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## Quest for Southern Claims Files at the National Archives

In early March of this year I was able to do my first bit of research at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. My time was short as my “patient” wife found a place nearby to read a book. She asked me every so often, “Are you about finished?”

I had outlined a few simple things I wanted to look up while there. One of them was checking on the Southern Claims files for people living in Jackson County, Alabama. A fellow researcher had shared with me the Southern Claims file of my g-g-grandfather, John Sanders of Jackson County. It contained many tidbits of valuable information not found elsewhere.

This is a good place to tell you about Southern Claims. During the Civil War, as we call it in the South, the Federal troops damaged, confiscated, stole, or ruined much property. If this happened to someone who was sympathetic with or supported the Union cause, they could, some years after the war, file a claim. If successful, they were compensated (usually partly) for the property. Much of the claim had to do with proof that the claimant supported the Union cause. They had to identify relatives who fought for the Confederacy. Several affidavits from responsible individuals, showing the loyalty of the claimant to the Union had to be taken. And, of course, there had to be an identification of the property or goods that had been taken or destroyed.

There are good records of Southern Claims in the Archives, and there appears to be more from Alabama than any other southern state.

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## The Coon-Sanders Orchestra Was Once Famous On The Radio Across the U. S.

The following article about Joe Sanders was submitted by Janet Miller, 701 East 45th Street, Kansas City, MO 64110-1506, <jkml@kc.rr.com>. Janet is the great-niece of Joe Sanders, and the granddaughter of his brother, Roy.

### Joe Sanders and The Nighthawks

If you are of a certain age, you might remember the Coon-Sanders Orchestra of the 1920s and 1930s. They were also known as the “Nighthawks” for their signature tune and the fact that they originally broadcast in the wee hours of the night. Crystal sets brought their music first to listeners in the Midwest and then nationwide on the fledgling NBC network.

The band was started after World War I by Joe Sanders and Carleton Coon in Kansas City, Mo. The two met by chance in a downtown music store in 1918 and struck up a friendship that translated into the first band ever heard coast-to-coast in the United States. Their agent was Lew Wasserman who went on to found the huge talent agency, MCA, and acquire Universal Studios. Throughout the 1920s and 1930s they performed all over the United States with lengthy engagements in Kansas City and Chicago as well as New York. Their flamboyant style was captured by the Cord automobiles that were the band's signature “fleet” for many years.

Joe L. Sanders was born in Thayer, Kan., in 1896. He was the son of Joseph Harrison Sanders and Helena Soice Sanders. His father was a descendant of one of the Quaker Sanders families of Virginia and North Carolina. (Joe's 5th

great-grandfather was John Sanders, b. abt.1684 in Virginia; 4th great-grandfather was John Sanders, b. about 1706 in Virginia who married Jane Crews; 3rd great-grandfather, John Sanders, b. 1732/33 in New Kent Co., Va.; 2nd great-grandfather, James Sanders, born in 1765 in Virginia, who married Phoebe Beeson; 1st great-grandfather, Joseph Sanders, b. 1806 in Ohio who married Clarissa McVay; grandfather, Isaac McVay Sanders, b. 1833 in Indiana who married Lavinia Pickerill; his father,

Joseph Harrison Sanders, was born in 1857 in Indiana.)

As a child, Joe was a musical prodigy, with a beautiful singing voice. His family moved to Belton, Mo., now a suburb of Kansas City, when he was five years, and he became well known for his musical abilities while still a young boy. He performed in numerous concerts as well as light opera and studied voice with professional singers. He gave his

first concert when he was only 12. He was also an accomplished classical pianist which became the foundation of his love for jazz music. Supposedly it was exposure to blues and jazz music during Army service in WWI that propelled him on his career. He composed and arranged most of the music that the band played, as well as his own classical jazz suites for the piano. He wrote the music to “Beloved” (lyrics by Gus Kahn) which sold over a million copies. Recordings of the Coon-Sanders Orchestra can be found on CDs and there is an active fan club still in existence which holds an annual reunion.

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Joe L. Sanders

## How To Identify Old Photos By Kind and Time Period

Photographs can be identified as to time periods by determining the type you possess. There are several types including:

1. THE DAGUERRETYPE, 1839-1857. It was invented by L.J.M. Daguerre in 1837. It is the oldest of commercially made photographs. It is a positive picture that has a shiny mirror-like appearance. It has a fragile silver surface on a copper plate. They were once enclosed in a case and they still need protection.

2. AMBROTYPES, 1852-1863. It was invented by Archer and Frye in 1851. This is a positive on glass and will have a coating of red or black paper or cloth behind the glass. These were also enclosed in cases.

3. MELANOMES, FERROTYPES OR TINTYPES, 1856-20th Century. These were positives. These were not shiny like daguerreotypes, nor like on glass, but were an image on metal. They may be in cases, paper frames, wall frames, albums or just loose. If they are pasted in paper frames or slipped into cases they may be earlier. If the pose is formal, the earlier the time. Tintypes were taken in numbers at fairs and amusement parks. Look for a photographer's name on the back of the pasted-on paper. Do compare the clothing fashions for an era time clue.

4. THE CARTE DE VISITS, 1859-1914, invented by Disderi in 1854. These were the first paper photographs, 2-1/2 x 4-1/4 inches in size and called visiting cards. The earlier ones were thinner and the later ones heavier and thicker. It was discontinued in the U.S. by the turn of the century but continued in Great Britain and Scandinavia. (If it was a tintage or Carte de Vista, it might have a revenue stamp on the back. This clue indicates the picture was taken during the Civil War.)

5. THE CABINET PORTRAIT, 1866-1914, was invented by Window in 1866. This was a negative 4-1/2 x 6-1/2 and found in albums and wall frames. Study fashions for the time period. If the photograph is in an oval pasted on card or if it is surrounded by dark grey or a black mount, it was probably made after 1900.

6. THE POSTCARD, 1905-1930. These were very popular and sometimes were mailed. Look for the postmark.

*Iowa Genealogical Society Newsletter*, Oct 1996. ■

## Are These Men Cousins of Thomas B. Sanders?

From Annette Shelton, 207 Wheeler Road, Monroe, LA 71203-9379, <mashelton@jam.rr.com>.

I know that my direct Sanders line, Thomas B. Sanders went from Perry Co., Alabama, to Noxubee Co., Miss., and shows up there on the 1840 census. He left Franklin Co., N.C. about 1833/34. His brother-in-law, James B. Sanders who married Thomas' sister Sarah B. Sanders was traveling with Thomas B. and Caroline. The next time these two Sanders families show up on a census is

1850, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. Prior to the arrival of my Sanders line in Perry Co., Ala., descendants of old Vinson/Vincent were already there, documented by the 1830 census. Their names were John, Laton/Layton, Shearwood/Sherrod, Vinson, and William.

I believe these men may have first cousins of my Thomas B. Sanders. I'm still trying to tie them together back in the late 1700s. Can anyone help with this? ■

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### Quest for Southern Claims . . .

I expected to find some other Sanders among the claimants. After all, many of them fought for the Union, including my g-g-grandfather and his son, Benjamin Van Buren Sanders, my g-grandfather. However, I only found one other Sanders from Jackson County, and I found no evidence that he was related to "my" Sanders in that county. Here is who I found and what I found about him:

WILLIAM SANDERS, aged about 65 years when claim was made 11 Feb 1876. He was born in South Carolina. Wife's name was Mary and they had a son in the Union Army who enlisted in Tennessee. He had a farm two and a half miles SW of Scottsboro. His wife was dead at the time of the claim.

The person who best described what happened to their property when the Federals arrived was Hannah Young, a colored woman who gave her age as 120. She explained that the claimant's father got her to live with him in South Carolina after his wife died and he didn't remarry. She said that William Sanders (the claimant) was about five or six years old then and she had lived with the family since. (A subsequent check of 1870, 1860, and 1850 census records identified Hannah as Mulatto. On the 1870 census her age was 110, in 1860 she was 65! Could not make out her age in 1850. In 1840, in Jackson County, Hannah is in a category of free colored females 36-55. She was evidently quite elderly in 1876, but probably not 120. What was remarkable was her memory of what happened quite a few years back.)

Here are friends and neighbors of

William Sanders who testified as to his loyalty and provided affidavits:

Calvin Gideon, 29, 10 miles west of Scottsboro. Claimant married an aunt of his.

George W. Wilhelms, 54, 23 years at present residence, 2 miles SW of Scottsboro; not related; known claimant about 25 years.

Thomas J. Wood, 78. Scottsboro retired merchant. Known claimant about 30 years.

William Simmons, 57. Known claimant 30 years.

Joseph W. Burton, 67. Six years in Scottsboro. Known claimant 40 years.

There are several reasons I think William is not related to my Sanders in Jackson County, Alabama, although I once thought all the Sanders there were related. First, he came from South Carolina. Mine came from the Randolph and Montgomery Counties of North Carolina. Next, he was not from the part of the county where the other Sanders lived. And last, none of the individuals who provided affidavits here were among those for John Sanders or any of the large number of supporters' names for Sanders who applied for Union Army pensions, or claims for Indian War bounty land.

From this bit of research I learned that there were "other" Sanders in Jackson County. Also, like other genealogy research, I found nice surprises. Hannah Young was one of them. It was a revealing look into families of that time. ■

Don Schaefer, *editor*

## Coon-Sanders Orchestra

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Joe Sanders' partner, Carleton Coon, died unexpectedly after an appendicitis attack in 1932. Although Joe kept the orchestra going, "Coonie" had been a critical part of the magic which he couldn't recapture, as well as talented musician in his own right. The two had a "patter" of jokes and conversation that their listeners had loved, as well as their music. Joe managed to keep the band performing until the 1940s, when changing music styles finally led him to disband it. For a time he lived in Hollywood and wrote music for the movies, but eventually returned to Kansas City where he lived quietly in retirement.

Next to music, Joe's second love was baseball. His older brother, Roy, was well known on the semi-pro baseball circuit throughout the Midwest and became a professional baseball player in 1913 when he joined the Cincinnati Reds as a pitcher; he also played for the Pittsburgh Pirates. As boys, the two had played on the Belton semi-pro team and Joe prized his nickname of the "Ol' Lefthander" which referred not to his skills at the piano, but to a shutout semi-pro baseball game he won.

Joe Sanders died in 1965 in Kansas City, Mo., and is buried in Mt. Moriah Cemetery. Although he married twice, he did not have any children. His second wife, Trudy Sanders, sold most of Joe's musical collection and memorabilia to the Kansas City, Mo., Public Library where it is maintained as the "Joe

## William Henry Sanders, Born in Virginia, Ends Up in Pike County, Alabama

Yvonne Sanders Page, 700 North Road, Kennedale, TX 76060, <VonPage@aol.com> is trying to find out who are the parents, brothers, and sisters of William Henry Sanders who was born 10 Apr 1768 in Virginia and died 1872 in China Grove, Pike Co., Ala. He married Elizabeth Dennis 26 May 1795 in Warren Co., Ga. She was born in Warren Co. and died 10 Jan 1850 in Muscogee Co., Ga.

They lived in Putman Co., Ga. as early as 1811. In 1820 Putman census they lived in an area with seven other Sanders families. Also living in this area were McGlaun and Maddox families. Two children were born in Wilkes and Wilkinson Co., Ga. In 1840 the McGlaun, Tullis and Huckaby families are neighbors of the Sanders. In the 1850

Sanders Collection" and is open to study. The Mann Sound Archives at the University of Missouri-Kansas City has the complete recordings of the band which have been remastered as well as recordings of Joe's jazz compositions. Selections at UMKC's online "Club KayCee" can be heard at <http://www.umkc.edu/orgs/kcjazz/jazztext/sanders.htm>. A book on the orchestra — *The Coon-Sanders Nighthawks, the Band that Made Radio Famous* — was published last year by McFarland Press. Its author is Fred Edmiston, a long-time fan. ■

Muscogee Co., Ga. census Betsy is deceased and William Henry is living with his son Joshua. In 1870 Pike Co., Alabama William is living with his son Allen. That census shows William Henry's age to be 102. The 1850 census showed his age to be 75, though. His children's names are:

1. Wade H., b. 1818 Wilkinson Co. Ga., d. Pike Co., Ala.
2. Mary, b. 1808 Putman Co., Ga., d. aft. 1880 Covington Co. Al.
3. John Napoleon Sanders, b. abt. 1811 Putman Co. Ga.
4. Allen Wiggins, b. 30 Dec 1821 Columbus, Putman Co., Ga., d. in Trenton, Florida
5. Doctor H., b. abt 1824 Wilkes Co., Ga.
6. Joshua C., b. abt 1827 Wilkinson Co., Ga.
7. James Dickenson, b. 1815 Georgia, d. 9 Jul 1879 Hawthorn, Alachua Co., Florida
8. William Madison, b. 1891 Putman Co., Ga., d. 3 May 1902 Robertson County, Texas. ■

## Interested in Sanders in Adirondack, N.Y. Area

Jack Sanders, Box 502, Ridgefield, CT 06877, <jacksanders@acorn online.com> or <jacksanders@juno.com> is looking for the ancestors of Henry Sanders (b. ca. 1804, d. Feb. 26, 1895) who m. Lucy Jaques (1809 1876). They lived in Essex County, N.Y., probably mostly in the town of Jay, and had children: Ransom Sanders (b. 1830, m. Lucinda E. Crouch b. 1826); James Sanders (b. 1833); Perley Sanders (b. abt 1835, m. Cyrus Wilkins ); Rachel Sanders (b. Feb 18 1838, d. Aug 11 1902, m. Charles Daby, b. Oct 9 1836, d. Jun 14 1906); Oliver Sanders (b. abt 1842); Sally Sanders (b. abt 1843, d. Jul 12 1858); Woodward Sanders (b. abt 1846, d. Feb 11 1861); Abigail Sanders (b. abt 1848); Charles Wesley Sanders (b. 1851, m. Mary Daby [Darby?] b. abt 1844). He is interested in these and any other Sanders in the Adirondack, N.Y., area. How do they connect back to New Hampshire and Massachusetts members of the family? ■



The Coon-Sanders Nighthawks, the Band that Made Radio Famous



# Murder, Fleeing, Name Change Makes Tracing Sanders Difficult

The following story was submitted by Jane Dunagin, P. O. Box 795, Gravette, AR 72736-0795. Some time ago she saw a query in *Sanders Siftings* about a man named Sanders who had left home because of a murder. She knew about this unusual story and wrote out the following account with help from Tom Haley, George Haley, and Alice Baldwin.

According to family history as told by two of William (Sanders) Duncan's grandsons, William Sanders and two of his brothers had their horses stolen while traveling in Indiana. Finding their horses missing the next morning, William strapped on his gun, telling his brothers to do the same because they were going to get their horses back.

Tracking the horses and finding them at a farm house, they proceeded to get them when a man came out of the house and asked them what they thought they were doing. William informed him they were retrieving their stolen horses, to which the man replied that they should look around as they were surrounded by men with guns. William told the man that they intended to get their horses and if he wanted to shoot them, to go ahead as William had his gun leveled at the man and told him he would be the first to go. The thieves backed down, letting them have their horses, but somehow William killed the man's brother. William and his brothers separated, never to see each other again.

William Sanders was indicted and tried for the murder which resulted in a hung jury. Friends of the dead man swore to kill William, who forfeited bail and managed, with the help of many friends, to leave Orange County, Indiana, and settle in Benton County, Arkansas. William not only changed his name from Sanders to Duncan, but also on the census records changed the names of his birthplace, his wife, and his parents. William and Rachel A. were on the 1870 and 1880 censuses of Benton County, Ark. After William died, Rachel buried him in the Twelve Corner Cemetery in Pea Ridge, Ark. and in 1883 moved to Siloam Springs area. Apparently, William lived an exemplary life in Arkansas.

The history of Orange County, Indiana, tells about having trouble with horse thieves and counterfeiting which started in the 1840s and 1850s and that it grew worse in the 1860s before they were brought under control. More facts

and details were printed in *Goodspeed's History of Orange, Lawrence and Washington Counties, Indiana* about a murder which implicated William Sanders as an accomplice.

William (Sanders) Duncan, born in 1831 in Indiana, died in 1883 in Arkansas, was the son of Joseph and Mary Cox Sanders, the tenth of twelve children. Joseph gave his permission for William to marry Permelia Jane Haden (May 1826-24 Aug 1864) on 18 Jul 1846, and they had five children. William's second wife was Rachel Clements, whom he married 9 Apr 1865 and with whom he had eleven children.

Most of this information was provided by Thomas Haley and his cousin Alice Baldwin, who has done extensive genealogical research. William Duncan was the great-grandfather of Thomas and George Haley and their grandparents were John Morgan (Sanders) Duncan and Laura Ellen (Sanders) Duncan, both of

whom were born in Indiana. Their father was Francis (Frank) Monroe Haley and their mother was Fannie Effie Duncan Haley.

Joseph and Nancy Cox Sanders also had a son, Simon, who was a brother to William and who is my great-grandfather. My grandmother, Ada Mae Sanders Wilson, was the daughter of Anderson Sanders, son of Simon.

Ada Wilson and Fannie Effie Haley were good friends throughout their lifetime, not knowing they were distantly related due to the fact that William (Sanders) Duncan and other members of his family kept William's secret life as a Sanders a closely guarded secret for many years.

George and Thomas Haley grew up in and around the Maysville, Arkansas area and we all ended up in Gravette, Arkansas, after they retired. Tom is now deceased. My husband and I moved to Gravette in 1958 to rear our family and owned a drugstore for many years. ■

## Kinship Chart For Descendants of a Common Progenitor

CP	S	GS	GGS	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
S	B	N	GN	GGN	2	3	4	5	6	7
GS	N	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C
GGS	GN	1R	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C
2	GGS	GGN	2R	1R		1R	2R	3R	4R	5R
3	GGS	GGN	3R	2R	1R		1R	2R	3R	4R
4	GGS	GGN	4R	3R	2R	1R		1R	2R	3R
5	GGS	GGN	5R	4R	3R	2R	1R		1R	2R
6	GGS	GGN	6R	5R	4R	3R	2R	1R		1R
7	GGS	GGN	7R	6R	5R	4R	3R	2R	1R	
8	GGS	GGN	8R	7R	6R	5R	4R	3R	2R	1R

To determine the kinship of two descendants of a common progenitor, first imagine the common progenitor in the upper left box, CP. Then trace one descendant's link on the top line, the other descendant's link down the left column. Follow the line and the column to the intersection and read the kinship.

- CP = Common Progenitor
- S = Son or Daughter
- B = Brother or Sister
- C = Cousin
- N = Nephew or Niece
- GS = Grandson or Granddaughter

- GGN = Great Grandnephew or Great Grandniece
- GGS = Great Grandson or Great Granddaughter
- R = Times Removed

## Marsha Has Questions About Two Lines of Related Sanders

Marsha Smith-Hamilton, 190 Hamilton Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718, <mshamilton@kih.net> says—Almon is my ancestor, some are now saying his name is spelled Almond, which I am not sure is correct because there were several in the Dye family who were given his name Almon as a middle name. He is also the one who married Martha “Patsy” Dye. I have her family researched very well. She was the daughter of Fauntleroy Dye and Ann Kelly of Lunenburg Parrish, Richmond, Virginia to Mercer Co., Perryville, Ky. Their daughter Mary Ann Sanders married her cousin Martin Hopkins Dye. They are buried in LaRue County in the same cemetery as my mother and all her family of Dyes and Tuckers.

I am also a descendant of Henry Sanders, Jr., b. 1776, m. to Elizabeth “Betsy” Durham. This line of Durhams was intermarried with the Dyes and Sanders. Elizabeth “Betsy” Durham’s father Samuel Durham m. Ashby Holloway and Samuel Durham signed Fauntleroy Dye’s (a son of the old Fauntleroy) and Jincey “Jane” C. Durham’s marriage bond in 1812 in Green Co., Ky. as her uncle and says she was an orphan so...I am sure these two Sanders families connect, too, although I have never been able to prove it. The Mercer Co., Ky. Sanders moved about five miles from the Henry Sanders family in the Saloma area now Taylor Co., Ky. (earlier Green Co., Ky.). I am determined to see if there was a connection between these two Sanders lines.

A will of William Sanders of Lunenburg Parish, Richmond Co., Va., Sept 2, 1793 listed his wife, Mary Lewis Sanders; children: William, John, Almond, Alexander, Thomas, Executor Friend, Daniel Wilson and son, William. Witnesses: Elisha Newcomb and Daniel Jenkins. Also there is a will of George Sanders of Lunenburg Parish dated April 6, 1754. Mentions son William, son George, and daughter, Judith Ambrose., and wife Ann. Executors: sons Wm and George. Witnesses: Johnathan Boyl and Christopher Collins. Is this George Sanders the father of William Sanders? ■

## Lewis F. Sanders, Born in Loudoun Co., Va., Went to D.C., Then to Cass Co., Illinois

The following biographical sketch was sent in by Ann Rheney, 421 Rolling Hills, Morgantown, WV 26508-8056, <Rheneya@cs.com>. This bio came from *History of Cass County, Illinois*, edited by William Henry Perrin. O. L. Baskin & Co. Historical Publishers, Chicago, 1882. Cass County.

LEWIS F SANDERS, real estate and insurance, Beardstown; was born in

Loudoun County, Va., July 23, 1809; son of Britton and Mary (Gill) Sanders, natives of Virginia, and parents of ten children—nine sons and one daughter, Lewis F being the seventh son. Britton Sanders was a farmer by occupation. Lewis F, engaged from 1832 to 1835 as a dry goods clerk in Washington, D.C., and in July of the latter year, came to Jacksonville, Ill., and soon after engaged with Dr. Henry H. Hall, as a clerk in his store and carried on business on his own account, till 1839; in 1838 he was appointed postmaster of Virginia. In 1839, he moved to Stevenson, now Rock Island, Illinois, and engaged in merchandising there till 1841; then moved to St. Louis, Mo., where he remained till the spring of 1843, when he came to Beardstown. He was appointed Deputy Circuit Clerk; also acted as Deputy County Clerk; was afterward elected County Clerk, which office he held eight years; and has held the office of Police Magistrate many years. In 1859, he engaged in the insurance business, and in addition kept a general store for a few years. In 1863, he was appointed Assistant U.S. Revenue Assessor for the 9th District of Illinois, which position he held till 1865; and has since been engaged in the insurance business. In 1839, he married Ellen Clendenen, of Morgan County, Ill., daughter of John Clendenen, of Harford County, Md.; they have had five children, two of whom are deceased. Mr. Sanders was formerly a Whig, now a Republican. ■

From Georgia Kobel, 20023 81st Ave. E., Spanaway, WA 98387, <Uponyou2@aol.com>. My three-year search has developed no results on Henry Sanders. I still have hope. Henry Sanders of Missouri (?) married my grandmother Susan Childers (other married name *may* have been Gibson). Susan left Indiana with her son (my grandfather), Vilroy P. Gibson, b. 1867 Valparisio Indiana, d. 1952 Pullman, Wash. Vilroy was 7 years old at the time. It is said a sister, Pearl, also traveled with them to Kansas. My photos of them were taken in Eureka and Topeka, Kansas. John Gibson is Vilroy’s father. Don’t know if Susan was married to him or not. Susan and Henry remodeled a home in Kansas, I have pictures of them and the home. They later moved to Missouri. ■

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## Una in New Zealand Wants To Find Devon Ancestors

Una Atkins, 1 Pouwhare Street, Whakatane, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand 3080, <mafsnikta@xtra.co.nz> has the following explanation of her problem.

I know I have set myself a mammoth task but am going to give it all I can! All I know about my great-grandfather was that he was born in 1842 at Milton Damerel, Devon. He married Anna Maria Glass from Fremington in Devon and emigrated to New Zealand around 1886. Prior to coming to New Zealand, John owned Galsworthy Farm Buckland Brewer, a farmer of 150 acres employing two laborers and two boys. There was also a school mistress and a general servant.. I “think” that John’s parents were William Sanders and Thirza Hore. Cannot prove this.

If only I had asked questions when my parents were alive !!! Anna and John brought nine of their ten children to New Zealand. The daughter left behind was Mary Ann who married a Henry Pengelly. They in turn had a daughter Ethel Mary Sanders Pengelly. Being on this side of the world, it is hard to obtain the right results. However, my plan is to be in Devon in two years time—maybe by then, I will have worked 98% of this ‘gene’ stuff out! ■

## ASSORTED QUERIES . . .

From Alice Bruce, 1013 Dorchester Ave., St. Louis, MO 63122, <Bruce1013@aol.com>. My earliest Sanders family was also from North Carolina. John Sanders was born about 1705 in Carteret Co., N.C., and he married Ruth Phillips about 1730 in Carteret Co. Their children were: Elizabeth, Prudence, John, Phillip, Samuel, and James. My line is through Samuel and I have quite a bit of information about him.

Angela Barger, 502 Georgianna Drive, New Albany, IN 47150-6030, <AngNs9@aol.com> is trying to find information on Milton John Thomas Sanders (27 Apr 1872 - 4 Mar 1950) and his wife Mary Ann Renee Alice Salome Lewis (10 Dec 1877 - 24 Mar 1964). She needs help with the parents of both of them and has been told his parents are John William Sanders and Dorcus Annie? I have not been able to find her parents. They lived around Molindo in Lincoln Co., Tennessee. Any help or suggestion greatly appreciated.

Joe Carroll, 465 Sunset Terrace, Cedar Park, TX 78613, <Carroll465@aol.com>. Is seeking any information on parents of John "Jack" Sanders, b. 6 May 1816 in Christian Co, Kentucky; d. 8 Aug 1871 in Shelby Co., Texas; m. Rachel Boyd Willington in 1838 in Haywood Co., Tenn. They had six children: Catherine (m. John Wilborn), James, Ann Eliza, John, Jr., Susan M., and Susan Elizabeth. Jack Sanders fought in 1836 Battle of Texas Independence. Any information appreciated.

Donna Adams, 5525 Booker St., Milton, FL 32570, <adams220@bell-south.net> is seeking information on John Sanders who married Rutha Reeves in Wake County, NC on 15 September, 1795. They had at least three children: 1.) Martha Sanders, m. Edmond Ogletree; 2.) Mary Sanders, m. Turner Ogletree; 3.) John Sanders Jr., m. Martha A. \_\_\_\_\_. One of their children, Jesse, married Catherine George. These are my great-great-grandparents. Does anyone have any other information about this family? Any help would be appreciated.

Doris Fulwider, 16430 Chickahominy Bluff Rd., Williamsburg, VA 23185, <humbird2u@widomaker.com> is trying to locate information on her g-g-grandfather Samuel Edward Saunders and his parents. Edward was born about 1823 to 1826 in Connecticut or Massachusetts according to all census records. He married Lucy Ann Marks (daughter of Alexander Marks) in Chesterfield, Va. on 2 Aug 1850. Some of their children were George Alexander, Benjamin Nathaniel, Sr. (Doris' g-grandfather), Elnora, Robert L., Samuel H., and Emmett J. His last name is listed as Sanders on most census records but Doris' mother went by Saunders. In the 1860 census Edward and Lucy were living in Chesterfield, Va. In the 1870 and 1880 census Edward and Lucy Sanders are living in Prince George Co., Va. In the 1900 census he is living with his son George Sanders in Charles City Co., Va. Edward died some time after 1900. Edward may have siblings named George R. and J. P. If anyone knows anything about these ancestors Doris would appreciate hearing from you.

From Ken Garren, 5216 Mill Stream Road, Ocoee, FL 34761, <garren@garren.com>. I am looking for information on Mary Rebecca Saunders, b. abt 1832 in either Alabama or Georgia and d. 22 Sep 1876 Newton Co., Miss. She married my paternal g-g-grandfather, Robert Sciers Hand, abt 1848. They are buried at Poplar Springs Cem., Newton Co., Miss.

Regina M. Henderson, Post Office Box 93, Jasper, FL 32052, <rmh9@alltel.net> is searching for the parents or relations to Catherine Sanders Tintle, b. 6 Feb 1791, d. 23 Nov 1858 in Newark, Essex Co., N.J. and buried in Fairmont Cemetery in Newark. She m. 25 Apr 1807 to George Tintle. Children: Elizabeth, Charles, John Peter, George G., Valentine, Nicholas, Michael, Garret, Ellen, and Thomas.

From Mr. Kim Myers, 4104 182nd Avenue, SE, Issaquah, WA 98027, <genealogykim@hotmail.com>. Kim would like to hear from anyone who ties in with the following. He has much

information to share.

1st Generation - Philip Sanders, b. abt 1740 in Loudoun Co., Va, d. abt 1767. He married Elizabeth and their children were Benjamin and William.

2nd Generation - Benjamin Sanders m. unknown. Child: Washington.

3rd Generation - Washington Sanders m. unknown. Children: Sarah Saunders, b. 3 Jan 1795 Virginia, d. 22 Nov 1869 Loudon Co., Va.; Mary Sanders, b. 6 Oct 1796 Virginia, d. 28 Feb 1874; Phillip Sanders, b. 1797-1799 Virginia, d. bef 1860; Benjamin Sanders, b. abt 1803 Virginia.

4th Generation - Sarah Saunders m. Jonathan Milbourn, Jr. 8 Sep 1810 in Loudon Co., Va. Children: Sarah Ann, Aaron Jefferson, Emily, Gideon W., Charles W., Fayette T., Edith Virginia. and Jonathan Columbus.

This comes from Sandy Duncan, 3537 McShane Way, Baltimore, MD 21222, <sandmot@comcast.net>. I am seeking info on Suzy Sanders, b. 25 Mar 1864 in Kentucky or North Carolina, d. 22 Mar 1896, buried at Soddy Prebyterian Cemetery in Hamilton Co., Tenn. and m. Lafayette Ricketts 1882 in Hamilton Co., Tenn. Known children: Alexander, b. 1883-39; Ellie, b. Mar 1883; Laura Ann, b. 8 Mar 1886 and d. 19 Jan 1950; Ruth Lee, b. 20 Oct 1889, d. Nov 1947; Zebedee (Zeb), b. 30 Jan 1890, d. 24 Sep 1956; Rosetta, b. Sep 1894, m. Claude Reno.

Sandy Sanders, 301 Carr Circle, Headland, AL 36345. I am a granddaughter of Malachi (Mallie Cie) Sanders and his wife Lula Mae Tillis of Henry, Ala. Mallie Cie was a son of Albert (not sure this is his full name) Sanders. He was born in Henry Co., Ala. around 1875, we think, and died in Barbour Co., Ala. around 1950. He had three or four wives, but the lineage we are interested in is through Martha Jane Jones (9 Aug 1876 - 11 Dec 1912). They were married in Henry Co., Ala. 26 Mar 1895. Mallie Cie was raised in Newville, Ala. and moved to Barbour Co. in 1945 till his death in 1969. They had six children: Louise, Lilly, Mavis, Rudolph, James, and Johnny Frank. We need to know Albert Sanders' parents, names and the state where they lived before coming to Alabama.



## Remarkable Story In Issue 2 of Sanders Siftings Has Good Outcome Five Years Later In Issue 22

The following was submitted by Carole Finley Davis, 553 E. FM 1392, Terrell, TX 75610, <yataha@webtv.net> in 1995. The story was compiled by her father-in-law, Louie Richard Davis of Hughes Springs, TX. [Ed. note: When Carol found another letter later, the contents revealed that Phoebe Sanders was a daughter of Francis and Rachel Sanders and a sister of my g-g-grandfather, John Sanders of Jackson County, Alabama. The good outcome of the search and more letters were printed in the July 2000 issue of *Sanders Siftings*.]

In the Cumberland mountains of Jackson County, Alabama, Phoebe Sanders married a man named Lee (a nephew of Robert E. Lee). By him she had two daughters and a son named George. After her first husband left her she fell in love with and married a full-blooded Indian by the name of Peek.

Phoebe was a very strong physical lady of whom there are many legends! I have personally talked to her last living granddaughter and she relayed to me that during the Civil War Grandmother Phoebe would bury as many as fifteen bodies in one night's time! My Uncle Tom, daddy's brother, related to me when I visited him in California that she could put both feet in a one-half bushel

basket and shoulder two bushels of corn, and few men could do that!

My grandmother related to my older cousins that her husband, Peek, got to drinking more and getting drunk and rough with her and the kids! Being an Indian, her husband liked to drink whiskey and all Indians seem to become alcoholics easily! Phoebe bought some whiskey and when he got drunk she still gave him more until he passed out! Grandmother and her kids packed a little bag on their shoulder and left, going over the mountain and never saw Peek again.

Phoebe's elder daughter married Asa Fowler and is buried in the Fowler Cemetery at the head of Fowlers Cove in Jackson County, Ala. The Fowler home was partially standing when we were there in 1975. On this trip Melvin Fowler and three of his sons placed a concrete slab and metal marker on G-Grandmother Phoebe's grave.

Phoebe had two daughters, Mrs. Fowler and my grandmother, Mary Angeline Lee Davis. Mary Angeline Lee was born 22 Dec 1857. She married Martin Vanburen Davis 23 Oct 1879. She died 27 Mar 1924 and is buried at Gunsight Cemetery north of Cisco, Texas beside her husband. They had two sons and two daughters. ■

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

From Eddie Ruddick, 211 County Road 319, Stanton, AL 36790-3659. William and Sion Sanders are listed among the pioneer settlers of Perry County, Alabama. However, only William shows up on the 1830 census.

Both descend from William Sanders, who died in 1811 in Pendleton District, S.C. He served in the Revolutionary War. William married Mrs. Mary Quarterman in S.C., 1774. He also received property in S.C. in 1757, so he was at least born as early as 1736, being at least 21 at the exchange of the prop-

erty. This makes the 1774 marriage look like a second marriage.

Children of William and Mary: 1) John, born about 1774, was in Perry Co., Ala. by 1840; 2) William, probably born about 1778, and 3) Sion, born about 1780, both settled in Alabama in 1817, Sion evidently returned to S.C. where he married Elizabeth; 4) Elizabeth (1783?) who married William Smith in S.C.; 5) Vinson (1786?); 6) Wiley (1788?); 7) Matilda (1790?) who married Daniel Tubbs; 8) unknown daughter (1792?) married Kitchen Perry in S.C.; 9) Elenor (1793?) married Al William Tubbs; 10) unknown daughter (1794?) married Nicholas Fisher Jr. in S.C.; 11) Nancy (1796?) married Jeremiah Smith in S.C.; and 12) Willie (1797) married Andrew Wilson.

Joseph Sanders (31 Aug 1812 - 7 Oct 1903) shows up with a large family in 1840, with his mother, Elizabeth. Joseph married Eleanor Williams 12 Dec

### Ann Rheny's Brick Wall Is John Douglas Sanders, Born In Green County, Kentucky

From Ann Rheny, 421 Rolling Hills, Morgantown, WV 26508-8056 <Rheneya@cs.com>.

My "brick wall," John Douglas Sanders, b. 1836 in Green Co., Ky., married his "cousin" (whether a 1st cousin or further removed, I do not know). The cousin was Elizabeth R. Sanders, (her maiden name was also Sanders) b. 1838 in Green Co., Ky. She was the dau. of John Chandler Sanders b. 1802 in Green Co., Ky. and Elizabeth Shipp b. 1807 in Kentucky. The father of John Chandler Sanders was Elijah Sanders, b. abt 1775 in Virginia, and Darkus Chandler b. 1780 in Virginia. The father of Elijah Sanders was Henry Sanders Sr. b. 1756 Loudoun Co., Va., and Ruth Walker. Henry Sander's Sr. father was Thos. James Sanders, b. abt 1736 in Virginia. I have all kinds of documents for John Douglas Sanders after he married, but nothing before then. He served in the Union Army during the Civil War and was a prisoner at Andersonville, Georgia, for a time. He died near Atlanta in 1864 while still in the military. There are lots of documents I have found regarding his wife's application for a widow's pension and for her second marriage, listing the children from the first marriage, etc. ■

1834 in Alabama. I need to know more about Sion Sanders, his wife, and Joseph's siblings.

June R. Poole, 5229 Eden Roc Dr., Marrero, LA 70072, <JuneRP56@aol.com> is searching for the family of Thomas Sanders, married to Claricy Rutland (d/o Cullen Rutland) from Orangeburg Dist., S.C. They were born in the 1700s. Thomas Sanders had a son Blancett Sanders married to Sarah Hughes. Blancett Sanders migrated to Washington Parish, La. by 1811. He had a son William Sanders married to Celia Morgan who I'm descended from. They died between 1860-1870 in Calcasieu Parish, La. Any info would be appreciated. ■

## About This Issue

I still need good leads to Sanders or Saunders people that would make good stories. Send me a story or a lead for a story. There are no large or medium length articles left over after preparing this issue.

All queries received to date have been used, I hope. Again, I was short of queries, especially queries from subscribers. Please update your research, state your queries differently, or send me a repeat. Don't give up. Maybe some new eyes will come across your family material. Do you want a query repeated? Send me the issue and page number. *I need more queries from subscribers!*

I still need more stories of various lengths, biographies from county histories, wills, old letters, obituaries, etc. Keep sending in products of your research, but I need quite a few short items. Also, more good pictures are needed to support stories.

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 <dschaefer@cox-internet.com>. I no longer have an AOL address. 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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## E. C. "Doc" Sanders, Born in Arkansas, Was Expert On Golf Courses in California

The following obituary for Doc Sanders was published in the *San Diego Union-Tribune* on March 2, 2003

SANDERS, E.C. "DOC" April 29, 1909 to Feb. 17, 2003. Mr. Sanders was born in Rison, Arkansas, and raised on a farm as the third of five children born to Charles and Dovey Sanders. After high school, Doc went west driven by the Great Depression and landed in Phoenix, Arizona, where two very important things happened to him: he got his first job, maintaining a golf course while working at the Biltmore Hotel and Resort and he met and married Amy Lewallen, his wife for 62 years. During World War II, Mr. Sanders worked at the shipyards in San Diego for M.H. Golden. After the war, he worked in the construction industry until one day an old friend called him and asked him if he would like to get back into golf course maintenance. Doc had no problem answering that call and took a position as Assistant Superintendent at Tamarisk Country Club in Palm Springs,

California. In a short time, Mr. Sanders returned to San Diego to become superintendent of the Stardust Country Club. In 1969, Doc was still the superintendent of the Stardust hosted the first San Diego Open. Later, Mr. Sanders would serve as superintendent of La Costa Country Club, Penasquitos Country Club, San Carlos and Whispering Palms. A 37-year member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, Doc was also a founding member of the Hi-Lo Desert Superintendents Association and a charter member of the San Diego Chapter of the GCSAA. In 1963, Mr. Sanders served as Activities Chairman for the GCSAA National Convention that was held at the El Cortez hotel in San Diego.

Doc is survived by his wife, Amy; his daughter, Vicki Davis of Portland, Oregon; his son Charles Sanders, of San Diego; grandchildren, Laura, Matthew and Michael and great-grandchildren Kayla, Kyle, Michael and Brian of Portland, Oregon. ■

## Solveig Berry Has Found Some Interesting Connections With Land Dealings By Sanders In Kent Co., Delaware

From Solveig Berry, 1 Hampton Place, Rogers, AR 72758, <SolveigMB@aol.com>. July 1806 court minutes of Rutherford Co., Tenn. show that Curtis Calloway (of Kent Co., Delaware) purchased 300 acres in Kent Co., Del. from James Sanders (wife Rebecca), Archelus Lee (wife Rebecca), James Sanders, Samuel Sanders and Philip Sanders (all of Rutherford Co., Tenn.). My guess is that these are Sanders/Saunders siblings who inherited the land in Delaware from a relative.

1800 census, Kent Co., Del. shows these Saunders who might be related??

William Saunders, Middle distr., p 241, (no white males/females, 3 "others", 2 slaves)

Richard Saunders, Middle distr., p 241, (no white males/females, 4 "others", 0 slaves)

John Saunders, Middle distr., p 241, (males: 2 under 10 yrs, 2 26-45 yrs, females: 2 10-16yrs, 1 16-26 yrs, 1 26-45 yrs, 1 "others, 1 slave)

Ann Saunders, Middle distr., p 235, (no white males/females, 5 "others", 0 slaves)

George Saunders, Middle distr., p

235, (males: 1 under 10 yrs, 1 10-16 yrs, 1 16-26 yrs, females: 1 26-45 yrs, 0 others, 1 slave)

Casey/Basey? Saunders no twp, p 246 (males: 1 under 10, females: 2 26-45 yrs, 1 over 45 yrs, no others, no slaves)

There are three families above who are not labeled "white." I find that very interesting as family tradition says there is Indian blood in our Sanders.

On 1810 census Kent Co., Delaware, Curtis Calloway is living in Mispillion Hundred. I don't know if he is living on the 300 acres he bought in 1806 from the Sanders siblings. Would appreciate any info at all that would help me identify the above Sanders/Saunders. ■

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