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EDITOR'S NOTE:

There will be no more *Sanborn Signatures* without YOU!

For 12 years Charles A. Watson edited the *Sanborn Signatures* in a magnificent manner. Although he left shoes that will be nearly impossible to fill, someone must make the attempt.

This is a one time effort on behalf of the Sanborn Family Association Board of Directors to communicate with the membership. As temporary non-Editor, this issue to alert the membership to a problem vital to the continued existence of this association. While many volunteer associations in the present economy are struggling due to lack of proper funding, we are struggling due to a lack of volunteers.

Many members of the Board of Directors are volunteers who have continued to give of themselves because there has been no one else willing to come forward. There are those who have been on the board 10 years and longer.

If you wish this association to continue, NOW is the time to step forward. We desperately need someone to act as Editor of the *Sanborn Signatures*. We also need other members to work on the Board of Directors and as Officers, in general, to usher this association into newer times.

Most Board meetings take place in central New Hampshire. It may be possible, in the future, to attend meetings electronically.

PLEASE HELP! Contact one of the Board members listed on this page to offer your services now.

- Michael Donnelly

Membership

Membership, January 1 - December 31, includes subscription to the newsletter for the current year. Back issues of the newsletter are \$3.00 each

MEMBER	\$10.00	SUSTAINING	\$35.00
FAMILY	\$15.00	LIFE	\$150.00
PATRON	\$25.00	MEMORIAL	\$200.00

Donations to the SCHOLARSHIPS are always welcomed. Also, any item of interest, historical, craft, Sanborn memorabilia, Sanborn labeled, is appreciated for the Silent Auction at the Biennial Meeting which benefits the SCHOLARSHIP Fund. Mail to SFA, c/o Christie Sanborn, One Twilight Farm Lane, Amherst NH 03031

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Scholarship Fund

Each year the SFA awards a college scholarship of \$400 to a member of the extended Sanborn Family. Money donations are always welcome. Every Biennial year the proceeds from the auction at the meeting go to the Scholarship Fund.

[The following was submitted by Al Sanborn and makes a great story of a Sanborn in the Civil War era. It comes from the *New York Times* of 14 July 1863.]

AFFAIRS IN NORFOLK, VA.

Deliberate Assassination of An Officer of Colored Troops by a Citizen – Great Excitement – The Assassin Under Close Arrest

On Saturday afternoon, 11 July 1863, as Lieutenant A.L. Sanborn, of Company B, Second United States Colored Volunteers, was marching his company down Main Street on the sidewalk, a prominent citizen and violent Secessionist named Dr. David M. Wright, rushed from the store of Foster & Moore, and shouted to the Lieutenant that he was a d---d cowardly son of a b----. The lieutenant, who was about the center of his company and on the opposite side from the doctor, gave the command "halt", and started to pass around the front of his company to where the doctor stood. While doing so, the doctor unperceived by the lieutenant, drew a Colt revolver from his pocket and placed his hands behind him. The lieutenant dispatched an orderly for the provost guard and advanced opposite the doctor and said: "I am an officer of the United States Army. Consider yourself under arrest." The doctor presented his pistol, and standing within four feet of the lieutenant, fired two shots in rapid succession. The first ball passed through the lieutenant's hand, the second entered the left shoulder, passed through the base of the neck and came out near the right shoulder blade. The lieutenant

rushed upon the doctor after the second shot and bore him back into the store, where he sank to the floor, the blood pouring from his mouth and nose, and immediately expired. The colored soldiers with fixed bayonets followed them into the store, but were prevented from wreaking summary vengeance upon Doctor Wright, by Lieutenant-Colonel Flood, 155th New York Volunteers, who was passing at the time and seized the doctor as the lieutenant fell. Colonel Flood handed him over to the provost guard that had arrived, and he was taken before Major A.E. Booly, the Provost Marshal. He was followed by a crowd of excited officers and soldiers, the latter of whom could scarcely be kept from killing the assassin upon the spot. Amid the greatest excitement Major Booly, with a highly praiseworthy calmness, made arrangements to secure the safety of the prisoner and vindicate the majesty of the law, and held an examination allowing the doctor counsel and witnesses. The whole testimony showed it to be a most wanton and deliberate murder, and the prisoner was placed in confinement, heavily ironed and under guard, to await the orders of the commanding general.

The excitement throughout the city, both among the military and civilians, was intense last evening. Demonstrations toward a collision between the soldiers and "Secesh" inhabitants became strongly apparent, but owing to Major Booley's admirable management and disposition of a heavy provost guard and patrol, no outbreak occurred. The doctor's house was threatened at one time with destruction. The Major, with his guard, ultimately succeeded in securing order. Today all is quiet with the exception of groups of men earnestly discussing the matter. Lieutenant Sanborn was from Vermont, formerly employed in the Quartermaster's Department, Washington, and was very much beloved and respected by his fellow officers and the men under him. The doctor was very outrageous in his behavior while under examination, and threatened and abused the Provost and other officers present. He called them escaped convicts fit friends and leaders of nigger soldiers etc. The effect of this occurrence upon the officers and soldiers here is singular. A few days ago, notwithstanding the excellent drill and appearance of the Negro troops, expressions of dissatisfaction toward them were of frequent occurrence in military circles. I have since heard, even among those formerly most bitterly opposed to the using of Negro



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soldiers, nothing but the strongest language used in favor of raising as many such troops as possible. Many urged the propriety and policy of garrisoning Norfolk City exclusively with colored troops. The Secessionists are making a hero and martyr of the assassin as far as they dare. Expressions such as "noble man", "what a noble act, killing that Yankee" etc. are occasionally overheard as one passes them upon the streets.

[Alanson L. Sanborn lived in Thetford, Vermont. He is number 1431 iii in the V.C. Sanborn Genealogy. He can be found on page 720 of V.C. Sanborn. Lieutenant Sanborn entered the volunteer service from a pure sense of duty and it is said that he believed that he would never return home. He was willing to give his life for his country. He died a martyr's death. His murderer was executed.]

Dr. Ebenezer Kimball Sanborn (V. C. Sanborn# 1789) was the son of Dr. John Tilton Sanborn (V. C. Sanborn # 1146). Ebenezer was born in New Chester, New Hampshire, on January 24, 1828. Early in life he made up his mind to be a physician, and began his studies under his uncle, Dr. Gilman Kimball of Lowell, Massachusetts. The third year of his medical education was passed under the tuition of Dr. Charles H. Stedman, city physician of the city institutions at South Boston, where he speedily advanced to a position of great responsibility and trust, but, looking for a broader field of action, he placed himself immediately under the instruction of Dr. Alonzo Clark, the distinguished Professor of Pathological Anatomy in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York City. At the close of his studies in New York he returned to Lowell and immediately entered upon the practice of his profession. In 1853 he received the appointment of Professor of Pathological Anatomy in the Vermont Medical College at Woodstock, Vermont. In 1854, fully supplied with letters of introduction, he made an extended tour of the Continent and Great Britain, visiting the hospitals and meeting the most eminent men of his profession. Upon his return he taught

anatomy in the Berkshire Medical Institution. He also practiced for a short time in Rutland,
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Vermont. In 1858 he was called to the Chair of Surgery in Castleton Medical College.

As a lecturer and writer Dr. Sanborn possessed marked ability, and contributed many valuable articles on medical topics to the journals of his profession. He was a frequent contributor to the columns of the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal* and the *American Journal of Medical Sciences*.

In April 1861, Dr. Sanborn was commissioned surgeon of the 1st Vermont Volunteers by the Vermont Adjutant General H. H. Baxter. He was ordered to Newport News as post-surgeon at Camp Butler. There he established the first hospital erected during the war. His report made to Adjutant General Baxter on June 10th indicated that the First Vermont Regiment had 12 in hospital and 18 in quarters. Four of the Vermont cases were measles. None were considered dangerous.

Dr. Sanborn also reported that the 4th Massachusetts Regiment had 88 men in quarters. The New York 7th Regiment had 16 in hospital and 13 in quarters and the 4th New York Regiment had 32 in hospital. The report also indicated that there was a want of sufficient hospital accommodations.

General Butler asked him to become surgeon of the 31st Massachusetts Volunteers which post he accepted. He was commissioned by Governor Andrew of Massachusetts. With rank of Major he joined his regiment on the ill-fated *Mississippi*, but the unremitting fatigues and overwork incidental to his position at last broke down a system already undermined by the insidious germs of typhoid which he had contracted in his previous campaign. He was landed at Ship Island in an unconscious condition. He died there on April 3rd, 1862. His general said, on hearing of his death: "The service lost a good officer, the profession an able member, and the country a patriot and good citizen."

Dr. Sanborn had married Harriet Williams, on October 10, 1855. She was the daughter of John Avery of Lowell, Massachusetts, and great-granddaughter of the Honorable John Avery,



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Revolutionary Secretary of State for Massachusetts, and a descendant of the famous Williams family of Roxbury, Mass.

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Children:

- i. Charles Derby, b. Aug. 8, 1856; d. Oct. 13, 1880.
- ii. Emily, b. Oct. 8, 1858; d. 1863.
- iii. John Eben. b. Sept. 29, 1860; was in the offices of the New York Mutual Gaslight Co., and resided in New Rochelle, N. Y.; m. Sept. 8, 1890, Mary Spencer, daughter of Henry Burrows, for twenty five years agent of Merrimac Mills in Lowell. His children are - (i) Dorothy Derby, b. Aug. 7, 1891; (ii) John Avery. b. Jan. 30, 1898. Mr. Sanborn's home in New Rochelle was a fine old place built by an English officer before the Revolution.

He was a lifelong resident of Epping, New Hampshire and was a graduate of Watson Academy, Class of 1958. In 1962 he received his BA from Plymouth Teachers College and immediately began employment in September as a science teacher at the Lincoln-Akerman School in Hampton Falls, New Hampshire. He spent his entire career of 45 years working at the school, serving many years as school principal. He retired in 2007 as the vice-principal and science teacher. He was a member of the Plymouth Retired Teachers Association and the New Hampshire Retired Teachers Association.

Mr. Sanborn was very involved in local organizations including the Epping Community Church where he was a former superintendent of the Sunday School program and instrumental in the building of the former Sunday School wing. He was a member of the Rockingham Grange and he belonged to numerous historical societies. On numerous occasions he served as guest speaker anytime he was asked to speak about trains in the local area.

Richard was a train admirer all his life. In his earlier days he would travel an average of 20,000 miles a year by way of train throughout the United States and Canada. He was an historian and avid collector of train memorabilia. Richard also wrote the Town of Epping Bicentennial Publication. A Retirement Scholarship Fund was created in his name for an annual recipient at Winnacunnet High School.

He is survived by a brother, Charlie Sanborn and his wife Judy, of Epping; a sister, Pricilla Mills and her husband, Edward, of Atkinson, New Hampshire; and several nieces and nephews.

OBITUARIES

WALKUP, Dorothy (Sanborn) died 2 December 2010. She was born 23 April 1918 in Mexico City and spent her early years there. She attended Bishops School in La Jolla and UCLA where she began a life long association with Kappa Alpha Theta. She became a devoted wife, mother and volunteer in the community, particularly enjoying her associations with the Junior League of Los Angeles and the Bel-Air Garden Club. She was also a member of the Los Angeles Country Club. Admired for her positive and enthusiastic embrace of life, she had strong and resilient spirit, which she credited to some extent with her belief in Unity School of Christianity's principles. Predeceased by her husband, William E. Walkup, she is survived by her sons, William S. (Shari) and Frank S. (Cynthia), her daughter Elena and her granddaughter, Marilyce Pace. Memorial services will be private.

SANBORN, Richard "Buster" Bourne died 2 August 2010 at the Exeter Hospital in Exeter, New Hampshire after a period of declining health.

He was born 25 May 1940 in Exeter to Richard F. and Rachel Louise (Bourne) Sanborn.

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