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## Check Litchfield, Illinois, Library

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

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

I asked to see the Walter Sanders collection and was directed to several shelves. The Sanders/Saunders volumes alone occupied five to six linear feet of shelf space. There were at least that many other Walter Sanders books on local and area history. Here are the 14 volumes that I identified:

*Sanders/Saunders of Tennessee*  
*Sanders/Saunders of Arkansas, Missouri, Texas, Iowa, Louisiana, So. Carolina*  
*Sanders/Saunders of Virginia, West Virginia*  
*Sanders/Saunders of Indiana, Ohio*  
*Sanders/Saunders of Kentucky*  
*Sanders/Saunders of Illinois (3 volumes)*  
*Sanders/Saunders of North Carolina, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey*  
*Sanders/Saunders of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi*  
*Sanders/Saunders in the Civil War*  
*Sanders/Saunders Quaker Records*  
*Sanders/Saunders Index of 1850 Census*  
*Sanders/Saunders Potpourri and Finis*

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## A Sanders Family—Northants (England) To Texas In 500 years; Part III

This is Part III of a series of articles on the history of Sanders who started in Northhamptonshire (Northants), England, and came to the Virginia, then to East Texas. This is from a recently published book by Howard K. Sanders of Nashville, Tennessee, titled *A SANDERS FAMILY—Northants to Texas in 500 Years*.

### Chapter IV

#### MOVING WITH THE FRONTIERS

William Sanders, as referred to in the previous chapter, was the second child of Woodward. He was born on Apr 30, 1664. The next recorded evidence of William and his wife Mary Hall is, again, from Hinshaw<sup>1</sup> where it is noted that Meetings (Quaker) were held in William Sanders' home in Nansemond County, Virginia. William is the procreator of the next generation. As documented in *Jobs Journal*, a son, John was born to William and Mary Hall and is the continuing link to the line. According to the *Early History of Nansemond County, Virginia*, John and his wife, Priscilla Pritlow, daughter of John and Elizabeth Pritlow, had three children, one of whom was a son whom they named Joel. The other two children were named Judith and Priscilla. Judith married John Pendleton and Priscilla married Samuel Skinner.

Joel Saunders was born to John and Priscilla in 1728. Joel was a staunch Quaker, which is amply documented beginning in recorded Monthly Meetings in Nansemond County, Virginia. He is easily followed through North Carolina and finally into Georgia. His moves are prominent in Hinshaw's Quaker Records in Cane Creek Monthly Meeting, Chatham County, N.C., and, ultimately, Wrightsborough Township, Ga.<sup>2</sup> An account from Cane Creek Monthly Meeting is as follows: "Charity (with H) ROCF Nansemond MM." The date of that MM was Apr 4, 1762.

Translated, that means Charity and Joel

were received on a certificate from Nansemond Monthly Meeting. In the same reference, there appears "Jan 7, 1775, Joel and fam GC" (granted certificate). This establishes that Joel was in Cane Creek prior to Wrightsborough for thirteen years with his son Benjamin as then a part of his family. The first indication of Joel and his wife, Charity, arriving in Wrightsborough is on page 45 of *Quaker Records in Georgia*.<sup>3</sup>

Joel produced a certificate of good standing, as referenced above, from Cane Creek Monthly Meeting for himself, his wife and children "of their orderly lives and membership" dated "7th of Ye 1st mo. 1775" which was read and received. The meeting to which the certificate was presented was held on May 6, 1775, and recorded in that same reference. This further establishes that Joel and Charity went from Nansemond County, Va., (Apr 4, 1762) to Cane Creek, Chatham County, North Carolina, and on to Wrightsborough Township, Georgia (Jan 1, 1775). Subsequently, Charity died in Wrightsborough Township on Jan 23, 1782, and Joel died on Feb 2, 1782.<sup>4</sup>

Helpful in gaining a perspective of the geography and environment that Joel, Charity and their children, entered into, that is, north Georgia in the mid 1700s, the following excerpts are taken from some work by Alex M. Hitz, Surveyor-General, State of Georgia and others.<sup>5</sup>

"From 1733 until 1773, the northern boundary and frontier of the English possessions was the Little River; all land north of that river was the Creek and Cherokee Nations' hunting ground. The boundary line ran from Augusta about twenty-two miles northwesterly up the Savannah River to the Little River, a tributary, then about twenty-five miles westerly up Little River to Williams

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Many entries in the books are listings of Sanders or Saunders in census records. There are also extracts from wills and marriage records. Especially helpful are family groupings and histories where the author had such information. Also, helpful to researchers are references to counties in other states when the connection was known. Apparently after the pages were bound into books, the author made notes of additional information or of names and addresses of researchers who were identified with certain names.

Because of the extra large collection of Sanders/Saunders material in Illinois, I would strongly suggest that any of you with connections in the state of Illinois should check with this material at Litchfield. I don't think there are copies in other libraries, but the LDS may have microfilmed this collection. Copies at the Litchfield are 25¢ per page and must be made by a librarian.

I searched in vain for a history of Walter Sanders' family. When I asked the librarians about this, they said that there wasn't such a history in the library, but his family may have his history. This large Sanders/Saunders collection was purchased by the Litchfield Library, not donated. Does anyone know about the Sanders connections and relations of Walter R. Sanders?

This is not a complete Sanders/Saunders "list" by any means, but it must be the largest collection of material on these surnames in one place. Your missing link *may* not be there, but again, *it might just be there waiting for you.* ■

Don Schaefer, *editor*

From Dwain Rosenberger, 1720 N. Dodge, Iowa City, IA 52245-9588, [DcRose@aol.com]. Searching for information on John E. Sanders who married Estella M. Bently on Dec 21, 1899 at Forest Hill, Decatur Co., Ind. Trying to determine the parents of John. Estella's parents were Alexander Bentley and Mary Miles. Would like to hear from anyone who has more info on the above. ■

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Creek, a tributary, thence southerly along Williams Creek. The territory embraced within those frontiers was known as the District of Augusta in the Colony of Georgia until 1758, then as the Parish of St. Paul in the Province of Georgia until the Revolution, then as Richmond County. Thereafter, the particular section in which we are here interested, lying south of Little River and east of Williams Creek, was cut off from Richmond County into Columbia County in 1790 and later cut off from Columbia County into McDuffie County, and includes within its lines the dead town and Township of Wrightsborough.

"Settlement in Georgia by Quakers was contemplated by the original charter given by King George II to the trustees, dated Jun 9, 1732. It was provided therein that 'There shall be liberty of conscience allowed in the worship of God to all persons inhabiting, or which shall inhabit or be resident in our said Province, and all such persons, except Baptists, shall have a free exercise of religion, so they will be contented with the quiet and peaceable enjoyment of the same.' The only religious sect specifically named in the charter were the Quakers, for whom it was provided that in matters where oaths would be necessary, the officials would 'Administer the solemn affirmation to any of the people commonly called Quakers.' In all public laws and acts passed both before and after the Revolution, whenever an oath was mandatory, Quakers were always expressly excepted and permitted to affirm." <sup>6</sup>

From the same reference above, page 7, "On twenty-two different occasions between 1768 and 1774, various petitions, orders, and other matters affecting the town and Township of Wrightsborough were noted on the minutes of the Governor and council. Perhaps the most serious matters considered were the Indian depredations, because marauding bands continually stole their horses and cattle, with practically no protection given to the Quakers by the government. In fact, in 1769 there was such a total loss of stock that they could barely plant and cultivate any crops at all. From fear of the Indians, some twenty-five heads of families left the settlement in 1771, but of these thirteen

soon returned. By 1772 their situation was so desperate that they proposed enlisting two companies of militia from their own number, but this offer was not accepted. During all of that period of five years the government appropriated only one hundred pounds for their protection, plus fifty pounds for a fort built in 1774...." <sup>7</sup>

"The town and township probably reached the peak of growth by March 1775. There were then 124 identified male Quakers holding grants to 30,650 acres of land in the township, and of that number 82 also owned lots in the town.... but the political unrest of that year was already beginning to have its effect, so that when the Revolution came, some of the citizens had Loyalist sentiments and some had Revolutionary. In August and September 1774 when the residents of all the Georgia Parishes were drawing up resolutions condemning the attitude of the British government in its disputes with the New England Colonies, one hundred fourteen persons in the Parish of St. Paul signed their own resolutions condemning the other parishes. Of those signing, 38 were Quakers residing in Wrightsborough Township. As they represented 30% of the freeholders, the other 70% must have been either favorable to independence or neutral.

"With the outbreak of the Revolution the cleavage between the two factions became more marked. Between 1776 and 1782, the minutes of the Georgia Council of Safety, the Georgia Provisional Congress, and the British Governor and Council showed various appointments of and dealings with Quakers by both sides. Militia companies for both armies were raised in the township, and the fortunes of war brought first one army and then the other into possession of the town. It was held by the Americans in 1777 and 1778, by the British in 1780 and 1781, and again by the Americans. The early leaders, Maddock and Sell, both then elderly, had cast their lot with the British, but by the end of 1781 both were refugees from the town and receiving subsistence from them." <sup>8</sup>

Since Joel had presented his certificate to the Wrightsborough Monthly Meeting of May 6, 1775, he must have wondered about the wisdom of his deci-

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sion to come to Georgia.

There are 25 references to Joel in the records of that time, most of them referring to activities in conjunction with both Maddock and Sell, hence it is possible to infer that Joel was himself considered a Loyalist! Accounts exist that tell of five of the Quakers of the township that were taken into custody and sent as prisoners into South Carolina. They were detained there for five months and were released only through the intervention of a senior rebel officer.

Benjamin Saunders was the second child of thirteen born to Joel and Charity on Jun 10, 1746. Therefore, his place of birth was Nansemond County, Virginia. His wife was Leah Smith. Benjamin and Leah were married in Cumberland County, N.C. Witnesses at the marriage were Joel, John, Thomas Smith, Hester Smith, Daniel Smith and Abner Smith.<sup>9</sup>

By one account located in the Selmer Library, McNairy County, Tenn., Benjamin was referred to as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Thus far, nothing else has been found to corroborate that information. Considering the inference which suggested that his father, Joel, was a Loyalist, can it be that Benjamin was soldiering for the British? Both sides were actively recruiting in the region and much pressure was being exerted on the young men to take a side and enlist.

Thomas Saunders, son of Benjamin and Leah Saunders, was born on Apr 18, 1779. That places his birthplace in Wrightsborough Township, Ga. From an account by William C. Saunders, recorded in a book by General Marcus J. Wright, there appears the following:

"He married Elizabeth Rook in his 18th year. Her mother was a Stanford, related to Lord Stanford of London. She was born in Maryland. (Note: The proximity of Nansemond Co., Va., to Maryland raises confidence in the stated chronology.) Their offspring were 17 children— nine sons and eight daughters—16 raised families. They emigrated from Chatham County, N.C., in 1816 to Granger County, east Tennessee; settled near the Clinche River; emigrated to west Tennessee in 1826."<sup>10</sup>

Following is an account by Mrs. Jennie S. Perkins in the same reference:<sup>11</sup> (Note: A bit dramatic but very informa-

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tive.) "Near the close of the 18th century, Thomas Saunders and Elizabeth Rook were married and settled in Chatham County, North Carolina. The young husband was the son of Benjamin Saunders, a staunch Quaker; the wife was a lineal descendent, on the father's side, of Admiral Rook, of the English Navy; on her mother's side, of a younger brother of Lord Stanford and Marie Wills, of Germany. Thomas had violated the rules of his society by uniting himself with one of a different faith, and was promptly excluded and denied its temporal benefits as well. (Author's note: Confirmed by account in *Quakers in Georgia*, cited above.) Elizabeth was an orphan whose only dower was industry, intellect and a great personal beauty. With only youthful strength and energy to rely upon they began the arduous task of rearing a family on the worn-out soil of their native state. Their children increasing faster than their means, they moved to Tennessee, whose natural advantages gave superior promise to the unrequited toilers in the older states. They stopped awhile amid the wild mountain scenery and rich valleys of the Eastern Division, but the climate being rigorous they sought further, and finally decided upon McNairy County as their permanent home. This was about the year 1825. (Author's note: Other accounts indicate the move from Chatham Co., N.C., occurred in 1816. This means that they stayed in east Tennessee for approximately nine years.) Their family had increased to 17

children, 16 of whom were living; sons and daughters were married, and with their growing families were settled near them. Here a most encouraging prospect opened before them. A virgin soil of great fertility, landscapes of marvelous beauty made up of green savannas and towering forests of the finest timber, in whose coverts game was swarming, affording the hunter delightful pastime; while the streams teemed with fish tempting the angler to while away a pleasant hour on the green mossy banks beneath the spreading beeches that hung over the bright water. The hardy sons of the toil-worn father began to look about them, and build up homes and reputations for themselves. Although their opportunities had been meager, the 'old field school' of former times being the only institution of learning ever open to them, they had most assiduously tried to educate themselves; their excellent mother sparing no pains to impress upon their minds the necessity of self-culture. They succeeded so well in overcoming their early defects, that they were called to fill many positions of honor and trust, which they did in a creditable manner. Meanwhile their families increased while health and competence smiled on the pleasant homes they had reared in this land of promise. The gifted mother had passed away; but the aged father sat in the midst of his numerous descendants, like a patriarch of old. A few years before his death, which occurred in 1848, his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren numbered 120. As a family their traits were strongly marked, being ambitious, proud, spirited, energetic, deeply devotional and strongly attached to each other and home. Their personal likeness was very striking, so much so that the most unobserving stranger rarely failed to perceive it. In religious faith the whole family were Baptists, and all were believers. In politics the father and six of his sons were democrats, the other two sons were whigs. During the war the surviving brothers were divided, three espousing the cause of the south, and three remaining loyal to the United States government. They were unyielding in their principles, and vehement in their advocacy, and were ready to make great personal sacrifice for their belief. Few families have added so much to the population of the section of their choice,

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or have sent out so many representatives to other states; and fewer still retain through so many generations the mental and physical characteristics to the forefathers, as the descendants of these pioneers in McNairy County."

The completeness and accuracy of this account is striking when compared to the actual, documented history of the family that has been so carefully preserved in the archives in Britain. The detail Jennie provided has been confirmed by all the archival sources located in Northamptonshire, the library at Cambridge, the extensive Quaker records as well as all subsequent writings. One must remember that at the time Jennie made this narrative recording, 300 years had passed since those early events in England took place and over 100 years since the family moved from Virginia to Georgia. Also worth noting is the fact that this makes the work done so carefully by Mrs. Whitley virtually irrefutable.

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In the next issue of this newsletter, the story of this Sanders family moving further west to the state of Texas is to be covered.

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## Do You Know About This James Saunders in Sumner County, Tennessee?

From Walter V. Turner, Mühlenweg 56, 42275 Wuppertal, Germany [turner@mailgate.urz.uni-wuppertal.de]. James Saunders (one of two James

Saunderses of Sumner County, Tenn. at that time) left a will in 1826 in which he named his six minor children by his second wife, Levissa Bowen Saunders, whom he had married in 1813:

1. Mary Handly Saunders
2. Tabitha Moore Saunders
3. William Bowen Saunders
4. James Yancy Saunders
5. John Henry Saunders (in Ark. in the late 1800s)
6. Samuel Adams Saunders (in Ark. in the late 1800s)

Saunders also wrote, "my children by my first wife I leave out of this will altogether." I have reason (family tradition and occasional mention of those children of the second marriage in old letters, though without any specified relationship) to believe that I am descended from a daughter of the first marriage. My ancestor was Elizabeth Saunders, and I know of her family the following:

1. Augustus B. Saunders (1791-1842) m. Hanna Walker and lived in Miss.
2. Nancy Saunders m. Richard Irvine
3. Winifred Saunders m. Jesse Lankford and lived in Ark.
4. Elizabeth Saunders (ca. 1810-ca. 1838) m. George W. Redman and lived in Miss. (I am descended from one of their daughters, Amanda Redman.)

I would appreciate hearing from anyone who can tie the second group of children to this James Saunders who died in 1824 or to some other parents, of course. Is this James Saunders the one mentioned in the book *Early Alabama Settlers* as being born in 1769 to Jesse and Ann Yanc(e)y Saunders?

Also, my family lost contact with these relatives after around 1920. (My connection is through the Turrentines.), Can anyone tell me what became of the descendants of Walter K. Saunders? The Saunderses and Turrentines lived in Lonoke, Ark., around the turn of the century and perhaps later in Little Rock.

Charles Cordell Saunders (1864-1932) m. Colie Turrentine (1868 1948)

1. Walter Keith Saunders (1899-1937) m. Dess Deeter
  - a) Maryella Saunders m. Harvey Green
  - b) Garland Turrentine Saunders (b. 1908) m. Mary Jackson ■

### Dillard has Reached a Dead End at Hot Springs

Dillard Guthery, RR 1, Box 74, Terlton, OK 74081-9707, [Nbym@aol.com] has a dead end at Hot Springs, Ark., because his great-grandfather's, Sanders, parents were killed by bushwhackers about 1867. John McDonald Sanders, was four years old when his parents were killed in their home near Hot Springs. He was born the 3rd of September 1863 in Ark. John's older sister, Jane Ann Sanders Batterton, b. about 1847, raised her brother, John, along with her own two children, Nannie and Johnny Batterton. John's older brother, Elija was killed in a sawmill accident prior to this tragic event.

John Sanders married Sarah Melinda Holloway from Gainsville, Tex., on the 4th of May 1884. Sarah was half Cherokee Indian born on the 24th of February 1866. They lived in Indian Territory and North Texas. John M. Sanders farmed and preached for over fifty years non-denominational sermons at schools, churches, and at homes in the surrounding communities. John learned how to preach probably by traveling with a traveling preacher throughout the Chickasaw and Choctaw Indian Nations, Indian Territory, and Northeastern Texas. Sarah traveled with him on some of those trips because their fourth child, Charlie Eugene, was born on the 14th of March 1891 in Purcell, Chickasaw Nation, (I. T.)

Seven of their children were born in Whitesboro, Tex.: Benjamin, Emie, Walter, Manie, Frances, Joesph, and Johnny. However, in 1894, typhoid fever took the young lives of four of the Sanders children: Benjamin Franklin, Emie Jane, Walter Lee, and Manie Mae. All died within weeks of one another and they were buried in Whitesboro, Tex. Miraculously one of the five children living at the time, Charles Eugene, survived. Can anyone help Dillard get past his "dead end"? ■

## Do you Connect to Gilbreth Sanders or Berryman Sanders?

Judy Low, 1113 East Patricia, Sherman TX 75090 [hajlow@texoma.net] is looking for anyone who has any info on a Berryman Sanders born Jul 24, 1813 in Berry Hollow, Hickman Co., Tenn. I do not know who his parents were. We believe that it might be William Sanders. Berryman first married Bettsy Tubbs. They had one son Wiley McDonald Sanders born June 16, 1837 Kosciusko, Attata Co., Miss. Wiley married Nancy C. Lewis May 5, 1857 Hickman Co, Tenn. Wiley died June 1912.

Berryman married again after Bettsy Tubbs died. He married Naoma T. Williams Oct 25, 1846 Whitfield, Hickman Co., Tenn. They had nine children:

1. Gilbreth Winters Sanders, born Nov. 4, 1847 Beardstown, Perry Co., Tenn. He married Permelia Ann Taylor (believed to be half Cherokee) Nov. 7, 1872 Perry Co., Tenn. These were my great grandparents. She died when my grandfather, Taylor Wallace Sanders, was a young boy. A few years after that is when Gilbreth took his family and moved to Texas. He went back to take care of business and got sick and died.

2. James S. Sanders, born May 11, 1848 in Vernon, Hickman Co., Tenn. He married Martha Depriest Dec. 5, 1878.

3. Saphronia Elizabeth, born March 14, 1851 Vernon, Hickman Co. She married Alfonzo Skelton. Saphronia died Feb 27, 1908.

4. Robert Giles, born Sep 20, 1853 Beardstown, Perry Co. He married Laura Taylor Aug. 18, 1878.

5. Mildred Mailinda, born Jan. 25, 1855. Married John Houston Bell Feb 22, 1880.

6. William E., born June 18, 1857 Perry Co. He died Aug. 22, 1861.

7. Carrol Green (Pete), born May 14, 1858 in Beardstown, Perry Co. Married Minnie Mae Johnson Jan. 8, 1889.

8. Thomas R., born Feb 22, 1863 Beardstown, Perry Co. He died Aug. 8, 1880.

9. Mary Ann Josephene (Josie), born Nov. 10, 1866 Beardstown, Perry Co. She married George W. Barham Dec. 30, 1885. ■

### Siftings Back Issues Available

Back issues of SANDERS Siftings are available at \$3.00 each. They are: No. 2, Jul 1995; No. 3, Oct 1995; No. 4, Jan 1996; No. 5, Apr 1996; No. 6, Jul 1996; No. 7, Oct 1996; and No. 8, Jan 1997.

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

## Need Information on Robert Sanders, S.C. to Alabama

Maurine B. Seely, 160 E. 234 St., Carson, CA 90745-5316 [jrnmbseely@aol]. Need parents of Robert C. Sanders b about 1822 S.C., d about 1854 Pickens Co., Ala., m before 1845 Nancy Peek. Children: Reuben L. 1845; William Franklin 1848, d 1929 Springdale, Ark.; Alfred Alonzo 1849; Cyrus Wesley 1852 d 1910 Knoxville, Ark.; Andrew Henry 1854, d 1926 Holly Ridge, Miss.

Robert's family was listed in the 1850 census, Pickens Co., Ala. and in 1860 Nancy and the five sons were listed in Pickens Co. Nancy m ca 1861 Isaiah Stewart, moved first to Miss. and then to Ark. No death record or cemetery record has been found for either Robert or Nancy. Sons Reuben and Alfred have not been found after the 1860 census. William Franklin served in the Confederate Army.

In 1850 in Pickens Co., the census taker was Cornelius B. Sanders, b N.C.

Family story has it that he is brother to Robert C. No proof found. Also family story is that parents of Robert were William and Easter (Griffin). In N.C. 1787, there is a marriage of people of these names. Have been unable to find any links between Robert and Cornelius. Andrew Henry Sanders named his first child Alfred Alonzo. None of his other children were named for his brothers. ■

Dick Stiles, 3044 E. Peralta Way, Fresno, CA 93703-3144 [rmstiles@pacbell.net] is looking for info about a Judith Sanders, born about 1750 in England and came to America (Virginia) when quite small. She moved to Tenn. and married a man named Cobb. Their daughter, Polly, married a Sterling Williams in Roane Co., Tenn. in 1816. ■

## James Sanders and Rowena Bales in Ohio

From Roger Sanders, 7 New Place, School Lane, Welwyn, Hertfordshire, England AL6 9QA, [roger@mspat.demon.co.uk]. I am searching for information on James Sanders and Rowena Bales. From their death records in Ohio, I can see that they originated in Virginia but I have no idea where. From the death records of their children, I can see that they moved to Logan County (in the vicinity of Lakeview) Ohio about 1838/39 (see details below). I would be most grateful for any leads or to know of anyone who might be able to help me by searching. My details are:

James Sanders b.-- Jun 1804 Virginia d.20 Mar 1880 Logan County, Ohio m. Rowena Bales b. 15 November 1813 Virginia d. 20 Jan 1858 Logan County, Ohio. Children: George W., b. 1832 Va., d. 20 Jan 1858 Ohio; James M., b. 29 Sep 1833 Va., d. 31 Jul 1915 Ohio; Amos Fenton, b. 29 Feb 1836 Va., d. 20 Oct 1866 Ohio; Amanda E., b. 1838 Va., d. 1890; Mortimer E., b. 10 Oct 1939 Ohio, d. 4 Dec 1888 Ohio; Mary Ellen, b. 1842 Ohio; William J., b. 1843 Ohio, d. 1917 Ohio; Susannah, b. 1844 Ohio, d. 22 Dec Ohio; David E., d. 1 Sep 1850 Ohio; Albert Henry, b. 17 Nov 1852 Ohio, d. 24 Aug 1924 Ind. (my great grandfather); Sarah Jane, b. 29 May 1855 Ohio, d. 21 Feb 1895 Ohio ■

## Sue Crane is Looking For Benjamin Sanders, Married to Ann Ratcliff

Sue Crane, P.O. Box 445, Edwardsville, MI 49112-0445, [SueCrane@sprynet.com] is looking for help in researching Benjamin Sanders, now known to have married Nancy (Ann) Ratcliff. Benjamin's will was filed 1835 in Brooke Co., Va. Nancy's maiden name is mentioned in a deed filed in Brooke Co. in 1843. Their marriage is also mentioned in *Implied Marriages of Fairfax Co., Virginia*. In an 1804 indenture from Brooke Co., Benjamin is mentioned as being "of Fairfax Co., Va." A 1769 will in Loudoun Co., names a Benjamin Sanders as son and executor of Philip Sanders. Just one other brother, William, is listed as another executor, but no other children. Is this the same Benjamin? Would like to hear from others searching Sanders/Saunders in Fairfax and Loudoun Counties, Va. ■

## ASSORTED QUERIES . . .

Three queries from Jane Hembree Crowley, 933 Woodsmoke Circle, Knoxville, TN 37892-1634 [JaneCr@AOL.com]. (1) Clay Co., Tenn. court records reveal the following Sanders marriages: Anna Sanders to I.W. Mills, Aug. 11, 1904; Rachel Sanders to William Williams, Nov. 5, 1876, M. B. Sanders to John F. Norris, Dec. 12, 1887; E. W. Sanders to M. K. Boykin, March 25, 1877. Who are the parents of these Sanders people or what are their names instead of initials? Will send copy of marriage certificate to anyone who is interested. (2) Desire to correspond with descendants of David Westmoreland and Mary Sanders who were married in Clay Co., Tenn. Dec. 9, 1886. Also, those of M.H. (Morgan Hulet?) Sanders and Lizzie Bith E. Poe who were married in Clay Co., Tenn. Sept. 7, 1884. (3) A Sanders family Bible contains the following White Co., Tenn. marriage records: Lucinda Jackson to Jesse Seele, Aug. 16, 1876 and Annie Henderson to Henry Johns, July 18, 1874. What is the connection of these people to the Sanders family? Who are their parents? Is Lucinda Jackson related to the Jacksons of Jackson Co.?

Bill Sanders, 4303 So. Cole St., Morrison, CO 80465-1137 [JnBSanders@aol.com] or [jsander6@ix.netcom.com]. Need any information on parents and siblings of Alexander Sanders b. 1810 Tenn., d. Mar. 1899 Bedford Co., Tenn. m. (1) Jane Robinson possibly in Williamson or Bedford Co., Tenn.; children were: Manerva, Sophornia, James, John W., Catharine, Caladonia H., Thomas, Henry Clay, Robert and Alexander, Jr. Alexander & Jane Robinson were married 1829, and are on the census in Bedford Co. in 1830. m. (2) Eliza Jane White 1849 in Marshall Co., Tenn.; children were: Eliza Jane, Joshua White, Scott G., and Thaddeus Christian (my grandfather). m. (3) Armentia Mintoria Steele, no children of this marriage. Alexander Sanders resided in Bedford Co., Tenn. from 1830 until his death in 1899. Is this the same Alexander Sanders named in the will of James Sanders of Sumner Co., Tn., which was recorded 1861? Will be glad to share or exchange information with anyone researching this line.

David L. Sanders, P. O. Box 105, Mobile, AL 36601 [Dsand39689@aol.com] is searching for ancestors and descendants of Simeon Sanders (born circa 1800) and in Clermont County, Ohio, at an early age. Married in 1823 Lucinda S. Robinson, a native of Lynchburg, Va. Simeon Sanders may have been the son of David and Hannah Sanders who were also early settlers of Clermont Co. Simeon Sanders had several brothers, all in the Clermont Co. area. He may also have been a nephew or some other relation to a Merryarter Sanders, whose father was Nahum Sanders and lived in North Carolina.

R. S. Sanders, 405 Hilmar, Weinert, TX 76388, [rsand@westex.net] has found a will and is interested in finding some descendants and ancestors of the writer. In Halifax Co. N. C., 1783 Robert Sanders left a will naming sons Philander (Phillip), Richard and a female Mary. Other records in Halifax Co. show that the following were sons also. Robert Sanders Jr., Alexander Sanders, Zachariah Sanders, and John Sanders. Where did Robert come from and where did his sons migrate to? Phillip, a Rev. War soldier, moved to Chatham Co. and then to Forsyth and Davidson Co. N. C. His children were Henry, Brittain, Robert, John, Martha Proctor, and Nancy Mitchell.

Patrick J. Anderson, 9654 Baltimore Ave., Laurel, MD 20723-1818, [PatAnder73@aol.com] is collecting information on the family and descendants of William Sanders (b. bef 1695, d. 1764 in Sussex Co., Va.) m. bef 1711 in Prince Edward Co., Va. to Eliza Anderson (b. bef 1690). Children:

1. William Sanders (b. 1714), m. bef 1748 Huldah (b. 1728).

2. John Sanders, m. Mary. They had six children born in Sussex Co., Va.: Mary (b. 3 Nov 1756), William (b. 15 Aug 1758), Amy (b. 7 Jul 1762), Jeany (b. 22 Dec 1765), Patty (b. 23 Nov 1767), and Charlotte (b. 2 Nov 1774). John also had a son, John, born to Anna Curtis on 22 Feb 1765).

3. Thomas (can't prove he is a son), m. Anne. They had son, Hubbard (b. 3 Sep 1766).

Debby L Gabriel, 19120 Split Rock Rd., Ramona, CA 92065, [dgabriel@juno.com]. My grandparents were Fred B. Sanders (b. Jan 28, 1912, Edmondson Co. Ky., d. Aug 11, 1957 Louisville, Ky.) and Callie Mae Price (b. Apr 21, 1915, d. Mar 2, 1995).

My g-grandparents were Willie H. Sanders (b. Oct 1885 Edmondson Co., Ky., (d. Jun 21, 1906) and Frances Houtshon (b. 1892); children: Carlos B. Sanders, Fred B. Sanders, and James B. Sanders. My 2g-grandfather was Samuel Sanders (b. Aug 1847 Edmondson Co., Ky., d. 1907-10); he married Nov 7, 1883 Martha Grant (b Oct 1860). My 3g-grandparents were John W. Sanders (b. 1801 Big Bush Creek, Green Co., Ky., d. 1886) and Mary "Polly" Meredith (b. 1807 Grayson Co., Ky., d. 1880 Edmondson Co. Ky.). My 4g-grandfather was Samuel Saunders Jr. (III) (b. Dec 8, 1770 Va., d. 1886 Ky.); he married Mar 3, 1793 in Green Co, Ky. Nancy Wilton (b. 1775, d. 1850-60. My 5g-grandfather was Samuel Saunders Sr. (II) (b. 1732 N.C., d. 1807); he married in Va. Anna Gordon (b.1732-35). My 6g-grandfather was Samuel Saunders I (b. Scotland). Have additional information to share.

Leigh Blount, 1136 Winchester Ave., SW, Roanoke, VA 24015 [LeighinVA@aol.com]. My Saunders begin with William Saunders, b. abt 1700, d. Nov 1764 Albemarle Co., Va. He married Mary abt 1725.

Their son - Julius Saunders, b. Albemarle Co., Va. 1730, m. Jemima Woodward abt 1755. (Julius patented 335 acres on the south branch of Rivanna River, now in Fluvanna Co., Va.)

Their son - Philemon "Philip" Saunders, b. Albemarle Co., Va. abt 1761, m. Jemima Greer 23 Nov 1786, d. Barren Co., Ky. 4 May 1846. (Philip served as private in the Virginia Militia during the Revolutionary War.)

Their son - Littleberry Saunders, b. Franklin Co., Va. 1794, m. Mary "Polley" Cunningham 31 Aug 1812, d. Bedford Co., Va. 1867. Littleberry married three more times after Polley's death.

Their daughter - Elvira Ann Saunders, b. abt 1814, m. Charles Powell Craghead in Bedford Co., Va. 1 Mar 1832, d. Callaway Co., Mo.



From Stephen G. Bennett, 26425 Smoketree Lane, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675. My mother's maiden name is Colleen M. Sanders and her parents were Clark Harold Sanders (b. 1902 Gratiot Co., Mich.) and Irene Louise Barker (b. 1908 Midland Co., Mich.). Her paternal grandparents were Melvin Sanders (b. 1863 Miami Co., Ohio) and Martha Jane Wiles (b. 1866 Miami or Shelby Co., Ohio). Her paternal great-grandparents were Samuel Sanders (b. 1825 Miami, Ohio) and Abigail Snodgrass (b. 1832 Miami Co., Ohio). Her paternal great-great-grandparents were Cephas Sanders (b. 1794 Ohio) and Nancy \_\_\_ (b. 1801 Ky.). I have very little or no information regarding Cephas and Nancy other than early census records and their burial in Old Wesley Chapel Cemetery in Orange Twnshp., Shelby Co., Ohio. There are also several other Sanders headstones in Old Wesley Chapel and Fletcher Cemetery (Fletcher, Ohio) that may be children of Cephas and Nancy. I'm just not sure yet. Any related information would be greatly appreciated.

From Sam Sanders, 5800 Bunker Blvd., Watauga, TX 76148. My g-g-grandfather Stephen Sanders (1813) is buried in the Prairie Grove Cemetery, Washington County, Ark. Stephen's first wife was named Huksy H. and his second wife was named Anna. That is all I know about them except I believe Huksy died after 1847-54 and I think Anna married Stephen sometime around 1850-54. There is an Isam H. Sanders buried at Prairie Grove Cemetery, born in 1811, who may be the brother of Stephen but I have not proven this. Stephen has a son named Isham H. Sanders according to census (born 1842), so I think Stephen named his son after his own brother. Would appreciate any information on these people.

Debbie Bear, P. O. Box 580, Delaware Water Gap, PA 18327, [dab@netscape.com] is looking for living relatives of George Sanders, a drummer boy in the 69th Penn. Vol. Inf., Co. A. He was killed at the age of 14 on 22 Jan 1862. His father's name was George Sanders, born 31 Aug 1810 in Milford, Del. The regiment has a memorial for the drummer boy and would like to have a relative attend a re-inactment.

Bob Sanders, 251 W. Renner Pkwy, Richardson, TX 75080, [bobsc@macro-media.com]. I have Henry Sanders marrying Theodosia Turner in Kennedale, Tex. abt 1875. Henry's parents were Andrew Sanders and Matilda Farr. Henry and Theodosia had 11 children: Lou, David Benjamin, Dolph, Walter, Claude, Effie, Lottie, Will, Olen, Dewey, and Ola. David Benjamin Sanders was born 2 Apr 1878 in Falls County, Tex., died 7 Nov 1968 in Dallas, Tex. married Martha Jane Lynch, born 23 Aug 1885 in Austin, Tex. and died 15 Jan 1950 in Fort Worth, Tex. David & Martha had five children: Ervin John, Velma Leona "Jewel," Thelma Beatrice, Earl Henry, and Billie Joe. Dolph Sanders was born Mar 1880 in Kennedale, Tex.; Lottie Sanders was born about 1897; Ola Sanders was born 20 Nov 1896 in Woodbury, Tex., and died 4 Apr 1957 in Ada, Okla. Does anyone connect to these Sanders?

Kriss Replogle, P. O. Box 4, Brookside, NJ 07926, [kreplogle@lucent.com]. I am looking for ancestors and descendants of Samuel Dudley (b. 1845; d. 1925) and his two older brothers, Enoch and Robert. They emigrated from Shropshire, England in the 1860s. Samuel settled in Irwin, Westmoreland Co., Penn. He was a lawyer and former coal miner. His brothers were Wesleyan Methodist ministers. Samuel married Martha Saunders (b. about 1851 Penn.; d. about 1940), about whom I also would like more information. Samuel and Martha had four children: Albert E. (b. 1877), Lynne May (b. 1878; d. 1956-1957); Wilbur (b. after 1880), and Elmer (b. after 1880). I have information on Lynne May and her descendants.

Sandy Bose, 9807 S. Karlov #305, Oak Lawn, IL 60453, [sbose@ais.net]. I'm looking for any information I can get on Joseph H. Saunders (b. 1825, d. 1862). He was a farmer in Edgerton, Wisconsin, who died in the Civil War. He had a wife, Henriette, and daughter, Esther. I'm still trying to work out his siblings but I know he had a sister, Eliza, and a brother, George. I believe he had family members in Albion, Wisc., and he also owned land there. I have two original letters and 30 photocopies of family letters plus a Xerox of a picture of Joseph which I'd be happy to share.

### Looking For Information About Thomas W. and Reason Sanders, McNairy Co., Tenn.

Pamela J. Pickering Slinker, 1221 West Ave. Apt. A, Eureka, CA 95501 1234, [slinker@laurel.humboldt.edu] needs information on the following.

Ella Florence Saunders, b. 8 Apr 1881 McNairy Co., Tenn, d/o Thomas Womack Saunders & Mary Minnie Hair, m. 13 May 1897 Gainesville, Cooke Co., Tex. to William Lee Milburn, d. 1 Dec 1967 Nocona, Montague Co., Tex.

Thomas Womack Saunders, b. 19 Mar 1851/52 Giles/McNairy Co., Tenn., s/o Reason C. Saunders & Mary Ann Womack, m. (2) 20 Dec 1874 Purdy, McNairy Co., Tenn. to Mary Minnie Hair, d. 2 Jun 1909 Roff, Pontotoc Co., Okla.

Reason C. Saunders, b. 18 Jan 1818 Rockingham Co., N.C. s/o James Saunders Jr. & Sarah Walker, m. 18/29 Mar 1842 to Mary Ann Womack, d. 16 Mar 1866 McNairy Co., Tenn.

James Saunders, Jr., b. 7 Oct 1768, s/o James Saunders Sr. & Alice, m. 3 Apr 1790 Rockingham Co., N.C. to Sarah Walker, d. bef 20 Dec 1850 Rockingham Co., N.C. or McNairy Co., Tenn. James Saunders, Sr., b. 17 Jul 1716, s/o Robert Saunders, m. abt 1761 to Alice, d. 17 May 1834 Rockingham Co., N.C., age 117. Saunders, Robert, s/o John Saunders & Sarah Hargreave, m. bef 1716, d. abt 1766. Saunders, John s/o Edward, m. Sarah Hargreave d/o Peter, d. 1700. ■

Ann Bolton, 1170 S. Orlando Ave., Cocoa Beach, FL 32931, [annbolton@aol.com]. Can you connect with any of my Sanders line from Madison and Franklin Counties, Ga.?

Phillip Devan Sanders & Betty Elizbeth Sanders, Jonah Spurgeon Sanders (1888-1959) & Agatha Winford Sanders (1889-1969), Maedella Gertrude Sanders (1910-) & Louis Steven Bolton (1910-1988), Mary Sanders & Harry Hyler, Mary Sanders & ? Paton, Robert Lee Bran Sanders (1917-) & Norma Carolyn (Sue) McCoy (1922-), Estelle Sanders, Clara Sanders, Walt Sanders, Cliff? Sanders, and Thurman Sanders. ■

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From Patricia Brown, 2018 Walburg Road, Burlington, WI 53105. John Sanders, b. 1748 N.C., married Massey Tims 6 Jan 1776 in Columbia Co., Ga. (members of the Quaker Wrightsborough Monthly Meeting). John and Massey moved to Bush River Monthly Meeting, S.C., in 1787. In 1805 John and family moved to Miami Monthly Meeting, Ohio. John died abt 1811 in Clinton Co., Ohio. Children: Margery, Charity, Benjamin, Prudence, Massey, Miriam, Sarah, and Susanna. Seek information on Massey Tims. ■

## Several Connect to Rev. Moses Sanders

Jeanette Fain Cornelius, 602 E. Rusk, Rockwall, TX 75087, is a descendant of Rev. Moses Sanders (as are several other readers). Rev. Moses Sanders, a Rev. War soldier and a pioneer who created many churches, was married to Mary Hamilton. His son, Moses, Jr., and his wife, Elizabeth Harris, had a daughter named Sarah "Sallie" Sanders (b. abt 1794). Sarah married David Dodd (b. abt 1790) 31 Oct 1811. They moved from Winston Co., Ala. to Arkansas by 1830. Jeanette, descended from Sarah and David, would like more information on Rev. Moses Sanders.

Jan Ashford, 11009 Andenwood Dr., Austin, TX 78726, [ashford@onr.com] has this to say about Rev. Moses Sanders: He was born in England in 1742, perhaps in Dowton, Weeks Wiltshire, England (I've seen several slight variations on this location and have no idea myself what is correct. Maybe some of the other folks interested in Rev. Moses know for sure.). He came

to the U.S. as a young man, apparently as a Baptist missionary. He probably worked in Virginia first. There he married Sallie Hamilton (Hambleton) daughter of Arthur and Barbara Hamilton (Hambleton). He worked as an itinerate preacher and eventually moved into Georgia. Along the way he seems to have lived in South Carolina and possibly North Carolina.

After Sallie died (1816) apparently he married Mary Hamilton (He names wife Mary in his will written after Sallie's death.).

To the best of my knowledge, all of the children are Sallie's. He died in Banks Co., Ga. in 1817.

This is his family.

1. John Sanders, (1768)
2. Minyard Sanders
3. Moses Sanders, Jr. (1771)
4. Aaron Sanders, (1769)
5. David Sanders, (1775)
6. Sarah Sanders, (15 May 1773) ■

## Help Gene With These Sanders From Indiana

Gene R. Webb, 200 Salisbury Road North, Apt. #6, Richmond, IN 47374 is looking for information on g-g-grandmother, Elizabeth Saunders, b. 1841, d. 25 Oct 1894. She married Moses Heminger on 17 Apr 1866 in Montpelier, Blackford Co, Ind. Children were (1) Alice, (2) Theodore S., (3) Minnie L., (4) Anna Mary, (5) Flora.

Gene also needs information about parents and death location of Ette May Sanders. She was married to William Thomas and lived at Kendalville, Ind. Children: (1) Clara Elva, b. 1884, d. 12 May 1946, (2) Jessie T., b. 28 Mar 1893, d. 28 Mar 1872, (3) Joe, (4) Ernest, b. 29 Jun 1913, d. 4 Jan 1983. ■

## Do You Connect To A Joel Sanders, Son of William?

Cheska Wheatley, 13659 E. Park Street, Whittier, CA 90601 [cheska@ix.netcom.com]. Joel Sanders may have been the son or grandson of William Sanders who married 9, 4th month, 1682 at Nancemond Co., Va. to Mary Hall. This has not been conclusively proven. The identity of their children is unknown due to the destruction of the Nancemond (Chuckatuck) Monthly Meeting records. Who were the children of William and Mary (Hall) Sanders? Joel Sanders was born about 1718 probably in Nancemond Co., Va. He married before 1744 to a woman named Charity. It is believed that her surname was Hollowell although this has not been definitely proven.

In 1762, Charity and her husband were received on certificate from Nancemond MM, Va. at Cane Creek MM, N.C. In 1775, Joel and his family were granted certificates from Cane Creek MM, NC to Wrightsborough MM, Ga. where they were received 6, 5m, 1775. Joel is said to have died in Ga. 2 Feb 1782. Seeking proof of the above relationships. ■

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