

## *Descendants of Aaron Sanders, 1837-1902*

### *Generation No. 1*

**1. Aaron<sup>3</sup> Sanders** (Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin<sup>1</sup>) was born July 1837 in Jackson County, Alabama, and died November 28, 1902 in Booneville, Prentiss County Mississippi. He married **(1) Deborah Ann Swaim** April 07, 1859 in Montgomery County, Arkansas, daughter of Michael Swaim and Rebecca Sanders. She was born Abt. 1841 in Alabama, and died about 1860 Montgomery County, Arkansas. Since she is not listed with Aaron in the 1860 census listing, she may have died between April and June of 1860. He married **(2) Hester Ann Champion** September 02, 1872 in Prentiss County, Mississippi, daughter of William Champion and Nancy Pearson. She was born February 27, 1854 in Tishomingo County, Mississippi, and died January 04, 1920 in Booneville, Prentiss County, Mississippi.

Notes for Aaron Sanders: Aaron Sanders was born in 1837 in Jackson County, Alabama, the son of Isaac and Elizabeth Sanders and the grandson of Benjamin and Mary Sanders. The 1840 Alabama census shows a son, age 0-5, living in the household of Isaac Sanders. After the birth of another son (Isaac, 1841) Aaron's parents moved to Tishomingo County, Mississippi about 1842. Three sons were born in Mississippi (Benjamin, 1843; Jesse, 1845, Calvin, 1849), and then the family moved to Montgomery County, Arkansas, where three more children were born (Amanda, 1841; Sarah, 1855; Rebecca, 1857). In Montgomery County Aaron Sanders married Deborah Ann Swain April 7, 1859, but she probably died before the census was taken in June of 1860 because Aaron is enumerated both in a separate household and in the household of his father, but Deborah does not appear. It's possible that she was missed by the census taker and, if so, there may have been children born to Aaron and Deborah.

When the Civil War broke out, Isaac and his sons joined the Confederate Army. Isaac's brother John, on the other hand, remained loyal to the Union and there is an old family legend, passed down by the Davis family of Texas, that the two fought against each other in the same battle but stopped fighting when they recognized each other. Isaac and his sons were in the "Montgomery County Hunters," a unit of the Confederate Army that was Co. F of the 4th Arkansas infantry. They were mustered in at Mt. Ida on July 17, 1861. The roll included: Aaron Sanders, Benjamin Sanders, and Isaac Sanders (the son born in 1841). It appears the younger Isaac died from illness or injury.

After the Civil War was over Isaac, Sr., and his children moved back to Mississippi and settled in Tishomingo County again, in the town of Booneville. This area became part of Prentiss County in 1870. Isaac and his family appear on the 1870 and 1880 Prentiss County census reports. Benjamin, the son born in 1843, remained in Arkansas, and Jesse, the son born in 1845, left for Texas before the census was taken in 1870.

Isaac and Elizabeth appear on the 1870 and 1880 Prentiss County, Mississippi census. Also in Prentiss County in 1880 are their son Aaron and his wife Hester who are shown with their children Mary A., Calvin N., and Levi Lindsey. The census indicates that Aaron was a blacksmith.

Aaron and Hester are listed on the 1900 census living next door to their son Aaron. The census states they are the parents of five children and all five are still living. The census gives a March or May 1854 birth date for Hester, which is different from family tradition. Both Aaron and his son Levi are listed as farmers.

After Aaron died, Hester applied for a Civil War widow's pension. The following is from a document in the Prentiss County public library: "Applications for Civil War Pensions, Prentiss County, Mississippi, typescript copy. Sanders, Mrs. Hester Ann, Booneville, Miss., widow of Aaron Sanders. He enlisted in Sevier Co., Ark., in 1861, in Co. F, Hardiman's Regt. Was discharged Aug. 9, 1865, at Marshall, Texas. Married in 1861, he died in Prentiss Co., Miss., November 28, 1902."

In the 1910 census, Hester is living in the household of her son Jesse. Booneville Library records also show that Hester Ann Sanders, the widow of Aaron, died in 1920 and is buried in the Liberty Church Cemetery in Prentiss County.

Children of Aaron Sanders and Hester Champion are:

- 2 i. Mary Ann<sup>4</sup> Sanders, born June 1873 in Booneville, Prentiss county Mississippi; died Abt. 1966. 1. MARY ANN SANDERS, b. June 1873, Booneville, Prentiss County Mississippi; d. Abt. 1966.

Notes for MARY ANN SANDERS: Appears on the 1900 census living with her parents, birth date of June 1873, making her 26 years old. Mary appears on the 1910 census in the household of her brother Jesse. She is listed as 34 years old. She was never married.

- + 3      ii. Calvin Newton Sanders, born Abt. 1877 in Prentiss County, Mississippi.
- + 4      iii. Levi Lindsey Lee Sanders, born November 30, 1877 in Booneville, Prentiss County Mississippi; died 1952 in Milan, Gibson County, Tennessee.
- + 5      iv. Nancy Elizabeth Sanders, born June 1884 in Booneville, Prentiss County, Mississippi; died 1964 in Milan, Tennessee.
- + 6      v. Jesse B. Sanders, born July 1889 in Booneville, Prentiss County, Mississippi; died Unknown in Hickman County, Kentucky.

*Generation No. 2*

**3. Calvin Newton<sup>4</sup> Sanders** was born Abt. 1877 in Prentiss County, Mississippi. He married **Kate Unknown** Abt. 1903 in Mississippi. She was born Abt. 1878 in Mississippi.

Notes for CALVIN NEWTON SANDERS: Probably named after Aaron's brother, Calvin. A C.N. Sanders (Calvin N?) married a M. E. Adams on December 25, 1894 in Prentiss County. It is not known if this is the same person as Calvin Newton Sanders. He appears as Calvin N. Sanders on the 1880 census but as Newton C. Sanders on the 1910 census. The 1910 census shows that Newton and Kate had been married 7 years, but the oldest son is 11 years old. Perhaps, Isaac Newton was a son of Newton by a previous marriage. On the other hand, the census states that six of Kate's eight children are still living, and six children are living in the household in 1910. Also living in the household is a stepson, Lemuel Campbell, presumably the son of Kate by a previous marriage. I think the Calvin N. Sanders listed in the 1880 census is the same person as the Newton C. Sanders listed in the 1910 census. The nearly illegible 1880 census appears to suggest that Calvin, Mary Ann, and Levi Lindsey were all born in the same year, but the 1920 census gives a birth year of 1876 for Mary Ann, 1877 for Calvin Newton, and 1878 for Levi Lindsey. My guess is that Calvin Newton used the name Newton throughout most of his life to such an extent that most people assumed his first name was Newton instead of Calvin. There seems to be no other explanation that fits the facts because the 1910 census shows that Newton C. was born before 1880 and the only child in the household of Aaron and Hester in 1880 who has a name that starts with "N" is Calvin N. Sanders.

Children of Calvin Sanders and Kate Unknown are:

- 7      i. Isaac Newton<sup>5</sup> Sanders, born Abt. 1899 in Prentiss County, Mississippi.
- 8      ii. Ila Sanders, born Abt. 1904 in Prentiss County, Mississippi.

- 9     iii. Ola Sanders, born Abt. 1904 in Prentiss County, Mississippi.
- 10    iv. Dove Sanders, born Abt. 1907 in Prentiss County, Mississippi.
- 11    v. Vera Sanders, born Abt. 1909 in Prentiss County, Mississippi.
- 12    vi. Vivian Sanders, born Abt. 1909 in Prentiss County, Mississippi.
- 13    vii. Katie Sue Sanders, born Aft. 1910 in Prentiss County, Mississippi.

**4. Levi Lindsey Lee<sup>4</sup> Sanders** (Aaron<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin<sup>1</sup>) was born November 30, 1877 in Booneville, Prentiss County Mississippi, and died 1952 in Milan, Gibson County, Tennessee. He married **Myrtle Hawthorne** 1900. She was born May 14, 1874 in Pulaski, Henderson County, Tennessee, and died February 20, 1952 in Milan, Gibson County, Tennessee.

Notes for Levi Lindsey "Lee" Sanders: Probably named in honor of Levi Lindsey Sanders (1837-1917) who was born in Jackson County, Alabama and died in Van Zandt County, Texas. The exact kinship between Aaron Sanders and Levi Lindsey Sanders of Van Zandt County is not known, but DNA testing has confirmed family tradition that they are related. Isaac, Aaron's father, was a neighbor to Benjamin Sanders, grandfather of Levi Lindsey, at the time of the 1840 census. Although Aaron and Levi Lindsey of Van Zandt were both born in Jackson County, Alabama, Aaron was only five years old when his parents moved to Mississippi. It's unlikely the two could have known each other until Levi Lindsey of Van Zandt ran away from home about 1855. It's known he spent some time in Arkansas before he moved to Texas and he may have lived with Isaac's family in Montgomery County for a while. Otherwise, I don't see any way Aaron and Levi Lindsey of Van Zandt could ever had met, and yet it appears Aaron named a son after Levi Lindsey. Another indication of a close family relationship is that Aaron's brother Jesse, who moved to Texas, became a good friend of Levi Lindsey Sanders of Van Zandt County.

Children of Levi Sanders and Myrtle Hawthorne are:

- 14     i. Beulah Grace<sup>5</sup> Sanders, born Abt. 1903 in Prentiss County, Mississippi. She married Unknown McAlexander.
- 15     ii. Hattie Bell Sanders, born Abt. 1904 in Prentiss County, Mississippi. She married Unknown Hunley.
- 16     iii. James Arthur Sanders, born 1906; died 1909 in Prentiss County, Mississippi.
- 17     iv. Aaron Claude Sanders, born Abt. 1909 in Prentiss County, Mississippi.
- 18     v. Rosa Lee Sanders, born in Baldwyn, Lee County, Mississippi. She married James Russell Tom Martin November 28, 1940 in Milan, Gibson County, Tennessee; born May 29, 1912 in Sitka, Gibson County, Tennessee; died March 20, 2004 in Sacramento, Sacramento County, California.

- 19 vi. Lessie Mildred Sanders. She married Unknown Bullington.
- 20 vii. Lucille Sanders. She married Unknown Morgan.

**5. Nancy Elizabeth<sup>4</sup> Sanders** (Aaron<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin<sup>1</sup>) was born June 1884 in Booneville, Prentiss County, Mississippi, and died 1964 in Milan, Tennessee. She married **Ivy Lee Mullins**, son of Thomas Mullins and Mary Unknown. He was born July 1887 in Mississippi, and died 1950 in Milan, Tennessee.

Note for Nancy Elizabeth Sanders: Nancy Elizabeth appears on the 1900 census in the household of her parents with a birth date given of June 1884.

Children of Nancy Sanders and Ivy Mullins are:

- 21 i. Ernest Dalton<sup>5</sup> Mullins. He married Dorothy Keaton.
- 22 ii. Studie Ethel Mullins. She married T.J. Scott.
- 23 iii. Kenneth Vandiver Mullins. He married Gwendolyn Rodgers.
- 24 iv. Evie Lee Mullins, born in Baldwyn, Mississippi; died 1997 in Milan, Gibson County, Tennessee. She married Harry Beadle; born May 17, 1908; died 1985 in Atlanta, Georgia.

**6. Jesse B.<sup>4</sup> Sanders** (Aaron<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin<sup>1</sup>) was born July 1889 in Booneville, Prentiss County, Mississippi, and died Unknown in Hickman County, Kentucky. He married **Birdie Price**. She was born Abt. 1893 in Mississippi.

Notes for JESSE B. SANDERS: Probably named after Aaron's brother Jesse (who moved to Texas and was the grandfather of Gary Sanders). Jesse B. appears on the 1900 census in the household of his parents, birth date of July 1889. Jesse appears on the 1910 census of Prentiss County, Mississippi. In the household are his mother, Hester and his sister, Mary. Jesse served as Sheriff of Hickman County, Kentucky later in his life.

Children of Jesse Sanders and Birdie Price are:

- 25 i. Aaron<sup>5</sup> Sanders.
- 26 ii. Alma Sanders.
- 27 iii. Dora Sanders.
- 28 iv. Flora Sanders.
- 29 v. Gene Sanders.
- 30 vi. Essie Sanders.
- 31 vii. Laurice Sanders.