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## Retail Pioneer Piggly Wiggly® Founded By Clarence Saunders in Memphis, 1916

Ann Boone Call of Bartlesville, Okla., asked me if I was working on a story about Clarence Saunders, the founder of the Piggly Wiggle Stores. I had never heard that, but I managed to find the web site for Piggly Wiggly which gave the following information. (See page three for additional information concerning this Clarence Saunders and possible relations.)

### Where It Began...

Piggly Wiggly®, America's first true self-service grocery store, was founded in Memphis, Tennessee in 1916 by Clarence Saunders. In grocery stores of that time, shoppers presented their orders to clerks who gathered the goods from the store shelves. Saunders, a flamboyant and innovative man, noticed this method resulted in wasted time and man hours, so he came up with an unheard-of solution that would revolutionize the entire grocery industry: he developed a way for shoppers to serve themselves.

Despite predictions that this new kind of store would fail, the first Piggly Wiggly opened September 6, 1916 at 79 Jefferson Street in Memphis. Operating under the unusual name Piggly Wiggly, it was unlike any other grocery store of that time. Shopping baskets, open shelves, no clerks to shop for the customer — unheard of!

Piggly Wiggly Corporation, established by Saunders when he opened the first store in Memphis, secured the self-service format and issued franchises to hundreds of grocery retailers for the operation of Piggly Wiggly stores. The original Piggly Wiggly Corporation became owner of all Piggly Wiggly properties: the name, the patents, etc., and Saunders began issuing stock in the Corporation. This stock was successfully traded on the New York Stock Exchange for some time, but through a series of stock transactions in the early

'20s, Saunders lost control of Piggly Wiggly and had no further association with the company.

Piggly Wiggly Corporation continued to prosper as franchiser for the hundreds of independently owned grocery stores franchised to operate under the Piggly Wiggly name and over the next several decades, functioned successfully under various owners.

### All in a Name

Saunders' reason for choosing the intriguing name Piggly Wiggly® remains a mystery; he was curiously reluctant to explain its origin. One story is that he saw from a train window several little pigs struggling to get under a fence, and the rhyming name occurred to him then. Someone once asked him why he had chosen such an unusual name for his organization, and Saunders' reply was, "So people will ask that very question." He wanted and found a name that would be talked about and remembered.

### Piggly Wiggly® "Firsts"

Piggly Wiggly's introduction of self-service grocery shopping truly revolutionized the grocery industry. In fact, many of the conveniences and services that American shoppers now enjoy were introduced first by Piggly Wiggly®.

- Piggly Wiggly was the FIRST to...
- ...provide checkout stands.
- ...price mark every item in the store.
- ...give shoppers more for their food dollar through high volume/low profit margin retailing.
- ...feature a full line of nationally advertised brands.
- ...use refrigerated cases to keep produce fresher longer.
- ...put employees in uniforms for cleaner, more sanitary food handling.

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## What Place Do Family Reunions Play in Your Quest?

Does your family or larger family group have a reunion?

I attend a Sanders Family Reunion most every year in LeFlore County, Oklahoma, on the Saturday of the Memorial Day weekend. It used to be held on Lake Wister but the last two years it was on the mountain in Heavener. Most of those attending that reunion were from the descendants of a brother of my grandmother, Sarah Catherine Sanders. On two occasions I have attended the Cagle reunion in Poteau, Oklahoma. Mary, a sister of my grandmother, married a Cagle and they had a very large family.

I am a little disappointed that most people attending these reunions are not real interested in their family history.

How about your reunions? Is it a good time to collect family information and talk about ancestors?

I would like to hear about your reunions and how they help with your genealogy. Also, could you send me a notice prior to your next reunion telling when and where it will be? Is it limited to a certain family or descendants of a particular person? I will try to print what you send me about upcoming events if I receive the information three weeks prior to each quarterly publication.

We must be mindful of other people's interests, including that of our spouse. They may not be as interested in the family history and all those *important dates and places* as we are. You may just have to settle for the food and fellowship! ■

Don Schaefer, *editor*

## Information About Pastor Robert W. Sanders, Author of Book, *Sanders Family History*

[The following, taken from pp 37-38 of the *Sanders Family History*, gives biographical information about the author, Robert W. Sanders. He was the youngest son of William Seaborn Sanders, who was one of the seven sons of William Sanders, brother of Moses, Sr. This book was found in the public library of Kingsport, Tennessee.]

(j) - Robert Wilson Sanders, youngest son, was born Sept. 12, 1847. Of him the writer should not speak except for the consideration that our story would not be complete without some reference to him. The attempt will be made to limit what is said to simple facts, humbly recorded.

Robert, while a small boy, worked upon the farm and about the home and premises. He began to plow when eight years old, served seven summers in this way, going to school parts of the time. In 1863 and 1864, he went regularly to school, going through English grammar and arithmetic, reading some French, and reading in Latin portions of Caesar, Virgil, and Cicero, with a full course in Latin Grammar. At various times, his teachers were Susan Sanders, Mr. Peyton, Castello, Jenkins (B. W.), Jenkins (William), F. J. Sanders, Joseph Augley, Mr. Quinn, and Arthur Buist.

In Sept. 1864, when just 17, he volunteered in the 2nd S. C. Artillery (Regt., Lamar's), served 5 months on James Island, went "on the March" from Charleston, Feb. 17, 1865, up the coast of the Carolinas, fought in the two battles of Averysboro and Bentonville, Mich. 1865, afterwards moving on as far as Greensboro, N. C., where his command surrendered, April 26, 1865, under Gen. Joseph E. Johnston.

As a boy, leisure time was given to hunting, fishing, swimming, riding horses, goats and calves, and such sports as ballgames, marbles, and the like. At the age of thirteen, was received into Mt. Olivet Church, being baptized by Rev. Jas. F. Buist, Sept., 1860. Had been a member of the Sunday school for some years, and at 18 years of age was chosen Sunday School Superintendent. In Sept., 1866, began to preach, being nearly 19 years old. Entered Furman University Feb., 1867, and graduated June, 1871. Sept., 1871, went as a student to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary,

Greenville, S.C., graduating, "full course," May 1875. June 15, 1875, began pastorate of Chester Baptist Church, was happy and blessed there till January, 1893, when he became pastor at Florence, S. C., being prospered there in a good work of four years. While in Chester preached 5 years at Blackstock. Jan. 1897, moved to Greenville, S. C., located in the City and preached, from time to time, in Honea Path, Pendleton, at Clemson College, Limestone Church (at the College), and to various other Churches. Served Mine Church 10 years, and Steel Creek 8 years and preached to other Churches in Barnwell County.

Had one year's supply pastorate of Second Church, Columbia, and over two years of First Church of Charleston (1915-1917), being greatly blessed in this field, but forced to resign by failure of health. At Chester, Florence and Kline led the congregations in building nice houses of worship, and a parsonage at Chester. Baptized and married many people during a ministry of more than a half century.

Was ordained by Rev. J. A. Lawton and Rev. William Brooker, Aug. 1870, at the request of Mt. Olivet Church. Through 50 years, wrote articles (many) for Religious and Secular Papers, and published "History of Adelpian Society," and a pamphlet on "Ante-Nicene Fathers on Baptism." Prepared Manuscripts on "Life and Labors of Dr. Thomas Curtis," "Furman Memorial Volume," and other topics, not yet published.

June 10th, 1874, was most happily married to Miss Emmie R. Addison, Greenville, S. C., ceremony by Dr. J. C. Furnian. From this union were born two sons, James Elford and Robert Addison. "J. E." was married to Evi Jones, Florence, S.C., a graduate of "G. F. C." class 1896, to whom is given one bright child, Helen. He graduated "A. B." of Furman, 1896, taught 10 years, but is now in business. "Robert A." married Fannie Johnston, Danville, Va. He is active in business. Both sons reside in Greenville, S.C., this March, 1920. To his wife Robert Wilson Sanders owes much of his usefulness and happiness. He feels now, in his seventy third year, most grateful to God for a life so long,

## Piggly Wiggly Story

(Continued from page one)

...design and use patented fixtures and equipment throughout the store.

...franchise independent grocers to operate under the self-service method of food merchandising.

### What happened to Saunders?

After Saunders' disassociation with Piggly Wiggly®, he opened a chain of stores which operated under the name "Clarence Saunders, Sole Owner of My Name Stores," and although it was successful, the Depression forced Saunders to close the chain. Then, in 1937, Saunders designed and constructed a prototype of an automated store, which he called the "Keedoozle" (for "Key Does All").

Saunders had once again captured the country's attention with his latest venture; however, mechanical failures eventually closed the store. Until the time of his death in October, 1953, Saunders was developing plans for another automatic store system called the "Foodelectric." But the store, which was to be located two blocks from the first Piggly Wiggly store, never opened.

Clarence Saunders never fulfilled his dream of opening a truly automated store. Sadly, his death came just as the full impact of his 'better idea' for grocery merchandising was becoming apparent. Saunders' creative genius was decades ahead of his time.

The foregoing was used by permission of the Piggly Wiggly Company. For more details, a picture of Clarence Saunders, a picture of the first store, and company logos, go to their web site at: <<http://www.pigglywiggly.com>> and select "About Us."

The editor would like to hear from any readers who are related to this Clarence Saunders and can give us more information on his genealogy. ■

and so full of blessings. And though unworthy of the following honors, he humbly recognizes the great kindness of his Brethren in conferring them, namely: Moderatorship of Chester and Florence Baptist Association, the Presidency of the S.C. Baptist Convention, and the honorary degree of D.D., year 1894, by the Trustees of Furman University. Served as best he could on various Boards and Committees of the State and Southern Baptist Conventions. ■

## Just Who Was the Clarence Saunders Who Started Piggly Wiggly?

The following was received from Ann Boone Call, 716 Winding Way, Bartlesville, OK 74006-4434, <Marlin1869@cs.com> along with the "tip" that a Clarence Saunders founded the Piggly Wiggly Stores. (See pages one and two.)

I haven't read much about this Saunders [the founder of Piggly Wigglys] until recently a lady (Joan Dorman) in Texarkana sent me part of the following information below regarding a Saunders family somehow related to my Great Grandfather Hardy Holman Saunders, born in 1816, who married Catherine Anne Clampet in 1835 Madison County, Alabama. Their son, and my Grandfather, Andrew Masten Sanders, born 1854, who married Eliza Anne Hendren (1869-1969) in Jackson County, Alabama, homesteaded in Miller County, Arkansas nearby these same Saunders families back about 1900.

Clarence Saunders, born 1814 Guilford County, North Carolina, married Susan Josephine McRee 20 Feb 1839. She was born 10 Dec 1822 in Charlotte, North Carolina, and died 28 Dec 1901 in Hempstead Co., Ark. Clarence Saunders died in Memphis, Tenn. where he owned a grocery store.

In Texarkana, Arkansas/Texas in the 1920s there were also CLARENCE SAUNDERS GROCERY STORES. One was located on East Broad Street where my Grams Sanders would wholesale her organic grown vegetables from her garden "to a relative." This garden money enabled her to buy a new Studebaker automobile and extras for her family throughout the years. The store became PIGGLY WIGGLY in the early 1930s and moved to State Line and Magnolia Streets. Grams continued selling her produce to the store even after it became Safeway... and *Family Circle* was free at the check out stand, too.

When the new Piggly Wiggly opened in the mid-1940s across from the Texas-side high school, produce from small independent growers were no longer accepted, so Grams at age 75 years young, hit the Mom and Pop Stores in the neighborhood. I can still see her today walking behind her old horse and plow, tilling the soil preparing for her annual spring crop which never failed to be bountiful... and her rhubarb pies were really yummy!

Clarence and Susan McRee Saunders children were:

#1. Rosine Saunders, born Nov 1844 Greensboro, Guilford Co., N. C. who married N. O. Battle on 5 Dec 1866 in Lafayette Co., Arkansas.

#2. William McRee Saunders, born 15 Jan 1845, Tippan Co., Mississippi, died in 1889 leaving his widow, Elizabeth Cornelia "Eliza" Waddle Saunders with five children to raise. They were: William Forrest, born 30 Nov 1880, Mt. Moriah, Ark. ~ died 10 Apr 1955; Mary Beulah, born 10 Feb 1882, Nevada Co., Ark. ~ died 6 Oct 1961 Hempstead Co., Ark.; Phoebe Josephine, born 6 Jul 1883, Nevada County ~ died 7 Mar 1969 Midland, Sebastian Co., Ark.; Lizzie, born 19 Mar 1885, Hempstead County ~ died 20 Jul 1973 Hempstead Co.; Lacy, twin to Lizzy ~ died 24 Aug 1885 Hempstead Co.; George L., born 15 May 1887 Nevada ~ died 26 Jul 1887; Barton M., born 19 Dec 1888 ~ died 7 Mar 1966 Nevada. "Eliza" was born 5 Aug 1858 in Nevada County and was married there on 28 Jan 1880; the daughter of Archibald Waddle and Martha Kelso. Eliza died in 1944.

#3. Mary L. Saunders, born 3 Sep 1847 in Clarksville, Tennessee.

#4. L. L. Saunders, born 1848, married Margaret Lacy who was born 27 Mar 1849 in Greensboro, Guilford County, North Carolina.

#5. Sarah Josephine Saunders, born 29 Aug 1861.

What I consider to be a "clincher" as to these Saunders being family kin was in reading the following from Joan: "Granny Saunders lived in Sutton, Arkansas. We always took 'white bread' because all their bread was home baked and 'bought bread' was a treat. They had an 'outdoor privy' and that was unusual to us. Granny always killed some of the chickens that were running around her yard, and made a big platter of fried chicken with mashed potatoes and gravy with big glasses of buttermilk. It was delicious! She wouldn't let us eat any of the 'bought bread' as that was for them... for later!"

Not six months ago, before receiving these papers, I had quizzed my "older than me" first cousin, Nona Goodson, about people and things that occurred around Fouke and Texarkana before I came along, and the above story was almost verbatim about always taking a loaf of "store bought bread" to Sanders relatives in the very same area of

Arkansas each time they went to visit back in the early 1930s. I certainly would like connection proof back to Clarence Saunders, born 1814, and my Great Grandfather Hardy Holman Saunders, born 1816.

Anne Call also had this to say about the Clarence Saunders who started Piggly Wiggly: He married Carolyn Walker from Illinois in October of 1903. They built a mansion using the architect Hubert Thomas McGee to build "Cla-Le-Clare," their home, named after their three children, Clarence, Lee, and Amy Clare. ■

### Bartlett Sanders Enlisted, Died Young in Civil War

From John and Pat Denning, 25928 189th Ct., SE, Covington, WA 98042, <rokyflat@aa.net> I received the following information about the short life of Bartlett Sanders (1846-1865). I assume that one of them is related to this family.

The first information on Bartlett Sanders, whose parents were Bartlett Sanders (1815-1875) and Clarkey Jane Russell (1817-1901), was in the 1850 Indiana census, Montgomery County, Clark Township, page 514:

Bartlett Sanders, 38, N.C., Farmer  
Clarky Sanders, 31, Ky., attd school  
Barnabus Sanders, 14, Ind., school  
Eliza J. Sanders, 10, Ind., school  
Irvin W. Sanders, 8, Ind., school  
Bartlett Sanders, 4, Ind., school  
James M. Sanders, 2, Ind.

Bartlett enlisted 19 Feb 1862 at Frankfort, Ind. (at about 16 years of age) He re-enlisted 15 Feb 1864 at Chattanooga, Tenn. He was captured by Confederates 2 Jun 1864 at New Hope, Georgia; was paroled by Confederates 11 Dec 1864 at Charleston, S.C., due to illness; and reported to Annapolis, Md., U.S. Hospital 17 Dec 1864. He died there 12 Jan 1865 and is buried at Ash Grove United States Cemetery in Annapolis, now the Annapolis National Cemetery. He was in Co. E, 40th Indiana Volunteers. ■

Frank Blankenship, 8747 Ave., D6 West, Antelope Acres, CA 93536-8774, <Lonewolf1498A@aol.com> is looking for g-grandmother Elizabeth Sanders, b. 24 Jan 1859, Dale Co., Ala., d. Sep 1947, m. Samuel William Glover 18 Jan 1877. ■

## Paul Saunders Sends Us This Horror Tale of Jolly Ole England; Read It With Caution

The following was written by Paul Saunders, 5400 Shellbrooke Drive, Stroudsburg, PA 18360, <Pasaun0712@aol.com>. References at end.

Elizabeth Saunders, daughter of Thomas Saunders of Sibbertoft and sister of Laurence Saunders, the martyr, was married to Thomas Catesby, esq. of Hinton, Northants. Her husband was the grandson of Sir William Catesby, High Sheriff of Northamptonshire, who was involved in a horrible example of 15th century justice, as described in an ancient printed black-letter account attached to a vellum charter of Edward IV's time, granting the Manor of Cloford to William Collingbourne, 10 Nov 5 Edw IV (1465), viz:

"1484. In these daies were chiefe rulers about the King (Richard III) the Lord Lovel, and two gentlemen, being named Sir Richard Ratcliffe and Sir William Catesby, of which persons was made a seditious rime and fast'ned upon the crosses in Cheape and other places of the Citie, whereof the sentence was as follows:

The Catte, the Ratte, and Lovel our dogge

Rulen all England under an Hogge'

"Which was to meane these three persons ruled this land under the King, which bare a white boar for his cognisance. For the devisers of this rime much search was made and sundry accused to their great charges. But finally, two gentlemen, Turburville and Collingbourne, were for that and other things laid to their charge, arrested and cast into prison, for whom shortly was holden at the Guildhall an Oyer determiner, where the two gentlemen were arraigned, and one of them called William Collingbourne Esquire convict of that crime and other, for the which he was drawne unto the Tower Hill and there full cruelly put to death [the ordinary sentence for high treason of hanging, cutting down alive and drawing out of the internal organs and usually quartering], as the which torment was so speedily done, that when the butcher pulled out his heart, he spake and said Jesus, Jesus!

"This man was greatly mourned of the people for his goodly personage and favour of visage; he had been sometime, to whit the 15 of Edward the Fourth,

Sheriff of Wiltshire, and in the 17 Sheriff of Somersetshire and Dorsetshire."

It appears that the second charge against Collingbourne was the real reason he was killed, however: "that on July 10 he had offered one Thomas Yate £8 to bear a message to Henry Tudor urging him to land in the south of England in the fall and advising him to tell the French court that the English King would only trifle with their envoys since he meant to make war on France.

"On November 29 Richard appointed to hear the case a commission of great dignity... The trial took place at Guildhall in early December. John Turburvyle was sentenced to prison. [William] Colyngbourne was convicted of treason and condemned to death. He was executed in the fashion which this age, and the next, reserved for traitors. First he was hanged, at Tower Hill, on a new pair of gallows and then, Fabyan records, 'cut down, being alive, and his bowels ripped out of his belly and cast into the fire there by him, and lived till the butcher put his hand into the bulk of his body, insomuch that he said at the same instant, 'O Lord Jesus, yet more trouble', and so died..."

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From Nanci Kroushl, 3500 West Dogwood Circle, La Grange, KY 40031-9310, <kroushl@adept.net>. I read with interest the biography of Capt. George M. Sanders in the latest *Sanders Siftings*. He was born in Maryland and had German ancestry. His parents Henry L. and Mary Hall Sanders left Md. too early to connect with my James Sanders, b. 1849 in Md., but I'm wondering about Henry's family that might have remained in Md. Does anyone know this line? Henry L.'s parents? Siblings? ■

### Are You Ready To Claim Any Of These Colorado Prisoners?

This list is from the Colorado State Prison 1871-1973

Sander, Hahmuth E. 6069  
 Sander, J. R. 13036  
 Sanders, Luis 19119  
 Sanders, Charles 8903  
 Sanders, Charles 19341  
 Sanders, Charles 5107  
 Sanders, Cody 10651  
 Sanders, Cody 11578  
 Sanders, D. L. 7914  
 Sanders, D. L. 10679  
 Sanders, Edward J. 1764  
 Sanders, Edward Lee 33037  
 Sanders, Fred E 22781  
 Sanders, Henry 22630  
 Sanders, Henry William 31057  
 Sanders, Jack Rudy 28027  
 Sanders, John 9975  
 Sanders, Joseph 20595  
 Sanders, Julian L. 33975  
 Sanders, Lynch 33610  
 Sanders, Paschall L. 39828  
 Sanders, Paul E. 39424  
 Sanders, Paul Edward 31672  
 Sanders, Richard Eugene 31120  
 Sanders, Robert R. 17208  
 Sanders, Roger 8057  
 Sanders, Royce A. 40042  
 Sanders, Walton H. 2421  
 Sanders, William 1442  
 Saunders, James 14584  
 Saunders, R. A. 15597  
 Saunders, W. F. 19751  
 Saunders, William 14560  
 Saunders, Willie B. Jr. 26659 ■

### Help Sandra With Her Brick Wall At Eli Sanders

From Sandra Stienmier, 7955 Tangleoak Lane, Castle Rock, Colorado 80104, <skys@casrockmd.com>. I still am at my brick wall on Eli Sanders, born 1794 and married Orpha Lingo on 10 Feb 1820 in Cincinnati. He died 26 Feb 1876 in Mill Creek, Hamilton Co., Ohio. Children are: John, Obediah Lingo, Sarah, James, Margaret, Mariah, Simeon, David, William Henry, and Josiah & Mary Jane (twins). I believe his father to be a David Sanders and mother Hannah \_\_\_\_\_. Possible brothers are Simeon, James, John Wiley, Isaac, Thomas and Peter. Believe them to be from Virginia. Any information on Eli or his children would be appreciated. ■

## Jennifer is Looking For Roots of John Phillip Sanders

Jennifer Johnson Sanders, Rt. 1, Box 41A, Carter, OK 73627, <kinderjen@hotmail.com> is looking for ancestry of John Phillip Sanders. John was born in 1844 in Kentucky. I have hopefully narrowed by search down to Adair Co., Ky. He joined the 13th Kentucky Cavalry, Co. C in Columbia, Ky. Found a John at the correct age in the household of Thomas H., 31 and Sarah, 27 in the 1850 Adair Co. census. Also in the family were Mahala, 8/12, James, 7; Elizabeth, 4. Have not confirmed that this is the son John, it is only a hunch. Hopefully someone reading this message can confirm this for me. After the Civil War, John moved to Indiana where he married Margaret Melissa Miller in Bartholomew Co., Ind. in 1871. John and Melissa had the following children: Frank-1884, Ernest, Edgar, Ethel, and Cora. Ethel married 1st a Royse and 2nd a Breeding. Cora married a Steambarger. Frank married 1st Lucille Schoeffenberg and had the following children: Noble, Elroy, LaVern, Charles and a girl who died at birth. Frank then married Ora Wood and had these boys: Leon, 1929; Leroy, 1932 and Bobby Gene (who died at age 2). ■

## E-Mail Address Corrected For Mario Perrino's Query

Mario Perrino, 5920 Quailhill Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45233-1776, <mperrino@cinci.rr.com> is searching for the parents, siblings and other ancestors of his wife's great grandparents, Martin S. Sanders and Eliza Luther, who migrated from the Chickasaw Co., Mississippi area in the early 1870s to Texas. Martin was born about 1831, most probably in Miss., and died about 1890 in Texas. Other records indicate that he may have been born in Alabama or Tennessee. Martin's father was born in Kentucky and his mother in Virginia according to census records. Eliza was originally from South Carolina as were both her parents according to information contained in census records. Don't know her maiden name. Martin married Eliza, a widow with three children, 31 Mar 1867 in Chickasaw County. They had several children: C. A., Mathew S., Arthur E., Ira B., John W., Allie J., and Mary Sanders. They are listed in the Wise Co., Texas, census of 1880. Any information would be appreciated. ■

## Siftings Back Issues Available

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

## Elijah Edward Sanders Traveled Tennessee to Texas; Anyone Know His Ancestry?

Doris Kirschke Brown, 1750 Stone Road, Deland, FL 32720, <kirschke@atlantic.net> needs info about Elijah Edward Sanders, b. 19 Nov 1871 (in Tenn., according to 1900 Texas Census) said to have come to Texas with 3-4 brothers and father, to Bonham, Fannin Co., Texas, year unknown. 20 Oct 1889 he m. Rilla Delilah Hyatt in Fannin Co. They had 2 boys, 2 girls: Nora Alvira (b. 27 Mar 1895 in Hunt Co., Texas), my grandmother, m. Robert David Byers (b. 8 Jan 1890 in Missouri). Elijah Edward Sanders d. 25-28 Jul 1909 in Chillicothe, (Texas??). No burial records or location known. He was a railroader and "Nanna" told me of when she was little, living in Denison, Tex.—how she always ran to the bluff when her Dad blew the train whistle when they were coming back to town. I found that bluff and their home. Now I'd like to find Elijah, his parents and background. ■

## Looking for Descendants of Two Different Sanders Lines

JD Sander, 13030 W Waverly, Wadsworth, IL 60083, <jsander@iconnect.net> is looking for descendants of G.F. and Klara Sanders. G.F. Sanders was a builder or construction contractor. They lived at 1416 Catalpa Avenue in Chicago. G.F. died sometime between 1925 and 1930. In 1930, Klara lived at the same address.

Also looking for descendants of Arvid Hjalmar Sanders who stayed with G.F. and Klara. He was born 22 Dec 1901 in Sweden, died Dec 1987. He came to New York in 1929 on the ship *Gripsholm* departing Goteborg, Sweden on 6 Apr 1929 and settled and died in Chicago, Illinois. ■

## B. G. Piper Is Searching For Parents of G-Grandmother, Julia Francis Sanders

B.G. Piper, 6308 Mesa Ridge Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76137, <BGOzBooks@aol.com> is searching for parents of her GreatGrandmother, Julia Francis Sanders, (called "Peggy" or "Frankie"), who m. Alexander Marsh around 1845-47. They had one daughter in Tennessee around 1848, then moved to Upshur Co., Texas. by the 1850 census, living with Benjiman Medford Green family (Peggy's sister and brother-in-law). Eight years later, Alexander bought 255 acres of land which he farmed all his life—as well as being a cobbler. He and Julia had 12 children, 6 of whom died as infants. Surviving children were: Sarah Elizabeth, b. 1851, m. Geo. C. Mabery; Robert, b. 1856, m. Mary Jane Hoover; Joe, b. 1859, m. Mary Leona Barton; Alexander "Bud" Jr., b. 1861, m. Anna Lillian Fuller; Florena, b. 1864, m. Sam Briggs; Mary Adelia, b. 1866, m. Tom Wilson. I am also trying to find Alexander Marsh's family. Both parents are from N.E. Tenn. area or S.W. Va. area, but I cannot find records prior to 1850. ■

## Seeking Parents or Siblings Of Catherine Sanders

Carol Alt, 103 E State, #526, Mason City, IA 50401, <alttwo@jumpgate.net>. Catherine (or Kathryn) Sanders was born 1 Jan 1947 in Davis Co., Indiana and died 30 Jan 1923 in Quincy County, Mo. She is buried there in Mt. Zion Cemetery. She was married 17 Apr 1863 at Edwardsville, Madison Co., Ill., to William P. Box. Children were: Mary Ann, b. 7 Jul 1864, m. Henry William Collins, d. 27 Feb 1926; Minerva J., b. 8 Mar 1966, d. 9 Sep 1866; William G., b. 7 Jun 1868, d. 7 Jun 1941; Elizabeth E., b. 17 May 1870; George W., b. 17 Dec 1873, d. 26 Mar 1948 at Kansas City, Mo.; Louise Margaret, b. 15 Aug 1875; Rachel R., b. 20 Apr 1875, m. Will Davis; Irene Belle, b. 23 Jun 1880, m. James Boxx; John P., b. 10 Feb 1882, m. Mary C. Hull 14 Nov 1900, d. 2 Aug 1971; Emma Catherine, b. 1 Jan 1884 at Windsor, Mo., m. Jess W. Clark 5 Nov 1905, d. 2 Nov 1972 at Iowa Falls, Iowa. I am particularly interested in the parents and siblings of Catherine (or Kathryn) Sanders Box. ■

## ASSORTED QUERIES . . .

From Dot Jordan, 100 Calloway Ave., Sherwood, AR 72120, <SquatDot@aol.com>. I have been looking for my grandmother for about a year now. Grandfather was Horace Sanders. He was born in Owen County, Ky. 8 Nov 1852. He married a daughter of Henry Rohrer. According to *Sage & Sod* (Harper County, Okla.) he had a son named Blanton. They all made the Oklahoma Land Rush. My Mom was born 6 May 1888 and Blanton, her brother, sometime in 1878. Grandma Sanders died and was buried in Blackwell, Okla. between 1888 and 1901. Horace Sanders died in Buffalo, Okla. 12 Dec 1905. Could be buried in Harper or Woodward County. Any help will be appreciated.

Janet Trantum, 321 Gregory Lane, Grand Prairie, TX 75052, <janett@anholdings.com> is seeking information on parents and siblings of William Sanders, b. 1800 in South Carolina and died 1860-1870 in Jasper Co., Miss. He moved to Mississippi from Alabama about 1849. He was married to Char ? (maybe Charity or Charlotte?) who was born about 1810 in Kentucky. Some of his children were E.A. (female b. 1835 Ala.), W.R. (male b. 1843 Ala.), S.F. (male b. 1846 Ala.), M.J. (female b. 1848 Ala.), L.A. (b. 1853 Miss.). His daughter, M.J. Sanders, married E.J. Buckley in 1868 in Mississippi.

Lewis & Tina Sanders, 35240 McKenzie View Drive, Springfield, OR 97478, <tsanders@cmc.net>. Still searching for Samuel Sanders b. (guessing at 1845 or before), m. unknown (guessing at before 1865, probably in Ind.). Was father of Leonard Samuel Sanders, b. 11 Dec 1865, in Tipton Co., Ind., d. 11 Apr 1913, age 47 of chronic brights disease (liver failure) and is buried in Winamac Cemetery, Pulaski, Co., Ind. He was a farmer, m. Sarah Catherine Hunnicutt on (before 1886) ??, b. 26 Nov 1871, in Ind., d. 10 Jul 1918 at age 47 of severe burns and is buried in the Winamac Cemetery, Pulaski, Co., Ind. Her parents were William Henry Hunnicutt and Liza Ann Abbott. Leonard and Sarah had 13 children and we are descendents of Roy Albert Sanders. We would love to learn more about our family history.

Terry Prince, 13824 Masline St., Baldwin Park, CA 91706, <JMa1059357@aol.com> is seeking information for his cousin Sharon. Sharon's grandparents are Dr. James Anderson Burks and Janie Ann Seymour Sanders. Something happened to Janie's parents and she was taken in by an uncle Levi Matthew Sanders. We are looking for information on Janie's parents.

Bud Sanders, 2615 6th St., Circle, Charleston, IL 61920, <cscds@worthlink.net> is seeking information on Harry Sanders, a cotton farmer near Cleveland, Mississippi. Probably died in 1950s or 60s. One daughter named Louise. Father was Moses Sanders of Garrard County, Kentucky.

Danny Russell, Rt. 1 Box 43R, Sunset, TX 76270, <drrussell@morgan.net> is looking for information on the Sanders family of Jackson Co., Alabama. My g g grandfather was John W. Sanders referred to as Blue John Sanders, married Martha Jane (Mattie) Evans (Evins). Children: Charlie, Billo, Frank, Sam, Harvey, Jessie, Eva Jane, Nellie, and Purnie. Family records indicate John's parents were: Elijah Greenville Sanders and Martha Berry. Any information would be appreciated.

Del Smajstrla, 4217 Cumberland Road N, Ft. Worth, TX 76116, <delsmaj@aol.com>. Searching for any information about a John R. Sanders born in Alabama (info from census) about 1856. He married Rena McManis in Milam Co., Texas in 1876.

From Janice L Richardson, 8319 NE 316th Street, La Center, WA 98629, <rchrdsnzoo@juno.com>. I am trying to break through a block in this line. Eason Sanders, b. 5 Jun 1852 in Alberta, Canada (somewhere), d. 13 Oct 1933 in Tryon Okla. Married Louisa Rachel Church, b. 7 May 1861 in Canada (somewhere), d. 23 Nov 1909 in Golden, Colo. Children, all born in Canada, were: James H., b. 1880; Emma Jane, b. Jul 1881; Gordon William, b. 1 Feb 1884 in Alberta Canada, d. 28 Feb 1957 in Pueblo, Colo., m. Bessie Ellen Cary 24 Oct 1904; and Della, b. 8 Feb 1886. d. 4 Feb 1970.

Kathy Dilbeck, 5703 N. Henney Rd., Choctaw, OK 73020, <sdilbeck@flash.net>. I am searching for parents of Elizabeth Sanders, born 21 Dec 1828, d. 12 Oct 1904, m. James Bingham Topper, b. 21 Mar 1813, d. 18 Feb 1889. I believe they lived in Frederick Co., Md. She is buried in Emmitsburg, Md. Siblings of Elizabeth, that I know of, are Peter, b. 31 May 1821; Frances, b. 5 Sep 1823; and Henry, b. 6 Mar 1826.

Lee Roy Martin, 4038 John Court NW, Cleveland, TN 37312, <lmartin@vol.com>. I am searching for the ancestors of Monroe Sanders, b. about 1880 and died 6 May 1915 in Macon Co., N.C., buried in Gillespie Chapel Cemetery. He married Ella Henrietta Jones, who was born about 1883 in N.C. and died about 1965 in Forsyth Co., Ga., buried in Brookwood Church Cemetery. They had a son (my grandfather) named Roy Temer Sanders, b. 30 Apr 1912 in Macon Co., N.C.

Marilyn Sanders, 3215 Purdue Place, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106, <rtsanders@aol.com> is interested in any information on Thomas Sanders (b. c.1773 probably in Charles Co., Md.) m. Mary "Polly" (b. c.1775 of Shenandoah) (married possibly in 1799 in Louisa, Va.). Their two sons were George and Martin (b. c.1821 in Russell, Va.) who married Elisabeth Mitchell in Tazewell, Va. They had 11 children, and migrated to Logan, W.V. after 1850 census.

From Patsy Jackson, 2134 Reverchon Drive, Arlington, TX 76017-4566, <patsyjackson2@home.com>. I have been searching for years for marriage information on my grandmother, Euphrasia Palmira Saunders. She was born 21 Apr 1840 in Georgia, died 1909 Cass Co., Texas, m. to James R. Holt. She was the daughter of James Madison Sanders/Saunders and Sarah Sell. On the 1860 Worth Co., Georgia census she is listed as Palmira Holt with her husband and son—James Holt, 28, school teacher, Palmira, 20, William, 30 mos.

From Pat Sanders Hawkins, 5686 Tramway Pt. N., Hernando, FL 34442, <winterhawk99@email.msn.com>. My Sanders family stonewall query is: David Scott Sanders born 15 Mar 1833, died 14

May 1877. Mother named Margaret. He married Hester Ann Freeman on 21 Apr 1853, daughter of David Freeman and Tabitha ??Pillow. They had eight children. David and Hester are buried in the Freeman family cemetery on a hill in Moccasin Gap, just east of Gate City, Scott Co., Va. Need any information available on David Scott Sanders and/or Hester's parents, David and Tabitha Pillow Freeman. (I have list of their children).

Anthony M. Lawrence, 599 Quanaoag Road, North Dartmouth, MA 02747, <Akoni02747@aol.com> is working on the family of James S. Sanders; born 11 Aug 1780; died 18 Oct 1848. James was married to Patience Smith. Their children were Smith; N.C.; Martha; Andrew P.; Ezekiel; Ann; Nancy A.; Rhoda; and Sarah. He believes they are all from the York County, South Carolina in the area of Guthriesville.

SueAnn Sanders, 1456 Fawnwood Circle, Sarasota, FL 34232, <sueann@sanders.com> is researching William Martin Sanders and David M. Sanders. Both died in Lafayette/Dixie Co., Fla.

Joe Duke, P. O. Box 31, Penland, NC 28765, <wandajoe@m-y.net> is looking for ancestors or connections to the following. Sherrod Sanders, said to have been born in Franklin Co., N.C. 25 Dec 1791, is found later in Perry Co., Ala., (if it is the same man?) and married to Rachel T. \_\_\_ before 1838. I am advised that their son was George William Sanders, b. ca. 1838, who was married twice. His first wife died (perhaps in child-birth) and then he married Nancy Irene McLaughlin. George and Nancy later took their family (including his older daughter from the first marriage) and migrated to Leon Co., Texas. The question is—is Sherrod the father of George? Or was there another Sanders man in Alabama (perhaps named John?) who was more likely the father of George?? Can any of this which I state be either proved, or disproved??

Stan Riddle-Brookshier, 2316 Edgewood Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917-2816, <SaunHills@aol.com>. Looking for any info about my g-g-grandfather, William C. Sanders/Saunders, husband of Louisa Hills. Their son Joel

Cornealious Sanders married Ruhema (Rewama) Cessna. His brother Elijah married my g-g-grandmother's sister, Mary Cessna. My g-g-grandmother, Louisa Hills, was the daughter of Joel and Mary "Polly" (Fox) Hills. Mary Fox was the dau of Amos Fox, who was a Revolutionary soldier. Joel Hills descends from William Hills, co-founder of Hartford Connecticut. The only lead I have is the fact that my g-grandfather Joel Conealious Sanders was born 1845 in Onondaga Co., N.Y., perhaps in Manilus. My grandmother was Mary Sanders-Riddle dau of Joel and Rewama Sanders.

Debbie Dietrick, 107 Highlander, Austin, TX 78734, <debdierrick@austin.rr.com>. needs information on her great-grandmother's family and this is what she knows about her. Emma J. Sanders was born in Alma, Missouri 29 Nov 1873. She married Henry James Albers (b. 11 Jun 1864 Germany, d. 20 Dec 1950 Lyford, Texas). They were married 6 Apr 1893 at Lutheran Trinity Church, Alma Mo. Henry and Emma had 7 children: William Walter Lewis, Edna Sophie Emily, Flora Lizzie Minnie, Amelia, Myrtle Annie Roena, Alice Marie Christina, and Earl Friedrich Heinrich. Emma had a sister, Minnie P. Sanders who was born in 1881, she died in 1970. She married Fred D. Albers (brother of Henry) in Higginville, Mo. 31 Mar 1901. Fred was born in Illinois 1877 and died 1946 in Mo. They had two children: Roy Henry and Ethel Katharina Albers. I am willing to share any information I have.

Gary Sanders, Box 309236 UNT Station, Denton, TX 76203, <gsanders@library.unt.edu>. I am still seeking information on Isaac Sanders, son of Francis and Rachel Sanders, who was born in 1818 in North Carolina and moved to Jackson Co., Ala., with his parents in the 1830s. About 1838 he married Elizabeth (born 1817 in N.C.) and their children were Aaron, Isaac, Jesse (my ancestor), Calvin, Amanda, Sarah, and Rebecca (who married William Louis Cornelison). Isaac and Elizabeth appear on the 1860 Montgomery Co., Ark., census and on the 1870 and 1880 Prentiss Co., Miss., census. Does anyone researching Jackson County families have a clue to Elizabeth's maiden name?

### Did Nicholas Boliver Sanders Have Cherokee Roots?

Jeanne Harris Bruck, 5920 North Camino Escalante, Tucson, AZ 85718, <kerjeanne@aol.com>. Was my maternal great grandfather Nicholas Bolivar Sanders, b. around 1853 part Cherokee? I found a number of Nicholas Sanders in the LDS listings and he would have fit right in with that birthdate. They were all Cherokees, born in Oklahoma. Nicholas died in 1893 in Cushing, Okla. He married Anna Elizabeth Heller 1 May 1873 in Peoria, Illinois. He was born in Peoria, Tazwell Co., Ill., and in the 1860 U.S. census was living in Peoria with cooper John R. Sanders, b.1795 in Pa., and Caroline, b.1801 in Pa. also. Were they his grandparents or parents? Nicholas and Anna had three children: Carrie Della, b. 1875 in Little Caney, Kan., Minnie Allice, b. 1877 in St. Louis, Mo., and Frederick, b. in Saybrook, Ill. in 1879. ■

Paul E. Sanders, 1282 Summit Road, Apalachin, NY 13732-1225, <psanders@stny.rr.com> would like to get any information on this family. Annie M. Sanders, daughter of John Henry Sanders and Ida Jane Worley, married Nelson B. Cassell on 10 Oct 1910. They had a daughter (that I know of) who married and lives/ed in Ephrata, Pa. I am interested in the daughter's name, who she married, and if there were other children. John Henry Sanders; b. abt 1862; m. Ida Jane Worley abt 1882; d. Feb 1888. Annie M. Sanders; b. abt Jun 1885; m. Nelson B. Cassell 10 Oct 1910. John Henry Sanders is my great grandfather and he died when my grandfather was eighteen months old. Ida Jane remarried to a John Carson May.

From Necia Kelly, 100 General Lee St., Houma, LA 70360-7539, <lkelly@iamerica.net>. Drusilla Sanders was born ca. 1805, probably in N.C. and died between 1880-1890 in Alabama, probably Blount County. She married Alexander Graves on 18 Nov 1823, in Blount Co., Ala. They had 12 children. Family history says Drusilla was from a prominent Mississippi family. Who were Drusilla's parents? Exactly when did she die? Any help appreciated. ■

## About This Issue

I was pleased to have the story about Clarence Saunders starting Piggly Wiggly in Memphis in 1916. If you have any tips of Sanders or Saunders people who would make a good story, send me the story or the leads for a story. I already have a good story to lead the next issue. It is about a man named Sanders who help found the city of Poughkeepsie, New York.

All queries received to date from both subscribers and non-subscribers have been included. Let me know if yours was missed. My filing and recovery system is not perfect.

Many subscribers have never sent in a query. Some of you need to send me one again. (You might need to do some more work first!) Anyway, I need more queries from subscribers.

Also, I still need more stories of various lengths, biographies from county histories, old letters, obituaries, etc.. I have lots of good material left over. Many articles were rather long and I may just have to wait for the right size space to fit them in. Keep sending in products of your research, but I need a few shorter items. Also, more good pictures are needed to support stories and queries. Photos used in recent issues were received by e-mail.

It will be very much appreciated if you send me your queries and other material via e-mail. Send it to me at <dschaefer@uark.edu> or <DES32@aol.com>. If you can't e-mail, send cleanly typed copy. I can scan it with OCR software and a scanner to save time. *Whichever is okay for you—but send me something!*

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## Thomas Sanders of Bakerstown in Allegheny County, Pa., Came From Derbyshire, England

From *The History of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania*, A. Warner & Co.; 1889.

THOMAS SANDERS, farmer, Bakerstown, was born in Derbyshire, England in 1820, son of John and Elizabeth (Kent) Sanders, former of whom was born fourteen miles north of here, at Duffield, and died September 30, 1867, aged 78 years; the latter was born in Derbyshire and died 1859, aged 66 years. They immigrated to America in 1830, remaining from July until the following fall in Baltimore, Md., and came over the mountains in wagons, settling in Butler County. They lived on different farms in Bakerstown until 1849, when they purchased the place Thomas now lives on and where his parents died. They are members of the M.P. Church, the present church at Bakerstown being organized by John Sanders in 1838; prior to that time Methodist meetings were held at his house. The paternal grandfather of our subject was William, and his great grandfather was William; the latter lived to the age of 106. Thomas says

that from 1848-1860, owing to the hard times under democratic administration he was obliged to go to New Orleans during the winter and cut cordwood, returning home in the summer.

When 28 years of age he began life for himself on present farm. In 1845 he was married to Kezia Langdon, born on the coast of Cornwall, England, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Jane (Trabillcock) Langdon, who came to America about the same time as Thomas Sanders, settling in the east, where Mr. Langdon carried on a brewery; both of her parents are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders have 8 children, six living and two deceased. Those who are living are William Crooks, Mary (Mrs. John Weber), Thomas, Maria, Charles Sumner, and Evangeline, all of whom have received a good education. Elizabeth Jane died 1863, aged 13, and Augustus Miller died 1873, aged 8. Mr. Sanders has a farm of 62 acres, after selling part of it to his son. He has been successful in business life. ■

## Donald E. Saunders Died Nov. 21, 1973 in Vicksburg, Miss.

Below is the obit notice for my grandfather, Donald Ellsworth Saunders. Submitted by Ardeth Saunders Files, 1206 Goldenrod Drive, Garland, TX 75043-1829, <ardflute@aol.com>.

From *Vicksburg Evening Post*, Vicksburg, Miss., Wed., Nov. 21, 1973.

Donald E. Saunders, 68, died Tuesday morning at Mercy Medical Center after a long illness. Born in East St. Louis, Illinois, he had lived in Vicksburg since 1932. He was a retired postal clerk for the U.S. Post Office, retiring in 1969 after 20 years of service. He was also a retired ordained Methodist minister having served as pastor of Learned Methodist Church for five years. He was a member of Crawford Street United Methodist Church and was a member of W. H. Stevens Masonic Lodge No. 121. He was a past master of the lodge.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Anna Bess Saunders; one son, Don L. Saunders of Pascagoula; one daughter, Mrs. Emory L. Warrick of Valdosta, Ga.; six grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Lucille Barbeau of Belleville, Ill., Mrs. Arnold Richards of Wood River, Ill., and Mrs. Charlotte Volkman of

Fairview, Ill.; a brother, Frank Saunders of Belleville, Ill.; numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock at Crawford Street United Methodist Church with Rev. J. Willard Leggett III, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery with Masonic rites at the graveside. The body will be at Fisher Funeral Home until the hour of the funeral.

Pallbearers will be Ed Moorhead, Francis Atkinson, Joe Knapp, Joe Varner, E. Z. Lea, S. W. Campbell, H. H. Havis, Glenn L. Stephens. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the W. H. Stevens Masonic Lodge No. 121. ■

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