

What About That Andy J. Sanders, Sr.?

2016 Revision

By Jackie Layne Partin

As the years fade away, we forget those who walked before us in our beloved Grundy County, TN. My head is full of stories with characters like Benjamin Harrison Wooten, aka Uncle Harry Wooten, Mab Turner, William “Billy” McCoy, Benson Myers, Lou Thompson, Richard Bradford and hundreds more that I passed over during my research and promised later to give them their fifteen minutes of fame. Folks, I *ain't gonna* live that long! **Andy J. Sanders, Sr.** is the man whom I have chosen to chase in this particular hunt for a story. Wondering, wondering, the late night hours and waking morning periods being filled with sunlight, moments when I have a broom in my hand, or sitting on my lawnmower, or folding clothes from the dryer, all the time—I wonder! My dreams are full of imaginary and real wonderments of Grundy’s old timers—those who smoked corn cob pipes; those who lifted up their Bibles with words or songs of Hozanna to the King; those in the black darkness of the coalmines; those who built wagons and drove the stagecoaches; those who died horrific deaths when their clothing broke into flames at the open fireplaces or near the skillets of side meat quickly reaching the blaze temperature—those unpaid performers in the reality shows of our past—they call out to me to remember them. I bumped into Andy in an old newspaper — **long lived Andy!**

Recently my eleven-year-old granddaughter got all excited when she found an ad on the computer for removing “old-age spots” from the elderly. I have many, but a prominent one on my left arm had her worried about me. She was so determined that I help her look for the ad and do just what it said to do to remove that ugly spot. And I was just as adamant that my making of homemade yeast bread could not be hindered; so adamant was I that I turned to her saying, “I’ve worked hard for those old-age spots; I’ve worked hard to grow old, and I’m going to continue down the road to a better life.” Who was Andy J. Sanders? Did he have “old-age spots?” Can we ever find him and follow him through the years? Let’s try. First we must prove he existed. The following **death certificate** transcript will be our proof of his existence:

- Name—Andy J. Sanders
- Place of death-Grundy County, TN, District 5, Laager, TN
- Widower
- Birth—**1813**—in Tennessee
- Died Aug. 24, 1921—**108 years** at death
- Cause of death—old age
- Father—**J. K. Sanders**
- Mother—Unknown
- Undertaker—Ernest C. Norvell of Tracy City, TN
- Buried Clouse Hill *Cemetery*

It might do well to show evidence for the possibility of our Andy being a "Sr." meaning that he and his wife had a son named Andrew Jacob Sanders, Jr., so we may assume that our Andy's full name was Andrew Jacob Sanders, Sr. Remember, I am chasing Mr. Andy and trying to find his place in our part of history. In the *Tennessee, Compiled Census Substitutes Index 1810-1891*, we find an **A. J. Sanders** (*no suffix*) listed in District 11 on page **313**. Further into the list, we find **A. J. Sanders, Sr.** listed on page **391**, in District 11 male voters in Grundy County. This possibly suggests a father and son situation. The database for this information is the **Tennessee 1891 Voters List**.

Since their first child Mary was born around **1832**, I will assume that Andy married his wife Martha Yates around **1830**. The greater percentage of marital unions in those long ago times had a child added to the family within one or two years. I cannot support the maiden name for Martha with a document, but the general consensus is that it was "Yates". In **1839** Jacob Sanders was listed in the early tax list records of **Coffee Co., TN**. In the **1840 Census**, he and his wife were the parents of two boys and two girls. Their first two sons were James and Andrew Jacob Sanders, Jr. Mary and Aylar/Alice were probably the two daughters listed. Not until the year **1844** would a portion of Coffee Co. become a portion of the new county, Grundy, so Andrew Jacob Sanders, Sr. was living and farming in Coffee Co. at the approximate age of twenty-six. Then all of a sudden he found himself a citizen of Grundy County. He needed not to have moved one inch for that to have happened.

In **1850** in Pelham, TN, District 5, Grundy County, we find recorded: **Jacob Sanders**, (1810), his wife Martha (1815), children, Mary (1832), James (1836), **Andrew J.** (1837), Aylar/Alice/Allie (1838), Alexander (1840), John (1844), George (1847), and Joseph C. (1848). Jacob, nor his wife, could read. The whole family was born in Tennessee where Jacob farmed to shore up his growing responsibilities. Just for our discussion, let's suggest that A. J., Sr.'s first name was Andrew "Andy"; then we have an Andrew Jacob Sanders, Sr. at the age of forty. I suppose when he felt well enough to plow and bounce grandchildren on his knees, he thought he was younger than what he really was. But when the barometer was falling, and his joints hurt, and his beard got whiter, he might have answered any questions about his age as being "just as old as I feel."

The **1860 Census** in District 7 of Grundy County, we find that another son Joel, and two more daughters, Adaline and Caldonia, were added to Andy J., Sr.'s family. Census records are often difficult to read and are regularly recorded incorrectly from decade to decade. The list of children I have given may or may not be complete. Mary, James, Andrew Jacob, George, and Joseph Charles had either married or passed away. Let us note that Andrew J. Sanders, Jr. who still lived in the same district surrounded by "Sanders" and "Cope" families had taken a wife, Louisa Cope, on Oct. 27, **1853**, in Grundy County. She was the daughter of Stephen Payne and Comfort (Bolin/Bouldin) Cope. So a caution light flares up warning us in our research to not confuse Andrew Jacob Sanders, Jr. with his father Andy, Sr. The elder Andy, (Martha Yates' husband), was still fathering children as the young Andy, Jr., (Louisa Cope's husband), married and readied to start his own family. And to further complicate the matter, Andy, Jr. produced a son named Andrew Jacob Sanders, *III* who in turn produced Andy, *IV*. These are the type of

lineages that cause a researcher to twirl around two or three times in the computer chair while rubbing the eyes and head with both hands.

In the *Selected U. S. Federal Census Non-Population Schedules, 1850-1880*, Jacob Sanders, Sr. was listed as living in District 8, Grundy, Tennessee, USA. He was counted on the 23rd of July 1860 in the Agriculture as having a \$2,000.00 cash value of his farm; he was not a tenant farmer but an owner. We might sneak in a comparison of Andy, Sr.'s farm value to another local farmer of the day, A. E. Patton, whose farm was worth \$35,000.00 dollars.

In 1861 when the Civil War broke out, Andy, Sr. would have been near or at the supposed cut off age (50) for the draft during the latter part of the Civil War. Andy, Sr. may have fought or maybe he participated in the Home Guard. It is nearly impossible to weed through the A. J. Sanders names and find a needle in the haystack.

By the time the 1870 Census was taken, Andy J. Sanders and much of his family either went into hiding or just decided to avoid the hassle of answering questions by the inquirer. One only needs to look at the Ancestry.com family member pages to see that he and Martha were killed off by disgusted researchers who thought, "I'm done looking!" Where did they go? The same is true with the 1880, 1900, 1910 Census records. Some of their children, grandchildren, even great-grandchildren show up in Grundy County and up in Kentucky, but Andy J., Sr. and Martha were nowhere to be found—at least by me. I knocked on many family doors and searched image by image and I could not find either. But I am not one to give up easily.

In the 1910 Census record for Grundy County part of civil district 4, Andy, Jr. and Louisa (Cope) Sanders are both listed as being seventy-seven years of old. They lived alone, but some of their married children were sprinkled near them. However, there is no sight of Andy J., Sr. who would have been around ninety-eight at the time. Wouldn't one think that the old gentleman would be sitting on the porch of a log cabin just waiting for the Census taker to stop and talk with him? How proudly he would have answered the age question with, "Oh, I am close to being one hundred-years-of age.

Miracles do happen; with vigilant searching, I found the old codger; Andy J., Sr. got counted in the 1920 Census. He popped right up from his place of obscurity, and happily told Hattie Fultz, the Census taker, his age. I certainly am not discounting the idea that he was listed somewhere in 1870, 1880, 1900, and 1910, but this weak-eyed lady has yet to find him during those Census years. What a mystery! How exciting it would have been to share the full life of this aged man with history! I won't give up, but my body may lie down and push up violets.

Like *The Little Train That Could*, Andy kept right on going, far beyond being a Centenarian; in the 1920 Census record, he is listed as being 108 years of age. He was living with his great-grandson Alex Meeks and Alex's wife, Lena (Sanders) Meeks; their marriage took place July 1, 1916, so there had been time for a little one to be in the house for Andy's entertainment. She was a 1½ -year-old baby girl, Ida Mai Meeks, his gg-granddaughter. Alex

was a son of James Donald and Sarah Lottie (Sanders) Meeks who married on Feb. 28, 1878. Sarah's uncle, Alexander Houston Sanders, signed the bond along with the future groom, James Donald Meeks. If I have followed or strolled backwards well, then we have Andy Sanders, Sr. living with his great-grandson, Alex Meeks. Sarah's death certificate gives her birth as June 11, 1860 and her parents as Andy Sanders (Jr.) and **Louisa Cope**. The *Census* record incorrectly stated that Andy, Sr. was Alex's grandfather, but he was really his great-grandfather. Folks, there's a rat in the barn somewhere!! Louisa (Cope) Sanders' husband Andy J. Sanders, Jr. would have been around **eighty-three** in 1920. The **108-year-old** Andy Sanders in this household could not be Louisa's husband, but he was her father-in-law. Might I be perceived as twisting the *Census* record to fit my research needs?

(An added note about the Census records: for the most part they are reliable, but don't bet your last dollar on their accuracy. I couldn't wait until the 1940 Census records came out so that I could find out about where my mother and her child out of wedlock lived before I was born. I very interestingly found out that my mother was the wife of the father of the child, and that the child was a male, and that the child was born in a certain month of 1940 – all of the recorded data was wrong, completely wrong. So be forewarned. Jackie Partin)

Reading old newspapers excite me. I find all kinds of interesting tidbits in them. The short following article is the one that made me wonder about Grundy County's folks of longevity. It came from **Mrs. Grundy September 1, 1921**.

"Old Citizen Passes Away"

"Uncle Andy Sanders, one of the oldest citizens of Grundy County, perhaps one of the oldest citizens in the State of Tennessee, passed peacefully away at his home near Laager on August 23. The deceased was as near as he could remember about 113 years of age. He could remember the time when this branch line was built and several other things happened nearly a Century ago. He was buried at the family burial ground on the 24th."

One might say that Andy, Jr. could have remembered the branch line/RR tracks coming to Tracy City in the late 1850s, and he could have. However, he could **not** have remembered things that happened nearly a century before 1921, i.e., **1821**, or let's say before **1836**, his approximate birth year. We just cannot make an 86-year-old man into a 108-year-old man. This short obit, of sorts, gives us the thought that Andy, Sr. had been around the area of what became known as Grundy County, TN, for most, if not all, of his life.

Another point for study and exchange of ideas is, just what does it mean when the obit said he was buried at the "**family burial ground**"? There were Sanders, Meekses and even Copes buried at Clouse Hill Cemetery, but besides being called the

“Henley Graveyard” and Clouse Hill Cemetery, it is new for me to hear it called the Sanders’ family burial ground. To me, that describes the Sanders Cemetery on Payne’s Cove Rd., but I have no idea how he is related to Solomon Sanders whose family is buried there. Since Andy died in Laager, to have taken the body to either burial ground in those days would have been a good distance in a wagon; by train it would have been easier to go to Clouse Hill. Many researchers have contributed Andy, Sr.’s death date to be that of Andy, Jr. That seems to be a mistake, but I am willing to receive any help concerning the error of my thinking.

Little did I know when I started this story that I would find myself to be a direct descendant of Andrew Jacob (Andy) Sanders, Sr.; the lineage would read: J. K. Sanders, Andrew Jacob “Andy” Sanders, Sr., Joseph Charles Sanders, Mary Estella “Stella” (Sanders) Smartt (twin sister to Luella Sanders); Maggie Myrtle (Smartt) Meeks; Clara (Meeks) Layne and then Jackie (Layne) Partin (me). Little pleasantries show up at the oddest times. To find me, please try jackiepartin@blomand.net .

The above story was first published in October 2015. The following Addendum in January 2016.

Addendum to the Story, **“What About That Andy J. Sanders, Sr.?”**

By Jackie Layne Partin

So quickly did I receive a response to this story that I actually was excited—excited because after all these years, I realized that the stories I write are really being read by someone. In this case it was a Sanders descendant, Paul Sanders, an avid researcher of said family. After giving much thought to the situation and being unable to get my story to fit his story, I told him that I would read and do more searching. It has been a “spell,” but I never forgot his input.

First, let me say that the two of us have never met; yet we remain email friends and fellow researchers. The approach chosen by me to use in this addendum is simply to follow the trail of email exchanges between us. I will change nothing except delete all the address stuff and neaten it for this format. Mr. Paul Sanders has good arguments, but I remain somewhere in a cloud about how my information differs some points of the biography he speak of. This addendum is done in fairness to him and his ideas and to allow any other descendants to have input.

First email exchange follows:

Hi Jackie,

Just read your story about Andy Sanders and found it interesting, but difficult to follow the line. It might be best to preface any further remarks with the fact that I have been researching my Sanders Family history in the Franklin, Coffee, Grundy Co, (respective to the county changes) area for a little over 30 years. My great great grandfather Jordan Sanders had a brother Jacob Sanders (b: ca 1812) in Franklin Co., TN. who married Martha Yates. This couple married ca 1830 and lived and began raising a family in the Pelham Valley. This couple had a son of some renown, named Alexander H. Sanders, who came to the attention of the Geo. A. Ogle & Co. who published a "Memorial and Biographical Record: An Illustrated Compendium Of Biography" in 1898. In the Biographical sketch of Capt. Alexander Houston Sanders, in addition to providing an account of his American Civil War service, it also identifies his parents as Jacob and Martha (Yates) Sanders. A.H.'s biography also goes on to state that Jacob and Martha "removed to Lincoln Co., Tenn, where both died, the mother in 1866, the father in 1869."

As I read through your documentation for "Andy J. Sanders, Sr, it appears this is the same person you have identified as "Andy Sr." in your story. You have discovered, as I have, there were several Sanders men with the name Jacob, as well as, Andrew J. and Andrew Jacob. My concern and question is how to account for the A.H. Sanders biographical information??

Paul E. Sanders

My Reponse follows:

Thanks Paul for your interest and obvious hard work. I expected input rather rapidly, so thanks for helping me work through this matter. I have worked on this **one** man days, nights, for maybe two months, not thirty-years, so you trump me there. And to be fair, the Sanders family also belongs to my husband through Uncle Dick Sanders aka George Carrell Sanders.

However, I came to the conclusion that this Andy is not the one who died in Lincoln Co., TN. I know the local Payne's Cove, Clouse Hill, Sanders Crossing, and Wheeler Town, Sanderses fairly well, so the family isn't really new to me. The renowned Alexander Houston Sanders is well known in these parts. I still believe he is a brother to Andrew Jacob Sanders, (Sr.—jp), and it seemed easy for me to go

backwards and reasonably easy for me to come forward except for the missing Census records.

Your quote: "My concern and question is how to account for the A.H. Sanders biographical information?" I did not read this particular sketch, but I am familiar with the Compendium of Biography books. I rarely read what others write until someone like you challenges me. I like to research on my own; that way I get to choose the apple tree switch for my opponent to use on my legs. You have given me a great question; as I have also given you one as to how we make a man in his eighties suddenly be 108/113 when he died. I promise you that I will read that biography sometime this week. It seems that we are so close and yet, so far apart on this man.

I'll keep up with the research, continue to try to find Andy and Martha in the missing Census, although I have no problem believing that Martha died early after having all those children and living through a war. But I believe Andy hung around Grundy County and is buried here also. If I find out that I have missed the whole thing, I will amend the story, but please give me time to look at your side.

Thanks again. jackie

Paul Sanders' Response:

Looks like I left the "you" out of my question. Maybe letting you "off the hook." In response to your question regarding "How we make a man in his eighties suddenly be 108/113 when he died, seems fairly straight forward to me. The Andy Sanders listed in the 1920 Grundy Census, living in the Alex Meeks household simply misrepresented his age. I have seen this record before and dismissed it as a misrepresentation. I believe he is, as listed, the grandfather of both Alex and Lena (1st cousins who married). There are a couple of plausible explanations. One, it is not too much of a stretch to believe, because of his age (84) he was experiencing some form of dementia (maybe even thinking that he was his father's age). Or two, the person providing the information to the census taker only guessed at his age.

Oddly enough, the Andy J. Sanders death certificate does not list an informant. Also, (not sanctioning this source) if you check on findagrave.com for Andrew Sanders buried in Clouse Hill Cemetery, you find a memorial listed for Andrew Sanders, with his birthdate listed as April 22,1836 and death date of Aug. 24,1921 (85 years old, not 108/113).

Furthermore, I concur that Andrew J. Sanders (Andy if you prefer, and who married Louisa Cope) and Alexander H. Sanders were brothers and were sons of Jacob Sanders and Martha Yates. I can also place A.H. Sanders in Lincoln Co., TN because I have documentation that Alexander H. Sanders was married in Lincoln Co., TN to Mary E. Taylor (nee Crabtree) in 1870. In my best estimation, it appears Jacob and Martha moved their family to Lincoln Co. sometime around the start of the Civil War where they remained until their deaths. I have searched through Lincoln Co., TN records without success, to find more on Jacob and Martha. Since Jacob and Martha (Yates) Sanders died in 1869 and 1866 respectfully, I don't think you will be locating them in the 1870 census or afterwards and the reason other researchers have not pursued any further. Since this is an ancillary line of my Sanders, I have not followed up on my note that Andrew J. Sanders was most likely the Andrew J Sanders who was a member of the 44th Confederate Infantry.

Curiously awaiting your research and reply,

Paul E. Sanders

My Response to Paul:

Paul,

I am curious if you have found your Andy J. and Martha on **Find A Grave**, and do you know what cemetery they are buried in? Has a photo of their stone been posted? The memorial for Andrew at Clouse Hill is only what has been posted by people like you and me. I'm not certain that Andy, Jr (jp) and Louisa are buried there, so if I found such extensive agreement on ancestry that he was, I would might have listed a memorial for him also. It seems that most folks parrot what they read.

Now, now Paul, it is a little far-fetched to say that in 1920, anyone who is in his or her eighties would say that he or she is 108. Not finding Andy, (Sr.) isn't proof of a precise fact, because there are times that I cannot find Andy (Jr.) and Louisa. I am 73, and a little crazy, but I certainly am not going to tell anyone that I am 97. And I would hope that a Census taker would not look at me and think I was 97 or 108.

This is exciting, interesting and something that needed to be studied. If the 1920 Census record and the little obit a year later mean nothing, then we must just throw both away. I contend that they are the whole story on Andrew Jacob Sanders (the 1st). I wanted my little story to speak of one of Grundy County's Centenarians, but happily I dug into a true research situation. Good for me. Don't you find it strange that nothing

can be found in Lincoln Co. on the couple? As for Alex and Mary Elizabeth (Crabtree) Taylor's marriage in Lincoln Co. on July 10, 1870, that may be a clue. His parents would have both been dead if we rely on your information. I'll keep searching, and also read the Compendium biography on Alexander this week.

Thanks so much for helping me. jackie

Paul E. Sanders Reponse:

Not sure about your reference to " my Andy J." and Martha's grave memorials. I have never referenced Jacob Sanders who married Martha Yates as Andy J. As I indicated, I was unsuccessful, after a cursory search, in locating information about Jacob and Martha in Lincoln Co., TN. Since it is not my direct line, I had no reason to pursue more information given the statement given in the A.H. Sanders Biography. I have no doubt that thousands of people who died during that time period either had no marker or, if one existed, it has been destroyed.

As previously indicated, I am not sanctioning the memorial on findagrave and concede it does not show a gravestone. but even if there is no stone, it still states on Andy J. Sanders' death certificate that he was buried at "Clouse Hill on Aug. 25, 1921." I do not find it far fetched to think the age of Andy J. Sanders listed on the 1920 census and in your obituary are incorrect. To use your point obituaries are "written by people just like the people who post on findagrave." It is a "bigger stretch" to think that anyone in 1920 would have reached the age of 108. I have witnessed "faulty memory" first hand on many occasions. I know from personal experience in speaking with my own father, who had an incredible memory until he was diagnosed with Alzheimers at the age of 83, what can and does happen. On any given day, when asked about his birthdate, he would give you a range of dates.

There are several questions about your Andy's age. 1) Where is your Andy Jr. in 1920? 2) the Andy J. Sanders' Death Certificate was filed 4 months after his death with no informants name; 3) the obituary, as you state, was written a year after his death (people like to write about unusual things they pick up on documents); 4) the 1920 census taker could have easily listed great grandfather instead of grandfather; and 5) Alex Meeks, the head of the household where Andy J was listed, didn't even know his own date of birth when he registered for the draft in 1917. All in all, I am still open to accepting your version of this line with documentation.

I am going to "step aside" from this discussion at the present time and get some chores done.

Paul E. Sanders

My Reponse to Paul:

Paul,

I got a copy of the biography today. Looks interesting. I'll study it and look further, and if I decide that Capt. Alexander Houston Sanders (not secondhand info) answered the questions since it is not an autobiography, then I will add an appendage of portions of the biography. I would never want to question your hard work, but I do know we all make mistakes (put me at the top of the list). Thanks again.

Jackie

Paul's Final Reponse:

There are still at least four "big hurdles to clear."

- 1) (I reiterate) where is your Andy Jr. in 1920? When and where did he die? (I still feel that your Andy J, Sr. and Andy J. Jr. are one in the same, and Andrew J. is a son of Jacob)
- 2) What reference exists that says Jacob Sanders is Andy J. Sanders? (I have never seen any reference, other than your assumption, that identifies Jacob Sanders (father of A.H., husband of Martha Yates, brother of Jordan Sanders, and son of Solomon Sanders) referred to as Andrew Jacob or "Andy" Jacob Sanders).
- 3) If, as you state, Andy J. is Jacob Sanders, the question still remains, where was he between approximately 1869 and 1920? (I still accept that Jacob died in 1869 in Lincoln Co., TN)
- 4) A.H. Sanders was alive when his biography was released. Why wouldn't he have refuted the death of his parents if one or both were still living? (without finding any further documentation to the contrary, I accept that his parents died as stated).

I'm reluctant to add and bring up, the death certificate of Andy J. Sanders states his father was J..K. Sanders (always a mystery to me, but certainly closer to implying Jacob Sanders).

I have always welcomed any questions regarding my research efforts on anything, or any one. It is a great opportunity to learn and perhaps glean a new perspective/ fresh approach to an often agonizing search for this "hobby" we refer to as genealogy or family history. I only ask that anyone who questions or challenges my research gives me an opportunity to review and respond to any differences, exceptions, or inaccuracies in interpretation. I will always afford any other researcher, new or old, the same courtesy..... *(I left out a couple sentences here because they had nothing to do with this discussion. I am sure Paul will agree. jackie layne partin)* I always approach my research with the thought in the back of my mind that GOK. I know my "work" (anyone who does this for any length of time will understand the work involved) is not and will never be perfect. I can only discover information that has been documented, recorded or passed along by word of mouth and do my best to interpret and many times decipher it.

With that, I will close with a word of caution, don't spend too much time on these quandaries. It can be very time consuming and almost "mind altering" LOL

Paul E. Sanders

BTW, GOK stands for God Only Knows the real story.

BTW, You will also probably notice that the A.H. Biography poses a lot of additional questions!

END OF EMAILS

As I was reading over the email exchanges again, I noticed that Paul stated that I claimed that the obituary was written "a year" after Andy's death; I don't find that in my emails as being so, but specifically claimed that he had died one week before the obit was put in the newspaper; both the death certificate and the 1921 newspaper concur. I think he confused "the year" with the difference in the 1920 Census record with Andy's age being 108 and the death in 1921 recorded in the *Mrs. Grundy* newspaper. Please realize that we both made grammatical and other mistakes as we exchanged information. That is what we researchers often do but only because of our intense excitement over finding something delicious to discuss.

After reading A. H. Sanders' biography, I can see why Paul had the tenacity to defend his ideas . I agree one should know where his father and mother are buried and what year that took place. But in my many years of researching gravesite history, it just isn't always right that death and burial places of parents are always known by the children.

I wish to enter a short quote from *Mrs. Grundy*, February 12, 1914. "**Mrs. A. J. Sanders Injured**---*On last Tuesday while attending to her house work and waiting on her husband who is confined to his bed of sickness, Mrs. A. J. Sanders who resides at Meeks, about four miles northeast of Tracy City, fell over some obstacle in the bedroom and sustained a serious and painful injury, three or four ribs being fractured.*" First, let me say that Meeks, TN did exist as a community near Roddy Springs and Flat Branch Roads. It had a post office, and most elderly folks add "and a beer joint."

More interestingly, in the article we have Andrew Jordan Sanders and Mrs. Andrew Jordan Sanders alive at the same time on February 12, 1914. Since I can find no death record for Mrs. A. J. Sanders, and she is not in the 1920 Census, we might assume that her injuries or the even possibly the flu pandemic of 1918-1919 brought about her death before 1920. Since both families, father and son's, seem to be elusive in most Census records, I am willing to concede that this couple who are ill in 1914 are the younger Sanders, A. J. and Louisa. However, I must quickly remind the researcher of the death certificate and the obit age of 108—plus the name of the father, J. K. Sanders. At best Andy would have been around the age of eighty-three.

Like Paul Sanders stated OGK—unless someone other than the two of us has that little tidbit that we both need to confirm or rethink our stories. Thanks again for folks like Paul who genuinely are sincere in finding truth. Find me at: jackiepartin@blomand.net , and I'll find Paul to share your input.