

Material for
Sanders Family
file

105 Wineberry Drive
Winchester, Virginia
22603-4251
12 February 2000

Dear Matt,

I really enjoyed reading about your trip back to Grundy County, Tennessee, to look for your family and family roots. I wanted to help you so had my brother look your name up in a phone book and I wrote you a note on 1st February. Was not sure that was the right Matt Sanders--St. Louis is a mighty big place. But today I got a letter from Mrs. Dawn Brothers, editor of the Grundy Herald, giving me your address and it was the same as the one I had used on my small letter. So I know I have the right man!

I was born in Grundy County 85 years ago. Lived there the first 27 years and have kept up with folks there, pretty well ever since then. I help the Historical Society with the magazine they put out. The first one I did was working up small family histories on everyone in the county in 1850. Now I am doing the same thing with the folks there in the 1880 census. Its lots of work but makes it fairly easy for me to work up family histories for anyone as long as their families stayed in Grundy County. Yours stayed there all the time back to 1850. At least, this is how I figure your family went. Of course, I may be wrong. You thought Solomon was one of your ancestors and I don't agree with that. So we'll have to talk about that part. I do most of my work with the US census records and this is how your family looks to me.

In the 1920 census of Grundy County, I found Matt Sanders, 33 years old with wife, Mary, 28 years old, and son Ralph who was born the same month as the census taker came to their house. That would be in the summer of 1920--maybe June, July or August. The story in the Herald said Ralph is 80 now and your father was named Matt, so this surely is your family. Here is the marriage of Matt Sanders to Mary Meeks, 20 Dec 1918.

If Matt was 33 years old in 1920, he would be about 23 in 1910. So I went looking for a family with a son named Matt, 23 years old in 1910. Maybe its easier for you to see if I write them in this order:

1910 Wheeler Sanders, 48 yrs old
Nancy, wife, 46 yrs old
Mat, son, 23 yrs old
Crafford, 19
Rosebur, 18
Theodore, 16
Ralph, 15
Grover, 14
Alice, 8
John, 6
Earl, 3

Wheeler and Nancy are your grandparents.
And there is a Ralph for your half-brother
to be named after. He would be his uncle.

1900 Wheeler, 33
Nancy, 26
Martha, 14
Jordan, 12
Annie, 9
Crawford, 8
Rosebur, 6
Theodore, 4
Ralph, 2
Grover, 1 month

Ages vary a lot in census records so we don't let that bother us as long as we can tell its the same family. The name Jordan is important here because as we go back farther, we can see that this boy was named after his grandfather, Wheeler's father. In this census, Matt, your father, should have been around 13 yrs old... where is he? Did your father use the middle initial J? Was his name really Matt Jordan Sanders? Maybe Mathew Jordan Sanders? I think the Jordan, 12 yrs old here, is your father.

1880 Jourden Sanders, 67 yrs old
Julia, 65
Crawford, 20
Dorcas, 18
Wheeler, 13

There is no 1890 census so we have to jump 20 years to 1880 and here is your great grandfather, Jordan, with a son named Wheeler and he is your grandfather. And Wheeler has a brother Crawford and so he names a son after him.

1870 Jordan, 56
Julia, 47
Hester, 20
Harris, 16
Crawford, 12
Dorcas, 8
Wheeler, 5

1860 Jordan, 46
Julia, 36
Matthew, 21
Catherine, 17
Jackson, 15
Henderson, 13
Giles H., 10
Alzada, 8
Harrison, 6
Crawford, 3
Mary, mother, 85

So here we have the name Matthew !! And the name of Jordan's mother. This Matthew had wife named Hannah and daughters named Alsada and Julia, after his mother and his sister.

1850 Jourden, 36
Julia, 31
Matthew, 11
Catherine, 8
Jackson, 5
Henderson, 2
Hayton, 5 months
Mary, mother, 80

I hope you'll tell me why you think Solomon might be your ancestor. I find him only one time in Grundy County censuses. In 1860, he seems to live next door to Jordan. And he's 10 years younger than Jordan, so maybe they were brothers. Solomon's children had names like James, Nancy, Elizabeth, George, John, and William, none of the names in Jordan's line.

Ralph's mother was Mary Meeks. What was your mother's name? Were you born in Grundy County? I looked Fork Ridge up in the map and its in Claiborne County, up in northeaster Tennessee.

Well, Matt, I guess I have overwhelmed you with all this family stuff!!! Take your time and go over it again and again. This is 70 years of your family and goes up to time of Ralph's birth. I'll be glad to explain any of it that I can. I hope you'll write and let me know what you think of it.

Sincerely,

Dola

Mrs. Dola S. Tylor

Coke Oven Rd. in Coalmont Sunday. The sheriff's department confiscated the vehicle and seized the meth lab.

Brothers Meet for First Time

By DAWN J. BROTHERS

For more than 70 years, Matt Sanders, 73, lived in St. Louis, Missouri, totally unaware of the fact that he had a brother living in Tennessee.

All of that changed when Matt Sanders traveled to Grundy County in August of last year.

He hoped to find information about his father, Matt Sanders, and his father's family.

He found much more than that.

Having information that he was related to the late Solomon Sanders, Matt soon found relatives in Grundy County. It was as simple as walking into a grocery store in Palmer and telling the owner his name. He was also astounded but extremely pleased to learn that he had a brother, Ralph Sanders, age 80, living in Red Bank, Tenn.

The two men were totally unaware of the other's existence until that cherished day last year.

Now, they know that Solomon Sanders is buried in a small family cemetery in

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BROTHERS TOGETHER

Matt Sanders, 73, left, of St. Louis, Missouri, came to Grundy County in August searching for his father's relatives. He was more than pleased to find a brother, Ralph Sanders, 80, right, who lives near Red Bank.

Staff photo by Dawn J. Brothers

Lorena Hamby Kymer, president of the Skymont County near Altamont, has announced her candidacy for the Assessor of property March 14 primary.

"If elected, I will bring office approximately eight of bookkeeping and software experience, including computer courses and preparation course. I being elected assessor a great experience for me enjoy accounting and with figures. I will treat one who enters the office daily and be a voice for County," the candidate said.

"I will employ the most able person to assist me in the public. I look forward to meeting and getting to know citizens of Grundy County," she said.

The candidate is a daughter of Pelham and is married to Rymer, son of Kenneth Alvada Rymer of Skymont. She is a daughter of Helene Lorena Hamby of Pelham.

Grundy County Retains T...

While discussing the Grundy County EMS, Don Hu... the director, expressed gratitude for the community that has been shown assistance in getting the building at Coalmont.

According to Hu... Grundy County EMS...

Court Sentences Six

Circuit Court Judge Buddy D. Perry sentenced eight defendants January 12.

Whitney Dunwoody pled guilty to unlawful drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to

11 months, 29 days probation. He was also fined \$250. Other counts against him were retired.

Bee Hampton entered a plea of guilty to a charge of passing a worthless instrument. She was ordered to make restitution to the victim in the amount of \$400 and to pay court costs.

Michael T. Rollins pled guilty to two counts of felonious possession of drug paraphernalia. He was placed on probation for one year in each case and ordered to pay a \$500 fine on each count.

Jacky Layne entered a guilty plea to aggravated burglary. He was sentenced to four years probation and ordered to pay court costs. He was also ordered to pay restitution to the victim of an amount not yet determined. A second count was retired.

Anthony M. Meeks pled guilty to criminal attempt to manufacture methamphetamine. He was ordered to serve two years probation and to pay a \$1000 fine. He was also ordered to work 100 hours of unpaid community services.

Harvey Nolan pled guilty to burglary of a motor vehicle and criminal attempt to manufacture methamphetamine. He was sentenced to four years in the Community Corrections Program and fined \$2000. He was also ordered to work 100 hours of unpaid community service.

Brothers

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Pelham. On a return visit to the area last week, Matt and Ralph were busy filling in the gaps in their mutual family history and making up for lost time.

"Our father Matt Sanders was killed in a mining accident in Fork Ridge, Tenn. He apparently went to Fork Ridge to work after I was born and he and my mother separated. He was killed, of course, and never came back. We didn't know for sure what happened to him." Ralph said.

The best the brothers can piece together, Matt, Sr., remarried and died just before his son, Matt, was born. Following the senior Matt's death, Matt's mother packed up her baby son and returned to St. Louis where she had family members. Matt grew up there and waited until last year to search for his paternal relatives.

The brothers, together at last, are still searching for their family roots.

EMS

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include only 1 Paramedic and 1 EMT-IV, Grundy County is far ahead of many other services in the state.

"Dr. Matthew Petrilla has been very instrumental to our success," says Hutcheson. "He has stood by us with strong medical control and strict standing orders that allow us to perform necessary interventions in the field.

"Our standing orders and degree of professionalism make our service superior to other services around us," he con-

Benefit Slated for Perry Family

Several months ago, Von Perry was in an accident and wound up at Erlanger Hospital. He was in critical care until recently, when he was finally allowed to come home.

Now, he needs to travel back to Erlanger for checkups.

His daughter, DesiRay, has just been diagnosed with cancer and is being treated on an outpatient basis ... at St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis.

She needs to travel there for chemotherapy.

The Perrys don't have a vehicle to make the trips and need to find a reliable way to their destinations.



THE FIRST SNOW DAYS

Saturday morning brought the area's first snow. It brought students a few bonus days off from school. Students were ecstatic when snow began to fall in the afternoon where the heaviest accumulation was reported in Monteagle and Altamont.

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Heritage Manor T Activity Department

January 23-29 is National Activity Professionals Week and the staff at Heritage Manor would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge their activity department and the wonderful work they do.

Francis Kilgore and Diane Campbell make every effort to keep the residents involved in pursuits that they enjoy and find entertaining. This can be frequently challenging and sometimes frustrating

keeping the department engaged and active on a daily basis.

A by-product of the ongoing effort of the staff and families of the residents; sessions are enjoyed most every day. A new theme activity is being introduced. Diane shows originality in her activities.

Thank you, Diane, keep up the good work!



Grundy County
Herald

P. O. Box 189 Tracy City, Tennessee 37387

2-07-'00

Dear Mrs. Tyler,

Thank you for your interest
in the Sanders brothers. They
^{are} were very fine gentlemen.

The address is:

Matt Sanders
9538 Big Bend
St. Louis, Mo 63122

Sam J. Brothers
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Heirs Provide New Stone for Pvt. Solomon Sanders' Grave

A Revolutionary War soldier was honored Sunday when heirs cleaned the little cemetery where he is buried and erected a Federal stone in place of one that the elements had reduced to several pieces.

Solomon Sanders, who came from Ireland to North Carolina, is Grundy County's only known Revolutionary War soldier. He lies in a peaceful grave at the foot of the mountain in Pelham Valley near Payne's Cove where he settled after receiving a land grant available to soldiers in the revolution.

"The old Sanders' Cemetery is in the Big Spring area at the head of Payne's Cove," says Mae Wilhelm of Estill Springs, an eighth-generation relative, who spearheaded the drive to place the marker.

In addition to the simple stone over Solomon's grave, a tall wooden sign has been erected with the cemetery's name. It's under a tall tree that stands in the middle of a field grown waist high with grass, but it's topped with small American flags and can be seen from the highway.

Helping with the work were James Street, Ed Henley, Edward Fults, Hershel Curtis, Charlie Curtis and Frank Kilgore of American Legion Post 74 in Tracy City.

Mrs. James Street coordinated the work Sunday, and Paul "Pepper" Sanders agreed to return with a

work crew to clear the rest of the cemetery of bushes and vines.

Descendants from Grundy, Franklin and Coffee counties were present, along with one from Bos-

ton, Mass.

Pvt. Solomon Sanders enlisted in the Army in November 1776 under Capt. McDaniel and Col. Frederick Hargett in the North Carolina Continental Line. He fought in the battles at Black River Bridge and Blemford's Bridge, according to papers held by Mrs. Wilhelm. He was discharged Nov. 10, 1779.

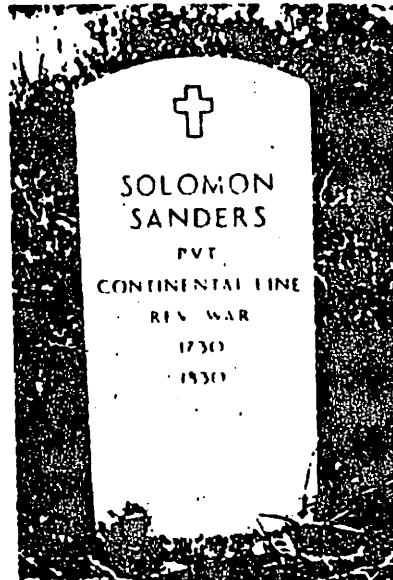
In 1826, at the age of 87, Sanders stated that he had always been a farmer, but was then unable to work. He was married to Mary Sanders, about 54, and had two daughters, Nancy, 18, and Sally, 16, and two sons, Jacob, 12, and Jordan, 11, dependent on him for support.

A Bounty Land Warrant noted that the man was indebted for the costs of a suit settled in the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Solomon Sanders vs Heirs of Poindexter Payne, in the sum of \$75 and \$40.

His schedule of property included 69 acres valued at \$343; two horses; two cows and calves; five or six hogs; three beds, furniture, knives, forks and plates.

Total value of Sanders' belongings was listed at \$485.

Mrs. Wilhelm, who has been collecting information on Solomon Sanders and his descendants for the past 26 years, says "he could be called the forefather of most all the Sanders' families in the mountain-valley and several states."

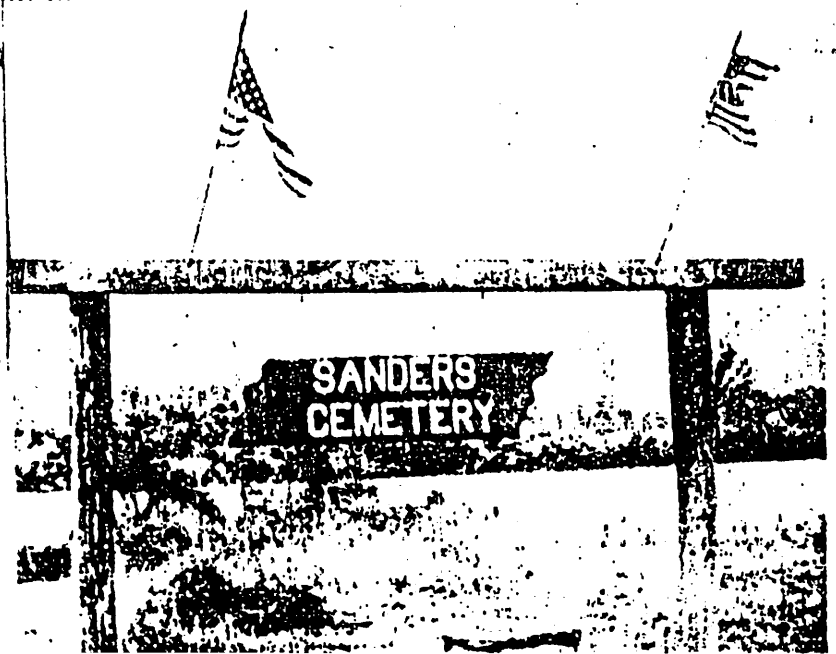


Rest In Peace

Descendants of Solomon Sanders erected this stone Sunday to replace one destroyed over the years by the elements. Sanders, who lived from 1730 to 1830, fought in the Revolutionary War as a soldier in North Carolina.

New Cemetery Sign

A nice wooden marker was installed Sunday at Sanders' Cemetery located at the foot of the mountain in Pelham Valley's Paynes Cove section. Legionnaires and descendants of Solomon Sanders gathered to honor the county's only known Revolutionary War soldier, who is buried there.



Marissa paper
1944

Mrs. Nancy Cashen Mother of Mrs. Jake Dykes, Dies

Mrs. Nancy Jane Cashen of this city, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jacob Dykes at 11:15 Wednesday night after a two weeks' illness incident to her age.

Mrs. Cashen was born Jan. 29, 1859, at Jasper, Tenn., a daughter of the late James and Nancy Ridge Dove and was twice married, first to Anderson Shadrick at Jasper in 1873. He died Dec. 16, 1927. In 1930 she was married again to John Cashen at Gorham. He died in 1934.

Surviving are four sons, Charles and Anderson Shadrick, of Evarts, Ky.; Theodore Shadrick, West Virginia; John Shadrick, Madison, Ill., and three daughters, Mrs. Mary Lockhart and Mrs. Mabelle Lockhart, both of Coalmont, Tenn., and Mrs. Jacob Dykes of this city.

Seven children preceded her in death as did two brothers and five sisters. In addition to the survivors named there are several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Funeral service will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Tracy City, Tenn., with burial in Orange cemetery there.

Friends may call at the Hull funeral home until noon Friday when the body will be forwarded to Tracy City.

Jacob Dykes, 68, Retired Miner, Dies Tuesday

Jacob Dykes, 68, of this city, who had been ailing for three weeks, died at his home at 4:50 Tuesday morning.

Dykes who had been ill several years underwent an operation last Spring and a leg was amputated. He had been bedfast since.

Dykes was well known for his unselfish love of his fellow man and his big hearted generosity. Besides raising a large family he helped raise several outside the family and many were helped along the road of life through his kindness.

He was a member of the Coulterville local, Progressive Miners, and had been a miner for the past 50 years.

Born on June 12, 1880, in Dunlap, Tenn., he is the son of the late Sanders and Julia Brown Dykes. He married Martha Shadrick at Tracy City, Tenn., on March 8, 1903. She survives.

Also surviving are seven daughters, Ala Sanders, of Palmer, Tenn., Hester Dykes, at home; Edith, wife of Wendel Rogers, of this city; Virgie, wife of Muriel Hewitt, of Pampa, Tex.; Thelma, wife of Lester Skelly, of Madison; Mrs. Geneva Summers, of Marissa; Pauline, wife of Vernon Loveland, of Sparta; three sons, Jacob, Jr., of Clinton, Ia.; Donald, of Clinton, Ia.; Ralph, of Pampa, Tex.; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held today (Friday) at 2:00 p. m. from the Hull Funeral Home. Rev. Herbert Clark, pastor of the Baptist Church, officiated with burial in the Marissa cemetery.

IN MEMORY OF

Martha Dykes

Age 97 years, 6 months and 7 days

PASSED AWAY

Friday at 10:00 a.m.

SERVICES WILL BE HELD FROM

Cuddy-Hull Funeral Home

in Marissa

Monday, October 6, 1980

at 2:00 p.m.

Rev. James Loewen
officiating

INTERMENT

Marissa Cemetery

Friends may call from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Sunday then till time of service Monday. Memorials may be made to the Marissa Area Medical Association.

HUSBAND Sanders, Wheeler

Born 4 Mar 1861 Place Brundy Co., Tenn
 Chr. _____ Place _____
 Marr. 1885 Place _____
 Died 19 June 1945 Place Palmer, Howard, Tenn
 Bur. 2 June 1945 Place Bonnie Oak Cem, Coalmont, Tenn
 HUSBAND'S FATHER Sanders, Jordan HUSBAND'S MOTHER Smith, Julia
 HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES _____

WIFE Nursley, Nancy

Born _____ Place _____
 Chr. _____ Place _____
 Died 30 Sept 1939 Place _____
 Bur. _____ Place _____
 WIFE'S FATHER Nursley, Madison WIFE'S MOTHER Olby, Caroline
 WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS _____

CHILDREN <small>Use Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth</small>	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN				DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE	WHEN DIED		
	SURNAME (CAPITALIZED)	GIVEN NAMES	DAY MONTH YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM	DAY MONTH YEAR			
M Sanders, Mathew			abt 1886								
M Sanders, Jordan			" 1885				Richmonds, Ruth				
F Sanders, Annie			" 1890				Hoddy, Ed Harrison				
M Sanders, Crawford			" 1892				Lewis, Cora				
M Sanders, Rose Ann			" 1894				James, Mammie				
M Sanders, Theo			" 1896				Meeks, Eliza				
M Sanders, Ralph			" 1898				Dykes, Oba				
M Sanders, Shover			" 1900				Parks, Myrtle				
F Sanders, Alice Mae			11 May 1902	Coalmont		Howard Tenn	Sweeton, Albert				
M Sanders, John			7 Aug. 1904				Sweeton, Maggie				
M Sanders, Carl			1905				Meeks, Louise				

SOURCES OF INFORMATION
 12 Sanders, Lovie 1908
 13 Sanders, Nellie 14-Oct-1909
OTHER MARRIAGES
 Sand, Will

HUSBAND Sanders, Wheeler

Born 4 Mar. 1861 Place Grundy Co., Tenn

Chr. 1885 Place

Died 19 June 1945 Place Palmer, Grundy, Tenn

1909 HUSBAND'S FATHER Sanders, Jordan

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES HUSBAND'S MOTHER Smith, Julia

WIFE Nunley, Nancy

Born Place

Chr. Place

Died 30 Sept 1939 Place

Bar. Place WIFE'S FATHER Nunley, Madison

WIFE'S MOTHER Alby, Caroline

List Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth	CHILDREN		WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE		WHEN DIED		
	SURNAME (CAPITALIZED)	GIVEN NAMES	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	
1	Sanders	Matthew	abt		1886								
2	Sanders	Jordan	"		1888				Richmond, Ruth				
3	Sanders	Annice	"		1890				Hoddy, Ed Harrison				
4	Sanders	Crawford	"		1892				Lewis, Cora				
5	Sanders	Rose Ann	"		1894				James, Marnie				
6	Sanders	Theo	"		1896				Meeks, Eliza				
7	Sanders	Ralph	"		1898				Dykes, Ola				
8	Sanders	Groves	"		1900				Parks, Myrtle				
9	Sanders	Alice Mae	11 May		1902	Coalmont		Grundy Tenn	Sweeton, Albert				
10	Sanders	John	7 Aug.		1904				Sweeton, Maggie				
11	Sanders	Earl			1905				Meeks, Louise				

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REMARRES
 Sand, Will

100-100 Farmer
 WOODLEE, Paddy H M W 45 M1 25 TN TN TN
 , Froney w F W 50 M1 25 10-10 " "
 , Leler d F W 16 S " "
 , Douglass s M W 13 " "
 , Rosey d F W 10 " "
 , Mandy d F W 7 " "
 , Liler d F W 2 " "

101-101 Laborer/Odd jobs
 WOODLEE, Jim H M W 25 M1 5 TN TN TN
 , Emer w F W 25 M1 5 3-1 " "
 , Mildred d F W 1 1/12 " "

102-102 Farmer
 NUNLEY, Jerry H M W 45 M1 19 TN TN TN
 , Fannie w F W 44 M1 19 8=5 " "
 , Henry s M W 17 S " "
 , Billy s M W 15 " "
 , Wady s M W 12 " "
 , Milly M. d F W 9 " "
 , Ermon s M W 8 " "

103-103 Wagon Driver/Timber
 HOBBS, Tom H M W 44 M1 16 TN TN TN
 , Marthy w F W 39 M1 16 8-4 " "
 , Robert D. s M W 16 S " "
 , Maud d F W 14 " "
 , Gertrude d F W 7 " "
 , Barney s M W 9/12 " "

104-104 Laborer/Odds jobs
 HEADRICK, Mack H M W 22 M1 6 TN TN TN
 , Savannah w F W 23 M1 6 3-3 " "
 , Ernest s M W 6 " "
 * , Ethel d F W 4 " "
 , Minnie d F W 2 " "

105-105 Farmer
 PHIPPS, Robert H M W 56 M1 30 TN TN TN
 , Rachel w F W 58 M1 30 3-2 " "
 PARMLEY, Biscena sis/l F W 34 Wd 0-0 " "

106-106 Laborer/Odd jobs
 SANDERS, Jord H M W 21 M1 0 TN TN TN
 , Ruth w F W 17 M1 0 0-0 " "

107-107 Miner/Coal mine
 SANDERS, Wheeler H M W 48 M1 25 TN TN TN
 , Nancy w F W 46 M1 25 12-11 " "
 , Mat s M W 23 M1 5 Miner/Coal m. " "
 , Craffrord s M W 19 S Miner/Coal mine " "
 , Rosebin s M W 18 S Miner/Coal mine " "
 , Thea s M W 16 S Lab./Coal mine " "

107-107 Continued

SANDERS, Ralph	s M W 15 S Lab./Coal mine	TN TN TN
, Grover	s M W 14	"
, Alice	d F W 8	"
, John	s M W 6	"
, Earl	s M W 3	"

108-108 Laborer

CAMPBELL, James	H M W 50 M1 32	TN TN TN
, Sarah	w F W 49 M1 32 9-9	"
, Miles	s M W 26 S	"
, Frank	s M W 22 S Miner/Coal mine	"
, Tobe	s M W 20 S Miner/Coal mine	"
, Alley	d F W 15	"
, John	s M W 14 Miner/Coal mine	"
, Oddist	s M W 13	"
, Drew	s M W 10	"

109-109 Wagon Driver/Livery stable

WEAVER, Andrew	H M W 19 M1 2	TN TN TN
, Annie	w F W 16 M1 2 0-0	"

110-110 Wagon Driver/livery stable

ROBERTS, Lenard	H M W 20 M1 5	TN TN TN
, Ider	w F W 21 M1 5 1-1	"
, Mildred	d F W 2	"

111-111 Miner/Coal mine

WAY, John	H M W 25 M1 3	MI MI MI
, Bell	w F W 22 M1 3 1-1	TN TN TN
, Ethel	d F W 1 3/12	"

112-112 Miner/Coal mine

CAMPBELL, Arch	H M W 44 M1 24	TN TN TN
, Mary	w F W 45 M1 24 4-4	"
, Morgan	s M W 18 S Miner/Coal mine	"
, Frank	a M W 17 S	"

113-113 Wagon Driver/Timber

HARGIS, William	H M W 36 M1 10	TN TN TN
, Era	w F W 27 M1 10 5-5	"
, Preston	s M W 9	"
, Mary W.	d F W 7	"
, Helen	d F W 3	"
, Lec	s M W 2	"
, Charles W.	s M W 3/12	"
WATTS, Jim	Bdr M W 25 S Laborer/Timber	"

114-114 Miner/Coal mine

FULTS, Dave	H M W 36 M1 9	TN TN TN
, Bell	w F W 29 M1 9 0-0	"

115-115 Miner/Coal mine

MEEKS, Ike	H M W 37 M1 21	TN TN TN
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GRUNDY Co. 1900

1900

50 Farmer							
SANDERS, Wheeler	H	Mar	1867	33 M 15			T-T-T
Nancy	w	Jan	1874	26	8/8		"
Martha	d	Nov	1885	14			"
Jordan	n	Mar	1888	12			"
Annie	d	Nov	1890	9			"
Crawford	s	Feb	1892	8			"
Rosebur	s	Feb	1894	6			"
Theodore	s	Mar	1896	4			"
Ralph	s	Apr	1898	2			"
Grover C.	s	Apr	1900	1/12			"

61-61 Day laborer							
NUNNELLY, William	H	Mar	1866	34 M 12			T-T-T
Josephine	w	May	1876	24	4/4		"
Minerva	d	Oct	1889	10			"
Edward	s	Mar	1893	7			"
Alma	d	Feb	1895	5			"
Pearlie	d	Apr	1896	3			"

62-62 Farmer							
SANDERS, Ellen	H	Aug	1849	50 W	3/3		T-T-T
William	s	July	1890	9 S			"
Norris	s	Sept	1884	15 S			"
John	s	Nov	1889	10 S			"

63-63 Farmer							
OLIVER, William	H	Oct	1867	32 S			T-T-T

64-64							
MEEKS, Elijah	H	Apr	1844	56 M 22			T-T-T
Kate	w	June	1861	38	7/6	T-Ireland-T	
Burton	s	Apr	1881	18 S			T-T-T
Annie B.	d	Feb	1885	15 S			"
Daisy	d	Jan	1887	13 S			"
George	s	June	1891	8			"

65-65 Farmer							
BEAN, William	H	Mar	1840	60 M 32			T-T-T
Aladay	w	Feb	1851	49	13/10		"
Jennie	d	July	1878	22 S			"
William	s	Apr	1883	17 S			"
Jordan	s	Oct	1885	14 S			"
Floyd	s	Mar	1890	10			"
Loyd	s	Mar	1890	10			"
Lela	d	Aug	1895	4			"

66-66 Farmer							
ROBERTS, Alexander	H	Aug	1859	40 M 18			T-T-T
Elizabeth	w	Nov	1864	35	5/4		"
Rosa L.	d	Feb	1884	16 S			"
Susie C.	d	Apr	1889	11			"
Henry	s	Sept	1892	7			"
Francis	s	July	1896	3			"

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<u>6-6, continued</u>					
MEEKS, Benjamin	18 m	At home			Tenn
Anne	15 f				"
Susan	14 f				"
MEEKS, Eveline	11 f				"
<u>7-7</u>					
MEEKS, James	60 m	Farmer	4000/1000		Tenn
Dorcus	30 f	Kp house			SC
Tabitha	20 f	At home			Tenn
Jackson	17 m				"
James D.	15 m				"
Isaac B.	12 m				"
George W.	1 m				"
Eli	14 m	B			"
Peter	12 m	B			"
<u>8-8</u>					
SANDERS, Jordan	56 m	Farmer	10,000/1000		Tenn
Julia	47 f	Kp house			"
Hester	20 f	At home			"
Harris	16 m				"
Crawford	12 m				"
Dorcus	8 f				"
Wheeler	5 m				"
LUSS, Catharine	27 f	At home			"
Tennessee	8 f				"
Martha	6 f				"
Wm. F.	2 m				"
<u>9-9</u>					
GIBBS, James	47 m	Farm laborer	/200		Tenn
Mary E.	15 f				"
Sarah J.	13 f				"
Dorotha	11 f				"
Luella	5 f				"
<u>10-10</u>					
SANDERS, Jackson	25 m	Farm laborer	/500		Tenn
Mary	21 f	Kp house			"
Susan E.	1/12 f	(Apr)			"
<u>11-11</u>					
SANDERS, Henderson	22 m	Farm laborer	--		Tenn
Jane	20 f	Kp house			"
George W.	2 m				"
<u>12-12</u>					
PAYNE, Dick	30 m	Farm laborer	/300		Tenn
Martha	30 f	Kp house			"
Nancy J.	12 f				"
Roda E.	11 f				"
John P.	8 m				"
Sarah A.	6 f				"
Eliza B.	5 f				"
Joel S.	2/12 m	(Mar)			"
<u>13-13</u>					
PAYNE, T. B.	27 m	Farm laborer	/400		Missouri

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Jourdin SANDERS	46 m	Farmer	\$8000/6488	TN
July	36 f			"
Matthew	21 m			"
Catherine	17 f			"
Jackson	15 m	Farmer		"
Henderson	13 m			"
Giles H.	10 m			"
Alzada	8 f			"
Harrison	6 m			"
Crawford	3 m			"
Mary	85 f			NC

260

Polly SANDERS	61 f		1200/318	GA
Jas. M.	17 m	Farm laborer	700/	TN
Thos. H.	3 m			"
Mary ROBERTS	80 f			GA

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Solomon SANDERS	36 m	Farmer	/200	TN
Mary Ann	41 f			NC
Jas. D.	14 m			TN
Nancy J.	12 f			"
Elizabeth M.	11 f			"
George A.	7 m			"
John H. S.	5 m			"
Wm. B.	2 m			"

262

M. P. SANDERS	24 m	Farmer	/300	TN
Salina	21 f			"
Emery H.	9/12 m			"

263

Leroy MOORE	54 m	Farmer	/100	GA
Mary J.	26 f			TN
Jesse	14 m			"
James	12 m			"

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John MEEKS, Jr.	21 m	Farmer	/500	TN
Mary	18 f			"
Mary	6/12 f			"

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Stephen COPE, Sr.	57 m	Farmer		TN
Comfort	51 f			KY
George M.	20 m	Farmer		TN
Saphronia	15 f			"
Effa	13 f			"

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GRUNDY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
1850
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<u>219-219</u>					
John ANGLIN	57 m	Farmer	\$140		NC
Sabra	42 f				TN
Lyncha A.	14 f				AL
Adran	12 m				"
John	10 m				"
Huston	8 m				TN
Tyton	6 m				"
Eveline	6 f				"
Elizabeth	3 f				"
<u>220-220</u>					
Brirain MEEKS	39 m	Farmer			TN
Emeline	34 f				GA
James	17 m	Farmer			TN
Margaret J.	16 f				"
Mary E.	14 f				"
John W.	11 m				"
Sarah J.	10 f				"
Thomas J.	9 m				"
Milley T.	7 f				"
Georg D.	6 m				"
Joseph C.	2 m				"
Elizabeth RHEA	76 f				VA
<u>221-221</u>					
Nancy TIMMONS	40 f				TN
Eli	20 m	Farmer			"
Jourdan	18 m	Farmer			"
Sally	17 f				"
Mary	16 f				"
Eveline	13 f				"
James	9 m				"
Emely	2 f				"
<u>222-222</u>					
David PHIPS	35 m	Farmer	400		TN
Elizabeth	19 f				"
Margaret E.	8/12 f				"
Isaac SWEEDEN	12 m				AL
<u>223-223</u>					
Mary PHIPS	80 f				NC
<u>224-224</u>					
Jourden SANDERS	30 m	Farmer	1100		TN
Julia	31 f				"
Matthew	11 m				"
Catherine	8 f				"
Jackson	5 m				"
Henderson	2 m				"
Hayton	5/12 m				"
Mary SANDERS	80 f				NC

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Jesse Oscar Rose Ider Blanch Caldwell	Dec. 18, 1911	J.L. White Dec. 24, 1911
Dock Williams Anna Crisp	Dec. 25, 1911	J.M. Givens, J.P. Dec. 26, 1911
John Fults Annie Nunley	Jan. 2, 1912	J.M. Givens, J.P. Jan. 2, 1912
Will Hayes Susie Kinght	Aug. 12, 1911	John Gallagher, J.P. Aug. 14, 1911
Hiram Nunley Minnie Howell	Aug. 12, 1911	J.M. Lusk, J.P. Aug. 12, 1911
Henry Hedrick Katie Hedrick	Sept. 2, 1911	J.M. Lusk, J.P. Sept. 2, 1911
E.B. Wisiner F.A. Berry	Sept. 8, 1911	W.G. Dillon, Min. Sept. 9, 1911
Lenord Nunley Loyis Hampton	Sept. 11, 1911	J.M. Lusk, J.P. Sept. 11, 1911
J.M. Lowe Jennie Smith	Sept. 14, 1911	J.M. Lusk, J.P. Sept. 14, 1911
Willie Conry Margret Levan	Sept. 23, 1911	T.B. Lankford, Min. Sept. 24, 1911
George Meeks Ozela McGurt	Oct. 7, 1911	John Gallagher, J.P. Oct. 8, 1911
G.H. Schearer Luenena Trussell	Oct. 7, 1911	W.D. Bennett, J.P. Oct. 7, 1911
Lee Perry Fronney Winley	Oct. 13, 1911	W.D. Bennett Oct. 14, 1911
Joe Bivens Martha Eldrege	Oct. 16, 1911	J.M. Lusk, J.P. Oct. 16, 1911
Dennis Nunley Lilia King	Oct. 28, 1911	W.G. Dillon, Min. Oct. 29, 1911
Harris Moore Jimie Pearson	Nov. 2, 1911	John Gallagher, J.P. Nov. 2, 1911
Taylor Dorris Lizzie Ladd	Nov. 14, 1911	W.G. Dillon, Min. Nov. 15, 1911
Mat Sanders Emmer Jones	Nov. 22, 1911	M.B. Sweeton, J.P. Nov. 26, 1911

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G.W. Wilson Bessie Ellen Campbell	Jan. 8, 1914	S.M. Keathley Jan. 8, 1914
James Scott Franklin Cox	Jan. 26, 1914	W.D. Bennett, J.P. Jan. 21, 1914
Albert Prince Rolandus Bruce	Jan. 21, 1914	W.D. Bennett, J.P. Jan. 21, 1914
Fred Smith Kate Smith	Jan. 23, 1914	W.D. Bennett Jan. 23, 1914
William Cleveland Jennie Prince	Oct. 30, 1913	W.D. Bennett Oct. 30, 1913
Robert Francies Nannie Henley	Nov. 24, 1913	S.M. Keathley Dec. 8, 1913
Jim Nunley Pearl Seagrove	Jan, 9, 1914	Victor A. Faigaux Jan. 14, 1914
Croff Sanders Cora Lewis	Mar. 10, 1914	Wallace Warren, J.P. Mar. 11, 1914
Wm. Smartt Ponatt Smartt	Apr. 1, 1914	W.S. Cain, J.P. Apr. 3, 1914
James Cooper Laura Jane Shrum	Mar. 24, 1914	T.B. Roddy, J.P. Mar. 24, 1914
Henry Thomas Sallie Partian	Mar. 9, 1914	Geo. W. Tidman, J.P. Mar. 9, 1914
Samuel J. Kelch Pearl Greeter	Mar. 11, 1914	Geo. W. Tidman, J.P. Mar. 11, 1914
Bailey Hill Josie Hobbs	Sept. 12, 1913	Jno. Gallagher, J.P. - Sept. 14, 1913
J.M. Clark Allie Smartt	Nov. 7, 1913	T.B. Roddy, J.P. Nov. 8, 1913
Amuel Dickerson Sallie Givens	Apr. 11, 1914	W.L. Hamby, Min. Apr. 12, 1914
Bruce Fults Nova King	Apr. 19, 1914	W.S. Cain, J.P. Apr. 20, 1914
C. . Schild Ethel Tate	Apr. 20. 1914	H.C. Summers, M.G. Apr. 20, 1914
M!S. king Vennie Hobbs	Apr. 23, 1914	W.S. Cain, J.P. Apr. 24, 1914

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A.J. Gipson Bertha Hunt	Feb. 19, 1904	J.D. Guest, J.P. Feb. 21, 1904
Victor Flury Agnes Jossi	Feb. 6, 1904	W.G. Dillon, M.G. Feb. 11, 1904
Abraham D. Hunt Myrtle Counts	Feb. 22, 1904	J.D. Guest, J.P. Feb. 22, 1904
W.A. Tate Daisey Boone	Mar. 5, 1904	A. Northcut, J.P. Mar. 8, 1904
John Campbell Nora Brown	Mar. 1, 1904	J.R. McCarver, M.G. Mar. 2, 1904
Samuell Killgore Lacy Burroughs	Mar. 16, 1904	J.W. Partin, J.P. Mar. 16, 1904
Matthew Sanders Etter Meeks	Mar. 10, 1904	Jas Odom, J.P. Mar. 12, 1904
Samuel Sartain Elizabeth Meeks	Mar. 4, 1904	C.D. Nunley, M.G. Mar. 4, 1904
John Meeks Margaret Rose	Mar. 4, 1904	C.D. Nunley, M.G. Mar. 4, 1904
Richard Jacobs Lee Cox	Mar. 1, 1904	G.D. Guinn, M.G. Mar. 19, 1904
T.B. Nunley Amanda Stepp	Mar. 26, 1904	J.D. Northcutt, M.G. Mar. 26, 1904
Claud D. Hillis Julia B. Dykes	Apr. 1, 1904	J.J. Morton, M.G. Apr. 3, 1904
William Medley Emma Taylor	Apr. 23, 1904	W.K. Irvin, M.G. Apr. 24, 1904
Murphy Griswold Bell Dykes	Apr. 23, 1904	W.K. Irvin, M.G. Apr. 24, 1904
Hugh Schubert Della Lockhart	May. 21, 1904	not filled out
Albert Tate Ruth Fults	June 10, 1904	J.R. McCarver, M.G. June 10, 1904

HUSBAND Johnny Howell SANDERS

Born 20 Apr. 1938 Place Palmer, Grundy, TN.
 Chr. _____ Place _____
 Mar 20 Oct. 1957 Place LaFayette, Walker, Ga.
 Died 28 Mar. 1997 Place Nashville, Davidson, TN.
 Bur. 31 Mar. 1997 Place Altamont, Grundy, TN.

Husband
 Wife
 More Surnames: 1.
 2.
 Spouse when _____

HUSBAND'S FATHER Leonard SANDERS HUSBAND'S MOTHER Nellie Florance CAMPBELL
 OTHER WIVES _____

WIFE Helen Fay KILLIAN

Born 5 Feb. 1940 Place Altamont, Grundy, TN.
 Chr. _____ Place _____
 Died _____ Place _____
 Bur. _____ Place _____

WIFE'S FATHER Vernon Frank KILLIAN WIFE'S MOTHER Mary Estelle FULTS

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS _____

SEX M F	CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth. Given Names SURNAME	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE	WHEN DIED			
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	
1	M <u>Kenny Dale SANDERS</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>Sep.</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>Whitwell</u>	<u>Marion</u>	<u>TN.</u>	<u>16 May 1990</u>				
2	M <u>Timothy Howell SANDERS</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Sep.</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	-----				
3	F <u>Cynthia Faye SANDERS</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>Palmer</u>	<u>Grundy</u>	<u>TN.</u>	<u>29 Sep. 1978</u>				
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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OTHER MARRIAGES

Child #3-div. Richard SWANEY
" " " md. 2nd to Darrell ROBERTS
" " " " 3rd to Sam HILL

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 FAMILY GROUP RECORD

GRUNDY COUNTY MARRIAGES

Date license issued * * * * *	Couple married * * * * *	Date and by whom solemnized * * * * *
February 23, 1867	7 Wm. Bruce Angeline Keith	February 24, 1867 Thomas Warren
May 2, 1867	7 James L. Savage Talitha Killyon	May 3, 1867 Wm. T. Bond, J.P.
January 30, 1867	7 Daniel Fults Elizabeth Campbell.	February 24, 1867 James H. Hobbs, J.P.
June 1, 1867	7 Samuel Owen Angelina Tate	June 2, 1867 E. N. Smith, J.P.
May 18, 1867	7 Benjamin Davis Emile Sweeton	May 19, 1867 W. P. Northcut, J.P.
Page 65 June 1, 1867	7 George Tullman Sarah Jane Nunley	June 2, 1867 E. H. Smith, J.P.
April 17, 1867	7 J. C. Levan Calma Roberts	April 18, 1867 I. P. Summers, J.P.
April 22, 1867	7 Samuel Goodman Catharine Goodman	April 24, 1867 J. P. Simmons, J.P.
April 5, 1867	7 S. H. Stotts Mary E. Gordon	April 6, 1867 Isaac C. Carritson, J.P.
April 11, 1867	7 William S. Wooten Mary Stotts	April 14, 1867 Wm. Qualls, M.G.
April 27, 1867	7 James Tate Caroline Smith	April 28, 1867 A. E. Coulson, J.P.
April 27, 1867	7 William Tate Elizabeth C. Wharoon	not given
April 27, 1867	7 Matthew Sanders Hannah Meeks	April 27, 1867 John Burrows, J.P.
Page 66 January 30, 1867	7 Willie Warren Rachel Burrows	January 31, 1867 John Burrows, J.P.
February 28, 1867	7 Jackson Sanders Mary Countiss	February 28, 1867 John Burrows, J.P.
September 20, 1867	7 Frank Sartin Susan Charles	not given

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February 21, 1872	7 Jacson Layne Minda Killgore	February 22, 1872 G. C. Sanders, J.P.
April 20, 1872	7 John W. Davis Mary B. Payne	April 22, 1872 J. D. Bull, J.P.
October 13, 1872	7 James Tipton Emaline Purdon	October 13, 1872 Wm. H. Hampton, J.P.
Page 85 November 4, 1872	7 James Ransom Sarah J. Gross	November 19, 1872 F. M. Walker, M.G.
December 24, 1872	7 James M. Ross Martha Jane Ramsey	December 25, 1872 J. L. Knight, J.P.
December 20, 1872	7 Nathan Meeks Ema Burrows	December 20, 1872 Wm. H. Hampton, J.P.
December 24, 1872	7 James McClure Sallie Fults	December 24, 1872 Wm. H. Hampton, J.P.
January 4, 1873	7 Michael McWelch Fannie Prince	January 5, 1873 W. L. Parks, J.P.
August 27, 1872	7 James Tate Martha Tennessee Lain	August 28, 1872 W. L. Parks, J.P.
January 7, 1872	7 John Spilso Mary Moser	Janary 13, 1873 Eli Logue, J.P.
December 21, 1872	7 Jonathan Wooten Martha Stotts	not given
September 23, 1872	James A. Edward Rebecca J. Weaver	Septembe 26, 1872 W. L. Parks, J.P.
Page 86 September 20, 1872	7 John Hall Amanda Hargis	September 20, 1872 J. C. Bull, J.P.
December 26, 1872	7 S. W. Payne Mary C. Foster	December 26, 1872 J. E. Bull, J.P.
December 28, 1872	7 E. W. McMillen Martha Foster	December 29, 1872 J. C. Bull, J.P.
October 30, 1872	7 Henderson Sanders Ellen Campbell	October 30, 1872 P. H. Roberts, J.P.
December 26, 1872	7 James K. Warren Martha A. Simmons	December 26, 1872 F. H. Roberts, J.P.

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June 18, 1873	↘ L. J. Campbell M. A. Meeks	June 19, 1873 P. H. Roberts, J.P.
April 30, 1873	↘ David Campbell Arkansas Nunley	May 4, 1873 J.L. Knight, J.P.
May 10, 1873	↘ Irving Argo Mary Fults	May 11, 1873 R. Smart, J.P.
May 10, 1873	↘ William Argo Britanna Myers	May 11, 1873 R. Smart, J.P.
August 21, 1873	↘ C. T. Cagle Martha Tate	August 21, 1873 Wm. S. Brown, M.G.
July 21, 1873	Anderson Lockart, Jr. Mary Lockhart	July 21, 1873 Wm. S. Brown, M.G.
Page 91 July 23, 1873	↘ Wm. S. Campbell Catharine Lusk	July 24, 1873 P. H. Roberts, J.P.
July 3, 1873	↘ Moses Myres Lufema Tate	July 25, 1873 F.M. Walker, M.G.
August 20, 1873	↘ A. A. Campbell M. J. Burnett	August 21, 1873 P. H. Roberts, J.P.
January 5, 1874	↘ Henry Legler Frederick Hock	not given
October 14, 1873	↘ Hasten Sanders Jane Campbell	October 15, 1873 P. H. Roberts, J.P.
May 2, 1873	↘ Anderson Smartt Amanda Lowry	May 3, 1873 E. H. Rives, J.P.
July 9, 1873	↘ Robert Oair Sarah Killian	July 11, 1873 F. M. Walker, M.G.
November 8, 1873	↘ John Gann Jane Stotts	November 9, 1873 E. H. Rives, J.P.
January 6, 1874	J. A. Hill Jane Countiss	January 8, 1874 J. J. Morton, M.G.
Page 92 December 26, 1873	↘ F. E. ^{CADWCAET} Northcut Savanah Woodlee	December 28, 1873 F. M. Walker, M.G.
October 27, 1873	↘ L. H. Levan Martha H. Cornelison	October 30, 1873 T. P. Layne, J.P.

A Remembrance

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Ralph attended the old Sweeton Hill School, where he was taught by Edith Ponry and a Mrs. Claudia Aylor Parson, who now lives in Tullahoma. At that time, school was in session three months each year.

At the age of thirteen, he began working in the coal mines at Coalmont for a group of independent contractors, Ed Hall, Harris, and Scruggs, at the old Summers Opening. He worked for seventy-five cents per day firing an air shaft which pulled smoke out of the mines.

In 1927, he came to Palmer to work in the coal mines. During the stock market crash, he was living in Tilden, Illinois, where his in-laws, Jacob and Martha Dykes lived. He had married their oldest daughter, Ola, in Coalmont in 1923, with Squire Hicks Warren officiating at the Ernest Meeks home. Ralph, Ola, and sons, Alfred "Foxy" and Jay W., followed the Dykes family to southern Illinois in search of work. Their third son, "Pepper" was born there. While there, Ralph worked in shaft coal mines, 218 feet deep in the ground. The screener belt burned closing the mine down for a spell. Ralph and his father-in-law worked in a walnut tree orchard. The juice from the tree was used to make stain, and the tree was used to make furniture. After that, he worked in an animal slaughter house for Tony and Amil Lehr. The family was called back to Tennessee due to the sickness of his father. After coming back to Tennessee, he worked on the gymnasium at Palmer for Mr. E.J. Cunningham during President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal Program and the W.P.A. days.



Ralph and the late Ola Dykes Sanders are shown in this 1917 photo taken in the Freemont area near Coalmont by Wilburn Fults, a well known, one-armed photographer, when Mr. Sanders was 19 years old and Mrs. Sanders, 14.

Ralph and Ola raised 6 of 7 children born to them. Alfred "Foxy", died at the age of 43, twenty years ago. The next born, Jay W., a former member of the Grundy County Court, lives in Gruetli-Laager, with his wife June. He is retired from mining and the T.V.A. Charles "Cotton" serves as Chairman of the Grundy County Democratic Party, and is a member of the Grundy County Court, and the Board of the Exceptional Citizens of Grundy County. He lives with his wife, Betty Sue, in Palmer, and works at the Signal Mountain Cement Plant. "Pepper" is retired from coal mining and construction work and resides in Palmer. Margie also lives in Palmer and teaches at Swiss Memorial School. Jo Ann lives in Tullahoma with her husband, Charles Kimbril, and works in their security and restaurant business. Ralph has 13 grandchildren and 10 step-grandchildren. He has 11 great-grandchildren and 11 step-great-grandchildren.

Ralph is a member of the First Baptist Church of Palmer, where he still attends church regularly. He is well known for his generosity and his cooking-especially banana cake and egg custard.

"Mr. Ralph and his entire family have always been good-hearted people, willing to help others," Palmer historian David Patton added.



Ola Dykes Sanders was born on December 19, 1903, in Tracy City, Tn. She was the oldest of 13 children 7 girls and 6 boys. Three of the boys died in infancy. The Dykes lived on the side of Dunlap Mountain when Ola was 7 years old.

Ola often told her children about a strange occurrence that happened while the family resided there. An unoccupied rocking chair in the home rocked by itself for 3 days before her baby brother Douglas died. The family would physically stop it from rocking, but it would begin again.

At some time in her early childhood, the family lived in Whitwell, Tn., where one of the ^{babys} brothers was buried. Ola's family lived in Tracy City for some time, and her dad often took her to revival camp meetings.

When she was around 9 or 10 years old, they moved to Coalmont. She ^{quit school, because} had to walk past the coke ovens to get to school. ~~She quit school~~ Although Ola only completed the 5th grade, she was avid reader and passed her love of reading to her children. As well as reading, Ola enjoyed embroidering, crocheting, and growing flowers. ~~She canned the garden produce for food for the winter.~~

A Grundy County Family: Ralph and Ola Dykes Sanders

Money was hard to come by just before the Great Depression of 1929. A 25-pound flour sack became a shirt for Ola's boys or a dress for the girls. But the family was

generous to those in need. On one occasion when the only area industry, the company coal mine, was not operating, food was in very short supply. A neighbor had no milk to feed to her newborn baby. Ola had seven cans of condensed milk. She asked her six children if they wished to give this milk to the woman to feed the baby. All six voted to give the milk to the family in need even though they had no money to buy more milk.

Ola's nature was very quiet and reserved, but she could be a woman of action when the need arose. One summer her boys slipped off and went to the "Blue Hole" by the "Big Mines" to swim. Ola walked about two miles to the "Blue Hole", spanked the boys with a switch, and brought them home.

Although Ola only completed the fifth grade, she was an avid reader and passed her love of reading on to her children. Along with reading, Ola enjoyed embroidering, crocheting and growing flowers. Very few people could compare with her skill and accomplishment in the kitchen. She made biscuits that would melt in your mouth. After their marriage, Ola and Ralph worked side by side cooking Southern fried chicken and chicken and dumplings. For them and their family, the custom was to have fried steak, chicken, pork chops, biscuits, and gravy for breakfast. Visitors always loved to come and eat from their table. Ola and Ralph never had a living room suite until their girls were grown, but they had one of the nicest dining room suites that could be bought.

Ola was a good housewife and mother, and family was very important to her. She was much admired by her family and friends.

Ralph, son of Wheeler and Nancy Nunley Sanders

Born: 15 April, 1898
 Married: 17 March, 1923
 Died: 25 August, 1988
 Buried in Fall Creek Cemetery
 Gruetli-Laager, TN

Ola, daughter of Jacob and Martha Shadrick Dykes

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In 1927, he came to Palmer to work in the coal mines. During the stock market crash, he was living in Tilden, Illinois, where his in-laws, Jacob and Martha Dykes lived. He had married their oldest daughter, Ola, in 1923, with Squire Hicks Warren officiating at the Ernest Meeks home. Ralph, Ola, and sons Alfred (Foxie) and Jay W. followed the Dykes family to southern Illinois in search of work. Their third son, "Pepper", was born there. While there, Ralph worked in shaft coal mines, 218 feet deep in the ground. The screener belt burned, closing the mine down for a spell. Ralph and his father-in-law worked in a walnut tree orchard. The juice from the tree was used to make stain, and the tree was used to make furniture. After that, he worked in an animal slaughter house for Tony and Amil Lehr. The family was called back to Tennessee due to the sickness of his father. After coming back to Tennessee, he worked on the gymnasium in Palmer for Mr. E. J. Cunningham during President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal Program and the W.P.A. Days.

Ralph and Ola raised six of the seven children born to them. Alfred "Foxie" died at the age of 43, twenty years ago. The next born, Jay W., a former member of the Grundy County Court, lives in Gruetli-Laager with his wife June. He is retired from mining and the T.V.A. Charles "Cotton" serves as Chairman of the Grundy County Democratic

A Grundy County Family: Ralph and Ola Dykes Sanders

Party, and is a member of the Grundy County Court and the Board of Exceptional Citizens of Grundy County. He lives with his wife, Betty Sue, in Palmer and works at the Signal Mountain Cement Plant. "Pepper" is retired from coal mining and construction work and resides in Palmer. Margie also lives in Palmer and teaches at Swiss Memorial School. JoAnn lives in Tullahoma with her husband, Charles Kimbril, and works in their security and restaurant business. Ralph has thirteen grandchildren and ten step-grandchildren. He has eleven great-grandchildren and eleven step-great-grandchildren.

Ralph is a member of the First Baptist Church of Palmer, where he still attends church regularly. He is well known for his generosity and his cooking, especially banana cake and egg custard.

"Mr. Ralph and his entire family have always been good-hearted people, willing to help others," Palmer historian David Patton added.

Memories of My Mother, Ola Sanders

by Margie Sanders Ramey

Ola Dykes was born on December 19, 1903, in Tracy City, Tennessee. She was the oldest of thirteen children, seven girls and six boys. When Ola was young, the Dykes family lived on the side of Dunlap Mountain. At some time during Ola's early childhood, the family moved to Whitwell, Tennessee, where one of the baby boys is buried. Ola's family also lived in Tracy City, where her father often took her to revival camp meetings. When Ola was around nine or ten years old, the family moved to Coalmont.

Three of Ola's brothers died in infancy. Ola often told her children about a strange occurrence that seemed connected to the death of one of the boys. For three days before her baby brother Douglas died, an unoccupied rocking chair in the home rocked continually by itself. Although the family would physically stop the chair from rocking, it would begin again on its own.

Ola married Ralph Sanders in 1923. In the mid-1920s Ralph, Ola and their two sons Alfred and Jay lived at Roddy Springs. Times were hard. The house at Roddy Springs had big cracks between the floorboards, and snakes would sometimes raise their heads between these cracks.

Ola became separated from her parents when they moved to southern Illinois in 1924. Since Ralph and Ola had no automobile, visits to Illinois were rare. Her cousins Goldie Lockhart Young and "Sis" Lockhart Bean became just like sisters to her and helped fill the void. Her neighbors George and Margaret Tate also helped the young family. In later years, Ralph would hire Eston Cagle to drive the whole family in his car to visit Ola's parents.

Around 1925, the family moved to Palmer. Ola raised her family of four boys and two girls in a little three-room company house in the section of Palmer called Burnt Orchard. For a while they lived in the house with John and Lizzie Cleek.

STATE OF TENNESSEE, GRUNDY COUNTY

Know all Men, That we, Louie Campbell & Theo Sanders, of said County and State of Tennessee, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Tennessee in the sum of

TWELVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS,

which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind our heirs, executors and administrators, and each and every one of us and them, both jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such:

That, whereas Theo Sanders hath prayed and obtained a license to marry Jennie Patton:

Now, if there shall not hereafter appear any lawful reason why the said Theo Sanders and Jennie Patton should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony as husband and wife, then this obligation to be void and of no effect; otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Witness our hands and seals the 16 day of Mar, 1928.

Theo Sanders (L. S.)

Louie Campbell (L. S.)

STATE OF TENNESSEE, GRUNDY COUNTY

To any Regular Minister of the Gospel having the Care of Souls, Jewish Rabbi,

Justice of the Peace of said County, Judge or Chancellor—GREETING:

You, or either of you, are hereby authorized to solemnize the Rites of Matrimony between Theo Sanders and Jennie Patton of your County, agreeably to the direction of the Act of Assembly in such cases made and provided: Provided, always, that the ceremony be performed in this County; otherwise these shall be null and void, and shall not be accounted any license or authority to you, or either of you, for the purpose aforesaid, more than though the same had never been prayed or granted, etc.

Given at the Clerk's office of said County, this 16

day of March, 1928

Chas. W. Smith
County Court Clerk.

By A. L. Hatfield, D. C.

I solemnized the Rites of Matrimony between the within named parties on the 17 day of

Mar, 1928

Joe F. McMillan

State of Tennessee, Grundy County

Know All Men, That we, W. E. Gadsby Wilson Crabtree of said County and State of Tennessee, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Tennessee in the sum of

TWELVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS

to which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind our heirs, executors, and administrators, and each and every one of us and them, both jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, That whereas,

Ralph Sanders hath prayed and obtained a license to marry Ola Dykes: Now, if there shall not hereafter appear any lawful reason why the said Ralph Sanders and Ola Dykes should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony as husband and wife, then this obligation to be void and of no effect; otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Witness our hands and seals, the 17 day of March, 1923
W. E. Gadsby (L. S.)
Wilson Crabtree (L. S.)

State of Tennessee, Grundy County

To any Regular Minister of the Gospel having the Care of Souls, Jewish Rabbi, Justice of the Peace of said County, Judge or Chancellor—GREETING:

You, or either of you, are hereby authorized to solemnize the Rites of Matrimony between.....

Ralph Sanders and Ola Dykes of your County, agreeably to the direction of the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided: Provided, always, that the ceremony be performed in this County; otherwise these shall be null and void, and shall not be accounted any license or authority to you, or either of you, for the purpose aforesaid, more than though the same had never been prayed or granted, etc.

Given at the Clerk's office of said County, this 17 day of March, 1923
Edw. W. Smith
County Court Clerk.

By W. H. Warren, D. C.

I solemnized the Rites of Matrimony between the within named parties on the 17 day of March, 1923
W. H. Warren

State of Tennessee, Grundy County

Know All Men, That we

Matt Sanders & Henry Coffelt

of said County and State of

Tennessee, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Tennessee in the sum of

TWELVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS

to which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind our heirs, executors, and administrators, and each and every one of us and them, both jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, That whereas,

Matt Sanders

hath prayed and obtained a license to

marry

Clemmie Watts

: Now, if there shall not hereafter

appear any lawful reason why the said

Matt Sanders

and

Clemmie Watts

should not be joined together in

Holy Matrimony as husband and wife, then this obligation to be void and of no effect; otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Witness our hands and seals, the

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day of

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Henry Coffelt

(L. S.)

Matt Sanders

(L. S.)

State of Tennessee, Grundy County

To any Regular Minister of the Gospel having the Care of Souls, Jewish Rabbi, Justice of the Peace of said County, Judge or Chancellor—GREETING:

You, or either of you, are hereby authorized to solemnize the Rites of Matrimony between

Matt Sanders

and

Clemmie Watts

of your County, agreeably to the

direction of the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided: Provided, always, that the ceremony be performed in this County; otherwise these shall be null and void, and shall not be accounted any license or authority to you, or either of you, for the purpose aforesaid, more than though the same had never been prayed or granted, etc.

Given at the Clerk's office of said County, this

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day of

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Charles Smith

County Court Clerk.

W. H. Warren, D. C.

I solemnized the Rites of Matrimony between the within named parties on the

6

day of

Oct

19

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W. H. Warren, J. P.