

## *Descendants of Jesse Sanders, 1845-1903*

### *Generation No. 1*

**1. Jesse<sup>3</sup> Sanders** (Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin<sup>1</sup>) was born June 30, 1845 in Tishomingo County, Mississippi, and died December 12, 1903 in Murchison, Henderson County, Texas. He married **Mary Amanda Pickering** October 31, 1871 in Erath County, Texas, daughter of Andrew Pickering and Elizabeth Davis. She was born March 13, 1854 in Henderson County, Texas, and died July 22, 1898 in Murchison, Henderson County, Texas.

Notes for Jesse Sanders:

Jesse Jackson Sanders, who was Jesse's son, provided the following information about his father:

Jesse came to Henderson County, Texas after the Civil War and married "Mandy" Pickering. Mandy Pickering had half-brothers and sisters who also lived in Henderson County. Jesse and Mandy lived in Stephenville in Erath County between 1872 and 1876 and their first two children were born there. Then they moved back to Murchison in Henderson County, where the other five children were born. Jesse's father was named Isaac and lived in Booneville, Mississippi. Jesse had brothers named Calvin and Benjamin and also other siblings. Benjamin occasionally came to visit Jesse in Murchison during the childhood of Jesse Jackson. These visits were not as common as the visits from another relative, Levi Lindsey Sanders, of Van Zandt County. Levi, a blacksmith, had arrived in Texas before the Civil War. Jesse Jackson always referred to Levi as "Old Man Levi."

Using the information provided by Jesse Jackson Sanders and supplementing it with census records and other documents, it is possible to develop a chronology of Jesse's life. His parents, Isaac and Elizabeth, were married about 1836 in Jackson County, Alabama. They appear on the 1840 Jackson County census, but they moved to Tishomingo County, Mississippi, about 1842. Jesse was born in Mississippi in 1845. Between 1849 and 1851 Isaac and Elizabeth moved to Montgomery County, Arkansas. This family has not been found on the 1850 census, probably because they were moving west when the census was taken. The 1860 census of Montgomery County, Arkansas, shows that Jesse was fifteen years old and living in the household of his parents. His father and several brothers fought in the Civil War, but Jesse served on briefly in the Union Army. After the Civil War, Isaac moved his family back to Tishomingo County, Mississippi. Tishomingo County was divided in 1870 and the part where he lived became the present day Prentiss County. Isaac and his family can be found on the 1870 and 1880 census in Booneville, Prentiss County, Mississippi. In the 1870 census, there is no Jesse listed in the household, presumably because Jesse was on his way to Texas.

John Sanders of Jackson County, Alabama, stated on the Southern Claims Record after the Civil War that his brother Isaac lived in Montgomery County, Arkansas, so we can be certain that the Isaac who was the father of Jesse Sanders is the same Isaac who was the brother of John Sanders. Jesse and Levi visited each other after they moved to Texas, and they appear to have been good friends as well as relatives. Jesse's son John named his first son Levi, after Levi Lindsey. Jesse's son Aaron Walter named one of his sons Gurley after Morgan Gurley Sanders, one of Levi's sons. Also, Aaron Sanders, Jesse's brother, who never left Mississippi, named one of his sons Levi Lindsey Sanders. Both Jesse's father Isaac, and Levi Lindsey's father, Benjamin, were raised in Jackson County, Alabama. Levi Lindsey ran away from home in the 1850s and arrived in Texas a couple of years before the Civil War began. It is possible, though this is just speculation, that he lived for a while with Isaac's family in Arkansas—a possible explanation for the close relationship between Levi and Jesse in Texas.

How Jesse and Amanda met and fell in love is not part of any family tradition. They married in Erath County, but it is not known if Jesse went directly to Erath County from Mississippi or if he was first in Henderson County. Nor is there any family tradition about why either Jesse or the Pickering family moved to Erath County. Erath County was a pretty remote place in those days. It does appear that Amanda must have moved there with her father and stepmother but we don't know for certain. All we have is the family tradition that Jesse and Amanda lived in Erath County for four years and then returned to Henderson

County.

Birth and death dates of the children of Jesse and Amanda given here are taken from the Red Hill cemetery, newspaper articles, or conversations with family members. All the children except John and Sarah Elizabeth were born in Murchison.

Their first child, John Sanders, was born on July 30, 1872 in Erath County and their second child, Sarah Elizabeth, was born in Erath County in 1876, but according to the 1938 obituary of John Sanders in the Athens newspaper, Jesse and Amanda moved back to Murchison in Henderson County in 1876. Jesse and Amanda appear on the 1880 census of Henderson County, and Jesse and his family appear on the 1900 census.

Mary Amanda Pickering was known as "Mandy," according to her son Jesse Jackson Sanders. She appears on the 1860 Chambers County census with her parents and on the 1870 census of Henderson County in the household of her father, Andrew Jackson Pickering

Jesse Sanders farmed land in Murchison for many years without a clear title to it. On February 20, 1896 Governor James Hogg granted him 87.8 acres of land (see transcript below). Some of this land remained in the possession of his family until the death of his daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, in 1974, and some of the mineral rights are still owned by the family. According to Jesse Jackson Sanders, the original house in which Jesse lived was a log cabin. After the death of Jesse in 1903, the property was divided among his children and eventually some of them built their own houses on different portions of the land.

There are no known pictures of Jesse or his wife Mandy. The only known signed document is a note by which he borrowed \$25 dollars from Dan Murchison, uncle of the well-known Clint Murchison in 1901. Jesse Sanders died on December 12, 1903. The cause of his death is listed as "malarial fever" on the death certificate.

This is the land grant from the state of Texas to Jesse Sanders in 1893:

In the name of the State of Texas: to all to whom these presents shall come, know ye, I, J.S. Hogg, governor of the state aforesaid by virtue of the power vested in me by law and in accordance with the laws of said State in such case made and provided do by these presents grant to Jesse Sanders, his heirs or assigns forever eighty seven and 8/10 acres of land, situated and described as follows: In Henderson County about 6 1/2 miles N 50 degrees E. fr Athens. By virtue of an affidavit made before J.B. Bishop a Notary Public of Henderson Co Oct 28th 1893. Under an act for Burnetts sur. on the E.B. line of the N.B. Malone League, with 13 J 10" vrs. south 5 vrs. N 850 degrees E 4 thence East at 1018 mos., passing ? N.E. corner of said Burnetts at 1503? a a stone on the N.B. line of H.A. Shoffit[?] out a P.O. 8" vrs. ? S. 33 degrees E vrs? a do. 12 vrs. E 8000 thence North 315 vrs. a stone on the S.B. line of W.H. Smith with a P.O. 10" vrs. N 79" E 4 3/5 vrs. a B.J. 6" vrs S 11 degrees E 14 vrs. thence west 643 vrs his S. W. corner thence North 1076 6/10 vrs the S.E. corner of M. Covitt survey. Thence West 25 vrs a stone on N.E. corner of the H.T. Martin survey. Thence South with the E.B. line of said Martins 1081 6/10 vrs his S.E. corner. Thence west with the S.B. line of said Martins 835 vrs. to his S. W. corner. Thence south 210 vrs. to the place of beginning ? surveyed. Herby relinquishing to him the said Jesse Sanders and his heirs or assigns forever all the right and title in and to said land, hertofore held and possessed by the said State and I do herby issue this letter patent for the same. In testimony wherof I have caused the seal of the State to be affixed as well as the seal of the General Land Office. Done at the City of Austin on the Eighth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety three.

J.S. Hogg,  
Governor.

Filed for record February 10, 1894 at 11 o'clock a.m. and recorded February 10, 1896 at 1 o'clock p.m.

[A vara, abbreviated vrs. in the document, is a Spanish unit of measurment, about 33 1/3 inches.]

Children of Jesse Sanders and Mary Pickering are:

- + 2            i. John Taylor<sup>4</sup> Sanders, born July 30, 1872 in Stephenville, Erath County, Texas; died May 11, 1938 in Murchison, Henderson County, Texas.
- 3            ii. Sarah Elizabeth Sanders, born July 17, 1876 in Stephenville, Erath County, Texas; died February 15, 1974 in Athens, Henderson County, Texas. She married Benjamin Franklin Frank Carroll Bet. July 13 - December 31, 1929; born March 02, 1880 in Henderson County, Texas; died March 31, 1954 in Murchison, Henderson County, Texas.

Notes for Sarah Elizabeth Sanders:

Aunt "Bet" Carroll, as she was affectionately known, did not marry until she was 53 years old. After her husband died, she continued to live on the old family homestead. She had the self-reliance of the original pioneers and it was a bitter blow to her when, in her late eighties, she had to move to a nursing home. Although she never had children of her own, she was a great favorite of her nieces and nephews.

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From *The Athens Gazette* newspaper, about 1965:

#### THAT COLD FRIDAY HELD HIGH TRUMP

That Cold Friday-- Well, it was a ringtail tooter.

Not many people are still alive who remember the day; it was a long time ago, shortly before the turn of the century. There were no weather instruments in the county to record the temperature readings, but That Cold Friday must have been the coldest day since the retreat of the glaciers. One who does remember the cold spell--and remembers it vividly--is Mrs. Betty Carroll, 89, of Murchison. "I don't want to see another one like it," she declared. "I still shiver when I think about it."

Mrs. Carroll, called "Bet" by everybody in Murchison and most people in the county, is a member of a pioneer Murchison family. Although unable to pinpoint precisely the date of That Cold Friday, Bet is inclined to believe it was February of 1896. She was almost a grown girl when the memorable blue norther whistled in.

"It got so cold," Bet recalled, "that a pan of water tossed out the door would freeze before it hit the ground." Tails of horses and cows froze still. Chickens' feet froze and broke off like brittle sticks. The fowls' bodies, insulated by feathers, survived the frigid blast without breaking.

Bet recalls that Tom Taylor, who operated the only store in Murchison at the time, suffered a heavy loss in merchandise. "All the stock was lost except such good as coffee," she said. "All the bottled foods busted, and the canned goods were ruined."

Bet recollects many things and many people and many events of the long ago. She remembers dances in the school house; she remembers delightful parties in private homes; she remembers picking cotton along the stretch of ground now occupied by Highway 31; she remembers the violence of the fading frontier; she even remembers a bay mare with an exceptionally long tail that almost dragged the ground.

In retrospect, Bet evaluates much of Life's three-act play as vanity and vexation of spirit. Mentally alert and perceptive at 89, Bet does not occupy all her wakeful moments with inspection of the past. She is an avid reader, requiring no assistance from glasses in order to perform this function, and her intellectual interests are astonishing broad in scope.

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From *Tyler Courier-Times Telegraph*, Sunday, February 17, 1974: "Funeral services for Mrs. Bettie Carroll, 97 of Athens, are set at 2 P.M. Sunday... She died Friday night in an Athens convalescence home after a long illness. She had resided in Murchison until moving to Athens, and was a lifelong resident of Henderson County."

According to Lucinda Murphy, Bet and Frank were married in 1929, and according to information provided by Jesse and Lola Sanders, Bet Sanders and Frank Carroll were married after Jesse and Lola married on July 13, 1929. Therefore the date of her marriage was between July 13, 1929 and December 31, 1929.

- 4      iii.    Randau Sanders, born May 06, 1880 in Murchison, Henderson county, Texas; died October 06, 1880 in Murchison, Henderson county, Texas.

Notes for Randau Sanders:

The tombstone of Randau is in the Sanders plot in the Red Hill Cemetery, but the inscription is hard to read, since it is the oldest stone in the Sanders family plot. Jesse Jackson Sanders said that this Randau was a son, but the inscription says that Randau was a daughter. Since Randau died 5 years before Jesse Jackson was born, it is understandable that he may not have known more than that he had a sibling who died as an infant.

- + 5      iv.    Aaron Walter Sanders, born January 07, 1882 in Murchison, Henderson County, Texas; died November 25, 1966 in Athens, Henderson County, Texas.
- + 6      v.     Jesse Jackson Sanders, born March 04, 1885 in Murchison, Henderson County, Texas; died September 17, 1964 in Overton, Rusk County, Texas.
- + 7      vi.    Fannie Amanda Sanders, born August 09, 1889 in Murchison, Henderson County, Texas; died February 23, 1931 in Murchison, Henderson County, Texas.

- 8       vii. Bertha Sanders, born July 09, 1891 in Murchison, Henderson county, Texas; died October 26, 1896 in Murchison, Henderson county, Texas.

Notes for Bertha Sanders:

The tombstone of Bertha is in the Red Hill Cemetery but is hard to read, since it is the second oldest one in the Sanders family plot. Bertha was the "little sister" who died young according to Jesse Jackson Sanders.

### *Generation No. 2*

**2. John Taylor<sup>4</sup> Sanders** (Jesse<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin<sup>1</sup>) was born July 30, 1872 in Stephenville, Erath County, Texas, and died May 11, 1938 in Murchison, Henderson County, Texas. He married **Lula N Skipper** November 11, 1890 in Murchison, Henderson County, Texas, daughter of Daniel Skipper and Lucinda Cumbie. She was born October 26, 1870 in Butler County, Alabama, and died December 08, 1901 in Murchison, Henderson County, Texas.

Notes for John Taylor Sanders:

John was a farmer by occupation. John appears on the 1910 census, residing at Murchison in Henderson County. In the household are his sons Carl and Lee and his daughter Modest. John Sanders also appears on the 1920 Murchison, Henderson County census with his son Carl living in the household. Both are widowers. Also living in the household are hired hands from Mexico: Eugenio Palomo and his wife Petro, Felipe Sederamis(?), Santiago Silos, and Marcos Silos.

In the 1930 census:

John T. Sanders 57 head  
Carl            36 son  
Don D.         14 grandson  
Modist         21 daughter (age should be 31)

Living next door is the family of John B. Lewis whose daughter, Ivo, would marry John's nephew Eugene Webb.

From the *Athens Daily Review*, Athens, Henderson County, Texas, Thursday, May 12, 1938, p. 1:

#### JOHN T. SANDERS DIES; BURIAL TO BE ON FRIDAY

John T. Sanders, 76, resident of the Murchison community for the past sixty-one years, died sometime Wednesday night. The well-known and highly respected citizen of Murchison was found dead in his bed at 6:00 o'clock Thursday morning. Deceased was the father of Lee Sanders of Athens and a brother of A. W. Sanders, Athens merchant.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the First Baptist Church of Murchison. Rev. T. H. Irwin of Tyler and Rev. D. R. Carlidge of Athens, both close friends of the deceased, will be asked to conduct the services. Interment will be in the Red Hill cemetery.

Pall bearers named were: Eugene Webb, Delmas Sanders, Gurley Sanders, Millard Sanders, ST (rest of line illegible).

Honorary pall bearers will be: Oran Scott, Ollie Wells, B. K. Barnes, Walter Lewis, Percy Lewis, Clark Turner, Early Taylor, Will Dyer, John Dyer, Clyde Simmons and Joe Harper.

John Taylor Sanders was born July 30, 1872, near Stephenville in Erath county, but was brought to Henderson county in 1876 by his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Jess Sanders who are buried in the Red Hill cemetery. Mrs. John Sanders, the former Miss Lula Skipper, died at Murchison in 1901 and lies buried in the Red Hill cemetery.

Mr. Sanders is survived by two sons, Lee Sanders of Athens and Carl Sanders of Corsicana and one daughter, Mrs. Modest Taylor of Murchison. Two brothers, A. W. Sanders, Athens, and J. J. Sanders, Murchison and one sister, Mrs. Frank Carroll, Athens.

Children of John Sanders and Lula Skipper are:

- 9       i. Carl Calvin<sup>5</sup> Sanders, born August 12, 1894 in Murchison, Henderson County, Texas; died February 1941 in Corsicana, Navarro County, Texas. He married (1) Letha Unknown; born May 03, 1900 in Texas; died December 04, 1919 in Murchison, Henderson County, Texas. He married

(2) Artie Mae Milam.

Notes for Artie Mae Milam:

An Artie Mae Milam died in Dallas County on October 24, 1991. This may have been Carl's wife.

- 10 ii. Modest Gale Sanders, born February 19, 1898 in Henderson County, Texas; died April 06, 1979. She married Joseph Taylor; died Bef. 1930 in Texas.
- 11 iii. Levi Sanders, born February 19, 1898 in Murchison, Henderson County, Texas; died December 19, 1973 in Henderson County, Texas. He married Beulah Richardson; born October 18, 1905 in New York Community, Henderson County, Texas; died December 09, 1980 in Houston, Texas.

Notes for Levi Sanders:

Levi Sanders was named after Levi Lindsey Sanders of Van Zandt County, Texas, but he was always known as "Lee." He and his sister Modest Gale Sanders were twins. Lee served in the army in World War I and was a carpenter by occupation.

Notes for Beulah Richardson:

From the Tyler Morning Telegraph, Friday, December 12, 1980: "Mrs. Sanders died Tuesday in a Houston hospital. Survivors include one daughter, Lila Beth Scruggs, Pasadena; two sons, Julian H. Sanders, and Leroy Sanders, both of Pasadena; two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Hallmark, Athens, and Mrs. Rubie Cumbie, Fort Worth; 10 grandchildren and two great grandchildren."

**5. Aaron Walter<sup>4</sup> Sanders** (Jesse<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin<sup>1</sup>) was born January 07, 1882 in Murchison, Henderson County, Texas, and died November 25, 1966 in Athens, Henderson County, Texas. He married **Mary Jeanetta Gothard** 1908 in Corsicana, Navarro County, Texas, daughter of John Gothard and Lela Johnson. She was born June 14, 1892 in Henderson County, Texas, and died January 12, 1983 in Athens, Henderson County, Texas.

Notes for Aaron Walter Sanders:

Walter and Nettie appear on the 1920 census of Murchison, Henderson County, Texas. His occupation is listed as farmer. From 1928 until 1945 he operated a grocery store just off the courthouse square in Athens. He and Nettie lived at 312 West College in Athens. After their deaths, their son Gurley continued to live in the same house until his death in 2000.

From *Tyler-Courier Times* Newspaper: "Mr. Sanders died Friday morning in a local hospital after a short illness. He was a native of Henderson county, and a retired grocer and cattleman. Mr. Sanders operated a grocery store here for a number of years after moving from Murchison where he was engaged in farming and cattle-raising. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Nettie Sanders; three sons, Delmas Sanders of Texas City, J. T. Sanders of Galveston, and Gurley Sanders of Athens; a daughter, Mrs. Maudine Robers of Athens; a sister, Mrs. Betty Carroll of Athens; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Masonic graveside rites will be held."

Notes for Mary Jeanetta Gothard:

From *Tyler Courier Times Telegraph*: "Services for Mrs. Nettie Gothard Sanders, 90, Athens, are set for 2 P.M. Friday at Carroll-Lehr Memorial Chapel with Dr. C. William McNatt officiating. Burial will be in the Athens City Cemetery. Mrs. Sanders died Wednesday in an Athens nursing home after a long illness. She was born June 14, 1892 at Ben Wheeler, and lived in Athens since 1927. Mrs. Sanders and her husband W. W. Sanders owned and operated Sanders Grocery Store from 1928-1945. She was a Presbyterian."

Walter, Nettie, and two of their sons, Gurley and Millard, are buried in a family plot in the Athens Cemetery.

Children of Aaron Sanders and Mary Gothard are:

- 12 i. Delmas Lawrence<sup>5</sup> Sanders, born August 16, 1910 in Murchison, Henderson County, Texas; died May 04, 1993 in Cherokee County, Texas. He married (1) Willie Mae Bass. He married (2)

Rubye Lee Harris; born July 25, 1918. He married (3) Lois G. Johnston; born October 17, 1919; died September 30, 2003 in LaRue, Henderson County, Texas.

Notes for Delmas Lawrence Sanders:

lived at Mixon, near Troup in Smith County for several years prior to his death.

Notes for Lois G. Johnston:

One family member believes her name was Sewell, not Johnston. Present information from Web: [http://www.tx-wooddell.net/charokee/mid/cedar\\_hill\\_cemt4.htm](http://www.tx-wooddell.net/charokee/mid/cedar_hill_cemt4.htm)

- 13 ii. John Thomas Sanders, born December 11, 1911 in Murchison, Henderson County Texas; died March 01, 1998 in Galveston, Texas. He married Martha Elizabeth Chambers January 21, 1940; died May 20, 1998 in Galveston, Texas.

Notes for John Thomas Sanders:

From *Tyler Courier Times Telegraph* newspaper, about 1964:

J. T. Sanders of Galveston, grand captain general of Texas Knights Templar, will visit and inspect Ascension Commandery no. 25 in Tyler, Saturday. Supper will be served at 6:30 P.M. at the Masonic building on Front Street. Sanders is past commander of Texas' oldest Knights Templar Commandery, San Felipe de Austin No. 1 in Galveston. He is also past master of Harmony Lodge No. 6 AF&AM, high priest of San Felipe de Austin Royal Arch Chapter no. 1, and past thrice illustrious master of Galveston Council no. 16, R&SM.

- 14 iii. Gurley Sanders, born March 12, 1915 in Murchison, Henderson County Texas; died August 09, 2000 in Athens, Henderson County, Texas. He married Beatrice Pinkerton.

Notes for Gurley Sanders:

According to Jesse Jackson Sanders, Gurley was named after Gurley Houldcotte Sanders, son of Morgan Gurley Sanders and grandson of Levi Lindsey Sanders.

The memorial article in the *Athens Daily Review* states that Gurley never married but actually he was married once, to Beatrice Pinkerton. The memorial article about Gurley's life is available on the Web site of the Athens Daily Review. There is a link to it on my main Web page. His obituary also appeared on August 11 and included the following: "Services for Gurley Sanders, 85, of Athens are scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday at Saint Matthias Episcopal Church with Father Donald Hickman officiating. Mr. Sanders was a lifelong resident of Athens and member of Saint Matthias Episcopal Church. He was a well known writer and wrote the column Gurleyver's Travels for the Athens Review."

- 15 iv. Maudine Sanders, born April 19, 1919 in Murchison, Henderson County, Texas; died July 24, 2001 in Athens, Henderson County, Texas. She married (1) Clarence Martin Cupp; died March 19, 1965 in Henderson county Texas. She married (2) Unknown Rogers.

Notes for Maudine Sanders: Millard and Maudine were twins. From the Athens Daily Review, July 26, 2001: "Mrs. Rogers died July 24, 2001, in Athens. She was born April 19, 1919, to Walter and Nettie Sanders. She was a lifelong resident of Athens."

- 16 v. Millard Sanders, born April 19, 1919 in Murchison, Henderson County Texas; died April 01, 1945 in Killed in action, World War II.

Notes for Millard Sanders: Millard was a corporal in the field artillery. He died in action about a month before World War II ended. His wartime Buddy wrote a letter in which he said that their unit encounter a German machine gun unit and Millard died in trying to charge it. For more details, see From: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txhender/OldNewspaper/cplsanders.htm> February 23, 2003 *Athens Weekly Review* June 28, 1945

**6. Jesse Jackson<sup>4</sup> Sanders** (Jesse<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin<sup>1</sup>) was born March 04, 1885 in Murchison, Henderson County, Texas, and died September 17, 1964 in Overton, Rusk County, Texas. He married **Lola Mae Burton** July 13, 1929 in Tyler, Smith County, Texas, daughter of Emmett Burton and Myrtle

Miller. She was born November 04, 1913 in Ouachita County, Arkansas, and died February 07, 1988 in Tyler, Smith County, Texas.

Notes for Jesse Jackson Sanders: Jesse Jackson Sanders appears on the 1900 and 1910 Henderson County, Texas census. In 1900 he was living in the household of his father and in 1910 he is living with his sister Bettie (the 1910 census listing of Bettie as Jesse's wife is an error). The ages of Jesse and Bettie are incorrect on the 1910 census, also. Jesse has not yet been located on the 1920 census, although he was probably living in Henderson County when the census was taken.

The 1930 census was taken before the birth of the first child to this couple. Jesse's age is given as 37 and Lola's as 29. Both ages are obviously incorrect.

Jesse Jackson Sanders farmed his share of the land he inherited from his father, Jesse. He did not marry until he met Lola Mae Burton when he was 44 years old. His relatives were certain the marriage was a mistake. Because of this family opposition, the two received the approval of Lola's mother and traveled about thirty miles to Tyler where they were married. Contrary to the opinion of the other Sanders family members, the marriage lasted until Jesse Jackson Sanders died in 1864, and Lola Sanders never remarried. For a short time in the early 1930s, Jesse and Lola Sanders operated a movie theater. Later, they ran a grocery store in Murchison. A ledger with dates from March 30, 1933 to November 1936 recorded their receipts. October 1934 was one of their best months: they sold \$510.45 in groceries during that month. In 1949 Jesse and Lola Sanders sold the last nine acres of the farm and in 1951 they moved to Overton in Rusk County where they resided until their deaths.

Children of Jesse Sanders and Lola Burton are:

- 17 i. Living Sanders, born Sand Springs, Athens, Henderson County, Texas.
- 18 ii. Shirley Ann Sanders, born April 20, 1936 in Murchison, Henderson County, Texas; died September 06, 1997 in Tyler, Smith County, Texas. She married (1) Living Barton June 13, 1953 in Rusk County, Texas; She married (2) Melvin Howard Ard September 05, 1981; born May 25, 1936 in South Carolina; died September 24, 2003 in New London, Rusk County, Texas.
- 19 iii. Living Sanders, born Murchison, Henderson County, Texas
- 20 iv. Living Sanders, born Murchison, Henderson County, Texas

**7. Fannie Amanda<sup>4</sup> Sanders** (Jesse<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin<sup>1</sup>) was born August 09, 1889 in Murchison, Henderson County, Texas, and died February 23, 1931 in Murchison, Henderson County, Texas. She married **Joseph Andrew Webb**, son of Robert Webb and Cornelia Hightower. He was born July 25, 1881 in Louisiana or Van Zandt County, Texas, and died August 09, 1964 in Texas.

Notes for Joseph Andrew Webb: Andrew Webb is listed on the 1910 census with his wife and brother Charles living in the household. His wife's name is listed as Bonnie, but I think this is the same person as Fannie Amanda since the age is correct. His occupation is listed as railroad section foreman. Andrew and Fan Webb appear on the 1920 Henderson County, Texas census with son Eugene. Andrew is listed as age 36, which is incorrect.

Children of Fannie Sanders and Joseph Webb are:

- 21 i. Joseph Eugene<sup>5</sup> Webb, born January 27, 1911 in Henderson County Texas; died August 26, 1968 in Athens, Henderson County Texas. He married Pearly Ivo Lewis; born April 04, 1915 in Henderson County, Texas; died March 06, 1989 in Henderson County Texas.
- 22 ii. Maggie Webb, born February 04, 1918; died February 04, 1918.