have to do is get a good response to a query you post to be convinced that it's a good way to get new information and expand your genealogical information.

Queries take many forms. The best ones give not only names but identify places where important events happened and the dates when they happened. If you know information about children and siblings, put that in also. You must tell what you know succinctly and clearly. An approximate date is better than no date at all.

Keep in mind that your information may really end up helping someone else. Often when you find a distant relative through something you have posted, each of you will pick up new, valuable data.

Surname newsletters, like this one, are only one of the ways to post queries or information that identifies what your family information is are who or what you are searching for. Post everywhere you can and just be patient. I still hear occasionally from a posting on the RootsWeb Surnames List or on one of the county pages of USGenWeb.

And you can search these same publications or web sites to see who might be searching down the same line with you and not know it.

After a while you may discover that the people you meet, who may or may not be one of your relatives, become more important than the data you may collect from them. You may go miles out of your way to meet them in person because you share something special. You understand each other and the crazy things you do in the name of genealogy—much more than that cousin who won't answer your letters. ■

Don Schaefer, *editor*

Saunders Family of Deer Island, Maine, and Essex County, Massachusetts

The following is taken from *Genealogy of the Saunders Family of Deer Isle, Maine and Essex County, Massachusetts* by Robert H. Saunders, 703 Croton Lake Road, Bedford Corners, NY 10549, <rhsaunders@msn.com>. This was written in 1981 and revised in 2005. It was copyrighted in 2005 and used here with permission of the author. The lengthy history is complete with many charts, maps, and photocopies of wills. It has two and one-half pages, single spaced, of references used in compiling the genealogy, in addition to many footnotes.

Children of an ancestor with a (*) by their names are those from whom Robert H. Saunders is descended. A (#) by the name of a wife indicates that her family is among those discussed in the histories of the maternal lines.

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The excerpts below include the General Background Information and information for James Sanders (2), James Sanders (3), and Thomas Sanders (1). Information on the three earliest generations, John Sanders (1), John Sanders (2), and James Sanders (1) has been omitted because of their length. The first John Sanders was married twice and John (2) is the son of John (1) and Ales Cole, the second wife. James (1) is a son of John (2) and Hester Rolfe. James (2), where we start, is the son of James (1) and his first wife, Sarah Page.

John Sanders (1) and John Sanders (2) are a part of the several early New England John Sanders for which there is some disagreement and which have been the subject of several articles in previous issues of *Sanders Siftings*. The issues are #34 Jul 2003, #35 Oct 2003, #49 Jan 2005, #43 Oct 2005, #44 Jan 2006, and in the Oct 2006 issue there was a summary of the controversy by Robert H. Saunders.

Here begin the excerpts:

General Background Information

The first person to whom the Saunders line can be traced with absolute certainty is James (1) Sanders. Circumstantial evidence, which is presented in the discussion of James (1), does, however, indicate with substantial certainty that James (1) is descended from John (1) and John (2) Sanders. I therefore begin the family tree with those individuals.

John (1) and (2) lived in the hamlet of Weeke (now Wick) in Downton Parish, Wiltshire, England. Wiltshire is in southwestern England. Downton is a small parish in the southeastern corner of Wiltshire, about 10 miles south of Salisbury on the way to Southampton and on the River Avon.

County records show individuals with the Saunders surname living in Downton at least since the sixteenth century. A Richard Saunders of Downton was taxed 40 shillings in the benevolence of 1545. Among the witnesses to a will written on March 22, 1573-74, by William Rolfe was a "John Saunders, Curat." A 1576 list of taxpayers showed a widow, Agnes Saunder, assessed at £5 and £8 4d. In the same year, a William Sawnder was assessed at £4 and £6 8d. Both Agnes and William lived at East Ende in Downton. In 1589, a Barnaby Saunders was appointed to rate and tax people in Downton.

The Wiltshire branch of the Saunders family had no coat of arms. One Richard Saunders, from Hampworth, a hamlet in Downton, is listed in the visitation of 1623 as having falsely usurped a coat of arms. A pedigreed Saunders family was living in an adjoining county, Berkshire, in the seventeenth century, but there is no evidence of a connection with the Wiltshire line.

There is a tradition of a Saunders

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Helen Brackney Is Seeking Information About A Missing Great-Grandfather, J. W. Sanders

From Helen M. Brackney, 5005 SW Pomona, Portland, Oregon 97219, <Hbrackney@aol.com> I am searching for a missing great-grandfather. My grandfather, Robert Leroy Sanders (b. 1897, Prairie Co., Ark.), died in 1957 in a car accident without ever knowing his father. And his father probably never knew that he had a son. The following is what I know, so far:

In 1896 Prairie Co., Ark., my gg grandmother, Ellen Purser Womack signed a note "by W. W. and M. A. Womack" for L. E. Womack to marry L. M. Sanders. I have a copy of the note obtained from the Prairie Co., Ark. courthouse. W. W. Womack was Dr. William Wiley Womack, only child of Mary Elizabeth Sanders and Robert M. Womack, who married 2 Aug 1850 Marshall Co., Alabama.

M. A. Womack, wife of W. W. Womack, was Martha A. Sanders, dau. of Martha J. ___ and Elijah Greenfield Sanders, son of Martha T. ___ and William Sanders. Martha A. Sanders married William Wiley Womack 26 Apr 1869 in Jackson Co., Ala.

L. E. (Eveline) Womack, b. 1880 Jackson Co., Ala., daughter of William Wiley Womack and Martha A. Sanders married ca. Dec 1896 L. M. (Elijah M. "Lige") Sanders, son of Margaret ___ and John B. Sanders of Jackson Co., Ala. and later Prairie Co., Ark.

Robert M. Womack and Mary Elizabeth Sanders were enumerated on the 1850 DeKalb Co., Ala. census in the household after Ailsey and Elijah Greenfield Sanders, b. ca. 1804 N.C., d. 1858 DeKalb Co., Ala., his mother and father-in-law. In the next household was Levi Berry Womack and Martha Bean, and in the next was Levi Berry Womack's son, William Riley Womack and his wife, Lucretia Taylor. From DeKalb Co., they went to Jackson Co., Ala. by 1860. William Riley Womack and Lucretia Taylor were the parents of my gg grandfather, Robert L. Womack, who married Ellen Purser.

At the same time in Nov of 1896 my gg grandmother, Ellen Womack signed a note for her dau., Altie Myrtle Womack, b. 15 Jun 1882, to marry J. W. Sanders in Prairie Co., Ark. They only lived together for a little over six months. A son, Robert Leroy Sanders was born in 1897.

Altie Myrtle Womack Sanders filed for divorce 1904 in Hill Co., Texas. J. W. Sanders never saw his son. The family remembers that he was known as "Willie," played the violin, and was described as a redheaded Irishman. His son had coal black hair and blue eyes. According to the marriage application he states his age as 24. The application was applied for at the end of November 1896 so unless he had a later birth date he would have been born in 1872.

If you have any information regarding J. W. Sanders who lived in Prairie Co., Ark. ca. 1896, please contact Helen. It seems he descended from the Sanders of Jackson Co., Alabama. ■

Sanders in Oak Grove Cemetery-Searcy, White County, Arkansas

Here are the Sanders buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery in Searcy, White County, Arkansas.

Sanders, Ethel Burton May 6, 1883
June 11, 1945 wife of Thomas N. Sanders

Sanders, Eva Mae 1893 1935 Mother
Sanders, Grandmother no dates no first name

Sanders, Infant 1912 1912 infant
son of Thomas & Ethel Sanders

Sanders, Jacob B. March 5, 1839
February 7, 1869

Sanders, Kesiah April 30, 1830 May
12, 1874

Sanders, Manda W. 1858 1942
Grandmother

Sanders, Margaret Bently May 2, 1841
April 16, 1909 wife of T.N. Sanders

Sanders, Mary C. October 10, 1841
March 8, 1895

Sanders, Milton September 21, 1806
September 23, 1887

Sanders, Mollie M. November 11,
1883 April 29, 1969 wife of Simpson Sanders

Sanders, Simpson L. April 7, 1872
September 27, 1955 husband of Mollie M. Sanders

Sanders, Thomas Newton December
3, 1852 October 14, 1935 husband of
Ethel B. Sanders

Sanders, William G. no dates grand-
father

Whitford, Sarah Catherine (Sanders)
April 3, 1867 September 16, 1944 ■

Saunders Family

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family tie to Wales, but there is no documentary evidence of such a connection. A now-lost genealogy of the Saunders family by Rena Saunders Plumb asserted that the line began in New England about 1640 when three brothers emigrated from Wales. However, the story of the three brothers is of doubtful veracity. A record of the brothers of John (2) Sanders is available and no Saunders with the same first name as one of the brothers is recorded in New England. George Dix, in *Eastman Family of America* (1901), stated that Roger Eastman, who came to the colonies as a servant of John (2) Sanders, was born in Wales in 1611. Dix provided no source for his assertion. Also, Anna Parker, in *The Sanders Family of Grass Hills* (1966) stated that her ancestor, who settled in Virginia in the early eighteenth century, was from Wales. There is, however, no evidence connecting the Saunders families in Virginia and Massachusetts. It is possible that family histories referring to Wales actually reflect a corruption of Wiltshire (which is sometimes abbreviated as "Wilts").

William Cutter, *Genealogical and Personal Memoirs Relating to the Families of Boston and Eastern Massachusetts* (1908), states in his biography of James (1) Saunders that a family tradition stated that John (2) and James (1) were of Scottish origin. Neither he nor I have found any evidence of such an origin.

It is possible that related members of the family immigrated at about that time, for a considerable number of people with the Saunders surname are listed in early Massachusetts records. Moreover, the same surnames of others tend to recur where individuals with the Saunders surname lived; the recurring combinations of surnames strengthen the theory that the various Saunders family members were relatives who emigrated from the same area in England. For example, a John Cole immigrated to the colonies with John (2) Saunders; an Abraham Cole lived in Salem, where a John Sanders lived; and there were Coles living around Hampton, New Hampshire, where a third John Sanders lived.

Until the late eighteenth century the Saunders family surname generally was spelled "Sanders," although other vari-

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ants, including "Saunders," occasionally were used.

James (2) Sanders

m. #Elizabeth Whittier, May 22, 1699, b. 1666, d. January 29, 1729-30

Children:

*James (3), d. 1743

Elizabeth, b. February 27, 1702-03, m. James Bradbury, June 26, 1726

Ruth, b. December 20, 1705, m. John Clement, Jr., July 28, 1736

Possibly others

It is unclear whether some Haverhill records refer to James (1) or James (2) Sanders. In 1715 Haverhill lost the "Town's old book of grants and orders." Either James (1) or James (2) traveled to Salem to enquire after the book and later to "Sandige," where he found the book and brought it back. In 1719 James (2), or possibly James (1), signed a petition asking that the town reserve 50 or 60 acres in the western part of Haverhill for future use as a parsonage. The request was granted.

Between 1723 and 1726 a dispute erupted between the town proprietors and the rest of the landholders. The proprietors were intending to divide the largest of the remaining common lands contrary to an agreement of 1665, an action against which the other inhabitants protested vigorously. The proprietors' offer to compromise by giving some of the common lands to non-proprietors was at first accepted, then rejected, by the non-proprietors. In 1725 the hostility shown the proprietors at the town meeting caused them to walk out and to select their own town officers. James (2) was one of the selectmen elected by the non-proprietors. He was also among those selected to a committee "to prefer a petition to ye General Assembly to acquaint yt Honorable House with ye Irregular method of our Comoners in their last actions about ye Cow Coman, and to see what ye town may think proper on yt account & to doe it on ye Towns cost."

At the next meeting, James (2) was one of those chosen for a committee "to prosecute on ye towns Cost to final Issue any of ye faction that are Indevoring to disturb & Disquiet ye Town Clark in his peacable Improvement of ye town Books...and to prosecute any person yt by Color of their Election in yt meeting [of

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

proprietors] where Capt White pretended to be moderator yt shall presume to act as such an officer."

The General Court ordered new elections moderated by Richard Kent of Newbury. The issue then disappears from town records, with the proprietors apparently retaining the right to divide the commons as they wished.

In 1726 and 1727, James (2) was a Deputy to the General Court. He is recorded on a tax list of 1741 as living in the eastern part of Haverhill. In 1743 he was among the people from the eastern part of town complaining to the General Court of the long distance to church and asking that a separate parish be established. The General Court granted the petition. James (2) was also among those not able to attend a town meeting in 1748 because of snow who asked the General Court not to grant a petition by some townspeople asking for an investigation of the election held at that meeting.

According to her tombstone, shown below [in the full history], Elizabeth Whittier was 13 years older than her husband. She died at the age of 64 on February 29, 1730. She is buried in the Pentucket Cemetery on Water Street in Haverhill, Massachusetts.

James (3) Sanders

m. #Ruth Swett, April 4, 1727 or 1729
Children:

Mary, b. September 24, 1730, m.

Joseph Foster

*Thomas (1), b. November 1, 1732, d. 1789

Susanna, b. December 28, 1734, m. Daniel Merrill

Timothy, b. July 21, 1737, m. Polly Hanneford

Ruth, b. April 3, 1741

Town registers do not record the parentage of James (3). Nevertheless,

circumstantial evidence of sufficient weight to be conclusive connects James (3) to James (2).

James (1) listed a grandson James in his will. In the records of the marriage of James (3), when he registered with his church, and at the baptisms of several of his children, James (3) was listed as a junior. The only older James in the area who could have been his father was James (2). James (2) administered the estate of James (3) in 1743, strongly suggesting kinship. Finally, James (3) owned lands neighboring those of recorded children of James (1) and was a witness to documents concerning those children, placing him in the same family as James (2). For example, when John Sanders, a son of James (1), gave his son John a farmstead in Haverhill in 1725, the transaction was witnessed by a James Jr. Because James (1) had died in 1721, James Jr. would be James (3), not James (2). Also, in 1729 the dividing line between the farms of John Sanders, Jr., and James Sanders, Jr., both of which adjoined the Whittier farm, was fixed. Again, this James Jr. must have been James (3).

Published town records indicate that James (3) married Ruth Swett on April 15, 1729. Ruth Sanders however, became a member of the Second Parish Church of Amesbury (now in Merrimac) in 1727 and James (3) became a member in 1728. Probably whoever transcribed the records mistook 1727 for 1729.

James (3) was one of four people making a petition to the town meeting of 1723:

Whereas your petitioners having their habitations so far from the meeting-house, that, at any time being belated, we cannot get into any seat; but are obliged to sit squeased on the stairs where we cannot hear the minister and so get little good by his preaching, though we endeavour to ever so much; and there being a vacant place betwixt the front pew and the pew on the side gallery over the head of the stairs, we humbly request liberty to erect a seat over the same.

The request was granted, but James (3) still seems to have been troubled by the long distance to the church. In 1726 he signed a petition to the town of Haverhill asking leave to go to church at the meetinghouse in Amesbury. The petition was granted. Four years later James (3) was

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Humorous Requests of Misguided Searchers

The following are copies of actual correspondence received by the Family History Department., Salt Lake City, Utah. These may seem funny, but haven't many of you received requests like "send me all you have on such-and-such family"?

1. Our 2nd great-grandfather was found dead crossing the plains in the library.
2. He and his daughter are listed as not being born.
3. I would like to find out if I have any living relatives or dead relatives or ancestors in my family.
4. Will you send me a list of all the Dripps in your library?
5. My grandfather died at the age of 3.
6. We are sending you 5 children in a separate envelope.
7. Documentation: Family Bible in possession of Aunt Merle until the tornado hit Topeka, Kansas. Now only the Good Lord knows where it is.
8. The wife of #22 could not be found. Somebody suggested that she might have been stillborn—what do

you think?

9. I am mailing you my aunt and uncle and 3 of their children.
10. Enclosed please find my Grandmother. I have worked on her for 30 years without success. Now see what you can do!
11. I have a hard time finding myself in London. If I were there was very small and cannot be found.
12. This family had 7 nephews that I am unable to find. If you know who they are, please add them to the list.
13. We lost our Grandmother, will you please send us a copy?
14. Will you please send me the name of my first wife? I have forgotten her name.
15. A 14-year-old boy wrote: "I do not want you to do my research for me. Will you please send me all of the material on the Welch line, in the U.S., England and Scotland countries? I will do the research."
16. I would like to know how many descendants I really have? ■



Pictured above is Jesse Jackson Sanders (1885-1964), father of Gary Sanders of Denton, Texas, an excellent Sanders researcher who furnishes many articles for *Sanders Siftings*. Jesse Jackson is the son of Jesse Sanders (1845 Miss. - 1903 Texas) and Mary Amanda Pickering. Jesse Sanders is a son of Isaac Sanders (1818 N.C. -) and Elizabeth _____. Isaac Sanders was born in North Carolina and lived in Jackson County, Alabama; Tishomingo County, Mississippi; Montgomery County, Arkansas; and back to Tishomingo County. While in Arkansas Isaac fought in the Confederate Army at the same time that his brother John in Alabama was in the Union Army.

The above picture was made about 1910.

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among those petitioning for leave to pay the minister's rates in Amesbury. That petition was also granted.

James (3) died young, probably intestate, in 1743. The estate was not divided until 1754.

Ruth Sanders is recorded on a subscription list of about 1778 as contributing two shirts and three stockings for use by Continental soldiers. A list of October 4, 1779, shows her making a further contribution of four stockings.

Thomas (1) Sanders

m. #Hephzibah Chase, 1755

Children:

*James (4), d. after 1825

Anna, m. Thomas Small

daughter, m. John Dow

Timothy, d. after 1825

Thomas (1) married Hephzibah Chase of Salisbury in Hampton, Massachusetts. The couple moved to Amesbury in 1757.

Thomas (1) was, in 1771, one of the early settlers of Deer Isle. He was given as his settler's rights 139 acres, 11 rods of land on the western side of Pressey

Cove near the Northwest Harbor on Deer Isle.

Thomas (1) drowned near the mouth of Northwest Harbor on Deer Isle while towing logs that were to be made into sea-water pumps for salt production. George Hosmer, in *An Historical Sketch of the Town of Deer Islet Maine* (1886), lists the year of his death as 1786, but it may have been 1789 because that was the year in which his estate was probated.

Thomas (1)'s great granddaughter Lydia (Aunt Tid) recalled a story about Thomas (1) in a December 1915 interview included in a bound book of recollections at the Deer Isle-Stonington Historical Society:

An old Indian moved on Parker Johnson's land toward where Geo. Beck and Elmer Spofford's cottage is—just to one side of this mound are 3 graves that were shown to me by Olive Pressey, an old maid, who told me that they were Pressey's and I think also said one was the Thos. Saunders who was drowned, probably picked up afterwards and buried where handiest.

James (4) Saunders administered the estate after Hephzibah renounced her rights of administration. The estate was valued at £82 19s. 10d. ■

Do You Know of Any Sanders or Saunders From Louisa County, Va.?

Duane McKenzie, 421 N. Morningside Ave., Litchfield, MN 55355-2335, <dmckenzie@hutchtel.net>. I am interested in information on Thomas Sanders/Saunders who was born in 1757 in Louisa Co., Virginia and married on 19 Sep 1792 in Washington Co., Va. to Nancy Anna Spittle/Spiller and died on 3 Jul 1833 in Scott Co., Va. If you have any information on Thomas Sanders/Saunders and his wife and children I would like to hear from you. I descend from their daughter or granddaughter Anna Sanders/Saunders and her husband David Jesse McKenzie who were married in Scott Co., Va. on 21 Feb 1836. They were my great great great grandparents. ■

Tom Neel Connects Sanders Families From Wide Range of Locations

The following is from Tom Neel, 169 Main St., New London, OH 44851, <titi@accnorwalk.com>.

I read with interest the article on page 7 of issue 47 of *Sanders Siftings* and the Mountain Grove, Mo. newspaper item on page 8. Back in issue 3, p. 2, my article was published on Cornelius Sanders and Andrew J. Sanders who are buried in Stubbs Cemetery (in Texas County, Mo.). Paul Ragain Sanders who submitted the second article is related to my grandmother.

Andrew J. Sanders (Stubbs Cemetery) is believed to be a son of Peter Sanders and wife Michel Tarbutton. I have corresponded with several people who all have worked extensively on the Peter/Michel Sanders family of Wright/Texas Co., Mo.

Of course, my Cornelius Sanders/Matilda Jane McIntosh family and their neighbors in Clinton Twp., Texas Co., Mo. the Andrew J./Sabrina Sanders family, were all from Cache and Union Twp in Greene Co., Ark. My ancestors claim Alabama nativity, theirs claiming Tennessee birth.

On the web, I found a gentleman named Wayne Herndon who has a series of birth dates for children of Hiram Sanders/Rebecca McDaniel, that match the birth date on the Stubbs Cemetery tombstone for my Cornelius. I had not heard of the name "Hiram" in Greene Co., Ark. or Texas Co., Mo., but I have done some research and it pieces together. (see **Hiram Sanders** below.) I think he is right. So far, we have not turned up the original Bible or family record from which these birth dates were transcribed.

Anyway, Hiram Sanders is listed in the 1830 census for Bedford Co., Tenn. This is a county where the Peter Sanders/Michel Tarbutton family was found. There must be a connection. The McDaniel family (Hiram's wife) may be from Madison Co., Ala. and one researcher believes that Hiram Sanders was in Limestone Co., Ala. next door. Of course, Jackson Co., Ala. is next door in the other direction. My ancestor, Cornelius Sanders (Hiram's son), claims an Alabama birth (9 Oct 1828).

Tom Neel prepared the following in February of 2006:

Hiram Sanders

Hiram Sanders, b. ca. 1800 Ga.; m. ca. 1820 Rebecca McDaniel, b. ca. 1802

S.C. 1830 census Bedford Co., Tenn., p. 5, lists Hiram Sanders with 2 males under 5, 2 males 5-10, 1 male 20-30, a female 5-10, 1 female 10-15, and 1 female 20-30; neighbors were Lemuel Brichur [?] and James F. Wood.

1835 State Census for Union Co., Ill. (LDS 964132) shows Hiram Sanders with the following numbers: 4-1-0-1 2-1-0-1 10-1. Neighbors were William Shirley and John Whitaker. In my haste, I didn't copy the age categories from the film.

Sanders must have still been living in or near Union Co., Ill. in April 1839 when he is mentioned in his daughter Mary Ann's marriage consent. Neighbor George McGhehey gave the affidavit: "You need not tell Sanders of this as he is not willing for the marriage and he will think hard of me etc." Union Co., Ill. Loose Marriage Consents, LDS 964134.

Union Co., Ill. Probate Records 1818-1845, by Darrel Dexter, p. 30, Estate of Nimrod Eberley, died 4 Dec 1839, Debts, Hiram Sanders, 10 Aug 1839, \$36.75, including boarding for two months, feeding horse, washing and mending. No township location noted in abstract.

However, I have not been able to locate Hiram Sanders in the 1840 census.

In the 1850 census, this family is in District 2, Union Co., Ill., p. 212: Hiram Sanders 50 farmer Ga., Rebecca 48 S.C., Harriet 7 Mo., Jasper 3 Ark., Archibald Sanders 28 Farmer Ala., Nancy 21 Ill. married within year, James 6 Ill., Harriet 4 Ill., Catharine 18 Tenn.; neighbors Daniel Benet and John Stone.

Union Co., Ill. Probate Records 1856-1868, by Darrel Dexter, p. 320: Hiram Sanders one of purchasers at estate sale on 21 May 1859; estate of Christopher Houser Sr., died 1 Apr 1859; land in township 11 South, Range 2 West.

It is not known at this time if Hiram Sanders died in 1859 or 1860, but the 1860 mortality schedule should be checked if it exists for Union Co., Ill.

Rebecca Sanders 57 \$400/00 Ky. is living in Franklin Twp., Wright Co., Minn., p. 67, of all places in 1860, with a Jasper N. Sanders 14 Ark. Neighbors were her son-in-law Elial Freeman and Luther Walter. Next to Elial Freeman, one Harriet Sanders 18 Mo. is living with John and Harriet A. Cunningham.

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Information, Vol. 2, Early Courthouse Records 1818-1938, by Darrel Dexter, p. 180: County Commissioners Records 183 1 - 1870, 4 Sep 1861, C.H. Willeford was allowed \$5 for making the coffin for Mr. Sanders. Unfortunately, the first name is not given. Rebecca Sanders is listed in a separate household in Minnesota in 1860 and her \$400 worth is in the real property slot, not personal property, as one might expect (suggesting that she is permanently in Minnesota and not just visiting her daughter). Since Hiram is not found in the 1860 census and would not likely have stayed in Illinois, this coffin might have been for a different Sanders family.

There are several Milwaukee Land Office entries for a Hiram Sanders. These are supposed to be Minnesota or Wisconsin but I haven't tried to line the land up to a map to see if the tracts are in Wright Co.

We have not been able to locate Rebecca Sanders in the 1870 census, her son-in-law, Elial Freeman living in Walker Twp., Anderson Co., Kan. by that date, and her housemate, Jasper N. Saunders, living with the Cornelius Saunders family in Clinton Twp., Texas Co., Mo.

I have no proof of the maiden name of the wife of Hiram Sanders or of the children. This information is given on a Rootsweb page <<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hendon/cipp/the-sanders.html>> submitted by Archibald Sanders descendant Wayne Herndon. He says he received this list of parents and children (names and birth dates only) via email from Helen Shirley. It came from a Freeman family Bible. At this point, because Harriet and Jasper are not mentioned in this family record, I am not including them as children of Hiram and Rebecca Sanders.

Another email correspondent, a Look family descendant, had the name "___ McDaniel" as the mother of Catherine Look who died in California in 1909. Perhaps her death certificate or obituary says this? Another email correspondent, Herman Sanders, believes that "Hiram James" Sanders and his wife Rebecca both died in Union Co., Ill., and he lists Limestone Co., Ala. as the birthplace of a son, Archibald Sanders. These counties in Alabama - Limestone, Madison, and Jackson, and moving north into

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ASSORTED QUERIES . . .

Richard Grubbs, 153 Love Lane, Bakersfield, CA 93308 is seeking info on parents of John Saunders Sr., b. ca 1665 York County, Virginia. Married ca 1691 to Sarah, no surname known. Sarah was b. ca 1668 and died ca 1735, probably York Co., Va. John's father's name may have been Richard who probably came to this country from England. They were parents of Robert Saunders, b. ca 1692 in York Co. Robert amassed a considerable amount of wealth and property and in 1766 left the entire amount of his estate and personal assets to John Saunders, one of his four sons. The ch. of Robert were: Richard William Saunders, who mar. Elizabeth Hubbard; John Saunders Sr., b. 1715, mar. Sarah; George Saunders; and Charles Saunders. Robert's son John Sr. and Sarah had at least two sons: John Jr. and Thomas. I have more information on descendants of John Sr. and would really appreciate any available information on his ancestors or any good ideas on where to try. This John Saunders Sr. is probably the same who married Sarah Hargreave in York County. She was the dau. of Peter Hargreave and named as an heir in her father's will in 1684. John Sr. and Sarah had at least 9 ch., including Robert.

William Chesley Sanders, 104 New Jersey Road, Browns Mills, NJ 08015. Looking for info on Stephens C. Sanders. He was b. 1813 in NC. He later moved to Madison Co., Tenn. He mar (1) Huksy/Heisey (Hexie) Simmons 8 Jan 1838 in Hardeman Co., Tenn. Their ch were Levi Thomas, b. 10 Mar 1839; Isham H., b. 11 Oct, 1841; Elizabeth Ann, b. 5 Apr, 1844; and Mickey Jane, b. 1847. He later mar Anna May Moore 25 Oct 1853 in Hardeman Co. Their ch were William Harrison, b. Aug 1855; Alexander, b. Jul 1856; Mary C., b. 1861; James R., b. May 1864; and Martha Ellen, b. 13 Mar 1894 and is buried in Prairie Grove, Ark. I have descendants from Isham H. and William Harrison. I am looking for other family members and info on his parents and siblings.

From John Saunders in the United Kingdom, <jgs24@tiscali.co.uk>. My branch is mostly still in the UK although some are in Ontario, Canada, and they can be seen on a site called "A grand-

child's heritage." I can trace back to a g-grandfather, Edgar born in Colchester Essex in 1839, but he went to Scotland and married a Mary Thom in Glasgow in 1869. Son Edgar, born 1870 is my grandfather and his second son, John Morris was born in 1902 in Aston, Birmingham, UK. If anyone has anything on these earlier Saunders or Thoms, it would be appreciated.

June Poole, 5229 Eden Roc Drive, Marrero, LA 70072, <Junerp37@aol.com>. I'm searching for info about John B. Sanders, born 1790 in Miss., h/o Mary. There is an 1840 Succession in Calcasieu Parish, La. for him. I haven't read it. Also, there is a John Sanders in the 1850 and 1860 census in Calcasieu Parish. There is a Wm. Sanders, son, who was born ca. 1829. That would be my John Sanders and my g-g-grandfather, Wm. Sanders, h/o Sarah Elaine Coward. I'm descended from their son, Carroll Murdock Sanders, born 1862, h/o Judith Alice Cagle and a ___ Shirley. I'd be glad to share family info.

Walter Pike, 3600 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 58917, <oldbill218@hotmail.com>. I have been trying to find the parents to James Sanders, b. 1 Jun 1830 in Ohio(?); d: 17 Sep 1881 in Mich. His wife is Sarah Epley, b. June 1832? in Ohio(?); d. Jan 1895 in Mich., both in Gratiot County. They had William F. Sanders, Mary Sanders, George Emery Sanders, Minnie Sanders, Neal S. Sanders, and John F. Sanders. We have been told that Neal(Neil) was born in covered wagon coming from Kansas area back to Michigan. Mary died in Iowa as far as I can find. All the rest died in Gratiot Co., Michigan. Neal is my g-g-grandfather, on my mothers side. Any help would be appreciated.

Madeline E. Black, 16321 N. Starboard Drive, Tucson, AZ 85739, <mblack1947@comcast.net> is searching for information on Elizabeth Saunders, b.ca.1764. She is the mother of Mary (Saunders) Chapman, wife of Matthias Chapman. She lived in the household of Mary and Matthias for the census years of 1830, 1840, and 1850 in what is now Wood Co., W.V. Her death notice in *Wood Co. Death Book*

1853-1894, extracted by Linda Camp, states that she was the daughter of Jonathan and Judith (Clark) Saunders DOD 16 Mar 1856 Wood Co. Va./W.V. age 95 years. This was reported by her daughter Mary Chapman. Judith Saunders is possibly Penelope Clarke. There is quite a bit of controversy over which Clark/Clarke sister was married to Jonathan. There is also controversy as to whether or not it is Landers instead of Sanders and then Saunders as listed in more recent records. Elizabeth either carried her maiden name (Saunders) or married a cousin which was quite a good possibility. The records I have come across list her birth place and/or early residence as Caroline Co., Va. Any descendants out there who would like to share?

Joy Durrett, 814 Grant Avenue, Medford, OR 97501-3406, <jmdurrett@charter.net>. I am looking for the parents of Abner Saunders born bet 1800 & 1810 in Franklin County, Virginia; married Mary "Polly" Gilbert in Franklin County, Va.

Some Saunders from Scotland offered by Richard J. Saunders, 6 Kennedy Park, Woburn, MA 01801, <rjsaun@verizon.net>. David Pennycook Saunders was born 4 Jul 1848 in Blairgowrie, Perth, Scotland, and died abt 1893 in Aspen, Colorado. He married Mary Wallace 22 Mar 1875 in Blairgowrie, Perth, Scotland. She was born 26 Dec 1854 in Blairgowrie, Perth, Scotland, and died 29 Mar 1895 in Aspen, Colorado.

Children of David and Mary are (first four were born in Blairgowrie, Perth, Scotland):

David Pennycook, b. 21 Aug 1877, d. 19 Oct 1901, Aspen, Colorado.

John Stratton, b. 7 Dec 1879.

William Wallace, b. 22 Mar 1882, d. 14 Jan 1938.

Jessie Peddie, b. 18 Jan 1885, d. 26 Jul 1969, Provo, Utah.

Elizabeth Steele, b. 30 Apr 1892, Aspen, Colorado.

Paul F. Sanders, 2680 169th Ave., SE, Bellevue, WA 98008, <PaulFSanders@aol.com> has a question: Does anyone know after whom Saunderstown, R.I.

was named? Not only I am asking the question, but also their web site does.

George K. Helbert, 646 Mt. Zion Rd., Whitesburg, TN 37891 is looking for info on Lucy Lee Sanders. She lived in Wilson, N.C. in 1923.

Oleda Merrick, 1619 Avenue I, Ralls TX 79357-3801, <omerrick@nts online.net> I am trying to locate Sandra Lou Mills, whose mother was Bertie Lee Sanders and dad was James Anthem Mills. They lived in Lamesa, Texas. They also had two daughters. Sandra and I went to church together in Lamesa. She married a Ferguson and divorced. She married Gilles J Lefebvre and went to Canada. They divorced. I have had no contact with her since her divorce.

From Lola Smith, 440 Sage Court, Soledad, CA 93960, <doxielady123@hotmail.com>. My grandmother was

Pearl Sanders, born 15 Aug 1900 to Clarinda Isabelle Pelts and John Moses Sanders. Clarinda and John had 10 children and 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, 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) ■

Becky Wallace is Seeking Information on Alexander Sanders, Born in Virginia

From Becky Wallace, 2725 Michelle Part, Lexington, KY 40511, <bsanders_ky@hotmail.com> My father and grandfather still live in Preston Co. Virginia...on the same land that has been in our family for six generations. I have my line traced back to an Alexander Sanders born abt 1800 in Preston Co. and married to Susanna Spessard. Before that it gets a little confusing. Some people claim that Alexander's father was a Hiram Sanders or a John Sanders. Basically my line goes like this:

- Becky (Sanders) Wallace- me
- David Ralph Sanders
- Otis Ralph Sanders
- Harry Otis Sanders
- George Washington Sanders
- Thomas Wesley Sanders
- John S. Sanders

That is what we know for certain. I was just curious if anyone else from your "neck of the woods" or had ties back this way. Also, my dad just called me last night to inform me that they found some paperwork on Thomas Wesley Sanders stating that he had some property in Arkansas. ■

Kinship Chart For Descendants of a Common Progenitor

CP	S	GS	GGS	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
S	B	N	GN	GGN	2	3	4	5	6	7
GS	N	1C	1R	1C	1R	1C	1R	1C	1R	1C
GGS	GN	1R	2C	1R	2R	2C	2R	2C	2R	2C
2		1C	2C	1C	2R	2C	2R	2C	2R	2C
3	2	1C	2C	1C	2R	2C	2R	2C	2R	2C
4	3	1C	2C	1C	2R	2C	2R	2C	2R	2C
5	4	1C	2C	1C	2R	2C	2R	2C	2R	2C
6	5	1C	2C	1C	2R	2C	2R	2C	2R	2C
7	6	1C	2C	1C	2R	2C	2R	2C	2R	2C
8	7	1C	2C	1C	2R	2C	2R	2C	2R	2C

To determine the kinship of two descendants of a common progenitor, first imagine the common progenitor in the upper left box, CP. Then trace one descendant's link on the top line, the other descendant's link down the left column. Follow the line and the column to the intersection and read the kinship.

- CP = Common Progenitor
- S = Son or Daughter
- B = Brother or Sister
- C = Cousin
- N = Nephew or Niece
- GS = Grandson or Granddaughter
- GN = Great Grandnephew or Great Grandniece
- GGS = Great Grandson or Great Granddaughter
- R = Times Removed

Douglas Saunders is Searching For Something He Saw Online

From Douglas Saunders, 6123 Estates Drive, Oakland, CA 94611, <douglas 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? ■

About This Issue

I must apologize for this issue being later than usual. I normally try to have it in the mail by the first of the month but health problems have made working at the computer difficult and painful. Saw the neurosurgeon and things are looking better.

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

I have articles left over, to be used in succeeding issues, but still fewer than usual. 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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Plaque in Kendal, England

I found this on the wall of a building while walking down the main street of Kendal, England, in 1995—one of the many spelling variations of the name Sanders in England.

SANDES HOSPITAL

In this yard, Thomas Sandes (1606-81), cloth merchant and former Mayor of Kendal, founded a school and eight almshouses for poor widows.

The gatehouse, once the master's house, had single story wings and housed the school and a library in the chamber over the gateway.

The houses were rebuilt in 1852 by Kendal architect Miles Thompson. In 1886 the school merged with Kendal Grammar School which succeeded in 1980 by Kirkbie Kendal School whose Trustees still own the property.

The datestone shows shearman's tools and the Sandes family arms.

KENDAL CIVIC SOCIETY

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Tennessee - Lincoln and Bedford, are certainly the home area of the Sanders family. Their children were:

1. Mary Ann, b. 7 Mar 1820 Tenn.; m(1) 11 Apr 1839 Union Co., Ill. to Andrew J. Cates; m(2) 13 Jan 1850 Union Co., Ill. to Eliel Freeman. To Franklin Twp., Wright Co., Minn. 1860; Walker Twp., Anderson Co., Kan. 1870; Lincoln Twp., Anderson Co., Kan. 1880.

2. Archibald McDaniel Sanders, b. 9 May 1822 Limestone Co., Ala.; d. 1896 Searcy Co., Ark.; m(1) 7 Nov 1843 Union Co., Ill. to Harriet (Bennett) Green, widow of Mastin Green, b. 1811 Tenn.; d. Nov 1849 (?) Union Co., Ill.; m(2) 28 Jul 1850 Union Co., Ill. to Nancy M. Thornton; m(3) 15 Sep 1852 Fannin Co., Texas to Willann George; m(4) ca. 1858 Jack Co., Texas to Malinda McEntire, b. 1843 Tenn. according to

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Interested in Sanders in Adirondack, N.Y. Area

Jack Sanders, Box 502, Ridgefield, CT 06877, <jacksanders@acorn online.com> or <jacksanders@juno.com> is looking for the ancestors of Henry Sanders (b. ca. 1804, d. Feb. 26, 1895) who m. Lucy Jaques (1809 1876). They lived in Essex County, N.Y., probably mostly in the town of Jay, and had children: Ransom Sanders (b. 1830, m. Lucinda E. Crouch b. 1826); James Sanders (b. 1833); Perley Sanders (b. abt 1835, m. Cyrus Wilkins); Rachel Sanders (b. 18 Feb 1838, d. 11 Aug 1902, m. Charles Daby, b. 9 Oct 1836, d. 14 Jun 1906); Oliver Sanders (b. abt 1842); Sally Sanders (b. abt 1843, d. 12 Jul 1858); Woodward Sanders (b. abt 1846, d. 11 Feb 1861); Abigail Sanders (b. abt 1848); Charles Wesley Sanders (b. 1851, m. Mary Daby [Darby?] b. abt 1844). He is interested in these and any other Sanders in the Adirondack, N.Y., area. How do they connect back to New Hampshire and Massachusetts members of the family? ■

family but is with wife Piety A., age 22 Tenn., in 1860 census; m(5) ca. 1871 Searcy Co., Ark. to Rachel Jones. Union Co., Ill. 1850; Jack Co., Texas 1860; Searcy Co., Ark. 1870 and 1880.

3. Moses Ezekiel Sanders, b. 27 May 1826. No further information.

4. Cornelius Sanders, b. 9 Oct 1828 Ala.; d. 28 Sep 1877 Mo., bur. Stubbs Cem., Clinton Twp., Texas Co., Mo.; m. ca. 1846 Greene Co., Ark. to Matilda Jane McIntosh (by tradition the widow of a Sanders who had died), b. 19 May 1825 Weakley Co., Tenn., d. 10 Mar 1894 Beaver Creek, Texas Co., Mo., bur. Stubbs Cem. (This is my line.)

5. Finas Ewen Sanders, b. 27 Apr 1830. No further information.

6. Lucinda Katherine Sanders, b. 19 Apr 1832 Madison Co., Ill.; d. 7 Aug 1909 Orange Co., Calif.; m. 20 May 1856 Madison Co., Ill. to Isaac Newton Look. To Madison Co., Ill. 1860; Saunders Co., Neb. 1870 and 1880; Lincoln, Lancaster Co., Neb. 1900.

7. Elizabeth Jane Sanders, b. 24 Jul 1834; possibly the one who married 12 Sep 1867 Union Co., Ill. to David Love. Not located in 1870 census.

Tom has much more information. Contact him if you would like to have more details or if you are connected to this line. ■

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