

Letter from Sylvie Escat Saunders (Mrs. G.A. Saunders)
to a Davis family descendant, February 2, 1918

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Sylvie Escat Saunders (1883-1963) was the wife of George Allen Saunders, a grandson of Thomas Bailey Saunders. She became very interested in her husband's genealogy after her marriage with her starting point being the letter Thomas Bailey Saunders had written in the 1890s to his nephew Elkanah Shuford Saunders of North Carolina. Sylvie spent many years contacting other Saunders descendants from North Carolina to Texas, hoping to piece together the remaining scattered fragments of family tradition.

Among the people with whom Sylvie corresponded were the following:

Alfred Head Mashburn Sanders of Jackson County, Alabama, a son of Benjamin, grandson of Isaac Saunders. "Uncle Mash," as he was called, couldn't read or write, so he must have dictated the return letter to someone else who did the actual writing.

John Duff Sanders of Morton, Texas, son of Harris Sanders, son of Nimrod Saunders, son of William Aaron Saunders.

Elkanah Shuford Saunders of Cumberland County, North Carolina, a son of Henry, son of Jacob, son of Isaac Saunders.

Nathaniel Powell Sanders of Jackson County, Alabama, a son of Benjamin, son of John G., son of Joseph Sanders who married Deborah, daughter of Jacob Saunders, son of Isaac Saunders.

Phebe Emaline Sanders Kingery of Alhambra, Illinois, a daughter of Deborah, daughter of Jacob Saunders, son of Isaac.

The following letter summarizing her research was written in 1918 by Sylvie Saunders and sent to a Davis descendant of Tabitha Sanders, the daughter of Nimrod Saunders, son of William Aaron Saunders. Years later the letter was found in the Davis Family Bible, where it had probably been placed by the original recipient of the letter. Jerry Wynn, a Davis descendant, distributed the letter to other researchers, and Don Schaefer, editor of *Sanders Siftings*, sent me a photocopy which I have converted to a PDF in order to provide an online facsimile of the original. Notice that although Sylvie Saunders' penmanship is excellent, she rarely uses punctuation, causing some difficulty in interpreting exactly what she means to say.

--Gary Sanders
August 2009

Arion brothers were

Isaac the first man who build
on cross creek near
Taylorsville N.C.

Moses a Baptist preacher
1 sister a Mrs Hamilton

What we know of.

Arion and Joan Bailey Saunders married in Va
Arion was a Capt in the American revolution and killed.

Their children what we know of.

Sallie Sanders married Pleasant Callicutt at N.C.
Luke Saunders " Agnes Callicutt at N.C.
1 Nimrod Sanders " Elizabeth Ricketts at N.C.

Stephen we know nothing of.

Nimrod and Elizabeth children

Sarah Sanders	born	Dec 21st 1803.	
Tintha	"	July 21st 1806.	died Jan 15th 1892
Nathan H. C.	"	May 27 1808.	died June 23. 1832.
Arion Sanders	"	May 4 - 1810	died 1862.
Stephen	"	Mar 28 - 1812.	
Polly and Betty	"	Feb 28 - 1814	
Thomas	"	Oct 9 - 1816	
a son	"	" " 1818.	
Journa	"	July 8 - 1820	- 1819.
Jackson	"	Aug 21 - 1822	Sept 21 - 1892
Harris	"	Mar - 7 - 1824	Feb 21 - 1917.
Luke	"	Aug - 30 - 1826	died April 10 - 1893
Agnes	"	June 3 - 1828	died in 1900.
Allen	"	Nov - 11 - 1829.	

Susan C. Sanders born Aug 15 - 1854

William Mc Huffey Sanders " Mar 27 1858

Don't know who those 2 are but think William Luke son
who died young.

Sarah married Moore Graves
Ditha " William Graves brothers

Nathan H. C. unmarried

Caron unmarried

Stephen (m) first Hixey Simmons (II) Amy Moore

Pally married Louis Cranford.

trims Polly (m) Henry Saunders second cousin

Thomas ^{our grandfather} (m) Emily Elizabeth Harper

Joanna (m) Elias Hooper

Jackson (m) Martha Bruner (II) Frances Ingale

Harris (m) Teresa Turner, (II) Emerline Crump.

Luke (m) Mary Bruner sister to Martha.

Agnes (m) Jacob Hooper brother to Elias,

Allen (m) Frances Gibson or Gipsom.

I found children of all it Sarah
and Allen

Nimrod was 9 years at the close of the
American revolution Nimrod was known in
N. Carolina as Honest Ned was honest in his
measure at his grist mill he left N. C. in
1837. and near all left a few years later
according to letters in my possession.

Copied Feb 2. 1918. by

Mrs. G. C. Saunders.

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(return this)
H. C. M.