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Early Montgomery County, N.C. Sanders Detailed In Research By Jim Sanders, Part 2

To continue what was published in the last issue of *Sanders Siftings* (part 1) from Jim Sanders' booklet, *The Sanders Families of Montgomery County, North Carolina, 1757-1810*, I have below Part 2, that is on pages 5-11. This is based primarily on land records that Jim has researched. Copies of many of the land records are included in the booklet.

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Aron Sanders 1785

We believe that the Aron Sanders, noted as a chain carrier, on the grant to Elias Butler in April 1785, was Moses Sanders' son. When properties adjacent to William Aron Sanders were to be sold, subsequent to his death, Joannah, who was Aaron's wife and living on the property, would have summoned her "Justice of the Peace" brother-in-law, Moses, to ensure that the passing of title, would not jeopardize her holdings. In 1785 Moses would have been the family patriarch. He is the most closely associated brother to William Aron. They received their original land grants in 1773 and the land was surveyed on the same day, June 27, 1772. In 1774 they were ordered to build a road together (along with others). In 1775, Moses was a Justice of the Peace and Aaron was appointed as a Constable in his room.

We considered that Aron was Moses' son when his name appeared as a chain carrier in 1785. Then we discovered that Moses moved to Wilkes County in 1782. At 13, Aron would have moved with his father. He then moved to Rowan in 1785. We thought how could he be in two places at once. A possible explanation would be that Aron returned with his father upon notification that the property was being transferred. Aron, returned from Rowan to assist with the survey for Elias Butler.

Aron would have been 16. The second chain carrier on the Elias Butler survey was Stephen Sanders. We believe a cousin.

In 1790, Aron (now spelled "Aaron") was newly married and listed in the census of Montgomery County. There were no children listed. He was in Franklin County, Ga. in 1800 as evidenced by the 1800 tax list. His line has been well researched and documented by Eldon Hurst. Aron is a second generation Sanders.

William Aaron Sanders 1772

William Aaron Sanders' family has been documented by the work of Gary Sanders and others. We have recently discovered that Moses Sanders' brother Aaron and Thomas Bailey Sanders' "William Aaron" Sanders, were one and the same. Our conclusion is supported and based on a couple of discoveries. One was that Aaron Sanders was issued a land grant on May 24, 1773. It was described as "...on the Reedy Fork on Barnes Creek." We've reviewed the original grant. . Nimrod Sanders, William Aaron's son, in 1836, sold this same tract of land to William Strider. The legal descriptions of both transactions are the same. Another important discovery was survey tie-ins'. On two different surveys the same corner "tie-in" is referenced. In the 1785 Elias Butler Survey, the "Widow Sanders" line is noted and is the same bearing and distance on Barnes Creek as in a survey for John Crump in 1794. Aaron's wife would have been known as the "Widow Sanders." Aaron Sanders was killed during the war in 1781, some say by Tories. His estate was administered in Montgomery County in 1782. We have not viewed that record. Of the first generation Sanders, Moses and William Aaron are the most frequently mentioned in the records. In 1774 they (also George and William Hamilton)

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Don't Expect Your Computer To Do All; Utilize More Tools

Robert Tilman, CEO of RootsWeb, has said, "Only a small fraction of genealogy-related information is on the Web."

Computers have done a fantastic job of making more genealogy material available to researchers and connecting even more people than we would have ever thought possible. RootsWeb is probably the best place on the Web to get help, or receive help. The past few years I heard from individuals who were related to me on two different lines for which I had nearly given up hope. They saw my posting on the RootsWeb Surname list that has been there for more than nine years.

However, you can't just sit at that computer and expect to do all your genealogy work. I am afraid that we are getting away from some of the traditional tasks related to sound family research. Subscribers to surname newsletters are also declining. Newsletters are still a very good place to find other researchers and information not available elsewhere. You need to get out to those libraries, court houses, cemeteries, and Family History Centers. You still need to write letters to many relatives and friends who may have information you need.

Use all the tools you can. The computer is a great one! And it is one of the best tools that you can have to help write those letters.

In our busy, busy world we all want shortcuts and time savers. Don't shortcut your family research by looking for the easy way out. Keep up the traditional research. ■

Don Schaefer, *editor*

Ensign Eugene T. Sanders, On U.S.S. Arizona, Has Two Navy Ships Named In His Memory

The following article was submitted by Mike Sanders, 3965 W. 83rd St., Suite 171, Prairie Village, KS 66208-5308, <orson1995@aol.com>.

One Sanders lies entombed aboard the U.S.S. Arizona, Ensign Eugene T. Sanders. According to Navy records Eugene Thomas Sanders was born March 15, 1899 in Hubbard, Oregon, the son of William Eugene and Jessie Hinkle Sanders. Other records list Ens. Sanders' birth date as March 15, 1901. The earlier birth date makes sense due to Sanders enlisting in the U.S. Army on June 16, 1917. An 1899 birthday made him eligible for the army, whereas a 1901 birthday would have prevented his enlistment until March 15, 1919.

Eugene Sanders was discharged from the army on February 13, 1919. On September 18, 1919 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. The 1920 census lists Sanders as a Seaman 2nd Class on the battleship U.S.S. Vermont (BB-20). The latest he could have been on the U.S.S. Vermont was 1924, the year the ship was scrapped.

The 1930 census has 1st Class Signalman Eugene T. Sanders residing at 3685 45th Street in San Diego, Calif. His birth year is listed as 1901. Sanders had been married to Pearl L. Sanders for 2 years. They had no children.

[For more information and photos, go to <<http://www.navsource.org/archives/o6/273.htm>>. Information on this site indicates that Ensign Sanders' widow was Sarah "Sally" Sanders, who married Howard Van Meter in 1946.]

Navy records list Sanders as serving on the mine sweeper U.S.S. Brant (AM-24) from December 4, 1932 to June 1, 1934; the mine sweeper U.S.S. Finch (AM-9) August 30, 1934 to January 28, 1936; the naval station at Olongapo, Luzon, Philippine Islands, January 29, 1936 to April 3, 1937 and the submarine tender U.S.S. Canopus (AS-9), April 6, 1937 to March 10, 1938.

On May 7, 1940 Chief Boatswain Sanders reported to the battleship U.S.S. Arizona (BB-39). Eugene T. Sanders was appointed Ensign on November 3, 1941. One month and four days later he died in the U.S.S. Arizona during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Ensign Eugene Thomas Sanders' name is found on the U.S.S. Arizona memorial.

Two ships were named for Eugene T.

Sanders. The destroyer escort U.S.S. Sanders (DE-273) was named on February 23 1943, laid down on April 23, 1943 by the Boston Navy Yard, Boston, MA; launched on June 4, 1943; sponsored by Mrs. Eugene Thomas "Sally" Sanders; and leased to Britain on September 30, 1943. Renamed the HMS Grindall (K-477) by Britain, she was returned to the United States on August 20, 1945 and was scrapped on May 28, 1946.

The second ship named Sanders was laid down on September 7, 1942 by the Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton, Wash.; named Sanders on June 14, 1943; reclassified destroyer escort (DE-40) on June 16, 1943; launched on June 18, 1943; commissioned on October 1, 1943, Lt. Comdr. Arthur N. Daniels in command.

After a shakedown cruise, the U.S.S. Sanders participated in patrol and escort duties in the Gilbert and Marshall Islands from January through July 1944, including a bombardment of Kusaie Island on June 1. She then escorted support shipping to the Marianas from August through October. Following further patrol and escort duties in the Gilbert and Marshall Islands from November through March 1945, she guarded a logistics support group, supplying fast carrier fast forces in the western Pacific, from April into June. Sailing via Pearl Harbor, she arrived at San Francisco on July 15 for overhaul.

Remaining on the United States west coast, she was decommissioned on December 19, 1945. Struck from the Navy list on January 8, 1946, she was delivered, on May 8, 1947 to the National Metal and Steel Corp., Terminal Island, Calif. and scrapped in 1948.

The U.S.S. Sanders received four battle stars for World War II service.

There was a Sanders on the Arizona who survived Pearl Harbor. His name is Elmer L. Sanders and he was from Oklahoma. He was a Gunners Mate 1st Class. No other information is known about him. ■

Editor's note: Please review your last query and either update it to reflect new information, or ask that a previous one be rerun. If you haven't sent in a query, *do it now!* ■

Montgomery Co. Sanders

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were ordered to construct a road from Beaver Dam Creek to Rocky Creek. Beaver Dam Creek is now under Lake Badin and Rocky Creek is in Anson County. In 1775 Moses was a Justice of the Peace in Montgomery and Aaron was appointed as a Constable in Moses' room and Aaron, Moses and George Sanders were holders of land grants on Barnes Creek. George's grant has not been viewed but Aaron and Moses received their grants on Barnes and Abner Creeks, respectively, in 1773. Their properties were surveyed on the same day, June 27, 1773. His wife, referred to as the "widow Sanders" in subsequent land documents, remained with her family on Aaron's grant land on Barnes Creek. Nimrod Sanders remained with his mother, living in the house on Barnes Creek. William Aaron's family: wife Joan (Joanah) Bailey Sanders; sons: Stephen, Luke, Nimrod and possibly Jacob, Jesse and Benjamin. I realize we haven't considered any family of Isaac.

Joanah Sanders

On November 29th 1803 grant #1923 was issued to Joanah Sanders. It was for 50 acres described as "Beginning at a Hickory on Barnes Creek." The survey was adjacent to Jacob Sanders and Stephen Sanders. Luke and Nimrod Sanders, her sons, were the chain carriers. Entered August 20, 1803. Entry 5760. Bk. 110. Pg. 416. Card #1449. At first glance we assumed we had found a new Sanders. However, after reading the warrant for the survey, closely, we discovered "Joanah" is noted as a her. The warrant also stated the survey was to include her improvement. This would indicate that this property would be a part of the original grant to Aaron in 1773 as her home was located there. She lived there with Nimrod, her youngest son, until her death. Her sons Luke, Nimrod, Stephen and possibly Jacob, if he were a son, lived contiguous to her.

Nimrod Sanders 1794

He is possibly the youngest son of William Aaron. We realize that Aaron's wife was Joanah Bailey Sanders. Joanah remained on her husband's (Aaron) land grant after his death in 1781. Her youngest son, Nimrod, stayed on the grant land also and he was enumerated there in the 1800 census of Montgomery

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County. Nimrod Sanders is the only male in the house. He is listed as aged between 16 and 25. The only female listed is aged over 45, born before 1755. I submit that this is Joana or the "widow Sanders."

They are living on the property on the Reedy Fork of Barnes Creek. In 1810 Nimrod's family has grown. He has a wife and 2 sons under 10 and 2 daughters also under 10. His mother is still with him and she is shown as being born before 1765. In 1836 Nimrod sold the grant land to William Strider. Jacob Sanders grant land was adjacent to Aaron's or Joana's or Nimrod's property, depending on the actual date one views the chain of title, as they all, at different times, were listed as owners of the same property. Nimrod received a parcel of 100 acres on January 5th 1806. The grant number 2001 was for land on the waters of Barnes Creek. Issued 14 November 1804. Entry 5784. Book 116 Pg. 436. Card 1672. This transaction has not been reviewed. Nimrod is a second generation Sanders.

Jacob Sanders

Jacob is first noted as a reference in 1794 in a grant to John Crump. His property is noted along three courses of Crump's land and then ties into "Aron" Sanders' old corner. This was an important discovery as the tie into Aron's corner is the same corner "tie-in" that is referenced in a grant to Elias Butler in 1785. In the 1785 Butler grant, the "Widow Sanders" line is noted and is the same bearing and distance on Barnes Creek as in Crump's grant. This is more evidence to corroborate our belief that "Aaron" and "William Aaron" are the same person. Jacob was a neighbor to the west of Nimrod and his mother, Joana. Jacob Sander's property was surveyed for him 7 January 1800. Grant 1894. It was for 100 acres on the "waters of Barnes Creek." Issued 20 August 1803. Book 110 Pg. 406. Card 1420. Evidently he was already living on the property prior to the issuance of the grant. Jacob was also noted as a chain carrier with James Neal for Neal's survey in 1798. It was for 300 acres near William Hamilton's corner on the north side of Barnes Creek. (William Hamilton was Moses Sander's brother-in-law and a neighbor of Moses.) Jacob Sanders is listed in the 1790 census as being born before 1784; four boys in the

family born after 1784; three females. In 1800 his family is listed as Jacob and wife born between 1756/ 1774; 4 boys born between 1785/1790; 2 boys between 1790/1800; 4 daughters. We could date Jacob's birth as between 1767 and 1773. Probably, and because of proximity to Joana, he may be William Aaron's oldest son. Jacob is a second generation Sanders.

Stephen Sanders

We have reviewed 4 land grants, which show Stephen Sanders was living on or near Barnes Creek as early as 1785. He was probably a son of Aaron and Joana Sanders. Stephen and "Aron" Sanders (Aron was Moses Sanders son) were chain carriers for the 1785 survey for Elias Butler. The surveyor noted "the 'Widow Sanders' line" on the south side of Barnes Creek. The date 1785 leads us to believe that "Aron" is the 16-year-old son of Moses. Stephen is a young son of the deceased Aaron. They were cousins. Stephen Sanders is referenced in another grant to Francis Jordon on 15 April 1785, as a chain carrier and the other carrier is Moses Sanders. We noted that the survey for Jordon's land was one week after the survey of Elias Butler. Butler's land and Jordon's land are both contiguous to Joana's property. This is more reason for Moses and his son Aron to make the trip south to ensure the Sanders families interests were upheld. Butler's survey was adjacent to what is described as "Aaron's old line." It appears that Jordon's survey may have been a portion of Aaron's original grant. In 1794 Stephen Sanders' 4th corner is referenced as a starting point for a survey for John Gray Blount. Stephen's corner is about 2.5 miles above Densons Fork and on a fork of Barnes Creek. The Randolph County line is due north of this corner, along John Blount's line, about 1.5 miles. Three-quarters of a mile east of the intersection of the county line and Blount's intersection, is the beginning corner of Benjamin Sanders' property. The beginning corner of Stephen's survey in 1794 is a point on the Widow Sanders Line on Barnes Creek. On 30 December 1801 Stephen entered a grant, 1972, for 50 acres on the waters of Barnes. Issued 19 December 1803. Book 117 Pg. 222. Card 1642. He is a second generation Sanders.

Benjamin Sanders

Benjamin received one of his several warrants, and probably the first grant, in February 1793. This property is about a

mile and a half north of Stephen Sanders' land, (which is next to Joana), and lies on the Montgomery/ Randolph County line. It is described as on both sides of Barnes Creek. Were Stephen and Benjamin brothers, sons of Aaron or perhaps cousins? He acquired more land around his Barnes Creek/ Randolph line in the late 1790s and early 1800s and in 1833 sold it all, 300 acres, to John Lucas. Benjamin also had property on Williams Creek, which is about 6 or 8 miles southeast of the Barnes Creek families' location. He sold this piece in 1785 to Steven Miller. Benjamin is a second generation Sanders.

Luke Sanders

In October 1799 Luke Sanders received a warrant for 50 acres on Barnes Creek. It was surveyed September 26th 1799. Grant 1767 was on "both sides of the Reedy Fork of Barnes Creek." Entry 5133. Issued 23 November 1801, Book 111 Pg. 276. Card 1469. Luke received another entry in January 1802, number 2083 for 50 acres. Entry 5783. Card 1755. Issued 27 June 1806. Book 122 Page 42. We have not viewed this record. Luke's 1799 survey is south of and adjacent to Joana and Nimrod's land. The chain carriers for Luke's survey were himself and Nimrod Sanders. Luke is a second generation Sanders

George Sanders 1773

George was issued a grant in May of 1773 on Duncombs Creek. Both Moses Sanders' and George Sanders' properties are referenced as being adjacent to Nathaniel Steed. In a warrant to Joseph Carnes dated 1790 and noted as being taken from an earlier warrant dated 1787 to George Kirk, it is noted that Carnes is to have 200 acres on Duncombs Creek below George Sanders running towards the county line (north), joining Sanders' line and Steed's line. This again puts George in the proximity of Moses. He was ordered to help build the road from Beaverdam Creek to Rocky Creek as was Moses, Aaron and others in 1774.

George may have had 3 sons—James, Joshua and Rueben. George may be a first generation Sanders.

Rueben Sanders

Rueben Sanders was issued a grant entered as #184, grant #242 issued 11 October 1783. It was for 100 Acres of

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land on "Duncuns" Creek. His grant uses George Sanders' line as a neighboring reference point. George Sanders' grant was dated 1773. Rueben's was 1783. He is very likely a son. The chain carriers for Rueben's grant were: James Sanders and Joshua Sanders. Perhaps these two men were either Reuben's brothers or his sons. Or possibly they were sons of another first generation Sanders. Two different Joshua Sanders are listed in the 1790 census of Montgomery. Two different James Sanders are listed in the census of 1790. Rueben would be a second generation Sanders.

Joshua Sanders

We haven't much on Joshua. Two Joshuas are listed in the 1790 census of Montgomery.

He is listed as a chain carrier for Rueben's grant surveyed in 1782.

He is a second generation Sanders

James Sanders

Benjamin Randle received a grant on 1 July 1790. The property was on Barnes Creek and James Sanders' property was referenced as a starting point in the description of the grant. We would expect this James to be the "chain carrier James" noted on Rueben's survey. Two James Sanders are listed in the 1790 census of Montgomery. One of them is our subject and shows, I believe, an extended family—three men over 16 years of age; two boys under 16 and two females. The other James lists one male over 16 with four boys under sixteen and two females. In the 1800 census one of the James is not listed. We believe that the "extended" family, James, is still in Montgomery with four sons born between 1785/90, one son born 1790/1800 and a wife. The 1800 census shows James being born between 1756 and 1774. He may be a second generation Sanders. The other James is listed in District 2 of the Montgomery county tax list of 1787. This is the same district as Jeffery Sanders. This district, we believe, is on the Rocky Fork of Little River. This would tie Jeffery and James into the William Sanders family. Preliminary research on this family shows them migrating to South Carolina. We don't have any family tie into them. However, one might consider this: Elias Butler, who owned several pieces of property in Montgomery

County, used "Jeffery Sanders" as a chain carrier on a survey for a grant on the Rocky Creek in 1785. Elias Butler had several pieces of property in the Barnes Creek area as well.

Jesse Sanders

The first reference to Jesse is as a chain carrier for a survey for Little Berry Hicks on Spencer Creek 18 February 1787. Spencer Creek runs north and south parallel and south of Barnes Creek. It flows in the Uwharrie just south of the mouth of Barnes Creek.

We would estimate the location of Butler's survey to be 4 or 5 miles south of the Sanders family's holding. Jesse may be a second generation Sanders.

The William Sanders Family Group

William, Nathaniel and James Sanders are shown on various deeds to be from the Cheraws District, Craven County, South Carolina. These deeds date from 1757 through 1784. (Family History Library (LDS) films #0018271 and #0018145.) William Sanders first acquired property in Anson in 1757 on the Woody Branch of Rocky Creek. He is listed as being from the Camden, South Carolina, district in 1784. Nathaniel acquired a grant in 1766 on Buffalo Creek near Little River. They were very active in Anson and Bladen Counties, notably on the Waccamaw, Gum Swamp, Shoeheel in Anson prior to 1784. William Sanders is shown on many records as receiving several pieces of land on the Rocky River, in Montgomery County in the 1780s.

Elias Butler used Jeffery Sanders as a chain carrier on his survey for his property on Rocky Creek in 1785. We believe that Jeffery was a member of the William Sanders family group. There is a possible connection of this group to the Barnes Creek Sanders through Elias Butler. In 1779 Elias entered a warrant for a grant on Barnes Creek upon which Daniel Sanders had an improvement. (Daniel Sanders is discussed earlier in this work). Elias also had a piece of property adjacent to Jacob, Luke and Joannah Sanders on Barnes Creek. When Elias surveyed that particular piece of property in 1785, he used Aron and Stephen Sanders as chainers. The conclusions, regarding the relationships, are evasive and the writer will leave the opportunity for discovery to the reader.

This family group may well start with John Sanders in South Carolina. He had

two sons, George and Thomas. "George was the father of Nathaniel Saunders, who became a man of some means." (*A History of Marion County, South Carolina, 1902*, page 142, by W. W. Sellers, Esq. Montgomery Co., N.C., Extant Deeds 1774-1842)

The Patrick Sanders Family Group

Patrick Sanders received his first deed in Anson County in 1758, for property on Mountain Creek. He also had property on Buffalo Creek in 1769. In a deed to James Bolton, in 1779, Patrick names his wife as Mary. James Sanders received his first deed in 1761 for property on Mountain Creek. It was adjacent to Patrick. Their properties, we believe, are located just south of the Montgomery County in Richmond County formed in 1779. Patrick Sanders last land transaction in Anson County was in 1779. We find him on the 1782 tax list of Rutherford Co., N.C. The next entry we find for Patrick is in Spartanburg, S.C. 1800. In the 1800 census he is listed living next door to his sons William and Patrick Jr. He died between 1800 and 1810, we believe in Spartanburg. Patrick and James Sanders was signatory to "The Regulators Petition" of Anson County in 1769, as were other Sanders from Anson County. They were protesting for relief of unfair taxation, without representation. Two other Sanders men are listed from Anson on the roster of men who served in the Battle of Adamance, which was the breakup of the Regulators, David and Thomas E. We do not find any other records of these 2 men in our search of the records of Montgomery and Anson. At this time we wonder why we do not find any of the Barnes Creek Sanders signatory to the Regulators list. Perhaps they were not yet living in North Carolina.

Summary

We will acknowledge that there are gaps in our research and welcome all documented evidence that might open new avenues for us to travel in our quest to find our ancestors. The Internet has made available volumes of information that might have taken years for our predecessors to ferret out. As much of a help as it has been, it is also a hindrance. When well meaning searchers cut and paste a GEDCOM to their family group sheet without checking original source material and the next searcher quotes that GEDCOM as a reliable source. Much unverified information is soon recognized as fact. And so on and so on... ■

Revolutionary War Pension File Yields Much Information For "Unknown" Obed Sanders

The following was sent in by Dorothy Hughes, P.O. Box 3799, Sunriver, OR 97707, <gordhughes@aol.com>

I found my husband's third great grandfather, David Sanders in the 1840 census living in Lawrence, St. Lawrence County, New York. In a nearby household was an Elizabeth Sanders, age 78, who was receiving a revolutionary war pension. I looked up her name in the Index to Revolutionary War Pensions, National Archive's film number M 312, Roll 1, A - S. and found Elizabeth listed with Obed Sanders, N.H., Vt. David Sanders always listed Vermont as his place of birth in the census.

I ordered the Family History films 0972116 (Augustus - Mary Sanders-Saunders) and 0972117 (Nathaniel - Zachariah Sanders-Saunders). I found Obed and Elizabeth on the 0972117 film. We are quite sure he is my husband's fourth great grandfather! (Unknown to us before!) Obed lived in Bradford, Vt. but he enlisted for one year with his two brothers Jonathan and John at Haverhill, New Hampshire in the New Hampshire line in December 1775 and entered service February 1776 as privates in Captain Samuel Young's Company in Colonel Timothy Bedel's Regiment. They marched to Quebec and were involved in the Siege of Quebec and then the retreat back to Ticonderoga.

As a result of marching on snowshoes on snow and ice, Obed had to walk with crutches his last 25 years. He received his pension in 1818. At that time he was living in Dickinson, Franklin Co., New York. He died in 1826.

His widow, Elizabeth, received a widow's pension in 1839. She was his second wife. Obed and his first wife, Meribab Stone, had eight children, including David. Obed and Elizabeth had two daughters.

On the first application Obed filed he gave the wrong commander for his Regiment. He had to have his two brothers file affidavits to confirm his service. When Elizabeth filed her application she had no marriage certificate so she had to file affidavits proving her marriage, which gave us the name of a younger brother, Green Sanders. Because of all their problems we got lots of information. There were nearly a hundred pages in their file including a page torn out of

the family bible with all the names and the birth dates of the children. Most files only have ten or twenty pages.

If you think you may have an ancestor who fought in the Revolutionary War look them up in the Revolutionary War Pension Index.

When I was putting my films away at the Family History Center I noticed someone else's film — Colonial Gravestone Inscriptions in the state of New Hampshire (FH Film # 0823810). I found one Sanders on the whole film - Jonathan Sanders died January 1, 1774 in his 60th year, buried in the Haverhill Cemetery. Could this be the father of Jonathan, John, Obed and Green? I also found Colonel Timothy Bedel 1740 - 1787 in the same cemetery.

I put Jonathan Sanders' name in Family Search and came up with a Jonathan Sanders born in Haverhill, Massachusetts in 1712. His father was Avery Sanders and his mother was Abigail Green. (One of Obed's brothers was named Green.) I ran the pedigree for Jonathan Sanders and it went all the way back to 1420 England! Could all these people be ancestors of my husband?

Children of Obed (Obedom) Sanders and Meribah Stone:

Jonathan	September 6, 1771
Benjamin	September 6, 1773
John	October 18, 1775
Elizabeth & Ruth	April 18, 1779
James	April 3, 1781
Avery	June 20, 1783
David	July 20, 1785
Children of Obed Sanders and Elizabeth Chapman:	
Irene	April 7, 1788
Lydia	August 24, 1790 ■

From Tim Mattingly, 3602 Columbus Ave., Anderson, IN 46013, <gtm.3@insightbb.com>. My Abedinago Sanders was born in Guilford Co., N.C., about 1776, and I can't get an exact name for his father. Abedinago married Amy Cook in Wilkes Co., N.C. 11 Aug 1807. Abedinago and Amy had 13 children. Some were born in N.C., and they moved to Rockcastle Co., Ky., about 1813. Other children were born in Rockcastle Co., Ky., and about 1826, Abedinago moved his family to Delaware Co., Ind. If this sound like a branch one of your lines, let me know. ■

On Track of Richard B. Sanders From S.C.

From Robert R Roten, 2850 Oak Creek Drive, Paris, TX 75462, <RobRoten@cox.net>. I continue to search for Sanders out of S.C. My present search is for Richard B. Sanders, b. 30 Nov 1845. Richard had one known brother, Drummond Putnam Sanders, b. 15 Jun 1848, and two known sisters. One sister, Mary Francis, b. 28 Jul 1850 and married a Charles Allen Roten. The second sister Sally Sanders, married a Davis. I am trying to locate the father and mother of this group and also the wife's maiden name of Richard. Richard married a Martha Ann _____. Richard B. and Martha Ann may have had as many as nine children. I know of only six—Martha, Georgia, John, Francis, Andrew, and a Lucy. I believe that Lucy married a Hayes, but cannot seem to locate her other than she is listed as an heir in Martha Ann's will in 1929. Lucy was a widow living in Tecumseh, Okla. at the time. ■

Elton M. Sanders, 2638 Sunset Drive, San Angelo, TX 76904, <ems992807@aol.com> is looking for the parents of Benjamin I. Sanders. Elton's father, Earnest Davis Sanders is five generations from Benjamin.

Benjamin I. Sanders, b. 1785 in N.C., d. 1826-76; m. Annys, b. 1786 in Ga., d. 1825-1881. Children:

1. Sally, 1804-1819
2. Betsy, 1805-1810
3. Solomom, b. 1810 in Ga., d. aft 1850; m. Sarah, b. 1814 in Tenn., d. in Obion Co., Tenn.
4. James G., b. 1813 in Ga., d. 1850-1904; m. 1st Rebecca L. Treadmill, m. 2nd Gabriella West.

5. John, b. 1818 in Tenn. or Ala., d. 1849-1912; m. Nancy.

6. Reuben, b. Aug 1821 in Monroe Co., Miss., d. 12 Jul 1901 in May, Texas; m. 1st Elizabeth West, b. 1826 in S.C., d. 1852-1915, m. 2nd Amanda McPherson, b. 1841 in Miss.

7. Robert, b. 1823 in Miss., d. 1854-1914; m. 1st Susan, b. Mar 1834, d. 19 Jun 1903 in Monroe Co., Miss., m. 2nd Louisa Catherine McPherson.

8. Martin Milton, b. 1823 in Monroe Co., Miss., d. aft 12 Jun 1863; m. Anna Nellie May Sanders, b. 1832.

Elton has much more information on this line. ■

ASSORTED QUERIES . . .

From Ardella Sanders Moulton, 334 Simpson St., Lawrenceburg TN 38464, <glassandwax@charterinternet.com>. I am looking for info on William Arthur Sanders (middle name may not be correct) b. abt 1841, d. in Texas abt 1919; m. abt 1907 Rosile Wilson, b. 31 Mar 1891 in Ark., d. 5 Jul 1974, in Missouri. She came from large family? - change of life baby. Had 3 sons: 1) William Roswell Sanders, b. 9 Jan 1909 Texas?, d. 1936; 2) Thomas Blakley Sanders, b. 21 Mar 1912, d. 10 Jun 1972 Tarrant Co., Texas. (Is Blakley family name?); 3) Walter Franklin Sanders, b. 12 Dec 1915 Franklin Co., Texas. Did they have family around Mineral Wells, Texas? Rosile's mother was Sarah ____, b. abt 1831. Father was James Wilson, b. abt 1831.

June R. Poole, 5229 Eden Roc Road, Marrero, LA 70072, <JuneRP56@aol.com> This is a large family that has many descendants still living in the Beauregard, Calcasieu Parish, La. I've met a few of them at DAR meetings.

Wm. Sanders born 1829 in Miss. or La.; died aft. 1860 in Calcasieu Parish, La. Buried in the Indian Village Area near Kinder, La. Father John Sanders and mother Mary; married to Sarah Elaine Coward, born about 1830 in St. Landry (Calcasieu Parish, La.) died after 1862; father Richard Addison Coward and mother Eleanor Henderson.

Children:

1. Thomas Jefferson, b. 1850 in La.; d. aft. 1910 in Calcasieu Parish; buried in Big Woods Cemetery, Edgerly, La. (this is available on the Calcasieu Parish Gen.Web site); m. abt. 1872 to Elizabeth Shoemake.

2. Wm. Benjamin, b. 1852 in Calcasieu; d. 1924; m. abt. 1876 to Nancy Jane Wilson.

3. Allen, b. 29 Dec 1854 in Calcasieu; d. 24 Nov 1922 in Calcasieu; buried at Big Woods; h/o Margareb Rebecca Lyons.

4. Martha, b. 1856 in Calcasieu.

5. Mary Jane, b. 9 Oct 1858 in Calcasieu; d. 4 Apr 1927 in DeQuincy, La; buried at Big Woods, m. 1872 to John Shoemake. Mary and John's children were:

1) Minerva E. Shoemake, b. 1873 in Calcasieu; d. 1948 in Calcasieu; buried at Big Woods. All of the children were born

and died in Calcasieu Parish.

2) Mary Elizabeth, b. 24 Feb 1875; died 23 Sep 1914; buried at Big Woods.

3) John, b. 11 Feb 1877; d. 21 Nov 1967; buried at Big Woods; h/o Phairzaner Royer.

4) Henrietta, b. 1879; w/o James Bunch.

5) Annie, b. abt. 1880; buried at Big Woods.

6) Wm. M., b. 4 Jul 1882; d. 27 Oct 1906; buried at Big Woods.

7) Naomi, b. 26 Jul 1883; d. 23 Jun 1936; buried at Big Woods.

8) Allen, b. 1887; d. 1968 in Calcasieu; buried at Perkins Cemetery in Calcasieu; h/o Cora Hallack.

9) Evelene, b. abt. 1891 in Calcasieu; d. 1968 in Calcasieu; buried at Perkins Cemetery.

10) Susan, b. 4 Feb 1893; d. 3 Sep 1900; buried at Big Woods.

11) Alice, b. abt. 1895; w/o Wesley Broome.

12) James B., b. 18 Jul 1896; d. 6 Feb 1960; h/o Bettie Mercantel.

13) Ruth born abt. 1898; died abt. 1970; buried at Perkins.

6. Joseph Napoleon, b. 1859 in Calcasieu; d. 15 Jan 1927 in DeQuincy, La; m. abt. 1879 to Martha Jane Meadows

7. Carroll Murdock, b. Sep 1861 in Sugartown, La.; d. 1934 in Sugartown; buried at Sugartown Baptist Cemetery; h/o Judith Alice Cagle, married 1883; 2nd Susan Shirley.

Mary Jane Grim, 122 School Bus Road, Mt. Morris, PA 15349, <majaza28@fadco.net>. I am searching for a Jasper C. Sanders/Saunders. (The "C" is supposed to be for Clinton.) He was born June 16, 1879 in Va. according to his obit and his parents are listed as a Jason and Sarah. (No maiden name listed.) The 1930 Pennsylvania census shows his birth was in Va. and his birth year is listed abt 1893. I believe he was married to an Ethel May Fitzgerald (from Va.) and I can't seem to find any marriage records in Va or Pa. I have been desperately trying to find any connection to him or his parents in Va. but no luck. Can't seem to find him in Va. census. (They might have come from another state before coming to Va.) Jasper could be a nickname he used. I am not sure why he moved to Greene Co., Pa. abt. 1928. Maybe he has family

in W.V. or Pa.? I think Jasper may have had a family in Pa., but no proof. So, if you have a Jason Sanders/Saunders and Sarah, or J.C. Sanders, Jasper C. Sanders....please contact me.

From Melody Tuli, 19351 NW 8th Street, Pembroke Pines, FL 33029, <harmonyt39@yahoo.com>. I have been researching my ggg grandfather, Abednego/Abednego Saunders/Sanders. I am trying to find his parents and siblings. We have an old family letter which states his parents were Indian. Father possibly a Woolard or Willard, full blooded, mother possibly a Mary Wild Goose, 1/2 breed indian. However, we have yet to find these parents. This particular Sanders lineage we have dated back to North Carolina. Then they proceeded to locate to other states including but not limited to, Kentucky, Indiana, Iowa, Illinois and Ohio.

Abedinago/Abednego Saunders/Sanders was born between in 1785 and 1790 Guilford County, North Carolina, and died May 7, 1835 in New Burlington, Indiana. He married Amey/Amy Cook/Cooke August 11, 1807 in Wilkes County, N.C., daughter of Abraham Cook and Elizabeth Cass. She was born about 1785 in Guilford, Co., N.C., and died October 1869 in Jay County, Ind. Abedinago Sanders was buried in Reice Cemetery, Delaware Co., Ind. Amy Cook was buried in Pennville Cemetery, Jay Co., Ind. Children of Abedinago Sanders and Amy Cook:

1. Elizabeth Ann, b. May 27, 1847, Piqua, Delaware Co., Ohio; d. August 7, 1909, Bearcreek Township, Jay Co., Ind., m. John Mason Wheat.

2. Mary Ann, m. Joel Adams, June 5, 1850, Henry Co., Ind.

3. Wyatt, b. Greenville, S.C.; 1st wife, Piatt/Susan Tine; 2nd wife, Harriet Clemmens.

4. Jane/Janie, b. about 1809, Wilkes Co., N.C.; d. bef. 1890, 1st m. George Leaky, 2nd m. Davis Peter Pegg September 8, 1824.

5. Aaron, b. March 14, 1810, Guilford Co., N.C.; d. October 13, 1876; 1st m. Sarah Edmonson July 17, 1830 in Wayne Co., Ind.; 2nd m. Nancy Smullen December 20 1849 in Randolph Co., Ind.

6. Matilda, b. 1816, N.C.; d. aft 1850, Indiana., m. Francis Absolum Gravatt May 27, 1842 in Delaware Co., Ind.

7. Sarah Caroline, b. February 9,

1817, m. Joseph Sisk January 16 1840 in Randolph Co., Ind.

8. James, b. August 8, 1818, Rockcastle Co., Ky.; d. April 23, 1905, Hawleyville, Iowa, m. Phoebe Rector January 23, 1840 in Burlington, Delaware Co., Ind.

9. William "Billy", b. 1820, Rockcastle Co., Kentucky; m. Nellie ?, January 16, 1844, Randolph Co., Ind.

10. Margaret A., b. March 1, 1823, Rockcastle Co., Ky.; m. Matthew Gray, May 11, 1842, Randolph Co., Ind.

11. John Merrell, b. abt 1826, Wayne Co., Ind.; d. May 31, 1847, Vera Cruz, Mexico; m. ? Adams. John Merrell Sanders: Military Service: Co. F, 3rd. Regt, Infantry.

12. Orinda "Rinda", b. March 5, 1829, Jay Co., Ind.; d. February 14, 1891, Tamora, Seward Co., Neb., m. Charles Emerson January 10, 1846 in Henry Co., Ind.

13. Abedinago "Bedinago" Jr, b. 1836, Mt. Pleasant, Delaware Co., Ind.; d. January 28, 1863, Nashville, Tenn., m. Harriet Shank April 1, 1858 in Edgar, Ill.

Allison Saxman, 474 Bristlecone Pines Road, Sedona, AZ 86336, <alisax@commspeed.net>. I would like to connect with anyone that might be able to shed some light on this family of William (Benjamin?) Sanders and wife, Annye (or Anna), or with anyone who is descended from any of William/Benjamin Sanders' children, especially my T. Martin Sanders, who died on his way home from the Civil War.

In a book called *History of Monroe County, Mississippi* (published in 1988), I found a submitted family article that says Benjamin Sanders (b. 1784/5 N.C.) m. Annye (or Anna), b. Ga., and among their children was my great-great-great grandfather, T. Martin Sanders (between 1815 – 1823 Georgia), who was married to Anna Sanders (b. abt. 1832 Miss. – not known if related to Martin) on 16 July 1846 in Monroe Co., Miss. The article further states that the author located the Benjamin Sanders' family in the census records of Monroe Co., Miss. in 1850 and 1860 but the only entries in those two census years that "fit" are for a head of household named William Saunders, as follows:

1850 Monroe Co., Miss census:
Saunders, William 66, Miller, Va.
Saunders, Anna 63, N.C.
Saunders, Elizabeth 30, Tenn.

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Saunders, Thomas 22, Miss.
Saunders, George W. 9, Miss., (I'm not sure if George is their child or some other relation.)

1860 Monroe Co., Miss. census:
Saunders, William 75, Miller, N.C.
Saunders, Anie 73. Ga.
Saunders, Lucinda 19, Miss., (I think Lucinda may be their granddaughter by son James Y. Sanders.)

My theory is that the head of household might be named William Benjamin Sanders. Again, I would like to connect with anyone that might be able to shed some light on his family, or with anyone who is descended from any of his children, especially my T. Martin Sanders. I'm including a more complete list of William/Benjamin Sanders/Saunders' family below. I have tracked most of his descendants through census and other records and will be happy to share my sources with anyone wanting to exchange or compare information.

Children of William or Annye, or Benjamin Sanders and Anna

Soloman, b. 1810, Georgia, m. Sarah b. 1814, Tennessee

James Y., b. 1813, Georgia, m. Gabriella West, b. 1823, S.C. 27 Aug 1845, Monroe Co., Miss.

T. Martin, b. between 1815 and 1823, Ga., d. bef 1870, m. Anna May Sanders, (b. between 1832 and 1835 Miss., d. aft 1880) 16 Jul 1846, Monroe Co., Miss.

John, b. 1818, Tenn., m. Nancy C., b. 1820, Ala.

Ruben, b. 1821, Miss., m. Elizabeth West (b. 1821, S.C.), 17 Oct 1844, Monroe Co., Miss.

Robert, b. 1823, Miss., d. aft 1880 m. Louisa Catherine McPherson (b. 1822, S.C., d. aft 1880) m. 1 Jan 1848, Monroe Co., Miss.

Sallie, b. aft 1823, Miss.

Elizabeth, b. aft 1823, Miss. or Tenn.
Thomas, b. 1828.

Alvin Saunders Was First Governor of Nebraska

This material on Alvin Saunders was submitted by Susan Saunders, 4462 E. 1251 Rd. Trlr. 9, Eadville, IL 605 18, <susansaunders@msn.com>. For more detail on Alvin Saunders, see page I of the April 1998 issue of *Sanders Siftings*.

Alvin Saunders born July 12, 1817 in Fleming County, Ky. to Gunnell and Mary [Mauzy] Saunders. Sometime after 1829, Gunnell and Mary Saunders and their sons moved to Sangamon County, Illinois, where their oldest son Jonathon Robinson Saunders and his family had settled. At this time the family met Abraham Lincoln. Sometime later Gunnell and Mary followed their sons Presley and Alvin to Iowa (part of the Wisconsin Territory) where Presley Saunders laid out the town of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa

This was where Alvin Saunders learned the trade of store keeper and was postmaster in for seven years. He also tried his had at banking for a while. He had a common school education. He pursued law but never practiced law.

Alvin was elected as a member of the Iowa State Constitutional Convention in 1846. He was a member of the Iowa State Senate 1854-56 and 1858-60. He was appointed Governor of the Territory of Nebraska from 1861-1867 by Abraham Lincoln. The renewal of his appointment was signed by Mr. Lincoln on the night he went to Ford Theater and this was the last official paper signed by the President. Alvin also served as a U.S. Republican Senator from Nebraska from 1877-1883. He was appointed by Congress to be one of the Commissioners to organize the Pacific Railroad Co.

He and his wife Marthena Barlow had two children Charles and Mary Angeline. Governor Saunder's daughter Mary "May," married President Benjamin Harrison's son Russell.

Alvin Saunders died in Omaha, Neb. 1 Nov 1899 and is interned at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Dr. A. Graves, P. O. Box 918, Point Clear, AL 36564, <agraves45@hotmail.com> would like information on Epsy Sanders (21 Sep 1842 S.C.-21 Jun 1898 Barbour Co., Ala.). She was the third wife of Levi Dunn (m. 26 Jun 1855 Barbour Co., Ala.) ■

About This Issue

I still need good stories about Sanders or Saunders people. Send me a story or a lead for a story. Stories or articles from family histories, biographies from county histories, or obituaries (preferably older ones) would be great.

All queries on hand from subscribers have been used. I keep trusting that you, the readers, will keep sending me things. I especially need queries — *I need more queries from subscribers!*

There were several good articles for which I did not have room in this issue. That's the way I like it! Often a story is used because it is the "right length" for an open spot. I need more stories of various lengths, wills, your genealogy odyssey, old letters, great research ideas, 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 would send me your queries and other material via e-mail. Send it to me at <dschafe@uark.edu> or <dschafe@cox.net>. 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!*

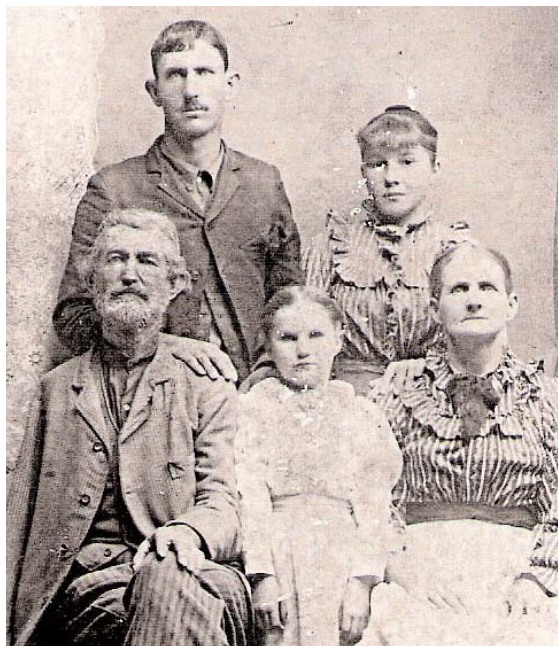
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Can You Help Find the Parents of Ephraim F. Sanders, Born in Taliaferro County, Georgia?



Front row: Ephraim Franklin Sanders (the one with no right arm), Augusta or Augusted Sanders, and Elizabeth Ann Ward Sanders. Back row: Thomas Franklin Sanders and Nora Elizabeth Chadwell Sanders. 1896 photo.

From Henry Sanders. P. O. Box 94056, Oklahoma City, OK 73143-4056, <hasgenealogy@netscape.net>. I have searched for Ephraim F. Sanders for more than six years and have no luck of finding his parents' names. I found one family tree under Rhonda Bailey Stanton but problem is that it said Ephraim F. Sanders was born in 1841 at Jones County, Ga. All I've heard is my father and other cousins said Ephraim (Efraim) was born in 1841 at Powelton or Poweltown, Taliaferro County, Ga. Ephraim was buried in Wanette Cemetery, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma on Nov 9, 1908.

He fought in Civil War with the Confederates and I have a picture of him to prove that he lost his right arm during the battle, which I have got that information. He moved to Texas possibly between 1865-1873 and he

may have married somewhere possibly in Milam County, Texas, between 1870-1873 to Elizabeth Ann (Ward, her maiden name) Brooks and she had two daughters before their marriage. Ephraim had five children through Elizabeth and their names are: Sarah E., b. 1874; Thomas F., b. 1875 (my great grandfather); Martha A.R., b. 1878; Theodocia Lavana, b. 1882; and Augusted, b. 1889. All of these children were born in Milam Co., Texas except Augusted and have no idea about where she was born. Does anyone out have the correct information? I would really appreciate for your help. Maybe Ephraim was born in Jones County instead of Taliaferro County... but I rather this to be more accurate instead of false report. Henry Sanders is a great-great-grandson of Ephraim F. Sanders. ■

Junior Thomas Needs Info About Jesse Saunders

Junior Thomas, P. O. Box 312, Pangburn, AR 72121, <jot72121@alltel.net>. I am searching for information on a Jesse Saunders who married Annis Yancy, on Oct 19 1765 in Granville Co., N.C. Jesse was the son of William Saunders and Elizabeth Hubbard and was born 21 June 1743 at Wicomico Parish, Lancaster Co., Va. Annis Yancy was born 1748 Hanover Co. Va., died abt 1787 Granville Co. N.C. Jesse and Annis were the parents of 11 children:

- 1) John; 2) William; 3) Yancey;
- 4) James Sanders of whom I am searching for info on. James was born 1772 at Granville Co., N.C. The genealogy data base that I am getting this from has James death 1810, Dob is abt right. My g-g-g-grandfather was a James Sanders who died in 1817.
- 5) Reuben; 6) Jesse; 7) Betsey; 8) Lewis; 9) Elizabeth; 10) Mary; and 11) Winifred.

If there is anybody that knows of this line of Sanders (Saunders), I will appreciate hearing from them. ■

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