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## George W. Saunders Rode Success from Trail Driving to Big Cattle Business in Tex.

George W. Saunders was a cowboy's cowboy. He lived the old west that is romanized in books, movies, and on television, and he later became one of the most prominent figures in the cattle business in the Southwest.

This article was prepared from material submitted by Saunders' g-g-niece, Andrea Saunders Gereighty, 257 Bonna-bel Blvd., Metairie, LA 70005-3738. It included newspaper articles from San Antonio newspapers and a biography in *History of Southwest Texas* (pages 287-289). Information concerning Andrea Gereighty's genealogy appears elsewhere in this issue (page four).

GEORGE W. SAUNDERS was born at Rancho, Gonzales County, Texas, Feb. 12, 1854. He was the son of Thomas Bailey Saunders and Elizabeth Harper. The elder Saunders was born in North Carolina, lived for some time in Alabama, and in 1850 came to Texas, settling at Rancho. In 1859 he moved to Goliad County where he resided until 1880, when he moved to the eastern part of Bexar County where the station of Saunders was established on the Gulf Shore Railroad, named for him. He died there in 1902. His wife Elizabeth, born in Alabama, died at Saunders Station in 1893. They had 11 children.

The father of Thomas Bailey Saunders was Nimrod Sanders of Montgomery County, N.C.

When George Saunders was five years old he rode a Texas cow pony and helped drive his father's herd of cattle. In 1861 his oldest brother, James M., enlisted in the Confederate Army, and in 1863 his father and his brother William enlisted in the army. This left George and his brother Jack, two years his senior, in charge of the ranch until the end of the war.

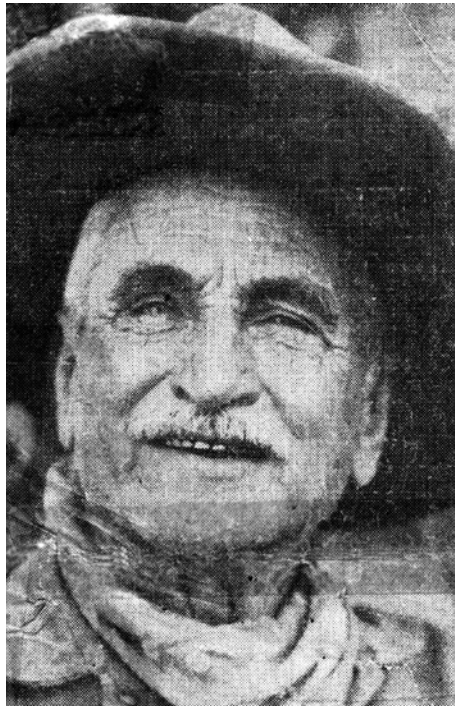
Though a small lad at the time, George was doing the work of a man. He was continually on the range doing all kinds of work pertaining to the ranch

and to the trail life of that period. This was before the chuck wagon and canned goods were introduced to the hardy life of the cowboy.

Buying cattle in small quantities at a time and trading when advantage presented itself, George soon accumulated a fair holding of livestock. He first went up the trail with his cattle in 1871, and experienced all the hardships and dangers of trail life, "the true nature of which no man has ever yet been able to fittingly describe." He made nine different trail trips before the trail closed.

George Saunders was one of the men who helped to put down lawless banditry in the Mexican border regions in the early days of Texas history when gunmen plied their craft in disregard of established justice. In 1873 he served as

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George W. Saunders (1854-1933), life president of the Old Trail Drivers' Association.

## Is A Coat-of Arms Important To Your Family History?

In July my wife and I took a 16-day tour of England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. We really did enjoy it. My wife really enjoyed not



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having to wait while I looked up family history in a library or court house or traipse with me through graveyards. No, I did not conduct any genealogical work while on the trip nor did I plan to do any. I did not know any specific *people*, *places*, or *dates* that would suggest things for me to do.

Well, maybe I did do a little genealogical work. Lets just call it observations. First, I looked through telephone books in many hotels for surnames that I research. It is very unscientific research work, but for what it's worth, there are many, many more Saunders than Sanders in England, Ireland, and Wales. Don't remember looking in Scotland. There was a Saunders Honda in Chester, England!

The second thing I observed was the marketing of coats-of arms and family history. They had the very same stuff to sell over there as here in the states. It is still pretty, but pretty worthless.

At the expense of offending some of you who have included a coat-of arms on the front of your family history, or who have one to hanging on your wall, please read the PRODUCT ALERT from the National Genealogical Society on page three. ■

## Sanders Siftings Needs Your Help

This is the third issue of this Sanders newsletter and the number of subscribers is still growing. Your queries will reach more and more Sanders researchers. Material is coming steadily and there is more than I can possibly fit into this issue.



Don Schaefer

### Photos Needed

However, there is still a need for quality material and good photographs. Photos have not been forthcoming. Those of you with interesting pictures of historical sig-

nificance must be reluctant to send them to me. Perhaps you do not trust the mail. Send them by certified mail and I will return them the same way. The best kind of photos are those from the early days of photography up through the first part of this century. Present day photos of people are not wanted, but excellent pictures of significant Sanders gravestones or landmarks would be good. The photo on page one was made from a newspaper clipping—the reason for the poor quality.

Your queries are still needed, but please edit them down to a small size as much as possible. Include all the essential facts, but keep extra copy relevant.

### Tell Us About Your Results

Have you had results from your queries or other material that you have had in this newsletter? We would like to hear about it. Some of you must be making connections because I've seen the same names and locations in more than one query.

More than 250 copies of the first issue have been mailed out free. As of the printing of this issue, there are 86 subscribers. Copies are also going to selected libraries where there are quite a few Sanders researchers. Special messages on America-On-Line has brought in a few more subscriptions. Pass the word to your fellow researchers and Sanders contacts. If they do not already subscribe, tell them about SANDERS Siftings. I will keep you posted on circulation matters in coming issues. ■

## Sanders Families From Greene County, Arkansas

Submitted by: Thomas Stephen Neel, 169 E Main St, New London OH 44851. Does anyone know the parents of Cornelius, Lewis, or Andrew J. Sanders?

**Cornelius Sanders**, parents unknown, b. 9 Oct 1828 AL; d. 28 Sep 1877 MO; bur. Stubbs Cem., Clinton Twp., Texas Co. MO; m. ca. 1846 Greene Co. AR to Matilda Jane McIntosh, probable d/o Solomon McIntosh & Elizabeth Edmondson, b. 19 May 1825 Weakley Co. TN; d. 10 Mar 1894 Beaver Creek, Texas Co. MO; bur. 11 Mar 1894 Stubbs Cem., Clinton Twp., Texas Co. MO. She was married first, per family records, to a brother of her second husband, probably the **Lewis Sanders**, age 20-30, wife 15-20, in 1840 Cache Twp., Greene Co. AR, p. 139, neighbor to Solomon Mackintosh. Lewis Sanders first appears on the Greene Co. tax lists in 1840. She married second Cornelius Sanders, perhaps named after Rev. Elias Cornelius. Cornelius and Matilda Jane Sanders are in the 1850 census for Union Twp., Greene Co. AR, p. 178; 1860 Hartville, MO; 1870 Clinton Twp., Texas Co. MO.; 1876 State Census, Texas Co. No probate for any of the above was located. Cornelius, Matilda Jane, Andrew J., and Sabrina Sanders, are buried side by side in Stubbs Cem., Texas Co. MO.

Child of Matilda Jane by first husband (probably **Lewis Sanders**):

1. Peter, b. 17 Jul 1841 Greene Co. AR; d. 3 May 1899 Texas Co. MO; bur. Stubbs Cem., Texas Co. MO; Co. B, 8th Reg., Missouri Cav.; m(l) Elizabeth Hellmus; m(2) Elizabeth Savira McGlothlin; divorced from 2nd wife in 1868; m(3) 5 Apr 1868 Hartville, MO to Emily Caroline Hardin.

Children of Cornelius Sanders and Matilda Jane McIntosh:

2. Louis, b. 11 Sep 1847 Union Twp., Greene Co. AR; d. 15 Oct 1937 Texas Co. MO; bur. Stubbs Cem., Texas Co. MO; m. 14 Aug 1870 Texas Co. MO to Martha Denney. 3. Cynthia A., b. ca. 1849, Greene Co. AR; m. 26 Nov 1882 Texas Co. MO to William Cox. 4. James H., b. Nov 1853 Texas Co. MO; m. 19 Feb 1879 Texas Co. MO to Sarah E. Organbright. Jim Sanders was a physician and surgeon, office over post office in Mountain Grove, MO. 5. Anna Albature, b. ca. 1856 Texas Co. MO; absent by 1870 census. 6. Manerva Rebecca, b. ca. 1858 Texas Co. MO; m. 8 May 1880 Texas Co. MO to

John Smalley. 7. Betsy A., b. ca. 1861 Clinton Twp., Texas Co. MO; absent by 1880 census. 8. William Derias, b. 31 Jul 1865 Farmington, St. Francois Co. MO; d. 23 Mar 1919 Great Bend, Barton Co. KS; m(1) 30 Sep 1883 Texas Co. MO to Elizabeth Jane Spurgeon; they separated; m(2) Mary ----. W.D. & Mary Sanders lived in Pawnee Rock, KS. Jane Sanders lived in Springfield, MO; m(2) Mr. Hawley, and removed to Republic City NE, but died in Springfield. [Great Grandfather of submitter.] 9. Cornelius Ewina, b. ca. 1868, Texas Co. MO.

**Andrew J. Sanders**, parents unknown, b. ca. 1814; d. 15 Oct 1858 Texas Co. MO; age 49 y 1 m 2 d; bur. Stubbs Cem., Clinton Twp., Texas Co. MO; m. Sabrina ---; b. ca. 1814 KY?, d. 6 Jun 1869 age 55 y 5 m 19 d; bur. Stubbs Cem., Texas Co. MO. Executor of Andrew's will was John A. Sanders of Wright Co. MO. Andrew J. Sanders probably appears as Jackson Sanders in the 1835 and succeeding tax lists for Greene Co. AR. In 1840, Jackson Sanders Jr., age 20-30, is listed in Cache Twp., Greene Co., p. 146, with a female 20-30, and a male under 5, male 5-10, and female under 5. Next door is John Sanders, age 20-30, with a family.

Children of Andrew J. and Sabrina Sanders:

1. William S., b. ca. 1835 Greene Co. AR; wife Matilda E. 2. Lewis Jefferson, b. 21 Mar 1838; d. 30 Mar 1884; bur. Stubbs Cem., Clinton Twp., Texas Co., MO; m. Elizabeth E. Fry. 3. Amelia Jane, b. ca. 1840 Greene Co. AR; m. Alfred Dulaney. She was his third wife, and he was the father of Charles Dulaney below. 4. Elias, b. ca. 1845 Greene Co. AR; d. 16 Jun 1864 Civil War, typhoid and pneumonia. 5. Minerva Catherine or Mary, b. ca. 1848 MO; m. Aaron or Anderson C. Barnhart. 6. Margaret Ann, b. ca. 1849 MO; m. Norval Walker. 7. Sabrina Elzenia or Susanna, b. ca. 1853 MO; d. Jan. 1946; m. 8 Jun 1870 Texas Co. MO to Charles Elibe Dulaney.

Cornelius, Lewis, Andrew Jackson and John Sanders of Greene Co. AR are certainly closely related. Another researcher identifies these names as possibly coming out of Jackson Co. AL. They may have a Cherokee or Creek background. ■

## George W. Saunders

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deputy sheriff of Goliad County and made many hazardous expeditions in quest of outlaws, arresting and bringing them to justice. He belonged to Capt. Henry Scott's Minute Company of Refugio County in 1874-75 and served between Brownsville and Laredo on the Mexican border.

He disposed of his interests in Goliad County in 1880 and moved to San Antonio for the benefit of his wife's health. She died in 1883.

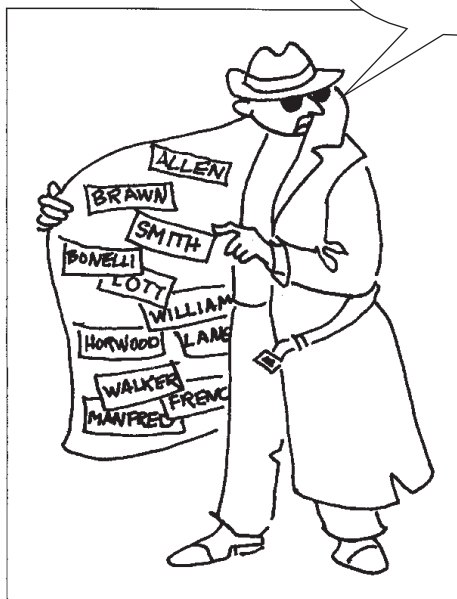
Unlike many of the cowboys of those days, George was ambitious to get into permanent business and win success. In the latter part of 1886 he formed a live-stock commission company in San Antonio which later became the George W. Saunders Commission Company. At that time San Antonio was the largest horse market in the world. The business prospered and he later opened a branch in Fort Worth.

George became known as an authority on the production and feeding of cattle. He was a member of the Texas Cattle Raisers Association and was founder and organizer of the Old Trail Drivers' Association.

His first wife was Rachel Reeves. They had two daughters, Jonnie (Mrs. W. E. Jary) and Georgia (Mrs. Thomas Webb). After the death of his first wife he married Ida Friedrich. They had one daughter, Agnes (Mrs. C. D. Cannon).

This was said in his obituary in the San Antonio paper after his death July 3, 1933: ". . . The man who held the trail drivers in Texas together for more than 30 years in the country's only organization of its kind was 79 years old last February. He had seen San Antonio grow from a roaring cowtown in the 70's to a great city. He had gone over the fenced-up trails of the free range of his own cowboy days, visiting the cold ashes of dead campfires to reclaim the memories they held. He was the author of two volumes of trail history, one of them "The Trail Drivers of Texas," edited by J. Marvin Hunter of Bandera—the basis of many scenes, it has been said, in great motion pictures, such as "The Covered Wagon. . ."

George W. Saunders was a cowboy, a businessman, and a man whose life made a profound difference in the West. ■



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A number of companies sell certificates or books that supposedly detail the history of your surname. Some also sell lists of addresses for people with the same last name. These companies mass-produce their products, changing only a few details to make them appear different. Information about various individuals with the same last name is not a family history. A list of names and addresses for individuals who simply share a surname is neither a family history nor a form of genealogy. Unless your surname is unique, you should not assume that people with the same last name are your relatives.

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## A Product Alert!

The National Genealogical Society, with the support of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, advises you to be on the alert when considering the purchase of products based solely on surnames.

### Coats of Arms

Several companies sell coats of arms or "ancestral arms" for thousands of surnames. Some employ artists to design original coats of arms; others adapt coats of arms found in books. Coats of arms purchased in shopping malls or by mail order are most likely not related in any way to the purchaser's ancestry. Rules on the use of authentic coats of

### MAYFLOWER FAMILIES

From pp 136-137, *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations*, vol 2, Robert M. Sherman ed., 1970; publ. General Soc. of Mayflower Descendants. Sent in by Patsy Chappellear.

14A Phebe Dodge (Susanna Knowlton, Susanna Dutch, Susanna More, Richard) b. Lunenburg 23 Sept. 1759; prob. d. Annapolis Co., Nova Scotia 21 May 1808 age 49. She prob. m. Pardon Sanders (or Saunders) Jr., b. Rosette (now Round Hill), Annapolis Co., NS ca. 1656; d. Annapolis Co., NS 19 Jan. 1823 age 67; son of Pardon and Hannah (Olivier) (Sampson) Sanders. In his will "reg. 1823" Pardon Sanders of Annapolis, Nova Scotia mentions daughters Louisa and Caroline, and sons Josiah,

Pardon, William and Benjamin. Children (Sanders) b. Nova Scotia to Pardon, and so probably to Phebe: Pardon b. 1783; Josiah bp. 1785; Mary bp. 1787; Susan bp. 1787; William bp. 1789; Benjamin bp. 1792 Louisa b. 1794 Phebe bp. 1798; Frederick LeMont bp. 1798 and Caroline.

References: NS Archives: Annapolis Royal Anglican Ch. parish recs.: estate papers, wills of Pardon Sanders Sr. & Jr.; MGI Whiston Collec. Annapolis, NS Hist, A. E. Marble, Cemeteries of Annapolis Co. #309, 310. Granville NS township book pp. 128, 242. Annapolis Royal NS township book p. 199. "Some Historical Facts and Reminiscences of Pardon Sanders and Family" by his great-great-granddaughter Enna Sanders LeCain.

## Family Bible of William Lewis Sanders Yields Many Facts; Raises More Questions

From Edward E. Sanders, P.O. Box 1989, Mills, WY 82644-1989, [EESanders@aol.com]. I am looking for Francis F. Sanders and wife Hettie or Hester ????. I have about 1200 descendants of Francis F. Sanders or links to him that I haven't checked out at present, but would be glad to share anything that I have.

Francis F. Sanders is the earliest member of the Sanders family that is recorded by Mary Louise Cain Eaton. In the family Bible of his grandson William Lewis Sanders (in the possession of Mary Louise Cain Eaton), he is listed only as F. F. Sanders, died March 13th, 1875, age 74. Some records indicate that he was born in TN.

His wife's name was Hester or "Hetty." Their children are as follows:

John Sanders and Ben Sanders were with Francis F. Sanders family in Arkansas, but was not known if they were sons or other kin. They, John and Ben, left Arkansas in April 1849 by wagon train with Col. Marcy for California to make their fortune in the 1849 California gold rush. Both John and Ben were probably born in TN ca 1823/25.

Arthur Leander Sanders was in Madison Co., AR in 1850 and moved to Newton Co., MO. His third child was born in Huntsville, AR. Arthur's children married into Moore, Trent, Troxel, and Susan Ping families. Arthur died on 15 Feb 1864 while in the Southern Army. He was a school teacher. Arthur and Edna J. Clements had 6 children. After the death of Arthur, Edna remarried to A. J. Thompson in 1873.

Francis Elijah Sanders record is from the 1860 Census of Newton Co., Granby Twp., he is living four houses from his brother William and his father Francis. He married Sarah E. Ledbetter, in 1850-1852. Some family members state he was killed near Newtonia, MO in a Civil War battle, but no documentation has been found to date.

Elihue Sanders - on the 1850 Census of Madison Co., AR.

James Sanders - no record has been found.

William M. Sanders - Births of William, Lucinda, and all their children

are listed in the family Bible of their son William Lewis. The Bible is now in the possession of Mary Louise Cain Eaton. In the 1860 Census, Newton Co., MO, William and Lucinda are living in the household of his parents Francis and Hester. At the time they had one daughter, Julia Frances, who died just two months later in Sept, 1860. Laphett, son of William and Lucinda, also died in infancy. William M. was a miner by trade and worked in the lead mines of the area. Lucinda ran a boarding house in Galena to help support their large family. By the time of the 1880 Census William was again living in Granby, MO, the little mining town where he lived most of his life, and where all of his children and most of his grandchildren were born.

Julia Elizabeth Sanders married John M. Young, 21 Apr 1867 in Newton Co, MO. ■

### Saunders Genealogy of Andrea Gereighty

This is the genealogy of Andrea Saunders Gereighty, 257 Bonnabel Blvd., Metairie, LA 70005-3738. Her g-g-uncle, George W. Saunders is featured in the article on page one.

John Saunders, b. 1700-05, VA

Capt. William Arron Saunders, b. 1735, VA; d. 1785, NC; m. Joan Bailey

Nimrod Saunders, b. Fayetteville, NC; d. 1849; m. Mary Ricketts, b. 1780, NC

Thomas Bailey Saunders, b. Oct 9, 1816, Fayetteville, NC; d. May 26, 1902, Saunders, TX; m. Emily Elizabeth Harper Aug 25, 1841

Andrew Jackson Saunders, b. Aug 19, 1851, Rancho, TX; d. Nov 16, 1924; m. Susan F. Rawlins Aug 15, 1872

George Allen Saunders, b. Mar 20, 1881, Gurley, TX; d. Nov 18, 1942, New Orleans, LA; m. Sylvie Leonie Escat Jun 10, 1903

A. J. Saunders, b. May 14, 1909, New Orleans, LA; d. Jul 29, 1993, Metairie, LA; m. Jeanne Teresa Maria Martin Oct 7, 1937

Andrea Ann Saunders, b. Jul 20, 1938, New Orleans, LA ■

### Genealogy of Many Sanders in Southern Missouri

This is the genealogy of Mike Sanders, P. O. Box 15170, Lenexa, KS 66285. Peter Sanders' move from north-east Alabama to southern Missouri established a new clan.

John Sanders, d. Feb 3, 1772; m. Elizabeth ?

Joseph Sanders, b. 1755, Isle of Wight Co, VA; m. Rebecca ?

George Sanders, b. 1784, Randolph Co, NC; d. Dec 22, 1867, Jackson Co, AL; m. Phebe Sanders.

Peter Sanders, b. Sep 15, 1811, NC; d. Jun 5, 1856, Stone Co, MO; m. Rebecca

John M. Sanders, b. 1844, place?; d. Feb 1877, Stone Co, MO; m. Susan A. Wilcox Feb 26, 1868, Barry Co, MO

John Perry Sanders, b. Mar 9, 1877, Shell Knob, MO; d. Nov 4, 1971, Monett, MO; m. Hattie Blythe Sanders Apr 9, 1899, Shell Knob, MO

Milford Sanders, b. Jun 23, 1918, Shell Knob, MO; d. Jan 26, 1981, Wichita, KS; m. Mary Lee Marvel Jun 1, 1957, Coffeyville, KS

Michael John Sanders, b. Mar 16, 1958, Wichita, KS ■

### Sanders Cemetery

If anyone has any information on this Sanders branch please call or write me at: Alonzo L. Hardy, 1827-4 Vienna Court, Pekin, IL, 61554, (309) 347-2120. I found seven graves enclosed by a wrought iron fence in the Stokes Cemetery --off of CR 149A, Jefferson Co., FL. I surveyed the cemetery in 1994, while looking for my ancestors. The tombstones, grave markers, etc., of the following list really stood out, since mostly slaves, slave descendants are buried in this cemetery. According to local sources, the Sanders were all white.

W. D. Sanders, b. 25 Mar 1851; d. 3 Aug 1904. Jane Huger Sanders, d. 1 Dec 1912, age 58 years. Henry G. Sanders, b. 15 Mar 1812 - d. 23 Apr 1863. Jas. H. Sanders, b. 12 May 1847 - d. 9 Nov 1884. Leroy J. Sanders, b. 20 Jul 1855 - d. 23 Jun 1863. Caroline Pittman died 9 May 1856. Henry B. Leberett, b. 11 Jun 1884 - d. 3 Jan 1888.

There are reportedly well over 100 graves here, but due to neglect, the woodland has retaken parts of the cemetery. The Sanders plot has a very large Civil War Monument w/cannon ball. ■

## ASSORTED QUERIES . . .

From: Delia Sanders Hord, 3919 Tall Pine Dr., Marietta, Ga 30062-6132, [dhord9946@aol.com]. I am searching for the sons of John SANDERS, two known sons Thomas b.1743 and George Sanders. Thomas Sanders lived on Roberts Swamp now in Bamberg Co. SC. George's descendants live in Barnwell Co.

Thomas Sanders b. 1743 m Claricy Rutland ca 1769

William b. 1776 m Sarah Sanford  
G. Nathaniel b 1795 m Elizabeth Walker, d/o Joel gd/Berry Colleton Co.

Derril Calhoun b. 1796

Burrell

Benjamin

Thomas Clark

Henry

Mary

Rebecca

Samuel Gilbert

Will share information on these Sanders. I am descended from G. Nathaniel who migrated to Aucilla, Jefferson Co., Fla ca 1831. Migrated to the area that the Walker and Kinsey and Goodman families of Colleton Co. migrated to before 1830.

Everett W. Pease, 12103 Avenida Sivrita, San Diego, CA 92128. Would appreciate any info.

Several family lines in the Wright Co, MO area. Peter Sanders, b. 1781 NC, and his wife, Michel Tarbutton, b. Richmond Co, NC. The Sanders family lived in Tennessee, Illinois, Arkansas, migrated to Wright Co, MO 1840-45. I believe Peter and Michel both died Wright Co; need date of death and place of burial. Joseph Sanders, b. abt 1808 NC, m. Catherine (Kate) Moody, b. abt 1811, OH. Also need death dates and burial places, probably Wright Co. Who were parents of Kate Moody? William C. Sanders, b. Dec 1839, TN, son of Joseph and Kate. He went by ox team from Wright Co. to California in 1856; m. Matilda L. Longcor in 1869. William C. Sanders died 1905, Yuba City, CA.

Ron Eagan, 510 County Road 2550 N, Mahomet, IL 61853-9716, [102012.2174@compuserve.com] is looking for information on Moses and Goola \_\_\_ Sanders. They apparently

moved from Jefferson Co, IL to Greene Co, AR prior to the 1850 census. By 1860 they were in Johnson Co, AR. Who are their parents? The 1860 census record Moses' birth state as Georgia and Goola's as North Carolina. Their son Francis Marion Sanders (b. abt 1835 in Jefferson Co, IL) is my ancestor.

(Will print more about Francis Marion Sanders in the next issue.)

Mary Donna Foley, 460 Weston Road, Russell Springs, KY 42642, [71101.1074@compuserve.com].

Ona/Onnica Sanders b. c1829; d. after 1870; m. c1846 Jacob Elswick b. c1826; d. after 1870. Ona/Onnica probably the daughter of Thomas J. and Elizabeth McBrayer Sanders. 1850 Pike Co, KY census: Jacob and Onnica are listed between Ichabod Sanders and Thomas J. Sanders. 1860 census: They are listed Jackson and Onisa, living between Susan Moore and Wade Sanders. Children in composite listing from 1850, 1860, 1870 Pike Co, KY census records:

Elizabeth Elswick, b. c1847

Mary Elswick, b. 1850

Rodice "Dicey" Jane Elswick, b. c1851 m. 1868 John Gibson, Pike Co, KY

Abram Elswick, b. c1852

Sarah Elswick, b. c1855

Hannah M. Elswick, b. c1856

Ichabod Elswick, b. c1857; m. 20 Apr 1881 Julia Colley, Dickenson Co, VA  
Susan/Susannah Elswick, b. 1860

Huldah Elswick, b. c1863; m. 1st \_\_\_;  
m. 2nd 5 Nov 1890 James Swiney,  
Buchanan Co, VA

William R. Elswick, b. c1864

James H. Elswick, b. c1865; m. 14 Jul 1887 Lucy Stewart, Buchanan Co, VA

Bud Elswick, b. Dec 1869 VA

Pike Co, KY birth records show a Mary A. Elswick, b. 1 Aug 1854 d/o Jacob and Araminta Sanders.

Who were Ona/Onnica's parents, and what is the correct spelling of her name? When did she die? Where did she get married? Who were Jacob Elswick's parents? Would like marriages for all children. Would also like more information on John Gibson's family.

(More queries from Mary Donna Foley in the next newsletter.)

Floydene Sanders Gillihan, 449 Fort Worth St., Hampton, VA 23669-0449.

The earliest information I have on my g-g-grandfather, Robert Sanders, is in the 1850 Tishomingo Co, MS census:

Robert Sanders	50 m	farmer	S.C.
Mary	21 f		Tenn
Burril	1 m		Ala
Green Thorn	25 m		Ala
Sarah	25 f		Tenn

From other records, later children were born in 1852 Ala. (Samantha), then 1854 Miss. (Ellihu), 1857 Ark. (John Henry), 1864 & 1866 Ark. (George and Andrew J.). By following the children's places of birth, I concluded that Robert and Mary (Haney) Sanders came to Arkansas between 1854-1857. They settled in Izard Co, Ark. near the community of Dolph. They lived on what became known as "Sanders lane." Many of their descendants still live there.

Where was Robert Sanders for the years 1800-1850, which represents half his life? His tombstone lists the date of his death as 1882. What did he do for those fifty years? Who were his parents? Brothers and sisters? Who were Green and Sarah Thorn in the Robert Sanders household in 1850?

From Mary Donna Foley, 460 Weston Rod, Russell Springs KY 42642, [71101.1074@compuserve.com].

A Charlotte Sanders married Anderson Quillin, son of William Quillin, on April 4, 1837 in Pike County, KY. Oral consent was given by Thomas Sanders, guardian of said Charlott Sanders. Bond by Anderson Quillen and Thomas J. Sanders; signed by Anderson Quillin and Thos J. Sanders. Letter of consent, dated March 20, 1837, for "my sun Anderson Quillin to have Charlotty Sanders". At the June term (1825) of the Floyd Co. court (County Court Book 4) Jacob Sanders was given custody of "Charlotte Sanders, age 2 years the 14th of last April", a base born child. In 1837 Thomas Sanders was appointed guardian for a Charlott Sanders (Court order book B, page 268). Thomas was the son of Jacob. Who were Charlotte's parents and who were her children? ■

## Some Sanders in the Ozark County (Missouri) History

The following was forwarded by Patsy S. Chappalear, 9714 South Rice Avenue, Houston, TX 77096-4138, [PSC@tom.imb.uh.edu]. Some of these biographies have been shortened.

### James Hope and Rebecca (Sanders) Sweet

... My father, James Hope Sweet, was born in 1881 and, as far as I know, was born in Missouri. He married Rebecca Sanders July 5, 1903. She was the daughter of Henry Sanders and Rhoda Rice. My mother, Rebecca Sanders, had ten sisters and one brother. Their married names were Emma Lockwood, Nancy Woods, Belle Upton, Oma Burton, Sally Strong, Hulda Donaldson, Martha Pruitt, Elizabeth Upton, Annie Upton, Frances Sanders (whereabouts unknown), and Thomas Sanders. He and Mother lived near Gainesville on their homestead. Dad was a farmer. He also hauled freight with a team and wagon from West Plains, MO, and from Cotter, AR, for the merchants of Gainesville. He also peddled apples to help with living expenses.

My brothers and sisters were all born in Gainesville. We moved to Tahlequah in Cherokee County, OK, in 1918. I was three years old. I lost my mother in 1919. She is buried at Park Hill near Tahlequah, OK. My father later married Annie Shirley and had two other children, Oliver and Alva Sweet. Dad passed away in 1969 at age 87 and is buried at Henryetta, OK.

... I live at 4711 North Douglas Boulevard, Spencer, OK 73084. Since I moved from Missouri at three years of age, I never had the opportunity to know my mother's family. We have made several trips to Gainesville trying to locate some of her family with very little success. I have written this to the best of my memory and what my older brothers and sisters have told me.

-Submitted by Eugene Sweet

### Henry and Rhona (Rice) Sanders

Henry Sanders was born Oct. 12, 1831, in Indiana and died Oc. 15, 1915, in Gainesville, and his wife, Rhoda (Rice) Sanders, was born Nov. 18, 1834, and died July 12, 1922. Both are buried

in the Gainesville Cemetery. Henry and Rhoda had eleven daughters and one son born to their union. Henry's parents were Allen Sanders, born in 1801 in Georgia, and Ann Sanders, born in 1805 in South Carolina. They migrated to Missouri sometime before 1850. Henry had several brothers. Their names were John, born 1824, Kentucky; Hiram, 1834, Indiana; Steve, 1830, Indiana; James, 1842, Missouri; Isaac, 1844, Missouri; David, 1847, Missouri; Allen, 1849, Missouri; and possibly Charnal. Rhoda (Rice) Sanders had a brother named Harm Rice and two sisters, Rebecca (Rice) Wells and Martha Rice. Rhoda named two of her daughters after her sisters.

The children of Henry and Rhoda Sanders were Nancy Jane (1854-1942); Annie Lue (1856); Mary Emma (1858-1921), Sarah "Sally" Ann (1860-1942), MaHulda C. (1864); Safrona Elizabeth (1866); Frances M. (1868); Thomas A. (1873); Martha C. (1875); Laura Belle (1876-1922); Rebecca Dora (1879-1921); and May Oma (1880).

Henry settled in Ozark County south of Gainesville with good land to farm and an industrious wife. He was a tall, reserved, quick-spoken man of part Cherokee Indian descent. He was also a brave hunter and the proud owner of two cur dogs and a horse named Dan. Using a flintlock muzzle-loading gun, he once killed a panther that fell to the ground leaving claw marks on a big nat rock. Years later those claw marks could still be seen. This is well remembered by Henry's grandson, George Henry Sweet.

The availability of wild game always provided meat for the table; wild turkey for Thanksgiving and Christmas was a delightful treat. They did their butchering in the fall after cold weather arrived. They made lots of sausage and smoked it in Henry's airtight smokehouse. Rhoda was famous for her head cheese, a delicacy stored in the cellar and brought up around Christmastime. Her gooseberry dumplings or rhubarb pie would tantalize anyone's taste buds. A disciplinarian of old Dutch descent, Rhoda kept her daughters' hands busy quilting, making sauerkraut, drying fruit, or churning. Everyone had a job such as gardening or attending bee

hives. They raised their own geese; therefore, the family enjoyed soft beds and pillows made from the feathers plucked by Rhoda's hands. Many days found her weaving cloth on the loom her husband had made, mortared and put together with wooden pins. She was very clean and tidy, using liquid lye soap made from wood ashes. Her broom was homemade from broomcorn they grew. Even the mop was made by pulling cornshucks through holes drilled in a wooden block attached to a wooden handle.

Years began to pass and the older children began to marry, some moving away, losing contact with one another. The younger ones had nieces and nephews near their ages. Nancy Jane married Henry Wood; Annie Lue married Edward "Ned" Upton; Mary Emma first married a Gibson, then Eldon Lockwood; Sarah "Sally" Ann married Henry H. Strong; MaHulda C. first married William M. Wakely, then Frank Donaldson or Donelson; Safrona Elizabeth married John Franklin Upton; Frances M. married possibly someone named Whitfield; Thomas A. first married Vina Freeman, then Annie Turner; Martha C. married Arthur Pruitt; Laura Belle married Adam Upton; Rebecca Dora married James H. Sweet; and May Oma married Jack Burton.

If anyone reading this story identifies themselves as a descendant of anyone listed, please contact the submitter of this story at P.O. Box 764, Henryetta, OK 74437. This was told as remembered by Rhoda and Henry's grandson, George Henry Sweet, born April 23, 1904, in Gainesville, MO.

Submitted by Lola (Sweet) Palmer

More biographies from Ozark County, Mo., in the next issue. ■

### Joseph E. Sanders (1813-1890)

FROM THE EDITOR— I found a *Diary of Joseph E. Sanders, Jan 1, 1856 to May 31, 1880* in the University of Arkansas Library in Fayetteville. This Joseph Sanders was born May 15, 1813 on the Cumberland River, Knox County (now Whitley County), KY. The diary covers some Civil War activity. Is this your Joseph? Let me know. ■

## Short Takes . . .

These are brief bits of information sent in by interested researchers.

Jeanne Harris Bruck, 5920 North Camino Escalante, Tucson, AZ 85718-4114. My grandmother was Carrie Della Sanders - her father was Nicholas Bolivar Sanders, b. Pekin, Tazwell Co., IL. He married Anna Elizabeth Heller in Peoria, IL. I may have found Nicholas' father (or grandfather) John C. Sanders, age 65, and wife Carolyn J age 59, along with James (16), Mathilda (14), Nicholas (11) and Theodore (24) in the 1860 in Timber (town?) Township, Peoria Co., IL U.S. Census. Everyone was born in Pennsylvania except Nicholas. John C. and Theodore were listed as "coopers". (Anna Elizabeth Heller's father - John Heller was a blacksmith also born in Pennsylvania.) There is a slight problem: Other information I have lists Nicholas as having been born in 1853. He died in Okla. in 1893. Does this fit in anyone's files?

Mary and Ray Kale, [ray.kale@launchpad.unc.edu]. We are searching for the parents of Abijah Sanders who died in Chesterfield Co., SC in 1885. He previously lived in Anson Co., NC in 1840. His father may have been John Sanders who lived in Virginia. If anyone researching Sanders (Saunders) in Virginia or elsewhere can make a connection, we would appreciate hearing from you.

From Clare Sallee, 3504 Teakwood Court, Columbia, Missouri 65203, [csallee@bigcatmissouri.edu]. We have never been able to find the father of our Reuben Sanders, b. 1797, most likely in Virginia or Kentucky. Reuben married a Mary "Polly" Logan in Dallas Co., AL in 1819 and I believe that both their families had been in Kentucky at one time, but am not sure. There was a Reuben Sanders born in 1763 in Caroline Co., VA who received a land grant in Shelby Co., KY and received his pension there, but we don't know for sure if that was our Reuben's father. Keep me in mind if you ever run across this. We think Mary's father was Alexander Logan.

Donna G. Johnston, 1513 Westridge Terrace, Casper, WY 82604-3305, seeks parents and first wife of Nathan Sanders (b. 1790 VA - d. 16 Feb 1845 Crawford Co., IL). He was admin. for the estate of Joseph Fitts in Crawford Co. bet. 1840-1845. Joseph Fitts, (b. 1770-1775 place unk.) married Isabel Saunders, (b. 1770

## What Is The Meaning of "Black Dutch?"

In the last issue W. C. Sanders wanted to know the meaning of "Black Dutch." An answer has been received from Jeanne Bruck in the form of a page from the summer 1993 edition of *The Heller Helper*:

"Black Dutch" is a term that basically refers to Sephardic Jews, in particular those who lived in Spain during the Middle Ages, according to John Van Weezep, Senior Reference Consultant in the European Reference Section of the Genealogical Society of Utah. The "Black" refers to the dark or black hair, and in some cases to a slightly darker complexion which was their Spanish heritage.

These people moved into and around the Lowland countries of Belgium, the Netherlands, etc. during the Middle Ages. Some of them also went to England where they merged with the large Jewish synagogues in Sheffield and other areas. As opposed to the Ashkenazy Jews, who tried to keep their ethnic origins intact, the Sephards tried to merge with the general population in the areas in which they lived, so that they would not be blamed and/or persecuted for adverse happenings in the country. A result of this is that the "Black Dutch" can be found in the regular but few genealogical sources that have come down from the middle ages, rather than appearing in synagoque records of that time period. Also, the Ashkenazy and Sephardic migration patterns are completely different, so that it should be easy for anyone to follow his ancestry through studies of these patterns.

The "Black Dutch" eventually became

Catholic in terms of religion, and then became Dutch-Reformed Dutch. Later generations of these peoples migrated to the West Indies and elsewhere, eventually settling in America. The official Library of Congress definition of "Black Dutch" is: Sephardic Jews who intermarried with Dutch Protestants to escape the Inquisition. Some things have been written about them by Chiam Potok ... good reading even if you don't want to find out about the "Black Dutch."

Not to be confused with the "Black Dutch" are the "Pennsylvania Dutch," who probably should be more correctly called "Pennsylvania Germans." In their case, they were called "Dutch" because that was the phonetic pronunciation by the English settlers of Pennsylvania of the word "Deutsch" or "German." Strictly speaking, the term refers to emigrants from the German Palatinate who came into America before the Revolution, but it has evolved into a term referring to almost any German-speaking emigrant of the 18th century, including those who came from other provinces and principalities of Germany, from Switzerland, Alsace-Lorraine, and other European areas. Even some Huguenots (French Protestants) fall under the classification of Pennsylvania Dutch, particularly those who fled to Germany in the 17th century and lived there for several generations. "Black Dutch" and "Pennsylvania Dutch" are by no means equivalent or interchangeable terms. However, a "Black Dutchman" may have come into Pennsylvania from Germany in the 18th century and have become a "Pennsylvania Dutchman" too. ■

NC) in Rockingham Co., NC on 14 Apr 1797. Nathan and Joseph were in Sullivan Co., IN for the 1820 Cen~u~. By 1830, they were all in Crawford Co., IL and appeared on each Federal Census until their deaths. Was Isabel Saunders Fitts the mother or older sister of Nathan Sanders? A Robert Saunders (b. 1780-1790) lived next to Joseph Fitts, Jr. in Crawford Co., IL. Any help on the relationship of these people would be appreciated.

Overheard on Prodigy: Hello Lynn, (Lynn Goodman [WMGB28A]) I have a Penelope Sanders who m Lt.Thomas

Johnson, a soldier of the Amer. Rev., who was born about 1740 in N.C.. They married in 1765 and he died in Ogelthorpe Co., Ga. Penelope died in 1834, presumably in Ogelthorpe Co.. I have a note from one source which states that Penelope was a near relative of Hardy Sanders. I suspect that the Hardy you mention in a post to Cathy Davis is the same Hardy Sanders. Could you give me some info on Hardy, and whether or not you have encountered Penelope Sanders as linking to Hardy? Many Thanks, Charles Walker [NHSL13A] (more on next page)

## Sanders?Saunders?Which?

This was written by Nancy Tibitha Saunders, perhaps 75 years ago, and sent in by Andrea Saunders Gereighty:

There were two Saunders brothers who came from England long before the Revolutionary War at the time pirates were very bad on the North Carolina coast. The governor of North Carolina fitted out a vessel to catch the pirates. In making up the crew he took one of the brothers and they caught Black Beard the pirate and hung him to the mast arm. The crew got a good deal of money and when that brother came back he left the "u" out of his name. And that is why so many spell their names Sanders.

What is your version? What legends or explanations do you have to offer? Send them in for the coming editions. ■

## Notes About This Issue

There was still not room for some of the longer queries or family listings that were submitted. Have not yet arrived at a style of editing that makes queries and listings shorter.

E-mail addresses of contributors are listed right after the other address in brackets [ ], if the person has an e-mail address. It will be listed as an Internet address, so if you are on Compuserve, Prodigy, America-On-Line, or whatever—you can recognize the part of the address that is to be used for your service

It will be very much appreciated if you send me your queries and other material via e-mail. Send it to me at [dschaeff@comp.uark.edu] or [Siftings@aol.com]. If you can't e-mail, but can put your copy on a 3 1/2" disk in WordPerfect (5.0) or most anything on a Macintosh. Also, if you send cleanly typed copy I can scan it with OCR software and a scanner. *Whichever is okay for you.*

This newsletter is done in QuarkXPress 3.3 on a Macintosh LCII computer. I output on an Apple Personal LaserWriter NTR. Text type is 10 pt. Berkeley Medium on 11 pt line spacing. Display type is Berkeley and Opine Heavy. Scanning is done with a Microtek ScanMaker IHR using PhotoShop or OmniPage Direct. ■

## Anyone Searching Line of Moses Martin Sanders?

From Melody Rogers, [WUCA09A@prodigy.com]. Is anyone searching this same line?

Moses Martin Sanders (Rev.),  
b. 1742 Downton, Weeks Wiltshire  
d. 1817 Banks Co., GA (will probated  
5 May 1817)  
m.1763 to Sarah Hamilton, b. 1745  
Augusta, GA, d. 1816 Banks Co, GA

### Children:

1. John Sanders b. unk. d. abt 1826
2. David Sanders b. unk d. unk m. Mary Allred
3. Moses Martin Sanders, Jr. b. 1771/1772 in VA, d. 1847 Banks Co., GA, m. 12 Jun 1789 Wilkes, NC--Elizabeth/Betsy Harris b. 1770, VA d 1845, GA
4. Aaron Sanders, b. ? d. abt 1817, m. 1. unknown 2. Mourning Thompson
5. Sallie Sanders b. 15 May 1773, m. Obadiah Hooper
6. Sarah Ruth Sanders b. abt 1804, m. David James

Children from #3 Moses Martin Sanders, Jr. & Betsy Harris:

1. Harris Sanders b. 1792 d.1867 Banks Co, GA, m. Elizabeth Smith 14 Feb 1818 Gray, Jones Co.,GA., children: John Harris Sanders, b. 1 Jan 1824, Grove Level, Banks Co., GA, d.19 Dec 1897 Linden, Cass

Co, TX, m. Mary Ann Gregg 2 Feb 1858 in Bossier Parish, LA

Other children of Moses Martin Sanders, Jr. and Betsy Harris: Minyard, Steven, Nancy, Sarah, Elizabeth, Martha & Polly are all mentioned in his will but no other information is known. ■

## Another Mourning Name

From Donna Steely, 2248 Carol St., Modesto, CA 95354, [DonaSteely@aol.com]. The article in the last issue (v1,n2, p8) about 9 generations caught my eye. I am a Sanders descendant too, but this one belongs to my husband's side. I have a little more information I'd like to give Jerry on his Sanders, and hopefully, he can give me some also. I show the elder Joseph married to a Mary Lamb. (poss. m.1748.) I have his father as Benjamin Sanders, d.ca1744, m. to Ann (?), who died 1752. I have Mary Lamb's father as Henry Lamb. Henry Sanders married (Theo)Docia Blake, b. 15 May 1761, at Fairfield co., S.C. to John and Mourning Blake. She died 5 July 1841 at Monroe Co., IN, buried Vernal or Mayfield cem. Joseph, b. 1782, had a sister, who my husband's side is from. She was: Mourning Sanders, b. 1 Jan. 1785, S.C., m. Elisha Inman, b. 20 Mar. 1777, VA. She died circa 1838. He died 3 Jul 1851, and is buried in Whitley Co., KY. ■

## More Short Takes . . .

From Patricia L.Vincent, 212 West Sycamore Street, Bolivar, TN 38008-2038. My grandmother's grandmother was Mary Saunders Reaves (1821 - 1878), daughter of Lemuel Saunders (1798-1848) and his wife Milly Duncan (1801 -1870) of McNairy Co, Tennessee and before that of Lincoln Co., NC. Lemuel may have been the son of Edward Saunders who m. 25 Aug 1796 Elizabeth Goodson in Lincoln Co., NC. Edward was the son of Lemuel (d. 26 Oct 1795-Lincoln Co., NC) and Martha ? who were in Tryon Co in 1774. There seem to have been two different Sanders families living in McNairy Co TN very early. Lindsey and Benjamin were common names in the other Sanders family.

From Dorothy Walling, Route 1, Box 190, Mooreland, OK 73852. I am searching for father, mother, brothers, & sisters of George Woodward SANDERS,

b. 24 Sept 1785, Bedford Co., VA. Married 1.) Drucilla Best, 16 Dec 1805, Bedford Co., VA. 2.) Rhoda COPE WAITS, 9 Aug 1836, Jackson Co., Ala. Died 27 Oct 1862 Huntsville, Madison Co., AR.

Joseph L. Sanders, 712 S. Penn Street, Kennewick, WA 99336, [JSANDS51949@aol.com]. I come from the Virginia/Kentucky branch of the Sanders family and am descended from Nathaniel Sanders (c1670-1731) who settled in Spotsylvania Co., VA in 1728. I would be interested in knowing if other subscribers are descended from this line.

Lois Saunders, 4028 Alava Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76133. I am searching for the parents of Samuel Saunders who married Rachel Flower in the Christ Church of Philidelphia, PA, Dec. 17, 1769. They had three children: Samuel Flowers Saunders, Hahhah Wall Saunders, and John Wall Saunders. ■



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