

My Sanders connection.

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GRIFFIN NEWTON SANDERS, born June 1842, in Tennessee. Married PHOEBE ANN PEARCY, October 26, 1874 in Mississippi County MO. by: W. L. Shelby, J. P. and Justice of County Court." Phoebe was a daughter of JOHN PEARCY and MARY ETHRIDGE.

History has it that Griffin Newton Sanders was called "Newt"

In the Sanders burial plot at Oak Grove Cemetery near Charleston, MO., there is a large tombstone with the following inscription: Griffin N. Sanders 1842-1905 and Phoebe A. Sanders 1848-1922. And, another one with the names, John and Johnnie Sanders. Although there are only two headstones in the Oak Grove Cemetery to represent the Sanders family there are more of the Sanders family buried there. Lula Cooper, a granddaughter and William Andrew Cooper, a g-grandson (my brother) are also buried in this Sanders Plot at Oak Grove.

On the 1870 census, Mississippi County, MO., Griffin Newton Sanders, is listed as living on the farm of a David Baker. I think that the Sanders, the Baker, the Percy and McCuiston families came to Mississippi County, MO about the same time

1870 census listed the following:

David Baker 41M farmer b. NC

Margaret " 35F b. NC

Mary J. " 13F b. MO

Anna Davis 24F b. MO

Newton Sanders 29M farm b. TN

Levi Forrest 29M finhd. b. TN

On the 1880 census of Trigg County, Kentucky; G.N. Sanders, wife Phoebe, two daughters, Hannah E. and Lona M., along with his mother-in-law, Mary Elizabeth (Etheridge) Percy, were living on a farm together in Trigg county.

Children of GRIFFIN SANDERS and PHOEBE PEARCY are:

i. HANNAH ELIZABETH(2) SANDERS, b. August 1877, MO.

Hannah married: ELI STEPHENSON, August 08, 1894, Mississippi county MO.

HANNAH ELIZABETH SANDERS, Cause of Death: childbirth

The 1900 Mississippi county census records list Eli and Hannah's

last name as Stevens, which is incorrect. I have pictures of Eli, Carl and

Earl passed down from my grandparents and my aunt Lula Cooper, with the

spelling as Stephenson. Also correspondence from their granddaughter, Mary Virginia.

ii. LEONA M. SANDERS(2), b. 1879, Trigg county, KY.

iii. THEORA ALICE SANDERS(2), b. January 16, 1880, Crittenden county, KY; d.

June 20, 1919, Anniston, MO; Theora married: THOMAS ANDREW COOPER, on April 19, 1896, at Anniston, MO.

Theora Alice Sanders was born in Crittenden county, KY Jan 16, 1881. She had a brother and two sisters. Her brother John and his wife, Johnnie, raised her son John Thomas Cooper, after she and her husband died. Theora's mother's maiden name was Percy. Theora's had a niece, Gladys Cox, that lived in Sikeston, MO, and died in 1980. and a nephew named Miner Cobb, that also lived in Sikeston, MO. Theora's, according to John Thomas Cooper's birth certificate had a total of 6 children, three of which must have died at an early age, or were born dead. She was 31 years old and Thomas was 45 years old when my father John Thomas was born.

THEORA ALICE SANDERS: Cause of Death: CANCER

THOMAS ANDREW COOPER: Cause of Death: CANCER

My Father told me, after his parents died, he and his Grandmother Sanders went to live with his Uncle John Sanders.

iv. WILLIE B. SANDERS,(2) b. May 1882; m. DOUGLASS GRAHM, January 30, 1905, Charleston, MO.

v. JOHN THOMAS SANDERS,(2) b. May 03, 1887, Clinton, Crittenden county, KY1; d. September 13, 1968, Sikeston, MO1; m. (1)

JOHNNIE GERTRUDE MCCUISTON, December 24, 1905, Charleston, Mississippi county, MO; m. (2) MRS. NELLIE RIEN, 1960, Charleston, Mississippi county, Mo..

When John was about 3 years old his family moved to Mississippi county Missouri. On Dec 24 1905 he married Johnnie Gertrude McCuiston. For 11 years they lived in Paducah, KY, where John was cashier for Paducah Light & Power. They returned to Missouri about 1920 and worked at farming until John retired in 1967.

Uncle John, as we all called him is buried beside his first wife, Johnnie, in Oak Grove cemetery, Charleston, MO.

John was my father, John Thomas Cooper's uncle. When my father's parents died he went to live with Uncle John Sanders on his farm near East

Prairie, MO.

Uncle John was very active in church (Deacon, Song leader, and teacher). After Aunt Johnnie Sanders died in 1955 (nursing home in Sikeston, MO), In 1960, Uncle John Sanders married a Mrs. Rien, (a widow with a son, Herb), that worked at Hummels Drugstore in Charleston, MO. Herb is about my age and was a grade ahead of me in Charleston High School. John had a niece named Gladys Cox and a nephew named Miner Cobb.

Obituary in "The Enterprise-Courier" of Charleston, MO September 19, 1968.-----

Funeral services for John T. Sanders, 81, were held at 2:00 P.M., Sunday in the New Bethel Baptist Church, with Rev. Homer Stallings conducting the last rites. Mr. Sanders died Friday afternoon at the Delta Hospital in Sikeston, after an illness lasting several months.

Mr. Sanders was born near Clinton, KY, May 3, 1887, son of the late Newton and Phoebe Sanders. They moved to the New Bethel neighborhood in Mississippi county when Mr. Sanders was six years old.

In 1905 he was married to Miss Johnnie McCuiston, who died in 1956. For 11 years they lived in Paducah, where he was cashier of the Paducah Light and Power Company. They returned to Missouri in 1926, and he engaged in farming until 1967, when he retired.

He was a member of the board of directors of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Sikeston, and was a deacon in the New Bethel Baptist Church for more than 50 years. In 1966 he was elected "Man of the Year" by the New Bethel Brotherhood.

He was for many years moderator of the Charleston Baptist Association, and was clerk of that organization until 1960 when he resigned.

In 1960 he married Mrs. Herbert Rien, who survives. Also surviving are a stepson, Herbert Rien Jr., Cerba Puerto Rico; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Connie Francis, DeSoto; a nephew, J.T. Cooper of Sikeston, who was reared in his home; a niece, Mrs. Gladys Cox of Sikeston; and other nephews and nieces.

Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Out of town realities and friends attending the funeral service for Mr.

Sanders were: Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cooper, Mrs. Hugh Krane, Mrs. Dorothy Coats, Mrs. Gladys Cox and Sonny Cobb, all of Sikeston; Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hayden, Miss Nancy Hayden, Mr. and Mrs. Manning of Cape. H.M. Greer and Mrs. J. Ronald Fischer of Cape Girardeau; Mr. and Mrs. Barger Cooper of Muncie, IN; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dearhart, Mrs. Nell Howard, Mrs. Hortense Long, Mrs. John Weyer, and Mrs. J.B. Chumbler of Paducah; Mr and Mrs. Bill Williams and Miss Pamala Willains of Viburnum; Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Francis of DeSota; and Mr. and Mrs. Brady Carney of Dexter.

John and Johnnie had no children.

More About JOHN THOMAS SANDERS:

Burial place: 1968, Oak Grove Cemetery, Charleston, Mississippi County, MO

Cause of Death: Cancer of the saliva glands

Fact 1: Social Security #: ###-42-####

Fact 2: State of issue: MO1

Notes for JOHNNIE GERTRUDE MCCUISTON:

Aunt Johnnie died at the Bel Air Nursing Home in Sikeston, MO. Funeral services at the New Bethel Baptist Church near Charleston, MO, with Rev. Rufus Noisworthy and Rev A. B. Cooper officiating. She is buried beside her husband, John Thomas Sanders, in Oak Grove Cemetery near Charleston, MO.

Obituary From the "Enterprise-Courier" of Charleston, MO. March 1955-----

The auditorium, balcony, and dining hall of the New Bethel Church were filled to overflowing Sunday, at 2p.m. when funeral services held for Mrs. Johnnie Gertrude Sanders, 67, of RFD 3, who died Thursday, March 3, at 1:20a.m. at the Bel Air Nursing Home in Sikeston, where she was a patient six months.

Rev. Rufus Noisworthy, pastor, and Rev. A.B. Cooper, former pastor, officiated. Music was rendered by the choir and soloist W. Moray Gaty, who

sang "When They Ring Those Golden Bells", with Miss Marilyn Knupp pianist and accompanist. The altar was blanketed with many floral arrangements. Internment was in the family plot in Oak Grove Cemetery with Nunnelee services. Mrs. Sanders, a resident of this community the past fifty three years, was born April 10, 1887 in Murry, KY., the daughter of the late Henry C. and Mary Dodd McCuiston. She had been in failing health for the past year. Her death was due to a stroke. Mrs. Sanders was active in the Mississippi county Women's Democratic Club, the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the Airline Extension Club and New Bethel Baptist Church of which she was a faithful member. She took part in the W.M.U., served as a teacher in the Sunday School and as a leader was a great inspiration to the young people of the church. She leaves her husband, John T. Sanders, to whom she was united in marriage December 24, 1905; and one sister, Mrs. Hontas Fox of this city. Among the out of town family and friends attending the funeral were, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Sanders of Poplar Bluff, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Cooper, Miss Lula Cooper, Mrs. Gertie McCuiston and Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Crotter of St. Louis, Mr and Mrs. J.C. Wyley, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kempfer of Cape Girardeau; Mr and Mrs. Jim Cooper of Carlyle, IL; Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCuiston and two sons.

More About JOHNNIE GERTRUDE MCCUISTON:

Burial place: 1955, Oak Grove Cemetery, Charleston, Mississippi County, MO

Cause of Death: HEART

Medical Information: AUNT JOHNNIE, HAD A STROKE AND WAS IN A NURSING HOME IN SIKESTON, MO. WHEN SHE DIED.

Marriage Notes for JOHN SANDERS and JOHNNIE MCCUISTON:

from the Mississippi County marriage records, book ten, page 17.

Notes for MRS. NELLIE RIEN:

[Broderbund Family Archive #110, Vol. 2 M-Z, Ed. 5, Social Security Death Index: U.S., Date of Import: Aug 6, 1998, Internal Ref: #1.112.5.65000.118]

Individual: Sanders, Nellie

Social Security #: 486-22-####

SS# issued in: Missouri

Birth date: Jul 21, 1897

Death date: Jul 1972

Residence code: Missouri

ZIP Code of last known residence: 63834

Primary location associated with this ZIP Code:

Charleston, Missouri

More About MRS. NELLIE RIEN:

Fact 1: Social Security #: 486-22-####

Fact 2: SS# issued in: Missouri

Fact 3: Residence code: Missouri

Fact 4: Last residence ZIP: 63834

Endnotes

1. Brøderbund Family Archive #110, Vol. 2, Ed. 3, Social Security Records: U.S., SS Death Benefit Records, Surnames Beginning with S, Date of Import: Jul 29, 1996, Internal Ref: #1.112.3.58191.181

NOTES Margaret Baker, is buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Charleston, Mississippi County, MO, stone says w/o David Baker Apr. 22, 1834- Dec. 26, 1891. Marriage Notes for GRIFFIN SANDERS and PHOEBE PEARCY:
From the Marriage Records of Mississippi county MO 1845-1887--
"G. N. Sanders -- Miss Phoebe A. Percy--- 26 Oct. 1874 --- by W. L. Shelby, J. P. and Justice of County Court." Bk2p248---
Also from the 1900 census records of Mississippi county, MO.

ITEMS FROM EAST PRAIRIE EAGLE
December 26, 1913 FARRENBURG ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy COOPER of Morley, were here Monday and Tuesday visiting, Mr. and Mrs. D.Q. SANDERS. They left for Paducah, Kentucky, to spend a week or two, and will return and settle here, as Mr. COOPER recently bought a place from W.S. CASTLEBERRY, near town.

The 1900 Mississippi county census record shows Thomas and Theora as having been married for four years, and having two children, but none living at the time the census was taken.

From the Nunnelee Funeral Homes records:-----
Thomas Andrew Cooper. Cd cancer. Order by J.W. Cooper, charge to Mrs. T.A. Cooper, Anniston. D/f 1/5/1918.

JOHN THOMAS SANDERS:
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Individual: Sanders, John
Birth date: May 3, 1887
Death date: Sep 1968
Social Security #: 488-42-####
Last residence: MO 63834
State of issue: MO

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