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Are You A Serious Family Researcher?

What kind of family history researcher are you? Most of us are *late starters*. We wait to start doing this thing after all our relatives who know anything factual are dead. I'm not asking about that kind. I'm wondering how serious you are and how you are sticking with it.

The *family reunion variety* of "researcher" gets interested in his family's history once a year. He lets his cousin do the work.

The *passing interest variety* can dig out the three-generation charts they put together ten years ago before they got discouraged and became interested in something else.

The *curious with computer variety* is the newest. This person has found something new to do with the computer. They become fascinated with all the people they can contact who can tell them something about their surname and even some who have done research on their line. They are convinced that their computer is *the* road to successful ancestor hunting.

The *serious researcher* owns a "how to" book and has probably attended a seminar or class on genealogy. They write lots of letters and travel to court houses, libraries, and cemeteries in other states. They may or may not have a computer, but they know the computer is one of many valuable tools to help with genealogy correspondence, record keeping, and understanding of relationships. Their interest may come in "spurts" but they have the patience to stay with the search year after year.

We hope the *serious researchers* are the ones who stay with *Sanders Siftings* and help everyone else. ■

Don Schaefer, editor

"A Notorious Actor" – John Sanders of Virginia – and His Possible Descendants

The following article was compiled and written by Gary B. Sanders, Box 309236 UNT Station, Denton, TX 76203, <gary_bsanders@hotmail.com>. He welcomes any comments, other opinions, or corrections from readers. This article will be continued in the next edition of *Sanders Siftings*. [Editor's note: I share with Gary Sanders the possible ancestry to this line of Sanders through Francis and Rachel Sanders of Randolph County, N.C., and later Jackson and DeKalb Counties in Alabama.]

THE SANDERS FAMILY IN AMERICA, writes Barbara Clark Smith, "started out among the ranks of the discontent." ¹ John Sanders, the progenitor of the Nansemond County line, ran afoul of the Virginia authorities during Bacon's Rebellion in 1676, and the following sentence was pronounced at his trial:

"John Sanders being a notorious actor in the late rebellion, and by the govnrour's proclamation of pardon being exempted, butt upon his humble petition and submission to the govnrour, he was pleased to grant him the benefit of his proclamation of pardon; but for that the said Sanders hath been very active in the late rebellion, the court have thought fitt and doe order that he be fined two thousand pounds of

tobacco and caske to the countrie, to go towards the satisfaction of the souldiers, to be paid next yeare." ²

After the pardon and an apparent restoration of his standing with the government, he was granted, along with Richard Thomas and Jonathan Robinson, a tract of 1650 acres of land near Queen Grave Swamp along the county borders of Nansemond and Isle of Wight. The children of John Sanders are not firmly established, but a 1744 land deed in Isle of Wight County clearly states that he had at least four sons. ³ Another deed, filed long after John's death, names Richard Sanders and William Sanders as two of the sons:

"VAIOW-DE2 p. 39, Robert Sanders of Onslow Precinct on the New River in New York (North Carolina?), to Thomas Sanders of Nansemond County, 300 acres in both Isle of Wight and Nansemond Counties adjoining Swamp, adjoining the late Robert Sanders, son of Thomas Sanders Sr, and the present Thomas Sanders (being part of 1600 acres of land of Jonathan Robinson, Richard Thomas, and John Sanders patented on 23 Apr 1681. The said Sanders willed 200 acres of the land to his sons William and Richard Sanders

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Bacon's Castle in Virginia, was so named because it was occupied by rebels during Bacon's Rebellion in 1676. It was built in 1665 by Arthur Allen. Photo by editor, March 2001.



Shelley Woodson Needs Parents, Siblings of Benjamin I. Sanders, Born in North Carolina

From Shelley R. Woodson, 2823 23rd Street, Lubbock, TX 79410, <shelleyr.woodson@ttu.edu>. Here is the information about Benjamin I. Sanders. Can anyone identify his parents?

1. Benjamin I. Sanders, b. 1785 in North Carolina, m. Annye (b. 1786 in Georgia).

2. Betsy Sanders, b. in Miss.

2. Sally Sanders, b. in Miss.

2. Solomon Sanders, b. 1810 in Ga., d. in Obion Co., Tenn?, m. Sarah, b. 1814 in Tenn. Notes for Solomon: Feb. 27, 1841, purchased land with James Nail in Huntsville, Monroe Co., Miss. Feb. 27, 1841, purchased land (for Stephen Cocke) in Huntsville, Monroe Co., Miss. May 1, 1848, purchased land in Alabama (Lebanon Co.?)

3. Julia Anna Sanders, b. 1833 in Miss., m. John Calvin Griffin (b. 1829 in S.C.), 1851 in Miss.

3. Sara Sanders, b. 1836

3. William H. Sanders, b. 1837

3. James Sanders, b. 1839-1842 in Tenn., m. 1st, S. W., b. 1840 in Va., m. 2nd, Jane, b. 1848 in Tenn.

3. Solomon Murray Sanders, b. Jan. 28, 1842 in Monroe Co., Miss., d. aft 1907, m. 1st Lucinda M. Parrish, (b. abt 1853 in Tenn., d. aft 1880), July 16, 1867 in Dyer Co., Tenn. m. 2nd Bertha Eyesingler Jan 3, 1907 in Dyer Co., Tenn.

3. Reuban B. Sanders, b. 1843, m. Elizabeth Giles (b. 1837), Oct 2, 1866 in Dyer Co., Tenn.

3. Anna C. Sanders, b. 1845

3. Harriet J. Sanders, b. 1846

3. John H. Sanders, b. 1850

2. James G. Sanders, b. 1813 in Ga., m. Gabrilla West Aug 27, 1845 in Monroe Co., Miss.

3. Lucinda Sanders, b. 1838

3. Siloma Sanders, b. 1847

3. Lycurgus Sanders, b. 1849

2. Reuban Sanders, b. Aug 1821 in Aberdeen, Monroe Co., Miss., d. 1900-1910 in Monroe Co., Miss., m. Elizabeth West (b. 1826 in S.C.), Oct 12, 1844 in Monroe Co., Miss.

3. Leanda Sanders, b. 1845

3. Leroy Davis Sanders, b. Apr 12, 1847 in Aberdeen, Monroe Co., Miss., d. Jul 21, 1940 in May, Texas, m. Irene Basham

3. Arilla Sanders, b. March 1849, m. Arker Washington Basham

3. Anna Sanders, b. 1850

3. Silvester Sanders, b. 1851

3. George S. Sanders, b. 1852

2nd wife of Reuban Sanders: Amanda McPherson (b. 1841 in Miss.), Mar 25, 1866 in Monroe Co., Miss.

3. William Sanders, b. 1867

3. Henrietta Sanders, b. 1869

3. Ann Sanders, b. 1870

3. Licurgus Sanders, b. 1873

3. James Sanders, b. 1876

3. Adella Sanders, b. Oct 1878

3. Aletha Sanders, b. 1881

3. L. "Kirby" Sanders, b. Feb 1882

3. Charlie Sanders, b. Mar 1889

2. Martin M. Sanders, b. 1823, d. aft. Jun 12, 1863, m. Anna Nellie May Sanders (b. 1832), Jul 16, 1846 in Monroe Co., Miss.

3. Rhoda Sanders, b. 1848 in Miss., m. D. W. Jagers 1874

3. Agnes Nancy Sanders, b. 1854 in Miss., m. W. J. Hamilton 1872

3. Thomas Armstrong Sanders, b. Oct 30, 1855, d. Apr 11, 1922, m. Louvina Vines

3. John Henderson Sanders, b. Jun 12, 1856, d. 1945, m. Edna Earl Fears

3. Susona "Siesonee" Sanders, b. 1860

3. William Ellis Sanders, b. Aug 7, 1861 in Monroe Co., Miss., m. Lillian Ainsley Fears

2. Robert Sanders, b. 1823 in Miss., d. 1824-1913, m. Louisa Catherine McPhearson, 1848

3. Irena Sanders

3. Parthena Sanders

3. Martha Sanders, b. 1850

2. John Sanders, b. 1818 in Tenn., d. 1819-1912, m. Nancy (b. 1820)

3. Lucinda Sanders, b. 1841

3. William W. Sanders, b. 1843

3. Anna Sanders, b. 1845

3. Mary F. Sanders, b. 1848 ■

Do You Know About Josiah Hardin Sanders in Tenn.?

Pat Herron, 155 South Fairbanks Ave., Sanger, CA 93657-9403, <Meadowflower@prodigy.net> is looking for a Josiah Hardin Sanders, b. abt 1832 in Tennessee, married S. Elizabeth Rushing, daughter of Mark Rushing about 1852 in Wood Co., Texas. Josiah had five children: Martha J., b. 1853; Amanda Theresa, b. 3 Apr 1855; James Marion, b. 1857; Marcus Lafayette, b. July 1860; and Jefferson M., b. Jun 1862. She has nothing on Josiah. The Hardin middle name could mean his parents' families were related to the Hardins of Texas and Tennessee. ■

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and the said William granted part of the land to his brother Richard Sanders, who are now party to this deed. At some time, Phoebe Curle, wife of William Curle, Gent. late of Nansemond County and formerly the wife of John Sanders first named, did grant to John Sanders, son of the aforesaid Richard Sanders and brother of Richard Sanders 100 acres being the other part of the land mentioned in the aforesaid patent) dated 30 Apr 1733, W: Lawrence Wolferston, Henry Copeland, and Dorcas (X) Copeland." ⁴

In addition to the identity of two of the sons, this deed provides us with the name of John's wife, Phoebe, and states that she later married William Curle. Though Phoebe's maiden name is unknown, there is speculation it may have been Thomas. Phoebe was still living in 1706 because she transferred land in that year to one of her grandchildren.⁵ The noted genealogist John Bennett Boddie provides the identity of another son of John Sanders of Nansemond:

"John Sanders II, who patented land on Oct. 20, 1689, as before stated, definitely seems to be the son of John Sanders I, for his children inherited the Queen Grave land. On April 20, 1694, John Sanders and Robert Roberts of Nansemond patented 7 1/2 in right of their wives Sarah and Mary upon eastward side of King's Creek. (G.B. 8-380).

John Sanders' wife, Sarah, was a daughter of Major Thomas Davis, for in the patent granted to Richard and John Sanders on August 20, 1687, for 360 acres, it was stated that 300 acres were formerly granted Thomas Davis the 10th of August 1644, and for 50 for the transportation of one person (G.B. 8-p.10). (17thC, 447, 449) (c.P.156). A further connection with Thomas Davis will be mentioned later.

John Sanders II died between 1704 and 1712 when his son Robert was deeded some of the Queen Grave land. John Sanders may have died before Oct. 27, 1712, when his son Robert Sanders was deeded part of the Queen Grave land." ⁶

Boddie was somewhat hampered in his investigation of John Sanders of Nansemond because most of the Nansemond records were destroyed in fires and the fragmentary nature of the

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surviving evidence is exceedingly ambiguous. Boddie suggested that the John Sanders of the 1681 land grant may have been the same person as the John Sanders who was married to Susannah Ravenett and who owned land in Waswick County in 1669, but Boddie was probably unaware of the 1733 deed that names John's wife as Phoebe. No one knows what happened to the descendants, if any, of the John Sanders who married Susannah Ravenett, and Boddie says only that he "died in Warwick or Nansemond where records were destroyed and his children are not definitely known."⁷ It is certainly possible, though probably unlikely, that John Sanders of Warwick and John Sanders of Nansemond are the same individual and that he married Susannah first, then Phoebe, but this would mean that John Sanders II was probably a half brother to Richard and William. This scenario appears unlikely because of the disposition of the 1681 land grant after the death of John Sanders I.

Of the three known sons of John Sanders I of Nansemond, Richard's descendants have the most extensive and reliable documentation in land and probate records of North Carolina. Boddie identified William, the son of John of Nansemond, with the William Sanders who married Mary Hall in a Quaker ceremony in Nansemond September 4, 1682. Boddie was probably right about this identification, but the names of the children of William and Mary are not revealed in any contemporary document, though it appears very possible that Abraham Sanders who built the Newbold-White house in Perquimans County, North Carolina and Joel Sanders who died in Georgia in 1782 were his descendants. Many of the Nansemond Sanders were Quakers. James Davis, the brother of Sarah Davis, wife of John Sanders II, married Margaret Jordan, and the Jordans were one of the most prominent Quaker families in the county.⁸ Though there is a wealth of genealogical material association with the other Sanders lines, this article deals mainly with the descendants of John Sanders II.

As previously mentioned, John Sanders II died by 1712 and his son Robert Sanders ended up with much of the Queen Grave land. Robert made a will in 1731 in Isle of Wight and

New Sanders History Available

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because he died unmarried, he divided the estate among his brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews. In the will, he refers to nieces and nephews as cousins, but "cousin," of course, meant close kinsman in those days.

According to Boddie, the will establishes the following four children of John Sanders II and Sarah:

1. Francis, who had sons named Francis and John.
2. Thomas, who had died by 1731 but who had children named Thomas, Robert, Elizabeth, and Richard.
3. A daughter who married John Winborne with a granddaughter named Phoebe.
4. Robert Sanders.

One of the witnesses to the will of Robert Sanders was a John Thomas. Researcher Frances Cullom Harper remarked in an e-mail to me that Robert Sanders seemed to be particularly close to the Thomas family, and I have already noted that there is some speculation that Robert's grandmother may have been a Thomas. John Sanders I acquired the original land grant in 1681 with Richard Thomas, who may have been a relative. Boddie mentions a John Thomas who deeded land in 1719 to Thomas Day in Isle of Wight County and then moved to North Carolina.⁹ The following deed suggests that the original land grant of 1681 was a family affair involving the Sanders and Thomas families rather than a business arrangement: "On October 12, 1712 Elizabeth Thomas of Isle of Wight sold to Robert Sanders of the U.P. of Nansemond for 1800 lbs. tbc. 137 acres given to said Elizabeth by will of her deceased father Richard Thomas, dated April 8, 1687, part of a dividend of 550 acres divided between her brothers and sisters, from a patent of 1650 acres granted to Jonathan Robinson, Richard Thomas and John

Sanders April 3, 1681."¹⁰ The Thomas-Sanders relationship is important for establishing the connection between the Sanders of Nansemond and those of Chowan County, North Carolina.

Here is the excerpt that Boddie gives from the will of Robert Sanders:

"To cousin Robert Sanders, Son of Thomas Saunders, dec., [actually, Robert was his nephew, not his cousin, but I believe this usage was common then] the dwelling plantation where I live north side of Queen Grave Swamp and for want of heirs to cousin Francis Saunders, son of Francis Saunders; to cousin Eliz. Saunders, dau. of Thomas Sanders decd. rem. of land, if she died, to her brother Thomas Saunders; to cousin Richard Saunders, son of Thomas Saunders, 170 acres adj. where I live, if he died without heirs to John Saunders, son to Francis Saunders; to cousin Thomas Saunders, son to Thomas Saunders, 208 acres. To cousin Francis Saunders, oval table; to cousin Robert Saunders, son of Thomas Saunders, decd., all rem. est John Winborn and Robert Saunders exrs. (signed, Sanders) P.O. 27 Dec 1731 Richard Thomas, Jno. Thomas, Lawn Woflerston. (W.&D. -431"¹¹

From Roberts Sanders' will and Boddie's research we know that the Sanders family and in particular the descendants of John Sanders II and Sarah Davis were close to the Thomas family. We know that that John Sanders II and Sarah Davis had a son named Francis and that Francis had sons named Francis and John. We know that a John Thomas was one of the witnesses and Boddie provides the information that a John Thomas who lived in the first decades of the 18th century moved from Isle of Wight to North Carolina.

Some researchers have suggested that Francis, the son of John Sanders II, had a middle name of Abraham and that he was the same person as the Abraham Sanders who died in 1751 in Perquimans County, North Carolina, but the 1731 will mentions only the given name of Francis, and the Abraham Sanders who lived in Perquimans was already in the county by 1716 because he was married in a Quaker ceremony in that year. The Francis of the will may be the Francis Sanders who was listed in the Virginia Quit Rent Rolls of 1704 for Isle of Wight.¹² If this is Francis, the son of John II, then he must have been at least 21 at that time. On the other hand, the Francis listed on the rent rolls of 1704 could have been the same person

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as the Francis Sanders who is listed as owning land in 1665, but the Francis of the 1665 land record is more likely either another son or a brother of John Sanders I. The year 1676 has been given by several researchers as the year of birth of Francis, son of John II, but I am not sure how they arrived at that figure. If this date is true, Francis would have been in his early fifties by the time of Robert Sanders' will.

The will was written in 1731 in Isle of Wight. The Sanders properties were on the border of Nansemond and Isle of Wight, and some of the land was close to the border line with North Carolina which was not settled until 1729, therefore some members of the family were probably living in North Carolina at the time the border was settled, though the land was originally deeded in Virginia.

If we look at Chowan County, North Carolina in the 1730s, we see two Sanders brothers named John and Francis engaging in land transactions. Though these land transactions were in Chowan County, the land described is in modern day Gates County, near the Virginia Border and close to the Great Dismal Swamp where John Sanders I held his land patents. We know the two were brothers because a Mary Stringer states in her 1744 Chowan will that John and Francis Sanders are her sons. I think this Mary Stringer was probably the widow of Francis Sanders, Sr., married after Francis' death to a Mr. Stringer. One of the land transactions was witnessed by a John Thomas. It is a reasonable assumption that this is the same individual as the John Thomas who witnessed the 1731 will of Robert Sanders of Isle of Wight in which a bequest was made to the two brothers, John and Francis Sanders. Here are examples of the Chowan documents referring to the Sanders brothers in the 1730s and 1740s:

John Sanders to William Little on 20 Jan 1730--on Occaneche Neck betwixt William Boon and James Gee, on East side of Roanoke River, surveyed to Barnabe Mackinnee. Wit: Robert Forster, J. Pratt, Thomas Bryant. (This area was apparently very near the Virginia border according to Frances Harper in an e-mail).

Richard Taylor witnessed with Jno Thomas and Francis (F) Sanders in Feb 1738 when Martha Jones and her son Thomas Tickett sold to Jno Sanders of

Chowan, 100 Acres on Cypress Swamp 13 Feb 1738, Chowan County. "This Indenture Between Martha Joanes & Ths Tickett her son both of bartie pct & Jno Sanders of Chowan pct for (140) pounds current provine (sic) bill money of NoCarolina Soald Land in Chowan whereupon one Robt Hooks lately lived all the Land lying between the lines Minshaw & Jno Hooks Beginning at a markd read oak standing in the Cyprus Swamp being a corner tree of Jno Hooks land corner Pine of Jno Minshaws more or lefs (100) Acres Martha (M mark) Joanes (Seal) Thos (+mark) Tickett." Wit: Jno Thomas, Francs (F mark) Sanders, Richd Taylor. Proved 15 July 1739. Wm Smith CJ.

Mary Stringer Chowan County 27 Apr 1744 10 May 1748 Will Sons: John and Francis Sanders (Executors). Daughters: Mary Dawson, Martha Sumner. Granddaughters: Frusan Morris, Elizabeth Cotting and Mary Gardner. Witnesses: Edward Hare, Henry Clayton, Edward Hare, Jr. Proven before Gab. Johnston.

The two brothers, John and Francis Sanders, were witnesses to the will of Francis Speight of Chowan:

Francis Speight Chowan County 16 Oct 1749 - Jan 1749 Will Sons: Moses (plantation at Contenteny and four negroes), John and Joseph (land on wolf-pit valley). Brother: William Speight. Wife and Executrix: Kathern. Witnesses: John Sanders, Francis Sanders, Daniel Carch. Clerk of the Court: Will. Mearns

Francis Speight of Chuckatuck Parish in Nansemond County, Va. was named as an heir in the 1729 will of James Howard. John Sanders and Francis Sanders were probably relatives of Francis Speight, who may have been a Sanders descendant. The descendants of Richard Sanders, one of the sons of John Sanders I, seem to have been particularly close to the Howard family.¹³

Francis Sanders of Chowan County is listed as one of the King's Company in 1754: A List of Men Commanded by Capt. Charles King taken Nov 23rd 1754. Abstracted from the Original at the North Carolina Archives by Joel S. Russell, from the Web site: <<http://www.mindspring.com/~jsruss/colonial/King1754.htm>>

[The next issue will conclude this article with the wills of John Sanders of Chowan County, N.C., and Francis Saunders of Gates County, N.C. It will also speculate on possible descendants in

Randolph County, N.C., and Jackson County, Alabama.]

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Hit A Brick Wall? This May Be The Reason For Your Troubles

NEW DNA EVIDENCE. WERE YOUR ANCESTORS BEAMED DOWN BY ALIENS?

Scientists at The National Academy for the Study of UFOs have recently confirmed the existence of the "UFO chromosome." While most genealogists are aware of the x chromosome, passed from one female generation to the next, and the y chromosome, from which it is possible to determine descent in an uninterrupted male lineage from a common ancestor, the "UFO chromosome" had previously been only speculation. Working with DNA recovered from the aliens of the Roswell, New Mexico crash, the scientists have discovered the "UFO chromosome." Is also present in some humans. This discovery confirms that aliens have been breeding with humans for centuries, and beaming their progeny back to earth. For the "low" price of \$10,000, they will test your DNA to see if you possess the "UFO chromosome." While the test will not tell *which* ancestor had the "UFO chromosome," there are several ways to identify that ancestor.

For those ancestors to conceal their identity:

1. They moved every few years, never spending long at one location.
2. They were the only person of that surname in the county.
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4. The census taker would either not list them, OR he would list them twice, with slight differences, causing quarrels among descendants whether they are the same person or not.
5. The family Bible was sent "west" with the youngest unmarried daughter, where she married a "Mr. Smith."
6. The family cemetery was sold to outsiders, who used the headstones to make a sidewalk.
7. The church they joined did not believe in recording vital statistics.
8. They started rumors of how they were related to someone famous, caus-

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William Sanders Married Nancy, Then Susan Sparks

From Steve Sanders, 734 Evergreen St., Calvert City, KY 42029, <aineo@hotmail.com>. I am looking for William Sanders (middle name may be Thomas), b. 1808 in S.C., d. 18 Sep 1882 in Livingston Co., Ky. William was married at least two times, the first of these known wives was Nancy (last name possibly Goodwin); they married around 1834. William and Nancy had nine children: Lewis Franklin, William Thomas, John Samuel, Mary E., Nancy H., Sarah A., Martha A., Harriet L., and Louisa A. The second wife was Susan Sparks, b. 1830 in Tenn., who had been previously married to a Hickman Adams. William and Susan married 13 May 1868. William and Susan had two children: Charles Hubbard and Laura Agness. William appeared to live in western Kentucky most of his adult life with evidence being found in Trigg and Livingston Counties.

If anyone knows anything about William's parents, siblings, or any info on either of his wives it would be greatly appreciated. ■

ing descendants to search the wrong family.

9. They started rumors of how they were born in England, arrived in Virginia with two brothers (one of whom was born in France, the other in Sweden). To conceal their identity, one brother moved to Georgia, the other to Maine, while they remained in Virginia.

10. And, when all else failed and they were about to be discovered, the county court house would "accidentally" burn.

If you can prove your ancestor was beamed down by aliens, Halbert's of Bath, Ohio has recently prepared a family history of the Alien family, complete with the Alien coat of arms, which you will be proud to display over your fireplace. ■

Karen Hall Has Obituary Of Robert Sanders To Help Find Thomas Sanders

Karen Hall, 21 Daniel Ave., Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, N2K 1E8, <bhall0077@rogers.com>. I am trying to find Thomas Sanders, b. abt 1850 s/o Thomas Sanders (England) and Elizabeth McLean (b. Scotland). I have the obituary of his brother Robert (below). Hopefully this will help to identify Thomas.

On Wednesday October 5, 1932, an old and well known former reside of Wellesley in the person of Robert Sanders, passed away after a nine month illness at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Henry Franklin, 3rd line Maryborough. He was born on December 9, 1854 at Lefroy (between Toronto & Barrie) Ontario Canada where he spent the early portion of his life and later at Markdale, Ontario and while still a young man he came to Wellesley, Ontario where he met and married Katherine Fink and took up residence. He was employed for many years at Reiner Woolen Mills.

Upon the death of his wife in 1921 he lived and was employed in Waterloo. After retirement he lived with different members of his family for short periods and finally thre33e years ago, went to the home of his daughter where he remained until his death.

The funeral took place on Saturday, October 8 from the home of Mr. Henry Franklin to the family plot in the cemetery on the 3rd line of Wellesley. The pallbearers were his sons Arthur John Sanders, and Robert S. Sanders, his sons-in-law, Henry Franklin, John Duench, Herman Underwood and Cecil Hackett.

Those surviving are one brother Thomas in the United States, and one sister, Mrs. Maryann Lowes of St. Catherines; two sons and five daughters (Alice) Mrs. H. Franklin, Maryborough; (Pearl) Mrs. George Daniels in Manitoba; (Maryann) Mrs. John Duench, Milverton; Arthur John Sanders, Waterloo; (Ethel) Mrs. Herman Underwood, Bridgeport; (Florence) Mrs. Cecil Hackett, 9th line Wellesley; Robert S. Sanders, Moorefield. The late Mr Sanders is also survived by twenty-three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Hoping to find more family. ■

ASSORTED QUERIES . . .

Barbara Dickey, 2605 Hollywood Drive, Arlington TX 76013-1221, <barbara.dickey@worldnet.att.net>. I am looking for the parents of William Henry Harrison Sanders born 12 Dec 1828 in Lincoln Co., Mo. He died 9 May 1914 in Hudsonville, Daviess Co., Ind. He married three times, 1st on 1 Sep 1850 to Mary Ann Bayless, 2nd on 11 Mar 1855 to Susan Mary Smith, and 3rd on 17 Feb 1908 to Sarah Ann Smith.

Darlene Wood, 241 Del Norte Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94085-3029, <ourhome@ix.netcom.com>. I am searching for information on the following line. James W. Sanders was born abt 1823 in South Carolina. He married Ellen V. She was born abt 1843 in South Carolina. Children of James Sanders and Ellen V. are: Ida Adelia, b. May 1858, South Carolina; d. 24 Sep 1924, Spartanburg, S.C.; Henry A., b. 1860; Ellis V., b. 1864; Kate C., b. 1876; and Charles O., b. 1878.

Dawn Schlauderaff, 19688 U.S. Highway 59, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501, <schlaudyno1@yahoo.com>. Is looking for Samuel Sanders, b. Kentucky; wife was E. Finnegan??. They had a son Harvey M. Sanders, b. 7 Jan 1866 Frankfort, Ky. Looking for siblings, parents, spouses, anything.

Dorothy Reid, 229 PR 1119, Decatur, TX 76234, <tdreid@compuwise.net> or <dtreid@worldnet.att.net>. I have Albert Sanders, born ? died ? daughter Alberta Sanders, b. 28 Jan 1907; d. 24 Dec 1967; married (and divorced) Joseph Soloman Bridges, b. 8 Oct. 1904; d. 21 Mar 1967; buried in Henry Co., Alabama. They had one son, Joseph Carlton Bridges. Any information will be appreciated.

Retha Rustin, Route 1, Box 340, Brookport, IL 62910, <rfl0@shawneelink.net> is seeking information and/or descendants of this Sanders family: John W. Sanders, b. 1870 in Miss; wife Kate; children - Elic (Alexandra), Elmer, Lessie, and Johnie. May have lived in Miss, Tenn, and Ark. After John died Kate married a Druie and had J.W. and Jewel.

Donnie Smith, 610 West 5th, Carrollton, MO 64644, <djsmith@carolnet.com>. All I know on Robert Sanders is that he died 27 Apr 1784 in Wilkes Co., N.C. His wife died in Adair Co., Ky. and her parents were John and Ann Elmore.

From Edward A. Sanders, 5863 South Hollis Road, Bartonville, IL 61607-9570. My father was Charles Edward Sanders, b. 12 Feb 1900 in Louisville, Ky. His father was Charles Edward Sanders also, b. in the 1870s ('74-'76), probably in Louisville. My dad was put in an orphanage in Bowling Green, Ky., with his brother, John W., and sister, Minnie, in 1912. He knew little of his Sanders relatives. If you have knowledge of a Sanders family in Kentucky that might be my relatives, please let me know.

Dorothy Hughes, 23230 Date Ave., Torrance, CA 90505-3124. I have my husband's Sanders' line back to his g-g-g-grandfather, David Sanders, born in Vermont about 1785. The story is that this Sanders family was loyalist and went to Canada after the Revolution. David's children were born in Canada or New York. By 1845 they were in Eaton County, Michigan. Now I would like to find out information about David's parents and about the Loyalist families that went to Canada. Do any of you have Sanders who were Loyalists?

Mario Perrino, 2941 Country Woods Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45248-5058, <mperrino@cinci.rr.com> is looking for information on the ancestors of Elijah B. Sanders, b. 1798 Ky. (Meth. preacher) and Lydia or Liddia (Simpson??) 1791 Va. Their children were William, b. 1821 Ala.; Elijah Simpson, b. 1825 Ala.; Lydia C., b. 1829 Miss.; Martin S. (my wife's great grandfather), b. 12 Nov 1830, who married Marsha Amanda Gray; Elizabeth, b. 1834 Miss.; Sarah J., b. 1835 Miss.; Arminda, b. 1837 Miss.; Elzy W., b. 1832 or 1845 Miss. He thinks Elijah's parents were James Sanders, b. abt 1770 and Rachel ??? and his grandparents were James Sanders, b. abt 1749 and Susannah Ricketts. Any information appreciated.

Lola Sanders Ball, 3509 Vernal Ct., Merced, CA 95340, <toloball@aol.com> is looking for parents, siblings, and additional children of: James M. Sanders, b. 17 May 1827, Ala., d. 8 Jan 1900, buried Rehobeth Cem., Fannin Co., Texas.

Found in the 1860 Tishomingo Co., Miss. census:
James M., 33 yrs, b. Tenn. (should be Ala. as noted by 1880 Fannin Co., Texas census on son Wm. T. Sanders)
Ladeonia, 25 yrs, b. Tenn.
Nancy E., 8 yrs, b. Miss.
William T., 7 yrs, b. Miss. (b. abt. 1853, d. 22 Feb 1904, Chillicothe, Hardeman Co., Texas, m. Manerva Jane (Jennie) Maples, b. 3 Mar 1859, Woodville, Jackson Co., Ala.)
John C., 5 yrs, b. Miss. (found in 1880 Fannin Co., Texas census.)
Elvira C., 8 mos., b. Miss. (Elvira Cleopatra Sanders, m. 1st Swink, 2nd Richard Maxwell Pyle, Jr., d. 1935, Harrold, Wilbarger Co., Texas.)

Also, found in the 1860, Tishomingo Co., Miss. census: Wm. P. Sanders, confirmed as brother to James M. Sanders, b. abt. 1829, Ala, d. 15 Apr 1876, Wilbarger Co., Texas

Related families:

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From Pam O'Dell, 4230 E. University Dr., #106, Mesa, AZ 85205, <pamsfamilytree@hotmail.com>. I am looking for information on the parents and siblings of Drury Sanders, born 1795 in Georgia, died in Texas, possibly Falls Co. His father's name may have been Henry Sanders and his mother Jane ?. This is not yet confirmed. Some possible siblings are: Zilpha, Jane, and Pedee Sanders. Drury's son William Calaway was my husband's great great grandfather.

Drury Sanders married Rhoda Coe bef. 1827, daughter of Isaac Coe and Elizabeth _____. Drury and his wife and children were in Pickens Co., Ala. in 1830. From there they moved to Carroll Co., Miss. where they purchased land in the early 1830s. Before 1850 they moved

to Lost Prairie, Limestone Co., Texas. When a church was formed at Lost Prairie in 1853, Drury was one of the founding members. The family later lived in Grimes and Falls Counties, Texas. In Grimes Co. they lived beside Edward Hampton Coe (Rhoda's brother).

Children of Drury and Rhoda are: Satira, b. Pickens Co., Ala.; Hampton; Marcella, b. 1827, Pickens Co., Ala.; Sarah A., b. 1828, Pickens Co., Ala.; Henry, b. 1832, Carroll Co., Miss.; John, b. 1834, Carroll Co., Miss.; William Calaway, b. 1838, Miss., d. 27 Mar 1885, Erath Co., Texas; Rachel, b. 1845, Limestone Co., Texas.

Any information will be welcome.

Sheila Sanders, 390 Shuman Road, Stanfordsville, NY 12581, <Thistle@aol.com> is still looking for her gggrandfather, Allen D. Sanders, b. abt 1790 in Perquiman County, N.C. He was listed in the census in Alabama in the 1800s and supposedly died in Green County, Alabama - no date.

From J. R. Poole, 5229 Eden Roc Dr., Marrero, LA 70072, <JuneRP56@aol.com>. I'm searching for the parents of Thomas Sanders married to Claricy Rutland. Her father was Cullen Rutland. They were from Orangeburg Co., S.C. They were born probably in the middle of the 18th century 1740-1760. They had a son Blancett Sanders married to Sarah Hughes who were in Washington Parish, La. by about 1800. I'd appreciate any info on these families.

Scott A Hayes, 1805 South 280th East Avenue, Catoosa, Oklahoma 74015-4749, <fellers@ionet.net>. I am seeking the ancestors of my grandmother, Finetta Ollie Saunders, or Ollie Finetta Saunders. Finetta was born between 1873-1893 perhaps in Nebraska. She married my Grandfather Grover Clarence Hayes between 1901-1920 in

Editor's note: Please review your last query and either update it to reflect new information, or ask that a previous one be rerun. There are different readers all along, so you may find someone new to furnish you information. If you haven't sent in a query, *do it now!* ■

Lineville, Mo. I am told she had a sister possibly Charlotte Saunders. Charlotte has two daughters possibly Cindy, and Grace. Since Charlotte was married I do not know her new surname. I believe they lived in Nebraska also. My grandfather, Grover Clarence Hayes was born in 1886 probably in Prairie City, Iowa.

Jimmy Kerr, 10802 IH 37, Corpus Christi, TX 78410, <jimmy.kerr@worldnet.att.net> has hit a dead end at Sarah Sanders. She was born abt 1830 in Indiana and married Isaac Anderson, born abt 1815. Children were H. C., Samuel and William Anderson. Can you help Jimmy?

Duane R. McKenzie, 421 N. Morningside Ave., Litchfield, MN 55355-2335, <mckenzie@hutchtel.net>. Thomas Sanders/Saunders, b. 1757 in Louisa Co., Va., m. Anna Nancy Spitzer/Spidler/Spiller on 18 Sep 1792 in Washington Co., Va. and died on 3 Jul 1833 in Scott Co., Va. I descend from their daughter or granddaughter, Ann Sanders/Saunders, b. 1818 in Scott Co., Va. She married David Jesse McKenzie on 21 Feb 1836 in Scott Co., Va. Their son, Lafayette McKenzie (my g-grandfather), was born 3 Apr 1836-37 in Scott Co., Va., married Mary Ann Sparks on 17 Jul 1859 and died 15 Dec 1905 in Johnson Co., Ky. Would appreciate help on this line.

Ron Sanders, 3708 River Road, Prospect, KY 40059-9227, <PapawRon@aol.com> has two queries:

Looking for descendants or any information regarding William Sanders, living in Brazil, Clay Co., Ind. in 1920. William was 33 years old and was working as a clay worker. His wife Pearl was 24 years of age. Both were originally from the Carmi, White Co., Ill. area. Living with them was a son, John Sanders who was 4 years old in 1920. The son John was born in Indiana. Also living with the William Sanders family were Rosa Felty, age 25, and Nellie, age 23. Rosa and Nellie were also from Illinois and were listed in the 1920 census as brother-in-law and sister-in-law to William.

I recently found information regarding my grandfather's brother's family in the 1920 census of Brazil, Clay Co., Ind., in which Benjamin H. Sanders, b. 3 Nov

Who Was I. Sanders Who Died In Dierks, Arkansas?

From Ann Boone Call, 716 Winding Way, Bartlesville, OK 74006-4434, <Marlin1869@cs.com>. Who were the Sanders in Dierks, Howard County, Arkansas where an "I. Sanders" died October 15, 1914. My grandfather, Andrew Masten Sa(u)nders, born 1854, and who died in Miller Co., Ark., about 1925-8, had a younger brother named Isaac, born about 1858 near Lost Creek, Franklin County, Tennessee; then their family moved to Marshall County, Alabama in 1859 or 1860... after 1870 Isaac is lost to me. My cousin has stated we had Sanders relatives in Dierks, Ark., back in the 1920s and also mentioned the name of a Selina Sanders being there. If anyone has any information on Dierks, Ark., Sanders families, I would sure appreciate. ■

1890 in Illinois was listed as a clay worker in the clay mines there. Benjamin's wife was Jeanette M. (Donohue), b. 12 May 1890 in Indiana. Listed as their children were Herbert W., b. 21 Mar 1912; Anita/Juanita M., b. 4 Aug 1916; Helen I., b. 25 Feb 1920. Living with the Benjamin's family was his father, John Sanders, 78 years of age. John (based on documentation) later returned to McLeansboro, Hamilton Co., Ill. where he died in 1924.

I would appreciate hearing from anyone that might be able to share information regarding these family members.

Bill Browder, P.O. Box 1035, Selmer, TN 38375-1035, <blbrowder@hotmail.com>. I have corresponded with Linda Mitchell who is descended from Lemuel Saunders through his son Samuel and Ken Saunders who is descended from Lemuel through his son Lemuel Jr.

My g-g-g-grandfather was Edward Saunders, a brother to Samuel and Lemuel Jr. Both of these connections were made through *Sanders Siftings* and now our network of researchers who are descended from Lemuel and Martha Saunders totals about 30, but we still haven't been able to get back past Lemuel and Martha when they first appeared in (what is now Lincoln County) North Carolina in 1767. ■

About This Issue

If you have any good ideas of Sanders or Saunders people who would make a good story, send me the story or the leads for a story. This is the third time since *Sanders Siftings* was started in April of 1995 that there has been a shortage of both stories and queries. I have even used a couple of queries from past issues to fill in a hole here or there.

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 research first!) *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 very little good material left over. 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.

It will be very much appreciated if you send me your queries and other material via e-mail. Send it to me at <dschaefe@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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Information is Sought About Henry Sanders; Obituary Here of His Son, Thomas R. Sanders

This obituary for Thomas Rucker Sanders was submitted by Dr. Marsha Richins, 508 S. Glenwood Ave., <richinsm@missouri.edu>. This appeared on p. 1 of the 26 Jan 1928 issue of *The Valley News*, Sultan, Snohomish Co., Washington. Thomas Rucker Sanders was born 15 Aug 1838 in Caldwell Co., Ky., son of Henry Sanders (b. 15 Apr 1808, N.C.) and Emily Rucker (b. 29 Mar 1813, Caldwell Co., Ky.). I would appreciate it if anyone with information about Henry Sanders would contact me.

AGED RESIDENT PASSES AWAY

Thomas Rucker Sanders, an aged resident of Sultan, died Wednesday evening, January 25, after a long illness. Mr. Sanders was born August 15, 1838, and would have been 90 years old his next birthday. He lived in Colorado many years, having crossed the plains in 1861, being a member of that brave band known as Tyler Rangers, who protected the emigrants from the Indians in the early movement to the West. He served as sheriff of Gilpin county, Colorado, also was justice of the peace for several years. He had resided in Sultan during the last thirteen years. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. C. J. Rhodes of Colville, Wash., and Miss Estella Sanders of Sultan, with whom he

resided; one sister, Mrs. Matilda Halpin, a nephew, Thos. Plotts of Shelton, and several grandchildren at Colville.

Funeral services will be held this Friday at 2 p.m. from the Sultan Funeral Home, under the direction of Purdy & Hogle, and Rev. L. J. Butcher will officiate. Burial will be made in Sultan cemetery. ■

Working on Joshua Sanders-Charity Cooper Family

From Sharron Bonner, 11601 C.R. 604, Burseson, TX 76028, <RSBONNE@aol.com>. I am working on the Joshua Sanders-Charity Cooper family. Joshua was born in 1799 in Va. He and his first wife (unknown) were parents of four boys born in Gibson Co., Tenn.—Meade, Chris, Hiram, and Robert. Joshua and Charity (his 2nd wife) had four sons half born in Tenn. and last two after they moved to Marshall Co., Miss. They were Thomas H., John R., Henry W., and Charlie. Joshua died in 1854 in Marshall Co., Miss., and Charity died (after a marriage to Levi Martindale) in 1861. I know that Meade, Thomas, and Henry went to Logan Co., Ark. and that John stayed in Miss. Would like to know what happened to Chris, Hiram, Robert and Charlie. ■

More About Prominent Sanders in New York

Some more from Dorothy Hughes, 23230 Date Ave., Torrance, CA 90505:

I ordered the Family History Library Film #823785, Item 1, Centennial Address Relating To The Early History of Schenectady, And Its First Settlers: delivered at Schenectady, July 4, 1876 by John Sanders (as main author). It is a very interesting history of the early settlers of the 17th Century and the Revolutionary War period. He also tells about the merging of the Glen family and the Sanders family. Mr. Sanders' grandfather, John Sanders, married Debora Glen, the daughter of Col. Jacob Glen in 1739. Col. Glen was an influential man in the community and served several times as a member of the Provincial Legislature.

Mr. Sanders' grandfather, John Sanders, was Senator under the first constitution—1799, 1800, 1801, 1802—

and member of the Council of Appointment in 1800 in New York. His father, John Sanders, was a member of the second New York State Constitution in February 1822.

I think this is the same family that Robert W. Sanders, P. O. Box 1397, Gardnersville, NV 89410-1397, <kernel@juno.com> sent in to *Sanders Siftings* that was printed in the October 2001 issue. ■

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