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## *Days of Sanders Siftings May Be Coming to a Close*

I started this publication back in April of 1995, right after retiring from the University of Arkansas. It grew shortly to about 250 subscribers. This issue, No. 55, tells just how many times I have had to assemble these eight-pages.

The paid subscribers have now dwindled to 105. I still mail to 20 libraries and I send complimentary copies to prospective subscribers, only two or three now each issue.

However, the low number of subscribers is not a concern in giving up this publication. It is still a viable number to come out ahead, financially. Family history buffs, serious or not, have moved to seeking almost everything on the internet. Even regular letter writing has ceased to be the norm these days.

My main problem right now is that it is getting more difficult each issue to scrape together enough material to fill the eight pages. I now have practically nothing left for the next issue, and queries sent to me have dropped to almost nil.

My wife and I are still in good health and we like to travel. The publication days often limit when we can travel. I now publish the Missouri-Arkansas Kiwanis bulletin, which is 16 pages, full color. I will continue to publish that.

If someone of you would like to take this over, please get in touch with me. Otherwise, I am looking at the April 2009 issue to be my last. If no one else continues *Sanders Siftings*, those who have subscriptions past that date will get a refund of \$3.00 per issue. ■

Don Schaefer, *editor*

## **Edward Saunders' Line, Starting In 1595, Came To Jamestown, Virginia, In 1635**

The following Saunders family history was submitted by Mildred Brooks Lasater, 1007 Pleasant Grove Road, Woodville, AL 35776. She received the history, from which this was taken, several years ago from Mrs. Thelma Cook McClatchy of Smyrna, Georgia. The history was dated December, 1985. The names in **BOLD FACE** are those of the direct line of Mrs. McClatchy.

### **SAUNDERS FAMILY (1595-1985)**

#### **EDWARD SAUNDERS: (1595- ?)**

In August 1635 the seaworthy ship "Safety" docked at Jamestown, Virginia, after having made a safe journey from England. Among its passengers, who had decided to cast their lot with the new colony in America, was Edward Saunders, a widower, age 40, (born in 1595) with his two sons, Thomas, born 1622 (age 13) and Edward, Junior, born 1626 (age 9). Their nationality being English. (see official depository of the Colony of Virginia of the records of names, ages and nationality of immigrants.) This father and his two sons settled in Northumberland County, Virginia, purchased land and took up grants near Lancaster County line, not far from Fairfield (approximately 10 miles) and the Rappanannock River.

#### **EDWARD SAUNDERS, JR: (1626-1672)**

Edward Saunders, Jr., was born in England, and was brought to America when nine years of age (August 1635). He was reared and educated in Virginia under the full influence of American life and sentiments and patriotism. He grew up to be a genuine American. Due to his influence, wealth and position in the community, he is usually credited with being the founder of the Saunders in America.

Prior to 1660 he purchased a seat of land in Lancaster County and erected on it a commodious mansion. At this time he owned 3,770 acres of land (see Lancaster County Digest of 1660). He

was recognized as a wealthy planter, and a substantial citizen. He was vestryman of the Episcopal Church of his parish and for many years he was one of the five members of the Inferior Court in Lancaster County. The members of this Court consisted of the most substantial and intelligent citizens of the County and with ample jurisdiction, held to be a duty of dignity and honorable distinction.

In 1660 he married Mrs. Mary nee Webb Hudnall, widow of John Hudnall. She was 36 and he 34 years of age when married. Mary Webb was born in 1625 and died in 1683. Mary and Edward, Jr., had one child, Ebenezer, affectionally called Eben.

#### **EBENEZER SAUNDERS: (1661 - 1693)**

Ebenezer Saunders, only child of Mary Webb and Edward, Jr., lived with his parents in the family mansion. When he was eleven years of age his father died at the age of 46. He and his mother lived in the family mansion until her death at age 58 in 1683. A year after his mother's death Eben married Miss Elizabeth Presley in 1684, both being 23 years of age at the time. Elizabeth Presley was the daughter of Elizabeth Thompson and Colonel Peter Presley, who were married in 1660. Elizabeth lost her husband, Eben age 32, and her father in 1693. Elizabeth Presley was the granddaughter of William Presley, who was born in England, and whose will was probated in 1650. Elizabeth Presley and Ebenezer Saunders had one child, a son named Edward III, who was also born in the family mansion.

#### **EDWARD SAUNDERS III: (1686 - after 1744)**

Edward, only child of Elizabeth Presley and Ebenezer Saunders was born and reared in the family mansion built by his grandfather, Edward, Jr.

When Edward III was about seven

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## Harris Sanders and Father Nimrod Saunders Are Recorded in Two Biographies from 1999

These biographies of Harris Sanders and Nimrod Saunders were collected back in early 1999 by Sanders/Saunders researchers and published by Thomas J. Saunders.

### Harris Sanders

Harris Sanders was born March 7, 1824, in Montgomery County, North Carolina. At about 10 years of age, Harris' father, Nimrod Saunders, moved the family to Cherokee County, Georgia, then to Alabama a few years later, near the Talapoosie River. Harris volunteered in the U.S. Army during Mexican War, but the war closed before he reached the front. In 1852, Harris moved to Tippah Co., Mississippi. Only after about a year, Harris Sanders married Emaline Crump 26th of June, 1853. Emaline was born October 20, 1836.

During the Civil War in 1862, Harris was a Confederate soldier under General N.B. Forrest in 7th Miss. Regiment CSA commanded by Col. W.C. Falkner. He remained a faithful soldier until the close of the campaign.

Harris joined a Baptist church at Guyton in 1895.

Harris died on February 21, 1917, at the home of Sam Jernigan, two miles east of Blue Mountain, Tippah County, Mississippi. Before his death, Harris transferred his church membership to the Academy Church. Harris is buried in the old church yard. Harris had 12 children, 10 living at time of death: seven daughters, and five sons. One daughter died in infancy. One son, William P. Sanders, died 14 years earlier.

Harris' wife, Emaline, died March 4, 1920, at Cotton Plant, Tippah County, Mississippi.

### Nimrod Saunders

#### and Mary Elizabeth Ricketts

Nimrod Saunders was born in 1780 in Montgomery County, North Carolina. Nimrod's parents were William Aaron Saunders and Joan Bailey. According to old family documentation, Nimrod was 9 years old at the close of the American Revolution. He was still listed to be in Montgomery County in 1800. In 1802, he is reported to have owned land on the Duncombe Creek in Montgomery County.

Nimrod married Mary Elizabeth Ricketts and had 14 children between

1803 and 1829, not counting an infant death in 1818. According to the U.S. census of 1830, all of the children were living with Nimrod and Elizabeth except possibly the four oldest children: Sarah, Tibatha, Nathan, and Aaron. It is believed that the fifth child, Stephen, was still living in the household. Nimrod operated a grist mill and was known to be an honest merchant in all of this work. "Honest Rod," they use to call him.

In 1834, when the youngest child, Allen, was 12 years of age, the family moved to Cherokee County in the northern part of Georgia. It is not known for certain which members of Nimrod's children moved to Georgia, but the 1850 census indicates that several of them lived in Cherokee County. The census reports Nimrod and Elizabeth living with their youngest son, Allen, then age 20. Harris Saunders was living with his 20-year-old wife, Tera (Tarrissa?). John Saunders, thought to be Jackson, was living with wife Martha and an older 61-year-old man, Andrew, thought to be Martha's father.

After a few years, date uncertain, Nimrod moved his family to Alabama, near the Talapoosie River. Nimrod is believed to have died in Alabama in 1849, but census records show Nimrod and Elizabeth living with daughter Joanna in Cherokee County, Ala., in 1860. Mary Elizabeth also died in Alabama; the date is uncertain.

There are many Saunders and Sanders recorded in Alabama census records, vital records, and cemetery records. It is thought by some Sanders researchers that most of them are related. An effort to piece the family together is ongoing. Many of the children of Nimrod and Elizabeth raised families in Alabama, while others have gone to Mississippi, Tennessee, and Texas. Stephen Sanders, the central figure of the SSRG website, eventually moved to Madison County, Tennessee, and then on to Washington County, Arkansas.

[Editor's note: since 1999 the results of DNA testing have proved that many Sanders in one location (for example Jackson County, Alabama), who we thought were all related, actually come from two or three unrelated lines of Sanders or Saunders.] ■

## Edward Saunders

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years old his father Ebenezer died at the age of 32 (1693). He was reared by his mother in the Saunders family home. When Edward was 29 he married Winifred Kent (1715). They had nine children (6 girls and 3 boys).

William (the eldest son)  
Edward, IV. (wife's name Sinah ?)  
Thomas (moved to Maryland)  
Judy (married a Freeman)  
Lucy (married a Peebles)  
Sinah  
Peggy  
Sally  
Celia

### WILLIAM SAUNDERS: (1718 - 1779)

William was also born and reared in the family mansion of his great grandfather Edward, Jr. William was about 5'8" in height, well built, of light complexion and blue eyes. He weighed from 150 to 160 pounds, was very active and fleet, possessed of agreeable manners and "a good education for the times." (see "Family Memoirs" by James Saunders (youngest son) written in 1824).

On May 18, 1738 William, age 20, married Elizabeth (Betsy) Hubbard, who was 17 years old (born February 22, 1721). Betsy, daughter of Mary and Thomas Hubbard, Jr. (born 1745) of Scotch ancestry, was a neighbor of the Saunders, having been reared in Lancaster County, Virginia, also. She had two brothers, Joseph and Ephriam Hubbard (who were ancestors of the 'Fosters' of Nashville, Tennessee). Betsy's grandparents were Sarah and Thomas Hubbard, Sr. Betsy had dark complexion, black hair and black eyes. She was of common stature, and good make, religious and intelligent. "She did, perhaps, come as near performing all the duties intended by her Maker for her to do as any woman of my knowledge." ("Family Memoirs") Her memory is honored and cherished by her descendants in a remarkable degree. Her youngest son, James (the compiler of her and his "Family Memoirs") said "She was the best woman I ever knew, and in all her ways she was a model and example for all other women. I earnestly hope that all her granddaughters, to the end of time, will emulate her in her ways." Betsy Hubbard and William Saunders

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had almost 41 years of married bliss. William died in 1779 and Betsy lived until 1789. Her son James lived with her until her death. William's will was written June 26, 1779 and probated April 20, 1780. It was presented in court by Betsy, all of their children were named in this will. (Lancaster County, Virginia, pages 342-343) Their eleven children were born and reared in this old ancestral mansion built by Edward, Jr., their great, great grandfather, and in which their lineal ancestors had died and from which each of them had been buried in the family cemetery.

Note: Betsy Hubbard Saunders furnished supplies for the Revolutionary Army. Her service is on the public claim records of Lancaster County, Va. by Stratton Nottingham.

William Saunders and Betsy Hubbard Saunders children:

1. THOMAS B. SAUNDERS, eldest. b. 6/18/1739

2. MARY HUBBARD, b. 5/6/1741. Never married, lived with her brother Joseph Saunders in Brunswick County, Virginia.

3. JESSE, b. 7/21/1743. Traveled while young to Granville County, North Carolina and married Ann, daughter of Colonel Yancey. Ann and Jesse had many children and moved to Georgia (near Augusta). Later moved to the new purchase in Georgia where he lived until his death.

Jesse was an excellent partisan officer, harassing the British on their way to Yorktown. He had several skirmishes with the enemy, some of them sharp. He was in the battle with the Regulators, as it was called many years before the Revolution, and had a horse shot from under him, ran several hairbreadth escapes after the battle while taking up some straggling Regulators was waylaid and shot, yet out of them all Providence delivered him. He appeared never to regard risking his person or his life in performing duties of any kind.

Among the children of Jesse and Ann were: William, Yancey, John, James, Lewis, Betsy, Jesse, Jr.

4. WINIFRED, b. 2/24/1746. Named for her paternal grandmother, married early to Thomas Elliott. Among their several children, John Elliott lived in Brunswick County, Virginia.

5. FRANCES, b. 8/5/1748. Married first, Abraham White of Lancaster County,

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Virginia. They had several children, but none lived to be very old. Frances married the second time, George Davis, and had two children: Holland Davis (who moved to Tennessee) and Ephriam Davis of Brunswick County, Virginia. Frances lived to an advanced age.

6. EDWARD V, b. 5/5/1751. Traveled when young to Granville County, North Carolina and married Jane Yancey (sister of Ann who married his brother Jesse) and the daughter of Colonel Yancey. Jane and Edward had three daughters - Peggy and Nancy, both of whom married a Johnston and moved away. The other daughter was Elizabeth.

During the Revolutionary War Edward's brother Jesse called on him to go in pursuit of some deserters. While on the way to jail one of the deserters said to Jesse Saunders, who had command, that if he were taken by his mother's home he could produce his discharge. Jesse complied and while in the house looking for the discharge, another one of the deserters, out at the door, snatched a gun from one of the soldiers and attempted to shoot Jesse, who was in the house. Edward interfered and received the entire discharge in his bowels and fell dead on the spot. Jesse sprang out of the house through the door and was able to shoot the murderer as he was making off. Jesse gave himself up and was acquitted in a great triumph. He was not allowed to stand in the place common for such trials. Thus died Edward at a very early age (in his 20's) as noble and worthy a man as any private character of his day.

7. PRESLEY, b. 10/19/1753 - d. 1816: Presley entered the Revolutionary War and remained therein for several years, chiefly to the northward. He belonged to the 2nd Virginia Regiment, was in the battles of Brandywine, Monmouth, the storming of Stony Point, and several others, and finally at the capture of Cornwallace at Little York. After this he

returned home and to private life and married Winifred Kent, daughter of a neighbor, Mr. William Kent. They had several children and moved, when he was in advanced age, to Chowan County, North Carolina where he died in 1816. He was always moral, upright and steady, but did not embrace religion until advanced age. His children were William, Betsy, Edward, Presley, Jr., Nancy, and Turner.

Betsy, Presley's daughter, married first, a Mr. Wilder, a thrifty planter on Chowan River, who at his death left her a fertile farm and one child, James Wilder. After some years Betsy married the second time a Mr. Henry Hubbel, a man of sprightly talents, but with no turn for getting or keeping money. After a while they were forced to sell their delightful home, abounding in all the comforts of land or sea. They moved to Courtland, Lawrence County, Alabama, where several families of their relatives had already preceded them. Here they made a good living by keeping a hotel. Her son, James Wilder, was one of the "Red Rovers" who went to the aid of Texas under the lead of Dr. Jack Shackelford and was massacred at Goliad. Sympathy in the community for Betsy Saunders Wilder Hubbel was profound, for she was a woman of strong mind and a sweet temper, was welcome in every family in times of prosperity, for she was a genial companion, and more than welcome in every family when over-shadowed by a cloud of sorrow or the pale of death, for she had a heart which could sympathize with, and the discretion and tact to administer consolation to them. By her second marriage she had one daughter, Sarah Hubbel, like her mother was gifted with fine intellect and favored with a high degree of culture. She married General Lewis Garrett of Huntsville and Tusculmie, Alabama. He became very rich and prosperous and purchased a valuable plantation on the Arkansas River where they made their home. They had no children.

("Family Memoirs," by James Saunders 1824)

8. JOSEPH T SAUNDERS, b. 6/?/175?. Joseph T. entered the Revolutionary Navy when quite young, where he gained distinction (see 'Family Memoirs'). He enlisted before his 20th birthday in 1777 in the Navy of Virginia for three years, going on board ship

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“Dragon” then on the stocks at Fredericksburg, in charge of the provisions and rations. Under date of March 20, 1781 Lieut. Saunders received orders to prepare and man the fleet and report to General LaFayette, who was in the vicinity. After the British Army occupied Petersburg their fleet moved to higher up the River, and they sent gunboats to destroy the shipyards on the river also the public stores. Lieut. Saunders had filled his ship's galley with naval stores to transport them further up the river, but the wind and tide being against him, he finally discharged his guns at the hostile gunboat~ and sank his vessel and retreated to safety. This was his last active service in the Navy.

After the war Joseph T. married Margaret Shackelford of Richmond Co., Virginia. She was the daughter of Colonel Frederick Shackelford and a half sister of Dr. Jack Shackelford of Courtland, Alabama. They were only married a short while when Margaret died.

In 1789 Joseph T. moved to Brunswick County, Virginia and married Martha, daughter of Colonel Frederick Mecklin of Brunswick County. Joseph purchased bounty land warrants and located them on the frontiers and made great profit. President John Adams appointed him to a lucrative office in the Excise, conferred upon him solely on account of his outstanding service in the Revolution. His condition became very comfortable. He had a good plantation, a spacious home and a heart full of hospitality.

His sister Mary Hubbard Saunders lived with him a great number of years. He was an ardent Baptist and became much attached to a promising young Baptist, to whom he gave a home for several years, during which time the young man prepared himself, by course of diligent study, for great usefulness in the Church. This young man was the famous preacher, Jesse Mercer, who compiled a book of hymns which was generally in use in the Baptist Churches and was called “Mercer Cluster.” Jesse Mercer moved to Georgia and became famous. His name was conferred upon the Baptist University in Georgia.

In 1822 Joseph T. Saunders moved to Giles County, Tennessee, and in 1823 he moved to Lawrence County, Alabama and purchased a home adjoining a nephew Joseph, like his father William,

was 5'8”, remarkably well made, fair complexion and blue eyes. At age 65 he had white hair and a noble and prepossessing countenance. As Lieut. Joseph T. Saunders, he was allowed a pension, the first payment, including back pay, amounted to \$13,000.00.

By his first wife, Margaret Shackelford, he had one daughter, named Margaret, who married Robert Taylor of North Carolina, who moved to Courtland, Alabama. By his second wife, Martha Mecklin, he had three children: Richard, Ann and Lucy. Lucy married Robert Fenner of a wealthy Halifax, North Carolina family.

9. EPHRIAM HUBBARD SANDERS: (Born 7/14/1760, died 1796 age 36)

Ephriam was born in Lancaster County Virginia in the ancestral home of his great, great grandfather, Edward, Jr. Ephriam was the first in the direct line of ancestry who did not die in the Ancestral home, and was not buried in the family cemetery.

Ephriam married Nancy Ann McCarty (b. 1761) on December 20, 1788. Nancy Ann was the daughter of Elizabeth Downman and Billington McCarty, Jr., (born 10/3/1736), who were married in October 1756. Billington McCarty, Jr. died in 1771

When Ephriam Saunders and Nancy Ann McCarty were married they moved to Columbia County, Georgia where their children were born.

Billington McCarty Saunders, b. 12/2/1789

Elizabeth (Betty) Hubbard Saunders, b. 1792, married a Mr. Kinnus of Alabama and left issue

Dennis Dowman (or Downman) Saunders, b. 1794

According to the “Family Memoirs,” Ephriam served in the Revolution (see page 323 in *Early Settlers of Alabama*, published in 1889.

Ephriam was Clerk of the Kiokee Baptist Church in Columbia County, Georgia and his minute books are still in possession of the church. He was an important member of his church and his community, even tho he died a very young man in 1796 at the age of 26. A little over two years later, in 1799 at the age of 37 Nancy Ann, his wife, resumed her place at his side to await together the resurrection of their bodies.

Before Nancy Ann's death she had carefully and wisely cared for their children. She had sought and obtained the

solemn promise of a husband and wife (both of whom, had her full confidence) to care for and uprear their little ones. Upon application to the Court her choice received official sanction and the head of the family became the children's lawful guardian. This couple discharged their official duties and fulfilled their solemn promise made to Nancy Ann Saunders. The children always spoke of them in affectionate terms and their love, respect and admiration was the best and highest testimony. Ample means had been left to them for all reasonable requirements. Financially the children were well cared for by their parents. Their guardians gave them love, affection, physical care as well as spiritual and moral guidance.

(William and James - Twins, born 4/25/1765)

10. WILLIAM SAUNDERS: William was considerably deaf from infancy. He was of a rather noisy turn of mind, and a little fractious. He never married and lived in Georgia for several years.

11. JAMES SAUNDERS: James was the ancestor of the North Carolina branch of the family. He had dark hair and blue eyes. His father died when he was 14 years old. He remained with his mother in the ancestral home of his ancestors until her death in 1780, when he was 24 year old. In 1790 he had determined to remove to the west but his elder brothers persuaded him to remain in Brunswick County, Virginia three years longer. He then went down into the district of Edenton, North Carolina where he peregrinated (one of his own favorite words) until he was about 30 years of age. When, on January 7, 1795 he intermarried with Hannah nee Sittarzen Simons, born 1759 (widow of Jacob Simons), in the County of Chowan, about seven miles below Perequimaus County. Hannah was thirty-six years old (the daughter of James Sittarzen), she was a large, portly, handsome woman, and an excellent manager of her domestic concerns. She died May 12, 1819 (60 years old) leaving only one child, Joseph Hubbard Saunders, who was born in North Carolina on December 26, 1800.

James was the last of his family to live in “the old castle”, the place of his nativity, childhood and youth. He was the first member thoughtful and careful enough to preserve, to the family in written form, an adequate knowledge of their ancestry. In 1824 when he was

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## 1958 History Written By Fannie Fern Nicholson Has Sanders Connections

The following is from several items 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>.

### A History of My Ancestors by Fannie Fern Nicholeson

[She married Marion Nicholeson on Jan.21,1903] Thinking this may be of interest to my children, I will wright down what I can remember of my mother's and father's History.

My father, Washington Terry, was

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about sixty years of age he wrote the "Family Memoirs." copies of which, in manuscript, were distributed to the families of his near relatives. In its preparation he had every facility for information required. Every one of his lineal ancestors born in America had been born and reared in the mansion erected by Edward, Jr. (Edward Jr., and his brother Thomas and their father Edward were born in England). Everyone had died in it and been buried from it in the family cemetery to which he had free access from his infancy to count the graves and read the names carved on the tomb stones or tablets over them. Then there was the old family Bible .... the register of the births and deaths in the family from the settlement in the Colony -- and which had been in his keeping since his mother's death. The old home ----The Big House --- had been, for a century, the place for the reunions of the family where the names and memories of the past had been rehearsed and revived. His mother had been born and reared on an adjoining plantation and had known the Saunders family all of her life, and its annals for a generation before; she had resided there from her marriage to his father until her death -- a period of fifty years -- and doubtless had often rehearsed to him family memories and associations. What more could be desired to inform self of ancestors in their chronological order.

(James is the last of the 11 children of William) ■

born in Cincinnati, Ohio on Price Hill. His father, Robert Terry came from Ireland and settled on this land [we are fairly sure Washington Terry's parents and grandparents were born in America]. My father was a twin. His twin brother's name was T. Jefferson. They built a church and a grave yard and they are buried there [Chapel Hill cemetery in Centerville, Ind.]. This was confiscated by the city when it was no longer used for church purposes.

My father was married twice, he had two daughters, Annie and Alice. Alice married Dave Holler [Jan. 4, 1874] and is buried in Dunkard Cemetery at Hagerstown [Indiana]. She had one child, stillborn. My father was born about 1837 [Oct. 12, 1829]. He had two half sisters, Elisa Kirkpatrick and Mary Fetz Patrick. His brother, Jeff, lived in California and had an adopted son was very wealthy dealer in imported articles like fine paintings and china. One Brother was drowned. He lived to be 93 and is buried at Centerville, Ind.

My mother, Amy Ann, was born in or near what is now called Losantsville, Ind. June 9, 1849. Her mother was Matilda Gravat and was born in Pennsylvania [her marriage to Absolum Francis Gravatt on May 27, 1842, in Delaware Co., Ind., shows her as Matilda Sanders from N.C.]. Her mother was Sanders, I don't know her first name. Her grandmother was 1/2 breed indian named Mary Wild Goose. Her grandfather was full bred indian. His name has since had different interpretain as few people could write then probably was caused by spelling the name different. It is now called Willard or Woolard.

These facts were taken from a family Bible which was in the possession of Stella Woolard whose home and contents were destroyed by fire. My Mother had 2 brothers, William and George. Her brother, William lived and died at Santa Rosa, California. Her brother George lived at Indiana. Him and his wife Rosa had the post office. He was an invaled and was in a wheel chair for years. Her sister Mandy lived Bentonville, Ind. She had several children but only raised three, Tena [looks like "Tena" or "Lena"], Roe, and John. She later moved to Muncie [Indiana]. She is buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. She was married to John Bell. One sister

was married to Dr. Campbell and lived at Hagerstown, Ind. One was married to Walter Gray. They are relatives of the Lawyers Gray, but I don't know just how her daughter married a Hole. The father of Dewey Hole.

My Mothers father was born Frances Gravatte in France [the Gravatts came from Monmouth Co., N.J., where Francies was born]. He is buried in Dunkard Cemetery in Hagerstown, I saw his tombstone with his name on it [I have a photo of the stone]. He was called Francis Gravat. I don't know anything about him expect that my mother was married in Evansville, Ohio in the governors House. [Washington Terry and Amy Ann Gravatte were married Aug. 3, 1869 by Rev. Knoles Shaw in Warren Co., Ohio]

The governors wife gave her 12 silver teaspoons for her wedding gift. She had 12 silver dollars melted and made them. My father got a job at Cambridge, Ind and they moved to Falmouth, Ind. I think all of us children were born there. They lived in a log cabin untill my father could build a house. There were six children.

Florence Vietta Nitingale who married John Mattingly and had two children, Gurney [my grandfather] and Edna. She is buried in Beech Grove Cemetery, Muncie, Ind. Walter Clinton-five children, Murieb, Dorothy, Does, Walter and Edward. Ora May who was married to Edger A. Lamb. She had two Adopted children, Harry Gordon and Betty June. She is buried in Elm Ridge Cemetery, Muncie, Ind. Albert Fay married to Daisy Alden [second wife] and had 2 children Don and Adah. He is buried in California. George William married to Winnew. They have four children George, Gerald, Kenneth and Charles. He is buried in Leursville, Ind. [I don't know what town she meant] Fannie Fern married to Marion Nicholson Jan. 21, 1903 and have eight children John Norris, Lyle Terry, Mary Kathleen, Amy May, Alice Louise, Edgar Victor, Robert Wayne and Martha Jane.

Finished it - Signed by  
Fannie Fern Nicholson Nov. 9, 1958  
[brackets show added later]

P.S. Fannie Fern Nicholson died Nov. 27, 1969 (age 86 Written by Elsie Nicholson, her daughter in law) ■

## ASSORTED QUERIES . . .

The following was sent in by Gary Sanders, Box 309236 UNT, Denton, TX 76203, <gary\_bsanders@hotmail.com>.

The Sanders Cemetery in the Kyles Community, Jackson County, Alabama was dedicated as a cemetery by Jesse Elbert Sanders (1831-1906). It's a small cemetery and most of the people buried there are close relatives.

One of the burials though, seems rather puzzling and is listed at:

<<http://alabamatrailsvar1812.com/Veterans%20Buried/S.htm>>:

"Sanders, John W., War of 1812, Pvt. in Captain Clement's Company South Carolina militia. Died 15 Feb, 1815 and buried Sanders Cemetery, Jackson County, Ala. He was married to Nancy Griffin 15 March, 1808 in the Spartanburg District of South Carolina. Marked by the Thomas Gold Chapter A.S. Daughters of 1812 in February, 1960."

According to Jane Nichols (descendant of Jesse Elbert Sanders) who transcribed all the Sanders cemeteries in Jackson County, this John W. Sanders is not buried in the cemetery: "He died and was buried in S.C. Someone had a headstone put there for him in the 1960s. I don't know the relationship of him to this family." It does seem improbable that he would have been buried on the property forty or fifty years before it was donated as a cemetery. Does anyone have further information about this John W. Sanders?

R. Peterson at <rpeter8370@aol.com> is researching the name Saunders and would like to get back further than Harry B. Saunders and his wife. Harry was born 31 May 1874 in Valley, Neb., and died there 13 Sep 1962. He was married to Pearl Blair who was born 23 Apr 1895 in Pima, Arizona, and died 10 Mar 1976 in Valley, Neb.

From Mary Hughes Butler, <BButler330@aol.com>. My Ezekiel Sanders's father was William T. (Thomas) G. Sanders. His father was Ezekiel Sanders. Thomas settled in the area of Pickens County, Ala., where Union Hill Church is and is buried in an unmarked grave there. His son, Ezekiel, born 1897, lived in an area between

Coalfire and Reform, Alabama. The area is named Sanderstown after him.

I only learned of this family last year while researching my g-grandmother Savannah Carden Brown. Ezekiel's daughter Mary Ann married John Berry Carden and are Savannah's parents. I would like more information about previous generations. I will share what information I have on the family.

Rosalie Stephens, 1179 Garrison St., Lakewood, CO 80215 needs information on Davis Gore Sanders, b. 1833 in St. Mary Parish, La, d. 6 Mar 1882 in Cayucas, Calif. He is a son of William Gunnell Sanders, Jr., b. 1803 in Chester, S.C. and Rebecca Hall, b. 1804 in St. Marys Parish, La.

Robert E, Saunders, Canada, at <robertedward.saunders@sympatico.ca> is posting this in hope that there might be someone who may have a connection to his g-g-g-grandfather Robert Saunders. He was born abt. 1763 in Norfolk County, Mass., and died 9 Jun 1819 in Alburgh Parish. He married Ann Francis 10 Oct 1788. From what I have found in my research they had six children, William, b. 8 Feb 1792; Jonathan, b. 3 Jul 1793, d. 16 Jul 1843 Wentworth County, Glanford Township; Ann, b. 24 Feb 1795; Harriot, b. abt. 1799; Elizabeth, b. 8 Jul 1805, d. 13 Jul 1876 in Ontario, Canada; and James, b. 9 Feb 1807. Jonathan Saunders is my g-g-grandfather. He immigrated to Canada with his wife Maria Smith, nee Sadd, along with four children and settled in Glanford Township, Ontario. I should mention that I do have plenty of information on Jonathan and his sister Elizabeth, so if there is anyone who might be able to supply any further information on the above it would be greatly appreciated.

Yvonne Sanders Page, 700 North Road, Kennedale, TX 76060, <VonPage@aol.com> is looking for information on Patricia Ann Sanders Patterson, daughter of Mathie Sanders and Bobbie Jewell Roberts born 23 Aug 1949 in Limestone Co., Texas. She is a cousin to me and would love to find her.

William R. Sanders, 5250 N. Athenian, Wichita, KS 67204 is looking for relatives of his g-grandfather, Eilgah William Sanders, b. 20 Nov 1843 in Madison Co., Ga., and d. 26 Feb 1931 in Iredell, Texas. He joined Company C, 1st Georgia Cavalry of the Confederate States Army 4 Mar 1862. He married in 1869 Leanders Moody from Paulding Co., Ga. and they had nine children. They moved to Texas in 1884 to a farm three miles east of Iredell. Leanders died in 1902 and he married Julia Strawn in 1904. She died in 1924.. ■

## Doyle Anderson Sanders, Calhoun Co., Ark., Died Dec. 2006

OBITUARY—DOYLE ANDERSON SANDERS, SR., 86, of Locust Bayou, Calhoun County, Arkansas, died Thursday, 28 December [2006], at his home in Locust Bayou, Calhoun County, Arkansas. Mr. Sanders was born 16 September 1920 in Bearden, Ouachita County, Arkansas, the son of Curvis James Sanders and Mamie Dura Chambliss Sanders. He was a member of Locust Bayou Church of Christ, was retired from Ouachita Electric Corporation, and was an Army veteran of WW II. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian Mae Gresham Sanders, and a brother, Orland Garfield Sanders.

Survivors include his sons, Doyle Sanders, Jr. and wife, Linda of Locust Bayou; Rickey Sanders and wife, Pam of Hampton; his daughter, Mary Ann Hilburn and husband, Danny of Cabot; sister, UnaVee Barner and husband, Earnest of Hampton; brother, William Dorris Sanders and wife, Della of Dallas, Texas; six grandchildren, Lillianna Hilburn and Sanders Hilburn of Cabot; Brett Sanders, Derek Sanders, Jason Sanders, and Kristie Reynolds all of Hampton; and four great grandchildren, Montana Reynolds, Wyatt Reynolds, Dalton Reynolds, and Briar Sanders, all of Hampton; and his special caretaker angel, Tillie Woolsey of Smackover. Funeral services for Mr. Sanders will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, 30 December, at the Locust Bayou Church of Christ. Burial will be in Earnest Cemetery near Tinsman, in Calhoun County. Proctor Funeral Home of Camden is in charge of arrangements. ■



## Mary Lu Transcribed Will of Nahum Sanders In Raleigh Archives

Following is a transcription of Nahum Sanders' will. Nahum is the brick wall of Mary Lu Sanders, 5203 Fieldbrook Dr., Greensboro, NC 27455, <donpsanders@bellsouth.net>, and she is trying to find his siblings and parents. Nahum is first documented in Granville Co., N.C. He received a land grant in Stokes Co., N.C. in 1782 and died there in 1795. This is Mary Lu's transcription from the original will which she found at the Archives in Raleigh, N.C. and not from the will book which lists him as Nathan Sanders. Another copy of the will was printed on page five of the October 2005 issue of *Sanders Siftings*.

### Will of Nahum Sanders

In the name of God Amen. I, Nahum Sanders, of Stokes County State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory (blessed be God) do this thirty first day of March in this year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred ninety four make and publish this my last Will & testament in manner & form following that is to say-

First I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Susanna during the term of her Widowhood all the plantation whereon I now dwell.

Secondly I will that all of my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my personal accounts or moveable estate.

3rdly I will & bequeath unto my eldest son Arden Sanders one hundred acres of land adjoining the lands of John Findal Carr, Michael Faire )-- Entry of William Dobson esqr. and Benjamin Watsons being the north end of the tract of land whereon I now dwell, to him the said Arden his heirs and assigns forever; With this reserve that the said Arden is not to be put in possession thereof untill he shall arrive at the age of Twenty one years.

4thly I will & bequeath unto Merry Arthur Sanders my second son one hundred fifty acres of land being the South end of my plantation I now dwell on; to be put in possession upon my wife's death or Marriage provided he the said Merry Arthur shall then be of age if not to remain under the management of my Executors untill that period--but if so be that at any time before my wife's death or marriage after he the said Merry Arthur is of age he should incline to live on said land he shall be at liberty to set-

### NAMES FOUND IN NAHUM SANDERS' POCKET BOOK

Nahum's pocket book was a little leather bound book with the words "Nahum - his pocketbook." It was passed down through his son Arden and now is held by one of Arden's descendants, Gola Berry. A. Hagood's birth date is the only birth date listed in his pocket book. There are other names listed, but they appear to be transactions Arden made since they are made after Nahum's death in 1795.

The reason I am so interested in solving this mystery is because I think there is a possibility that Nahum's wife Susanna's maiden name my have been Hagood. Also, A. Hagood was a contemporary of Nahum's since Nahum was born about 1734.

There is a Benjamin F. Haygood in the 1860 Jefferson Co., Tenn. census who is listed with wife Nancy, and children Mary, John, Benjamin, and Nahum. In the 1870 Jefferson Co. census, there is an Arden S. Hagood with wife Nancy. This information is thanks to Vicki on an Ancestry.com message board.

Robert Gilliam  
William Howell  
A. Hagood borne January 17th,  
1739  
Gabriel Girl after his hand 1775  
Meale Meginnis 0-4-6-0 for the  
year of 1786  
John Quilling 0-6-6-0  
Jacob Srus 0-2-6-0  
James King 0-12-6-0  
Robert Fulton 0-3-1-1/2

tle and improve the uncultivated part of said land but shall not interfere or meddle with any part of the improvement untill my wife's Marriage or death as aforesaid.

5thly I will that my two eldest sons Arden & Merry Arthur shall and do pay jointly unto my three youngest sons viz. Jesse Sanders, Richard Sanders and Benjamin Sanders the just sum of thirty pounds good and lawful money of this state that is to say the sum of ten pounds each to be paid unto them as they shall severally become of age as their part or quota of the aforesaid plan-

tation & to be paid by the said Arden and Merry Arthur equally that is to say the sum of Fifteen pounds each

6thly I will & bequeath unto my beloved Wife Susannah all my moveable estate during her life or Widowhood after all my just debts funeral charges and legacies hereafter bequeathed in this my last Will & Testament are discharged--& at my Wife's Marriage or death I will that my moveable Estate be equally divided among my five sons viz. Arden, Merry Arthur, Jesse, Richard & Benjamin

7th I will that my wife be at liberty to give to any of my sons after they shall come of age any part or the whole of their quota of my moveable Estate or she may conceive they stand in need thereof, but shall not be compelled to make such distribution untill her marriage or death aforesaid.

8thly I will & bequeath unto my three sons-in laws John Sapp, James King, and Thomas Medieress the sums of five shillings each to be raised and levied out of my moveable Estate by my Executors & paid unto them as their wife's legacies.

And I do hereby make and ordain my beloved Wife Susanna Execatrix and my friend William Howell Executor of this my last will and testament and I do hereby revoke & disavow all former Wills & Testaments by me made ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and testament. In witness thereof I the said Nahum Sanders have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed sealed published and declared his by the said Nahum Sanders, the Testator as his last Will Testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof.

Archibald Campbell  
John Findal Carr  
Johan Ludwig

Stokes County December term 1795

The execution of the last Will & Testament of Nahum Sanders of which the foregoing is a true copy was proven in open Court by the oath of Archibald Campbell a subscribing witness thereto & ordered to be recorded which is done accordingly by

Thos. Armstrong  
for Rob Williams, Clerk ■

## About This Issue

We still need more readers sending in material, *especially queries*. I will now accept queries that have only an e-mail address.

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

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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 material.

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## Biographies of Two Noted Educators: Frederic William Sanders and Frank Knight Sanders

FREDERIC WILLIAM SANDERS, educator, was born in Westchester county, N.Y., Jan. 17, 1864; son of Dr. Henry and Frances Clara (Smith) Sanders; grandson of Henry L. and Barbara (Vaughan) Sanders and of William and Elizabeth (Scott) Smith. His mother's ancestors were among the early settlers of New England, but his father was an Englishman, although he served as a medical officer in the U.S. army during the civil war.

He was graduated from the College of the City of New York, A.B., 1883; was engaged as a tutor, editor, government employee and law clerk, 1883-87; as a law proof-reader, Rochester N.Y., 1887-88; was admitted to the bar in New York, 1887, and practised law in eastern Tennessee, 1888-91. He was a student in the Divinity school of Harvard, 1891-92, receiving the degree of A.M. upon examination from that university in 1892; was minister of the Unitarian church Asheville, N.C., 1892-93; subsequently continued his studies in the University of Chicago, being graduated, Ph.D., 1895, and was university fellow in sociology, Columbia university, New York city, 1895-96.

Dr. Sanders returned to the University of Chicago in the latter year, where he held the position of university extension lecturer in sociology and pedagogy, 1896-97; was lecturer-elect on statistics and social economics in the graduate school of the university, 1897; was assistant professor, first of pedagogy and then of European history, and finally professor in West Virginia university, 1897-99; and was president of the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, 1899-1901, officiating also as professor of political and economic science. He is the author of reviews in the *Political Science Quarterly*, the *American Journal of*

*Sociology*, the *Journal of Political Economy*, and of monographs and papers on sociological and philosophical subjects, published independently or in scientific or popular magazines. He resigned the presidency of the territorial college of New Mexico and his seat in the territorial board of education in 1901, traveled in Europe, 1901-02, and on his return to America in 1902 took up his residence in New York.

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FRANK KNIGHT SANDERS, educator, was born at Batticotta, Jaffna, Ceylon, June 5, 1861; son of the Rev. Marshall Danforth and Georgiana (Knight) Sanders; grandson of Anthony and Celinda (Brown) Sanders and of Joseph and Ruby (Hyde) Knight, and a descendant of Chad Brown (1638). He was graduated from Ripon college, Wis., in 1882; spent the next four years as an instructor in Jaffna college, Ceylon, and studied Semitic languages and Biblical literature at Yale, 1886-89, taking the degree of Ph.D. in 1889. He was married, June 27, 1888, to Edith, daughter of Morris and Mary Elizabeth (Billings) Blackman of Whitewater, Wis. He was Woolsey professor of Biblical literature at Yale, 1893-1901, and on Oct. 1, 1901, became professor of Biblical history and archeology and dean of the Divinity school at Yale university.

In 1900 he was elected president of Iowa college, Grinnell, Iowa, which position he declined. He became a member of the American Oriental society, the Society for Biblical Literature and Exegesis, and of the American Archæological association, and president (1903-04) of the Religious Education society. He received the honorary degree of D.D. from Ripon college in 1900. He is the author, with Professor C. F. Kent, of: *The Messages of the Earlier Prophets* (1898); *The Messages of the Later Prophets* (1899); and co-editor, with Prof. C. F. Kent, of *The Historical Series for Bible Students* (10 vols., 1896); the *Messages of the Bible* (12 vols., 1898), and the *Library of Ancient Inscriptions* (10 vols., 1903).

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