Is A Coat-of Arms Important To Your Family History?

In July (1995) my wife and I took a 16-day tour of England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. We really did enjoy it. My wife really enjoyed not having to wait while I looked up family history in a library or court house or tramp with me through graveyards. No, I did not conduct any genealogical work while on that trip nor did I plan to do any. I did not know any specific people, places, or dates that would suggest things for me to do.

Well, maybe I did do a little genealogical work. Let’s just call it observations. First, I looked through telephone books in many hotels for surnames that I research. It is very unscientific research work, but for what it’s worth, there are many, many more Saunders than Sanders in England, Ireland, and Wales.

The second thing I observed was the marketing of coats-of arms and family histories. They had the very same stuff to sell over there as here in the states. It is still pretty, but pretty worthless.

At the expense of offending some of you who have included a coat-of arms in your family history, or who have one hanging on your wall—according to the National Genealogical Society there is likely no connection between the coats of arms purchased in shopping malls with the buyer’s family history.

Don Schaefer, editor

Benjamin Davis Sanders of Cross Creek, West Virginia, Was Millwright, Inventor

The following account of Benjamin Davis Sanders of Cross Creek Valley of what is now known as the chimney of West Virginia was sent to be more than a year ago. I have since lost the name of who sent it to me. If that person reads this, please let me know, and I will acknowledge in the next issue.

One of the most colorful figures of the Cross Creek Valley was Benjamin Davis Sanders. He was born in Culpepper, Virginia, in 1812, the son of Edward and Mary McCausland Sanders. Mary was the daughter of George and Catherine Kidd McCausland of Hanover Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania. His father, Edward Sanders, died in 1814, leaving not only little Benjamin aged two, but his older brother, George, aged five. After Edward’s death, Mary married a McCausland cousin of hers, but the story was that this step-father mistreated the Sanders boys, so were sent to the Kings Creek area near the Pennsylvania state line to live. This new home for them was probably that of their paternal grandparents, Benjamin and Nancy Ratcliff Sanders.

During his youth, Benjamin learned the trade of millwright, and in 1832 was sent to do some work on the Nathaniel Hunter mill on Cross Creek. At the sight of Nathaniel’s Mill in operation, Benjamin fell in love with it and vowed if he ever could, he was going to buy the Hunter mill and lands. He would move into the beautiful, rambling house that stood near the banks of the creek, and make it his own. This, he did, twenty-six years later, moving from Harmon Creek below to Cross Creek, on a cold, rainy, in 1858. Here, he and his wife, Martha Ryland Sanders, daughter of Fredus and Elizabeth Ewing Ryland, were to make their home for the rest of their lives—Benjamin for 26 years, and Martha for 46.

Davis Sanders was one of the most brilliant men ever to set foot in the Cross Creek Valley. He was a prolific inventor, having taken out some thirty patents to his credit. His most outstanding invention was for a grain cleaner, then called a “smut” machine. He made this machine and sold it to other mills through agents. For this invention, he was awarded a silver medal by The Society for the Advancement of Science. He traveled to many states, promoting this invention. Among them was Iowa, where his son, George McCausland Sanders was born. For use of his invention, he at one time received 1200 acres in Jasper County, Iowa. This transaction was the key to the fulfillment of his dream.

In 1858, he traded this land for 121 acres on Cross Creek which included the mill and surrounding lands of Nathaniel Hunter. The Hunter homestead, which for twenty-six years had been the house of his dreams, was contained in this bargain.

On his Cross Creek land, he drilled the first oil well in Brooke County. Drilling began March 22, 1861, using the old grist mill for power. Although no oil was struck, it held the interest of the neighboring farmers who formed the Cross Creek Oil Company on April 1, 1865. As many of these men were well known in the area, the list of those stockholders is printed here:

Sanders/Saunders Marriages Listed for State of Massachusetts, For Period of 1702 to 1751

Annie Boone-Call, 716 Winding Way, Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74006, <Marlin1869@cs.com> extracted the following Sanders/Saunders marriages in Massachusetts from 1702 to 1751. Let Annie know if you have questions or if you'd like her to do a look-up.

Source: A Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston 1700 - 1751 published 1898 by Boston Municipal Printing Office.

Sanders/Saunders Licenses returned to Boston unless noted.

1. - 1702, 29 May - Henry + Mary Ranford, by Mr. Benjamin Coleman
2. - 1706, 8 Jan - Edward + Elizabeth Davis, by Mr. Samuel Miles, Presn.
3. - 1707, 26 Jun - Samuel + Elizabeth MacCarry, by Coleman
4. - 1708, 7 Sep - William + Bridget Ladd, by Coleman
5. - 1709, 27 Oct - Robert + Mary Webster, by Rev. Ebenezer Pemberton, Presbyterian
6. - 1712, 20 Oct - Elizabeth + Nathaniel Blagrove, Rev. Dr. Cotton Mather, Presbyterian
7. - 1713, 23 Apr - Mary + John James, by Pemberton
8. - 1714, 5 Jul - Elizabeth + Robert Cross [Instrument reads: Peter] by Rev. Mr. Wadsworth, Presbyterian
9. - 1715, 20 Oct - Samuel + Rebecca Bill, by Rev. Mr. Thomas Cheever, Presbyterian
10. - 1718, 1 Jan - Robert [also reads Sanderson] + Anne Orne [Instrument reads: Orme], by Wadsworth
11. - 1719, 21 Jan - Rebecca + John Tenny, by Rev. Cheever, Presbyterian
12. - 1721, 25 May - Prudence + Joseph Dean, by Penn Townsend, Esq., J.P.
18. - 1726, 7 Dec - Sarah + John Bossell, by Mr. Samuel Checkley, Presn.
19. - 1727, 12 Oct - Peter + Mary Maston [Intentions only - not filed in Boston]
20. - 1728, 18 Sep - Sarah + Thomas Kissick, by Mr. Henry Harris, Presn.
22. - 1729, 5 Mar - Robert + Sarah Wadlin [Instrument reads: Wating], by Mr. Peter Thatcher, Presn.
24. - 1731, 15 Apr - Lidia + Thomas Stodd [Intentions only - not filed in Boston]
25. - 1731, 28 Aug - Robert of Boston + Hannah Abbot of Marblehead [Intentions only - not filed in Boston]
27. - 1734, 10 Oct - Elizabeth + Alexander McKay [Instrument reads: McKay], by The Rev. John Moorhead
28. - 1735, 7 Nov - Charles + Elizabeth Terr, King's Chapel, [1735, 24 Oct - Intentions, License, or Banns]
30. - 1736, 27 Apr - Elizabeth + Stephen Hall, by Sewall
31. - 1737, 25 Jul - Elizabeth + Joseph Clough, by The Rev. Elisha Calender
32. - 1738, 20 Nov - Anne + William Griffith [Intentions only - not filed in Boston]
33. - 1739, 30 Jun - Mary + William Long [Intentions only - not filed in Boston]
34. - 1746, 6 Feb - William + Ann Stocker, Trinity Church [Intentions: 1746, 21 Jan]
35. - 1746, 29 Dec - Edward + Elizabeth Druet [Intentions only - not filed in Boston]
36. - 1750, 26 Apr - Benjamin + Elizabeth Plumm, by Sewall
37. - 1751, 28 Nov - George + Anne Weymouth, by Rev. Andrew Elliott

The Ninth Sanders Reunion will be held in Cassville, Missouri, May 30, 2004. Write Mike Sanders, 8216 Juniper Lane, Prairie Village, KS 66208 or at <orson1995@aol.com> for details. Mike is a descendant of George Sanders of Jackson Co., Ala. through his son J. Peter Sanders who moved to Stone County, Missouri.

Mary Lu Sanders looking for info on Nahum Sanders

Mary Lu Sanders, 5203 Fieldbank Drive, Greensboro, NC 27455-1119, <kynicsanders@yahoo.com> is trying to find the parents and siblings of her Nahum Sanders (1740-1795). She has thought he and/or his parents may have come from Maryland since the Sapp family did and Nahum's daughter Elizabeth m. John Sapp. There is an Alabama connection, too. One of Nahum's sons, Benjamin who m. Mary "Polly" Naomi Gibson and they moved to St. Clair, Ala. before moving to Lincoln Co., Tenn. Nahum is first found in 1766 in Granville Co., N.C. He is listed on the 1769 Tar River District of Granville Co., N.C. The Tar River District is populated by "Quakers, Mannenites and Dunkers." We think Nahum may have been a preacher (or possibly the son of a preacher) since the inventory of his estate included a Bible, Testament, Hymnal, speller and sermon book. Nahum received a land grant in Surry Co., N.C. in 1782. Stokes Co., N.C. was formed from Surry and Nahum d. in Stokes Co. in 1795. Nahum and his wife had the following other children: Martha (m. James King and moved to Tenn.); Nancy (m. Thomas Medaris and moved to Clermont Co., Ohio); Arden (m. Elizabeth and moved to Hawkins Co., Tenn. and then to Jefferson Co., Tenn.); Merry Arthur (m. Nancy and moved to Hawkins Co., Tenn. and then to Clermont Co., Ohio); Richard (m. ?? and moved to McMinn Co., Tenn.); Jesse (m. Susanna Idol and moved to Hawkins Co., Tenn.). Any information or suggestions would be greatly appreciated. She will gladly share what information she has on this family.

Family Reunion, Sunday, July 11, 2004. Put the reunion on your calendar and plan to attend. It will be held at the Unitarian Church close to the Wesagusset Memorial Gardens on Sea Street, in North Weymouth, Mass. where the Weston Colonists, Captain (of the Swan) John Sanders, the second Governor, established the second colony in New England in 1622. Paul Sanders, originally of Kittery Point, Maine, is coordinating the reunion. He can be reached at 2680 169 Ave., S.E., Bellevue, WA 98008, or at <PaulFSande@aol.com>.
Benjamin Davis Sanders

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The original well was drilled to 900 feet but no oil was struck. After Benjamin's death, a new well was drilled to a depth of 1200 feet, a short distance from the original one. This was in 1908. After starting at 45 barrels in fifteen minutes, it dwindled to thirty barrels a day. Unfortunately, Benjamin's property was only on the edge of the great oil fields of Follansbee. However, it is believed by many, that if the equipment to drill deeper had been available in Benjamin's day, oil probably would have been struck, and the history of the Sanders family and the entire Cross Creek area drastically altered.

Had Benjamin refrained from being caught up in the politics of the time, life for him might have been a different story. The issues surrounding the Civil War were explosive ones, and Sanders allied himself with the southern sympathizers of the day, an act which nearly led to his own death and which culminated in the tragic loss of his eldest son, Edward. An account of this incident is reported to have been copied verbatim from the papers of his son, John Davis Sanders by John's son, Lyndon. It is reprinted below.

Having been reared in Virginia, Mr. Sanders was a firm believer in the Southern cause when circumstances were developing that led this nation into the Civil War. Although he was a law-abiding, homeloving, peaceful citizen, his strong tendencies and stout-hearted defense of the Old South left no doubt as to his position in the matter of slavery.

While there were many families among his neighbors who shared his views secretly, he stood out from the others because of his willingness to assert himself.

This led to the wide circulation of false rumors and idle gossip. These rumors gathered momentum until some scatter-brains advanced the story that Mr. Sanders had secured arms and ammunition and was laying carefully prepared plans to incite a riot in the Northern Panhandle of what is now West Virginia. It can readily be seen why this area was a veritable "hot-bed" since it is a narrow strip just a few miles wide bounded on the east by Pennsylvania and on the west by Ohio—both states being Northern territory. While his sons, of whom there were five, owned some sporting rifles, Mr. Sanders was not a military man, and to become involved in an undertaking of this type was far beyond his comprehension.

By the mid-summer of 1861 the North and South were warring vigorously. Although no major engagements were underway in Northern Virginia numerous pranks and petty vandalism on both sides were commonplace. In early August, officials at Camp Carlisle located at Wheeling, had been informed of Mr. Sanders' stand as a sesessionist and a potential forerunner of what is now known as the Bonus Army. In the spring of 1863, he started for home for a visit, but was ambushed and killed by Union soldiers. This, coupled with the death of the baby, Mary Margaret, in February of 1859 and of George at the age of seventeen the following August, was too much for Benjamin to bear. Always a staunch and faithful Christian, he gave up. He could no longer believe in a God who denied his fervent pleas on behalf of his beloved children. He renounced his faith and is said to have died a professed atheist. In life, he was a controversial figure. But after his death among his possessions were found unpaid notes where he had loaned money to his neighbors and friends and had not been reimbursed, to the tune of over $30,000—a giant sum for any day and age. He died twenty years before his beloved wife, Martha. They are buried side by side in the Olde Baptist Graveyard, a few hundred yards from his beloved Sanders Mill.

How About Abedinago Sanders, N.C.?

Tim Mattingly 3602 Columbus Ave. Anderson, IN 46013, <gtm.3@insightbb.com>. Just thought I would shake the genealogy tree and see if any new information was out there. "My" line starts with Abedinago Sanders (abt 1776-7 May 1835) born and raised in Guilford Co., N.C. area, married Amy Cook (abt 1789-Oct 1869) on 11 Aug 1802 in Wilkes Co., N.C. Their children were: Elizabeth (m. James Sisk), Mary Ann (m. Joel Adams), Wyatt (m. Susan___), Jane/Janie (m. George Leaky), Aaron (m. Sarah Edmonson and Nancy Smullen), Matilda(m. Francis A. Gravast), Sarah Caroline (m. Joseph Sisk), James (m. Phoebe Rector), William (m. Nellie____), Margaret A. (m. Matthew Gray), John Merrell (m. ____Adams), Orinda (m. Charles Emerson), and Abedinago Jr. (m. Harriet Shank). Around 1818 Abedinago and his family moved to Rockcastle Co., Ky. About 1825, he moved to Delaware Co., Ind. and some of his children went with him. I have a lot of info on this line of Sanders, but a lot of blanks. Any help? ■

West Virginia. When Mr. Stanton learned that his friend Ben Sanders was being held, an order was immediately issued that he be released with full restoration of his property.

However it was more than 2 months before this information reached the Secretary's office, and during this time Mr. Sanders was held captive.

While the release was promptly executed, none of the property confiscated was ever returned, although official efforts were made to locate it. Nor was any attempt made to reimburse this wrongly accused man for the embarrassments, humiliation and inconvenience he suffered.

The morning after the incident reported above, it is said that Edward, the eldest son, left home and joined the Confederate Army. In the spring of 1863, he started for home for a visit, but was ambushed and killed by Union soldiers. This, coupled with the death of the baby, Mary Margaret, in February of 1859 and of George at the age of seventeen the following August, was too much for Benjamin to bear. Always a staunch and faithful Christian, he gave up. He could no longer believe in a God who denied his fervent pleas on behalf of his beloved children. He renounced his faith and is said to have died a professed atheist. In life, he was a controversial figure. But after his death among his possessions were found unpaid notes where he had loaned money to his neighbors and friends and had not been reimbursed, to the tune of over $30,000—a giant sum for any day and age. He died twenty years before his beloved wife, Martha. They are buried side by side in the Olde Baptist Graveyard, a few hundred yards from his beloved Sanders Mill.
**Was William Sanders of Richmond County, Va. Married Twice?**

From Marsha Hamilton,
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**William Sanders** was born between (1710-20), in Richmond, Virginia and died on 1 Dec 1796. I have used the proof below that shows his wife “at the time of his death” was Mary Lewis.

William's son Almond P. Sanders is my ancestor....and I have been told his mother was Grace Almond....but I no proof of this marriage. Does anyone reading Sanders Sittings know if he was married to Grace Almond and also Mary Lewis?

“Will of William Sanders of Lunenburg Parish, Richmond County, Virginia is dated Sept 2, 1793 listed is wife, Mary Lewis Sanders, Children: William, John, Almond (my ancestor), 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: Jonathan Boyd and Christopher Collins. Is this George Sanders ... William's father? I can't find this proof.

More on my Almond P. Sanders, son of William. He was born abt 1760 in Fauquier Co., Va.; m. Martha Patsy Dye. b. abt 1770 in Richmond or Fauquier and d. 12 Jul 1822 buried in Perryville, Ky. She was the (daughter of Tapley Henson Dye and Haney Henson).

Almond P. Sanders and Martha Patsy Dye-Sanders' children were:

1. Mary Ann Sanders, b. 1 Jul 1788
2. Presley Sanders, b. abt 1787 m. Dulaney Blackwell and had 9 children
3. Nancy Sanders, m. Joshua Jones
4. Richard Sanders
5. Mahala Sanders
6. Susannah Sanders
7. Catherine Sanders

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**SANDERS/SAUNDERS INTERMARRIAGES IN NORTH CAROLINA**

Transcribed 1993, by Ed Sanders, 10 Choctaw Drive, Searcy AR 72143, <edsanders@cablelynx.com>
Groom Surname Bride FamName Married County St Bondsman Witness Code Bond Ref Source

Francis SANDERS/SAUNDERS 21 Aug 1801 Randolph NC Francis Steed Alexander Gray 081 01 240 000114231 NC Mrgs Fiche
John F. SANDERS/SAUNDERS 03 Jul 1821 Guilford NC Ahira Hunt John Hanner 046 06 238 0000595360 NC Mrgs Fiche
Francis SAUNDERS/SAUNDERS Ann VANN 01 Jun 1795 Gates NC John Vann Law Baker 041 01 162 000052212 NC Mrgs Fiche
Francis T. SAUNDERS/SAUNDERS Martha FLOYD 20 Nov 1832 Perquimans NC John R. Saunders John Wood 077 01 090 000105914 NC Mrgs Fiche
Richard SAUNDERS/SAUNDERS Cynthia PARKER 18 Mar 1850 Gates NC Henry Carter N. J. Riddick 041- 01-163 000052222 NC Mrgs Fiche
Alexander SAUNDERS/SAUNDERS Harriet SANDERS 16 Mar 1867 Johnston NC Henry x Sanders P. T. Massey 056 01 188 000069658 NC MrgsFiche Lancelot Johnston JP
Alves SANDERS/SAUNDERS Susan SANDERS 04 Nov 1856 Caswell NC William Apple Thos W. Graves 020 01 268 000171797 NC MrgsFiche
Baldy SANDERS/SAUNDERS Delia H. SANDERS 21 Mar 1822 Johnston NC John Eason ............ 056 01 188 000069655 NC Mrgs Fiche
Henderson SANDERS/SAUNDERS Lydia SANDERS 21 Apr 1866 Johnston NC Reubin Sanders P. T. Massey Clk 056 01 188 000069659 NC Mrgs Fiche
Hezekiah SANDERS/SAUNDERS Rebekah SANDERS 22 Jun 1799 Guilford NC John Ham ............ 046 02 387 000059362 NC Mrgs Fiche
James B. SANDERS/SAUNDERS Sarah B. SANDERS 30 Aug 1832 Franklin NC Willis Perry S. Patterson 039 02 152 000048824 NC MrgsFiche
Jesse SANDERS/SAUNDERS Omah SANDERS 13 Jan 1838 Guilford NC John C. Totten Paul A. Haralson 046 02 387 000171967 NC MrgsFiche William Sanders, Bond 2
Joseph SANDERS/SAUNDERS Martha SANDERS 03 Sep 1809 Randolph NC George Sanders B. Elliott 081 01 240 000114236 NC Mrgs Fiche
Leroy SANDERS/SAUNDERS Polly SANDERS 05 Sep 1832 Caswell NC John Somers Paul A. Haralson 020 01 268 000171983 NC Mrgs Fiche
Lynn B. SANDERS/SAUNDERS Polly Ann SANDERS 22 Nov 1843 Johnston NC Ashly Sanders ............ 056 01 188 000069656 NC Mrgs Fiche “Lynn B. of Virginia”
Ransom SANDERS/SAUNDERS Jemima J. SANDERS 27 Jul 1826 Johnston NC William McCullo .......... 056 01 189 000069666 NC Mrgs Fiche
Charles G. SANDERS/SAUNDERS Caroline SANDERS 20 Aug 1849 Guilford NC Jesse Benbow N. R. Sapp 046 02 388 000059362 NC MrgsFiche
Charles G. SANDERS/SAUNDERS Elizabth SANDERS 11 Mar 1837 Guilford NC Jesse Benbow W. W. Woodburn 046 02 387 000069361 NC Mrgs Fiche
Jim SANDERS/SAUNDERS Sylvia SANDERS 01 Jun 1867 Halifax NC Charles Hudson John T. Gregory 047 02 169 000064052 NC MrgsFiche Colored, by John R. Gary JP
Joseph SANDERS/SAUNDERS Meriam SANDERS 26 Sep 1794 Gates NC Henry x Saunders Law Baker 041 01 063 000052221 NC Mrgs Fiche
Thomas D. SANDERS/SAUNDERS Mary E. SANDERS 03 Jan 1866 Perquimans NC Jos R. Wood Clk 077 01 091 000105919 NC Mrgs Fiche Nathan Toms JP

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Geraldine Sanders Smith, 2724 S. Lindbergh, St. Louis, MO 63131-4825 says her descent is through Lemuel Saunders and wife, Martha, in old Tryon Co., N.C.
Joy Durrett Is Looking For Parents of Abner Sanders, Born About 1810 in Virginia

Joy Durrett, 814 Grant Ave., Medford, Oregon 97501-3406, <joydurrett@yahoo.com>. I don't know who Abner's parents are. Would love to find his parents. Abner Sanders born 1810 Virginia died aft 1841 Gasconade, Osage Co., Missouri married on 7 Aug 1828 in Franklin Co., Virginia Polly Gilbert born abt 1811. Their children:

1. William Harrison, b. 15 May 1831 Osage Co., Virginia m. Elizabeth Ann Quick
2. Jesse J., b. abt 1833 m. 31 May 1855 Sally (Sally Ann) Quick (sister of Elizabeth Ann Quick
3. Abner, b. abt 1838 m. 14 Oct 1858 Osage Co., Mo. Mrs. Jane Quick (don't know her maiden name)
4. Mary A., m. on 21 April 1858 Carl Henry Hubler. Child: James Benton Sanders, b. 25 Nov 1852

Children of William Harrison Sanders (1 above) and Elizabeth Ann Quick:
1. James Benton, b. 25 Nov 1852
2. Mary Elizabeth, b. 27 Aug 1854
3. Rachel Ann, m. on 18 Jul 1872 Dallas Co., Texas Orville Harrison Wilson. Children: Sarah Elizabeth, b. 10 Jul 1873; W. Thomas, b. 2 May 1875; Matilda Ellen, b. 27 Sept 1876; Rosa Josephine, b. 11 Feb 1879; Charles H., b. 29 Mar 1881; George James, b. 28 Aug 1883; Florence Fura, b. 30 Dec 1885; Laura, b. 21 Feb 1881; Nora, b. 3 Jan 1891; Welsey, b. 23 May 1892; Irene, b. 2 Mar 1895; Hugh, b. 22 Jan 1898.
4. William Q., b. 3 Jan 1858; m. Mary L. Bryant. Child: William H., b. abt 1885
5. Abner B., b. 25 Nov 1859; m. Louvenia Southward. Child: Elizabeth Ann, b. 6 Nov 1882
6. George McFarland, b. 16 Dec 1881; m. Mary Etta Durrett. Children: Olley Mae, b. 22 Nov 1891; Corley Verlene, b. 2 Dec 1892; Charles A., b. 18 Oct 1897
7. Francis J. J., b. 24 Jan 1864 married 18 Dec 1881 Thomas Anderson
8. John W. (Henry), b. 15 Feb 1866; m. 8 Sept 1877 Leland Elmer Elder. Children: William Hinton, b. 21 Jul 1888; Mammie Gertrude, b. 9 Nov 1889; Morgan C., b. 14 Jan 1891; Myrtle Elmer, b. 11 Jul 1893; John Raymond, b. 8 May 1894; Jewel Elder, b. 23 May 1896; Zillian Victoria, b. 23 Sept 1898;

James H., b. 1 Aug 1900; Jasper Howard, b. 14 Dec 1901; Rosamond, b. 28 Feb 1904; Clyde Foy, b. 4 Jan 1909
9. Martha Nancy, b. 25 Feb 1864; m. Henry Stone. Children: Mary E., b. Oct 1889; William Franklin, b. 28 Nov 1893; Luther Sidney, b. 10 Sept 1896; Myra Mae, b. 13 Apr 1902; Lula Frances, b. 10 Nov 1903; Henrietta, b. abt 1909.
10. Sarah Lucinda, m. James Augustus Welch
11. Fredrick Orville, b. 28 May 1875
12. Cora Missouri Ellen, b. 23 Jun 1877; m. Charles Albert (Charlie) Durrett (sister of Mary Etta Durrett). Children of Cora Missouri Ellen Sanders and Charles (Charlie) Albert Durrett: Eva Gertrude, b. 19 Oct 1893, died in infancy; William Thomas (Tommy, WT), b. 9 Sept 1894 Dallas Co., Texas; m. Jane (Jane) Fletcher (my husband's line): Rosa Mae, b. 10 Aug 1897 Weatherford, Parker Co., Texas; Nettie Frances, b. 29 Mar 1900, died in infancy; Golda Lea, b. 28 Nov 1901 Weatherford, Parker Co., Texas; George Maxie, b. 15 Feb 1904, died in infancy; Walter Edward, b. 29 Jan 1906; Mary Victoria (Marie, b. 19 Nov 1908; Ruby Caroline, b. 14 Sep 1910; James Milton (Buster), b. 6 Mar 1913; Walter Edward, b. 29 Jan 1906; George (Little George), b. 5 Aug 1914, died in infancy; Flora Ellen (Flo), b. 25 Jul 1915; Nellie Evolyn (Evelyn), b. 8 Feb 1918.

From Fred E. Rowe, 2507 Lakeview Drive, Decatur, AL 35601, <frowe@hnt.wylelabs.com>. I am looking for details on Oliver Perry Sanders and family. Oliver Perry Sanders, son of William Sanders and Sarah Fox, was born abt 1835 in Limestone Co., Ala. He married (2) Josephine Fletcher abt 1850 in Grenada, Miss. During a yellow fever epidemic in Grenada, Miss., Oliver, Josephine and dau Monnie died and were buried all the same day. The surviving daughters, Clara and Josephine (aged between 5-10 yrs?) were adopted by Alva Elgin and Carolyn Fletcher Ashford (Josephine Fletcher's sister and aunt of Clara and Josephine Sanders). A. E. Ashford is my g-g-granduncle. (I have very good sources after the adoption, but precious few before).
ASSORTED QUERIES...

From Duane McKenzie, 421 N. Morningside Ave., Litchfield, MN 55355-2335 <dmckenzie@hutchtel.net>. I am always interested in any information on Thomas Sanders/Saunders born around 1737 in Louisa Co., Va.; married on 19 Sep 1792 in Washington Co., Va. to Nancy Anna Spitzer/Spidler/ Spiller, and Thomas Sanders/Saunders died in Scott Co., Va. on 3 Jul 1833. I would appreciate any information on this Sanders/Saunders family very much. Thomas Sanders/Saunders’ daughter Ann married my g-g-g-grandfather David Jesse McKenzie on 21 Feb 1836 in Scott Co., Va. and she was born around 1818 in Scott Co., Va. and she died after 1870 in Johnson Co., Ky. Ann may have been a daughter of Thomas Sanders’ son John Sanders/ Saunders and his wife Rachel Estep.

From Pat Herron, 155 South Fairbanks Ave., Sanger, CA 93657-9403 <Meadowlflower@prodigy.net>. John Sanders was born about 1795 possibly in Laurens Co., North Carolina. He married Abigail Robbins (abt 1795) who was possibly born in Wilkes Co., N.C. on 28 Dec 1811 in Franklin Co., Ga. The family then moved to Tishomingo Co., Miss. Census records show the family there in 1850 so I can only find actual records starting in 1850. The children were John Sanders 1803 (who is not showing on the census in Mississippi), James Marion Sanders 1809, Louisa Jane Sanders 1822 (she married Joseph P. Carter and is shown also on the 1850 census), Josiah Hardin Sanders abt 1832 (our ancestor), Wesley Sanders, abt 1835, Mary abt 1839, Moses about 1839 and Simeon or Simon about 1841. I would love to find some information on either John’s or Abigail’s family or parents.

From Shirley Shewmake Manning, P.O. Box 609, Minden, LA 71052 <mtsig@alltel.net>, <http://www.mtsig.com>. My husband’s ancestor is John T. Sanders who married Celia Orrick, daughter of William and Celia Strickland Orrick—all from Alabama, who came to Arkansas in Pike & Clark Counties. William Marion Sanders, his grandfather and son of John T. and Celia, was born in Pike County in Oct 1841. There are several other children, and the boys enlisted in the Civil War in 1862 at Crawford County—there were some Orricks living there and we suspect they were up there working or visiting and enlisted. John T. Sanders went from Alabama to Texas and joined the Republic where he obtained land in 1839, married Celia in Harrison Co., Tex in 1840, on the way to Arkansas. The family later moved to Texas and then when William Marion wanted to draw his pension, Arkansas was giving them out before most other states, so he moved to Montgomery County, Ark., which is where we are. The family went to Oklahoma to pick cotton, and William said in a newspaper interview in his later years that he spent some time in Indian Territory during the war.

Linda Cary, 3528 Waverly Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22407, <lindacary@hotmail.com> is looking for information on David Ell Sanders, son of William Sanders and Mary Jones. I do not have any proven parentage on William; Mary (born 1846 in Ohio) to Isaac Jones and Elizabeth Williams. David was born 1 May 1861, either Tipton Co., Ind. or Carroll Co., Mo. Found David only in 1880 Carroll Co., Mo. and 1900 Pierce Co., Wis. census. Mary, David’s mother married at least 4 times: 1) William Sanders, 2) Cox, 3) Daniel E. Atwood, 4) Henry Ayers. Any information would be greatly appreciated.

Wayne Hendon, 812 Gageway Drive, Mesquite, TX 75150-4335, <wheldon@comcast.net> I am seeking info on Hiram Sanders, b c1800, who married Rebecca McDonald c1818 probably in Tennessee. Children: Mary Ann, Archibald McDonald, Moses Ezekiel, Cornelius, Finas Ewen, Lucinda Catherine, and Elizabeth Jane. My direct ancestor is Archibald McDonald Sanders (1822-1896), born in Ala. who married five times: Harriet Green in 1843 (Ill.), Nancy M. Thornton in 1850 (III.), William George in 1852 (Texas), Malinda Jane McIntire in 1858 (Texas); and Rachel Bassfield Meek in 1871 (Ark.). At least ten children resulted from all this activity. If you have info about any of the above Sanders, I’d love to compare notes!

From Becky Ferguson, P.O. Box 37, 411 W. Trinity, Madisonville, TX 77864, <fergyville@sbcglobal.net>. I am looking for info on and about William Rufus Sanders family. He was born 31 Aug 1889 in Moore Co., N.C. and died 30 Jan 1961 in Moore Co., N.C. He is buried in Ræford Cem. He married a Bertie Holt in 1914. She was born 11 Dec 1891 and died 29 Dec 1945. She is also buried in Ræford Cem. in Hoke Co., N.C. They had seven children: Bertha Faye, Easter, Howard, Paul, Luke, Albert, and Maggie. William’s dad was an Archie Dan Sanders, b. 25 Sept 1864, died in 1958. He married Maggie H. Brown and they had 14 children: William, Isham, Mattiel, Flossie, Archie Vance, Ollie C., Annie, Junie C., Bessie & Gracie, Maggie M., Nancie, Ethel, and Carlson C.

Glenda Bennett Doughman, 607 Shasta Ave., Yreka, CA 96097, <gdoughman@sbcglobal.net>. I am trying to find out more about the family listed below. I have them in the Murray Co., Georgia 1850 census and then in the 1870 census for Calhoun, Gordon Co., Ga. without the father. Any leads would be much appreciated.

Adam Sanders, b. abt 1903 in N.C. Mary (unknown), b. abt 1817 in N.C. George S., b. abt 1836 in N.C. Elvira, b. abt 1837 in N.C. Benjamin F., b. abt 1840 in N.C. Wesley Green, b. 18 Apr 1844 in N.C., d. 1 Apr 1923 in Calhoun, Gordon Co., Ga., m. China Lucinda Bowman 29 Jan 1871 in Calhoun, Gordon Co., Ga. (my line) Jacob C., b. abt 1847 in Georgia Sarah A., b. abt 1852 in Georgia Minnie, b. abt 1861 in Georgia or maybe Tennessee.

There could be more children that I do not have. If anyone recognizes any of this family I would like to correspond with you and exchange info.

Sherri Meredith, 8809 Wakefield Dr., Machesney Park, IL 61115, <Shermeredi@cs.com>. I am researching my Sanders line from Edmonson Co., Kentucky. I have far back as my ggggrandparents, but would like more information on them. My great-grandparents were Jeff Sanders and Mary Meredith. Jeff’s parents were Rev. Elias Bolen Sanders and Laura Jane Gill. Eli’s parents were Harlan Sanders and
Mario Is Seeking Parents of Reubin P. Sanders
Born About 1794 in North Carolina

Mario Perrino, 2941 Country Woods Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45248-5058, <mperrino@cinci.rr.com>. I'm seeking the names of the parents of Reubin P. Sanders. Reubin P. Sanders was born about 1794 in North Carolina. He married Sarah Foster (?). She was born about 1797 in South Carolina. He was listed in the census records of 1830, 1840, and 1850 Lowndes Co., Miss. In 1840, Reubin was listed with 1 male 0-4 yrs (Elijah D.), 1 male 30-39 yrs, 1 male 40-49 yrs (Reubin P.); 1 female 10-14 yrs (Elizabeth), and 1 female 40-49 yrs (Sarah). In 1850, Reubin, age 56, was listed with wife Sarah, age 53, and son Elijah D., age 18, who apparently went by the name Daniel. Listed in the household next to Reubin was George W. Sanders, who was very likely, his son. Listed with George, a wagon maker by occupation, were his wife, Jane age 37, daughter Nancy E., and son, John W. Reubin was not listed in 1860 census, because he probably died in 1859. A copy of his will, dated 24 Feb 1859, probated in Pontotoc County, Miss., bequeathed his estate to his wife Sarah, son George W., daughter Elizabeth and son Elijah D. He also willed his grandson, Richard L. Merchant, fifty dollars. In the will, Reubin also appoints his brother, Elijah B. Sanders, his brother-in-law, William M. Foster and his nephew, Martin S. Sanders, to be executors of his estate. On 11 Feb 1860, Elijah B. was also a witness attesting to the will of Reubin's wife Sarah, who died 8 Feb 1860 in Pontotoc County, Mississippi.

Children of Reubin P. Sanders and Sarah Foster (?):

1. George W. Sanders was born about 1812 in Tenn. He married Jane who was born about 1813 in S.C. Children of George W. Sanders and Jane are:
   - Nancy E. was born about 1837 in Mississippi.
   - John W. was born about 1842 in Mississippi.
2. Elizabeth Sanders was born about 1829 in Tenn. She married James W. Merchant. He was born about 1829 in S.C. The family is listed in the 1880 census for Lee Co., Miss. Children of Elizabeth Sanders and James W. Merchant are:
   - Richard L. was born before February 1859.
   - James M. was born about 1860 in Mississippi.
   - Hasentine (daughter) was born about 1866 in Mississippi.
   - Carroll L. was born about 1869 in Mississippi.
   - Ada was born about 1872 in Mississippi.
   - George was born about 1874 in Mississippi.
   - Henrietta was born about 1876 in Mississippi.
   - Mollie was born about 1879 in Mississippi.
3. Elijah Daniel Sanders was born about 1832 in Mississippi.

In addition to his son Elijah, Reubin also had a brother named Elihu Sanders who was born about 1787 in Chatham Co., N.C. and died between 1851–1860 in Hot Springs, Ark. Other brothers may have been Elisha and George W. Sanders.

From Margie Wellwood, P. O. Box 11514, Cincinnati, OH 45211, <DWellwood@aol.com>. Edward Saunders (1625-1672) married Mary Webb Hudnall, son Ebenezer Saunders (1661-1693) married Elizabeth Presley, son Edward Saunders (1686-?) married Winnifred Presley, son William Thomas Saunders (1718-1779) married Elizabeth Hubbard, son Joseph Saunders (1757-?) married Margaret Shackelford, daughter Margaret Saunders

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 not many 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 <dschaefe@uark.edu> or <dschaefe@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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Do You Have Some Ancestors in This Sanders Cemetery in Carteret County, North Carolina?

Submitted by Marsha Hamilton, 190 Hamilton Road, Campbellville, KY 42718, <mshamilton@kih.net>.

SANDERS CEMETERY, Ocean, Carteret Co., N.C. I have no known connection with this line of Sanders but thought it might help others.

Going northeast on Highway 24, cemetery is on the right side of the road, between the towns of Broad Creek and Bogue. Cemetery sits in a field between Highway 24 and Cedar Key property. Visible from Hwy 24.

It is well tended and in good condition. Last burial was in 1939, probably not accepting any new burials. I read the cemetery 11 Jul 2003. It includes info from all existing tombstones. - Patricia Rock
Conaway, William Anderson, b. 12/27/1852, d. 1/29/1914
Higgins, Narcie, b. 1840, d. 1921
Hill, Henrietta Sanders, b. 10/22/1857, d. 10/29/1883, Wife of M.A. Hill, Daughter of E.W. and B.A. Sanders
Koonce, David S., b. 4/30/1854, d. 5/24/1924
Sanders, Albert Lee, b. 11/19/1864, d. 10/27/1869, Son of Eli W. and B.S. Sanders
Sanders, Belinda A., b. 5/15/1823, d. 4/21/1898, Wife of E.W. Sanders.

Looking For Information On John Swdden Sanders of Va.

Harold Gosnell, P.O. Box 233, New Llano, LA 71461, <gosnell36@bellsouth.net>. George Washington Sanders, b. abt. 1815 in Long Fall Creek, Edmonson Co., Ky. Father: John Swdden Sanders, b. 1776 in Clinch River, Va. Mother: Martha Dougherty, b. 1782 in Pa.

Marriage 1) Polinah Pace, b. in Edmonson Co., Ky., m. 2 Feb 1837

Children:
1. Edward Pace Sanders, b. 21 Jan 1838 in Edmonson Co., Ky.
2. Minerva Sanders, b. 27 Apr 1841
3. David Crockett Sanders b. 27 Jan 1842 in Barren County
5. Martha D. Sanders, b. 1849 in Edmonson Co., Ky.

Marriage 2) Manicia Demonebreun Fleming Farrell, b. 1818 in Tenn.; m. 28 Oct 1851. Children:
7. Elizabeth P. Sanders, b. 16 Jun 1854 in Glasgow, Barren Co., Ky.
9. Sarah S. Sanders, b. 1858 in Barren Co., Ky.; m. 3/29/1864

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