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## UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY'S FIRST PRESIDENT

*Allen LeBaron*

The biography attached to Jeremiah Wilson Sanborn's name (VCS #2043) outlines a Utah connection that may be somewhat unexpected.

Utah was still a territory when the US Congress established legislation that underlies our nation's system of land grant universities (the Morrill Act, 1862). Territorial status was not a hindrance and leading citizens from north of Salt Lake City seized on the opportunity to establish some kind of public institution they might influence. Federal money now was available to support an experimentation unit; simultaneously the foundation of a non-existent college had to be laid.

The Mormons had been farming in Utah for 40 years and they knew some things about irrigated agriculture but they had no technically trained person in their midst. Acting on an August 1889 recommendation of I P Roberts of Cornell Agricultural Experiment Station Council, the Utah group hired Jeremiah Sanborn, then at Columbia MO, to organize an agricultural experiment station at Logan UT.

Sanborn took up his post on 1 Jan 1890, assembled 5 additional staff, drawn almost totally from outside the Territory and, in the fall, commenced operation. By this time he also had been named president of the new Utah State Agricultural College and, to the surprise of the Trustees, supplemented Federal funding by squeezing \$35,000 out of the Territorial Legislature.

Within 2 years quite a few students were taking courses at the "A C". In fact, progress was so rapid that conflicting jealousies and ambitions developed. Supporters of the University of Utah at Salt Lake City wondered if the new institution (and its financial resources) should not be incorporated into the "U's" existing structure. The people of the Cache Valley wondered if the University shouldn't be moved north. President Sanborn was at the center of much of this wrangling because he wanted neither to happen. His desire was for the new college to serve or satisfy territory-wide interests and to not have its operations and objectives subject to local influence. In the end his view prevailed — at least to the degree that the institutions were kept separate.



Jeremiah W Sanborn, first president of Utah State University; photo by permission of Special Collections & Archives, Merrill Library, Utah State University.

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None of Sanborn's non-Mormon staff remained in Utah for more than 4 years and he returned to New Hampshire in 1894. In the interim various replacements and appointments had been made and soon a number of Utah boys had finished training in the East and they assumed direction of the Agricultural College and eventually converted it into the University of our day.

In the mid-1920's, the director of the Utah Agricultural Experiment station began contacting persons who had been early staff members of the College and requested each of them to write impressions of their Utah experience. In November 1925 Jeremiah Sanborn sent a report that, when transcribed, ran to 10.5 double spaced pages. This was supplemented by a substantial cover letter. Apparently allegations about Sanborn's personal motives for resisting any deviation in the course he first laid out for Utah State College were in circulation at the time of his resignation. But he states his reasons for leaving were purely personal.

[Author's note: originals of President Sanborn's review and cover letter cannot be located in USU archives. Whether the originals were handwritten or typed is unknown. All that is known is that the person who transcribed them made typographical and probably reading and diction errors. This explains the few editorial interpolations or alterations in the quotations used and alterations to the copy of the cover letter.]

#### Summary of President Sanborn's Review

He begins with a background statement: "While reverent to the Deity and the Golden Rule, I attached a very minor importance to Sectarian differences and[,] by inheritance from sturdy ancestry[,] I was} a strong friend of equit[y] to all in the institutional life of a state." This position is fleshed out with his stated support for the aim of the Morrill Act to create educational centers "for the great mass of workers, the farmers and artisans." But all his experience at Dartmouth College and the University of Missouri had, instead, pitted him against "academic faculties and students who did not conceal their contempt for college without a literature having a pedagogic form.

At the time I came to Utah, rural and public sentiment was growing slowly friendly to the new colleges." Still, he continued, "I quickly found there was practically a universal misapprehension of the function of the college, the Experiment Station being practically an unknown factor."

The 85 acres set aside for the new college's farm was a rocky place, which had never been used and was "the centerpiece of ridicule and contempt." Of course, within

a few seasons good harvests were obtained. Another aspect of his public relations activity was to aim for quick research results coupled with prompt publication of findings. He devotes almost 5 pages to recounting what would be classified as his necessary public relations activities. The words "sectarian" and "political" appear in several places.

One convolution of the general struggle by various forces to alter the focus of the new college took the form of attempts to dissuade potential students from going to Logan and to reduce the size of any State appropriations. While all this was going on, President Sanborn oversaw the construction of the main building, which is still the centerpiece of a pretty campus.

Then he writes about the first organizational steps, the design of the courses and assignments of himself and the other 5 faculty members. One of these was put in charge of a "preparatory course" designed to get new students up to speed for college work. President Sanborn devised a system of College sponsored dances, held in the new gymnasium, to keep the students away from the Friday night dances held in the local Mormon meeting houses. (Late Fridays "were followed by a lethargic Saturday classroom day.") Although he knew attempting any form of "Chapel exercise" was risky, a system of invited speakers and lectures on religious subjects was instituted. The students enjoyed it and no complaints were received from either the Mormon or non-Mormon general public. He pays tribute to the students and their parents and says his relations were unmarred ... "by a single unfriendly act or word." He gives the same high marks to the Trustees who never "exhibited any [religious or political] bias ... and were loyal to the College and able in their discharge of their duties."

The experimental farm and station policy was geared to climatic and social conditions. "The farmers of Utah were found living in villages and handling their farm processes at a costly loss of time and at large distances. Social life was enriched at the expense of economy, and coupled with the limitations of rainfall and irrigation necessitated small farms, generally one-man farms. These general conditions created an equality of conditions and a democracy unknown in the humid areas of the nation." His review ends with description of the types of farming and husbandry questions that the early experiments were designed to answer.



### Copy of the Transcribed Cover Letter

Wilson Farm, Gilmanton NH; Office and Station, Pittsfield NH

Dear Mr. Cardon:

I have written under great pressure for time, and by snatches of time, and consequently the material is not all logically connected and fully presented and as legible as it should be. Please overlook its imperfections, it being a first draft.

Quite likely it fails to cover just the ground you had in mind. I shall be pleased to supplement it by further data as details and to add anything we touched upon. Dates can in part be supplied. I came to Utah as I recall to begin official work January 1, 1890 and left - summer of 1894 to act as agricultural editor of Town and Farmer of Manchester N.H. This also brought me back to the ancestral farm home dating back to its origin in the woods, 1727. I had resigned as chief officer of the institution and its organizer from ground up about two weeks before but it was not known to [the] public so that in the misguided battle [in] Logan for union of University with State College and the counter-fight-by university to celebrate the union at Salt Lake City, all criticism by either side [was] wholly misguided in attributing to me [any] personal motive. To you I may state, what I have to no one else, as private information. I was offered the presidency of the joint college if I would be wholly neutral and let Salt Lake City become victor. The points of the question were wholly one-sided, but in the light of wide experience and the historic break [down] of such moves in other states [I] concluded that Utah having thus far developed the State College had not better turn back. My resignation was in nowise governed by local conditions, as was inferred, as my aged Father had long needed me on the family estate in New England a great estate for N.E. and my going was a long deferred one. I went to Utah as an advisor, but stayed 4 1/2 years - virtually 5 years. I retain a great interest in the college and interest for Utah.

J.W.S.

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### EDITOR'S COLUMN

Special thanks to Allen LeBaron for suggesting, then researching and writing the lead article. It does illuminate Jeremiah Sanborn's contribution to Utah post-secondary education. I repeat my request: Sanborn Signatures needs articles. Send me suggestions, send me articles, send me clippings.

Please note the cookbook item below. Send Marion your favorite recipes. Publication of the cookbook will help the

SFA Scholarship fund. Also, those readers who have email addresses, why don't you send them to me; we'd like to keep a list of them.

Save the weekend of Aug 5 & 6, 2000, the tentative dates of the **SFA Annual Meeting**.

Once again, thanks from the SFA to member Glen Hawkins for producing this newsletter. His professional graphic design business in Boston MA is **Hawkins Design** (617-524-4032).

### SANBORN COOKBOOK

I would like to thank everybody for the recipes I have received so far. We need many more before we can publish a cookbook. You ladies and gents that have been married 30-50 years, you must have some family favorites. Need appetizers, salads, main dishes, canning, cakes, pies, desserts, home remedies, and helpful hints. Hope to hear from you.  
*Marion R Sanborn, 143 Currier Rd, Andover NH 03216.*

### FOR SALE

The SFA has some items for sale with the Sanborn Coat of Arms; T-shirts in sizes children's large, adult L and adult X-L; baseball hats; and lapel pins available. Shirts and hats are light beige, pins are silver/stainless with black and red enamel Coat of Arms.



Shirts - \$10, Hats - \$8, Pins - \$5

Please add \$3 per order for postage and handling, include sizes, and make checks payable to:

SFA, c/o Priscilla Watts, 52 Range Road, Deerfield NH 03037.  
SANBORN LIFE MEMBER CERTIFICATES are also available.  
If interested write Priscilla Watts.

### SANBORN MARRIAGES IN PENOBSHOT COUNTY ME PRIOR TO 1892

*Extracted by Muriel S Parker*

The following Sanborn marriages have been extracted by Muriel S Parker from the recent publication, *Marriage Returns of Penobscot County, Maine, Prior to 1892*, edited by Ruth Gray (Camden ME: Picton Press, 1994; ISBN 0897251725). Printed with the permission of Picton Press. The references and comments in square brackets are by Muriel.



Seth PADDLEFORD & Miss Abigail SANBORN, both of Bangor, m 10 Apr 1831, Bangor. [VCS #135x – no marriage date]

Abraham S SANBORN & Miss Climena ROWE of Newport, m 22 Nov 1835. [VCS #561 – Clymena, m 8 Nov 1835]

Servetus SANBORN & Miss Abigail FROST of Bangor, m 13 Sep 1840 in Bangor.

James PINKHAM & Miss Lydia SANBORN, both of Etna, m Sep 1841, Etna. [VCS #852iv – no m date given]

John PERRY & Miss Miriam SANBORN, both of Dutton [present Glenburn], m 21 Jul 1836. [VCS #505i – calls him John Penny of Lawrence MA]

Ezekiel HAYES of Bangor & Miss Sarah A SANBORN of Dutton [present Glenburn], m 21 Jul 1836. [VCS #505ii – Sarah W Sanborn; Hayes of Epsom NH]

Nathan T PACKMAN & Miss Sabrina S SANBORN of Corinna, m 29 Mar 1839. [VCS #1325i – Nathan T PARKMAN of Newport ME; no m date given]

Newell SANBORN of Sangerville & Aseneth REED of Dixmont, m 22 Aug 1841. [VCS #646ii]

Jewett SANBORN of Charleston & Miss Susan EASTMAN of Bradford, m in Charleston 9 Apr 1843. [VCS #570 – 2nd wife, m 13 Apr 1843]

Lewis DENNIS & Ann T SANBORN, both of Charleston, m in Charleston 26 Feb 1843. [VCS #570i – Ann m 1st Lewis Dennis 2 Mar 1843]

William FOLSOM & Miss Ann SANBORN, both of Bangor, m 19 Dec 1844 in Bangor.

Joseph SANBORN & Miss Naomi DOORE, both of Athens, m 23 Jun 1844, by James SANBORN, Esq.

Hiram LEIGHTON & Miss Nancy Ann SANBORN, m 27 Mar 1845. [VCS #224x – Hiram Leighton of Exeter]

Isaac SANBORN, Esq, of Orono & Thankful E COOMBS of Bradford, m in Orono 29 Mar 1846. [VCS #592 – no m date given]

George U LAWS of Bangor & Martha A SANBORN of Newport, m in Bangor 20 Nov 1852. [VCS #558iv – George V Laws; no m date]

Abiathor SANBORN of Lowell & Lovina MESSER of Enfield, m in Lowell 15 Feb 1854. [VCS possibly #849iii, although he would have been about 50 years old]

Joel M DAVIS of Lawrence MA & Laura A SANBORN of Corinna, m 13 Feb 1855 in Garland. [VCS #1325v – no m date given]

Silas STAPLES & Louisa A SANBORN, both of Newburg, m 28 Nov 1855 in Hampden.

Alonzo GOODWIN of Lincoln & Rhoda N SANBORN of Newport, m 8 Jul 1853 in Bangor. [VCS #558ii – m 17 Jul 1853]

George MOORE & Mary S SANBORN, both of Veazie, m there 13 Oct 1855.

Frederic TALBOT of New York & Susan G SANBORN of E Machias, m 15 May 1856 in Bangor. [VCS #422v – Susan Gardner Sanborn; his 2nd wife]

George KEAY & Rosett R SANBORN, both of Stetson, m 21 Dec 1859. [VCS 561 i – George Keyes Stetson of Newport & Rosetta R Sanborn m 15 Dec 1859]

William WILLEY of Herman & Sarah J SANBORN of Bangor, m 25 Aug 1861 in Bangor.

William D SANBORN of Fairfield & Victoria M AMES of Benton, m 31 Aug 1862 in Etna.

Abiathar SANBORN & Nancy E DARLING, both of #1 Plantation, m there 18 Oct 1861. Taken from Greenfield returns. [Possibly VCS 849 iii]

George WHITING & Eleanor SANBORN, both of Kenduskeag, m there 16 May 1861. [VCS 589 vi George W Whiting of Bangor]

James SANBORN Jr & Alice PERKINS, both of Bradley, m 7 Jun 1862 at Bradley.

George W EMERY & Clara F SANBORN, both of Bangor, m there 10 Aug 1863. [VCS 572 ii Clara French Sanborn]

Seth N SANBORN of Guilford & Emeline DOUGLASS of Burlington, m there 10 Aug 1865.

Elisha SANBORN of Bradley & Mary A PERKINS of Milford, m there 11 Oct 1865. [VCS 589 vii?]

Thomas M SANBORN & Helen A CHASE, both of E Machias, m 28 Nov 1865 in Bangor. [VCS 422 vi? No m given. Lived in E Machias]

Joseph SANBORN & Clarina S MARSH, both of Newport, m 25 Dec 1866.

George H MORRISON of Clinton & Lydia L SANBORN of Newport, m 26 Sep 1867 in Newport.

Andrew HAMMOND of Patten & Lizzie B SANBORN of Newport m 14 Sep 1867 in Newport.

Winslow J GORDON & Clymenia SANBORN, both of Newport, m there 10 Aug 1867. [VCS 561 iii No m given. Clymenia Sanborn]

William S SANBORN of LaGrange & Florence D HOWARD of Brownville, m 2 May 1868 in Brownville.

William H FAY of Philadelphia PA & Anne SANBORN of Lincoln Center, m 25 May 1868 at Lincoln.

Samuel F HACCEY & Emily M SANBORN, both of Bangor, m there 23 Mar 1870.

Benjamin T SANBORN of Elliot & Rebecca A GALLUP of Bangor, m 13 Sep 1870.

Eugene F SANBORN & Maria E HENDERSON, both of Brewer, m 6 Aug 1870 in Brewer.

James M JAMESON & Lizzie G SANBORN, both of Lincoln, m there 5 Nov 1870.

Samuel STEVENS & Mary SANBORN, both of Etna, m 15 Nov 1870 in Newburg.

John A HOLBROOK & C E SANBORN, both of Etna, m 12 Nov 1871 in Dixmont.

Eugene P SANBORN of Brewer & Hannah M JEWETT of Aurora, m 19 Oct 1872 in Brewer.

Hollie R SANBORN of Newport & Josie C GIPSON of Stetson, m 28 Sep 1873 in Stetson. [VCS 561 iv? Hollis R Sanborn]

Isaac SANBORN of LaGrange & Lillie A HORN of Old Town, m 26 Jul 1873.

Frank PAGE & Louisa SANBORN, both of Newburg, m there 12 Apr 1873.

Newell SANBORN & Mary J ELKINS, both of Sangerville, m 27 Nov 1873 in Dexter. [VCS 646 ii? 3rd wife?]

Willis S SANBORN & Belle E GOULD, both of Old Town, m Upper Stillwater 18 Apr 1874.

Levi STEVENS & Mrs Mary A SANBORN, both of Bangor, m 11 Jul 1874 in Brewer.

Isaiah CROXFORD of Newburg & George A SANBORN of Monroe, m 22 Feb 1874 in Monroe.

Samuel W SANBORN & Emma A BAGER, both of Etna, m 15 Jan 1874 in Dixmont.

Edwin M SYLVESTER of Etna & Emma L SANBORN of Scarborough, m 15 Dec 1874 in Scarborough.

James S SANBORN & Sara A BACON, both of Charleston, m 19 Oct 1875 in Dexter.

S P DENNETT of Etna & Mrs V M SANBORN of Winterport, m 1 Jan 1876 in Winterport.

J P H CHASE of Anoka MN & Hellen A SANBORN of Lincoln, m 27 Jun 1876 in Lincoln.

Charles A SANBORN & Ann NEALLY, both of Bangor, m there 11 Nov 1876.

William HOLMES & Emily A SANBORN, both of Bangor, m there 15 Nov 1876.

Henry A APPLETON & Maria S SANBORN, both of Bangor, m there 14 Mar 1878. [VCS 571 v VCS calls her Widie S Sanborn]

Llewellyn SANBORN of LaGrange & Lizzie J HATHORN of Medford, m 20 Oct 1877 in LaGrange. [VCS 592 vii No m given]

J C V HENDERSON & Martha G SANBORN, both of Old Town, m 5 May 1877 in Upper Stillwater.

John L SANBORN & Marian O LANE, both of Old Town, m 4 Aug 1877.

John P WILLIAMS & Annie SANBORN, both of Bangor, m there 28 Oct 1877.

LaRoy S SANBORN of Old Town & Addie M BUSSELL of Argyle, m 2 Nov 1878 in Orono.

Nelson RUSSELL of N Cambridge MA & Etta SANBORN of Etna, m 30 Nov 1879 in Etna.

Hollis R SANBORN of Newport & Emma A FLAGG of Plymouth, m 1 Jun 1879 in Newport. [VCS 561 iv]

George A SANBORN & Nellie B SAUNDERS, both of Etna, m 25 Nov 1879 in Etna.

Frank H SANBORN of Old Town & Flora MANN of Argyle, m 4 Dec 1880 in Argyle.

Edwin B SANBORN & Serena A SMITH, both of Bangor, m there 26 Aug 1880.

Rosco H HAMMONS of Charleston & Annie T SANBORN, m 18 Mar 1882 in Charleston. [VCS 570 iii (ii) Anna Tilton Sanborn, m 5 Mar 1881]

Isaac W SANBORN of Old Town & Eva F BUSSELL of Argyle, m 8 Oct 1881 in Stillwater.

Isaac W SANBORN of Old Town & Everlyn T BUSSELL of Argyle, m 9 Oct 1881 in Old Town. [Take your choice of these two!]

James E CASWELL & Mary E SANBORN, both of Milford, cert 3 Apr 1883 in Milford.

Joseph A LUNT of Newport & Mary E SANBORN of Stetson, m 29 Aug 1883 in Newport.

George H BICKFORD of Newburg & Sarah S SANBORN of Monroe, m 28 Oct 1883.

Herbert STUART of Newport & Nettie SANBORN of



Etna, m 22 Feb 1855 in Plymouth.

**John D DRININ of Bangor & Mary J SANBORN** of Grand Falls, m 3 Oct 1885 in Grand Falls Plantation.

**Clarence F SANBORN of Old Town & Agnes A STROUT** of Bradford, m 11 Mar 1886 in Old Town.

**Fred W SANBORN of Portland & Cora E HOPKINS** of Brewer, m 22 Nov 1887 in Brewer. [VCS 1302 ii Fred Everett & Cora A]

**James M SANBORN & Emma L WHITE**, both of Newport, m 23 Jan 1887.

**Isaac W SANBORN of Old Town & Emma F SANBORN** of Boston, m 28 Feb 1887 in Old Town.

**Albion OAKES & Ida M SANBORN**, both of Milford, m 26 Mar 1887 in Old Town.

In addition to the above marriages, the following Sanborns were listed as performing marriages. No other information given.

Rev Gilman F Sanborn

Abraham Sanborn

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J A Sanborn

D Sanborn JP (1870s)

A Sanborn JP (1870s)

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Aaron Sanborn Min of Gospel

Daniel Sanborn JP

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**SANBORN FAMILY ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING  
Concord NH  
31 July & 1 August 1999**

The 1999 Reunion began on Saturday July 31st with a visit to Shaker Village at Canterbury NH. We were served a delicious Shaker luncheon at The Creamery. This was followed by a 90 minute guided tour of the Shaker historic buildings, which proved to be most interesting. A tour of

the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium in Concord NH was also part of the afternoon activities.

Sunday, August 1st, registration began at 9:00 am at the Holiday Inn in Concord NH. Coffee, juice, and Danish were served while members gathered.

Tables were set up for genealogy research, sales, and the Scotch auction, manned by volunteers.

President Roscoe Sanborn called the business meeting to order at 10:15 am. He gave a warm welcome and stated the purpose of the Association. He opened with a short prayer.

The roll call of states showed the largest number from the New England area. There were 25 from NH, 19 from MA, 4 each from ME and CA, 3 from NY, 2 each from VT, CT, MN, and LA, with TX, RI, TN, and FL represented with 1 each. The person traveling the farthest was Richard Batchelder from Huntington Beach CA. He was presented with a walking stick made and donated by Vice President Everett Sanborn.

The roll call of descendents showed 43 from John, 11 from William, and 0 from Stephen. The youngest person present was Joelle Donnelly from Andover NH who was also celebrating her 15th birthday. She received a savings bond. The oldest member was Winifred Wayman at 94 from Webster MA. She was presented a claming basket made and donated by Vice President Everett Sanborn.

President Roscoe called for the Secretary's report. Priscilla Watts read the minutes of the 1998 Annual Meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

The President called for the Treasurer's report. Treasurer Ruth Anne Norcross read her annual report. It was voted to accept the report as read and place it on file for audit. President Roscoe read the Auditor's report from Alice Kenny, Candia NH, showing the accounts to be correct and in order.

Roscoe stated he would like new ideas to promote our Association. We are working on a web page and he asked if anyone had any ideas or suggestions.

Archivist Betty Sanborn sent word there were no new additions.

Reunion chairman Edwin Sanborn of Laconia NH was called on for a brief report.

George Sanborn gave a genealogy report. He is in charge of the ongoing English research and also updating the genealogy. He should have the first volume ready for printing soon, English research plus the first 5 generations. He is still looking for more information on Stephen.

Charlie Watson gave a brief report on Sanborn Signatures.

He would like everyone to be sure to send in information on births, marriages, deaths, and other genealogical family information. Mary Jane Lewis reported she does off the road stories not usually found in genealogy reports, mostly from the mid-west. She also reported about the Batchelder web page.

Homer Sanborn, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, gave the following report: President – Roscoe Sanborn, Concord NH; Vice President – Joyce Mello, Newburyport MA; Secretary – Priscilla Watts – Deerfield NH; Assistant Secretary – Ruth Sanborn, Deerfield NH; Treasurer – Ruth Norcross, Arlington MA; Archivist – Elizabeth Sanborn, Candia NH; Genealogist – George Sanborn, Derry NH.

It was voted to have the Secretary cast one ballot for the above slate of officers. The Secretary cast one ballot and the President declared the officers elected.

It was reported that Sandy Partridge of the finance committee and Richard Sanborn of the scholarship committee wish to be relieved of their appointments. It was also brought up that we need to set up criteria for scholarships. Holly Sanborn volunteered to help with the scholarship committee.

President Roscoe reported he has been working on the lineage charts. He had his computer set up for people to look at after the meeting. Several volunteers offered to help enter data into the computer.

The Secretary announced that the by-laws had been updated and she had copies with her.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned. While waiting for lunch to be served President Roscoe asked everyone to stand and introduce themselves briefly. A number of unpublished Sanborn stories and history were enjoyed at this time.

A very nice buffet lunch was served by the hotel.

After lunch the Scotch auction was held. The drawing for the genealogy book was also held. The reunion ended with the singing of the family song written by Betty Sanborn of Candia NH. *Respectfully submitted, Priscilla Watts, Secretary.*

### SANBORN NEWS

SFA member Muriel "Peggy" Sanborn Hoyt had a news item in the *University of NH Magazine* Class Notes section of the Spring 1999 issue. It reports that "Peggy's been south to the Bellingrath Gardens in Mobile, Al, and to an Elderhostel program in the Folk Schools in the Scandinavian countries. In November she and her traveling companion flew to London, returned aboard the QE2, and 'redid' New York from the Bowery to Brooklyn Bridge. She continues to volunteer at the Mt. Washington

Observatory, guides tourists around the Hoyt (N.H. Audubon) Sanctuary and treks on snowshoes across the New Hampshire landscape when she isn't busy with her many organizations."

**Abigail Sanborn**, daughter of Paul & Kim Sanborn of Chichester NH is attending Cedarville College in Cedarville OH this fall. *Concord [NH] Monitor*; 23 July 1999.

**Andrea C D Crossman**, SFA member, had been mentioned in the previous issue of *Sanborn Signatures* for donating books to libraries. She has reported another donation of the DAR Patriot Index; this time to the Raynham MA Public Library. She writes: "I like to donate the books to the libraries and historical societies where I have done a lot of research. The books have been donated in memory of my mother, Christina M F Donnell. It seems right to give something back, for the help I get in return."

At the SFA reunion in August, Genealogist George F Sanborn Jr mentioned a possible connection of the Sanborn family to Sombornon, near Dijon in the Burgandy region of France. SFA reunion attendee Phyllis Froker has suggested there may be some interest in a group trip to **Sombornon**. She is quite interested and asks other interested persons to send their names to the *Sanborn Signatures* editor, Charlie Watson (address on front page), who will forward their names on to Phyllis.

**Sanborns in the news.** *The Union Leader* of Manchester NH carried an article on Sanborn's Fine Candies, a family owned store, in its 19 Apr 1999 issue, pages B1 & B3. The main store is in Plaistow NH with branches in Hampton, Hampton Beach NH, and Bangor ME. Founded by Bill Sanborn in the 1950s, it's now run by his son, Ted, and the article included a photo of Tracy Sanborn, a 3rd generation Sanborn.

The *New Hampshire Sunday News* of Manchester carried an article and large photo of Walter Sanborn in the 2 May 1999 edition, page 3A. He had retired the previous Jan 1 as Chichester's forest fire warden after 37 years in the job. His father Leon A Sanborn had previously been warden 1936-61 and the next generation, Paul Sanborn, took over from Walter.

An article in the *Derry News* (NH) on 7 May 1999, pages 11 & 13, related how a stone foundation of an early Sanborn house in Chester NH had been saved during the area's development.



## QUERIES

**Jeremiah ADAMS.** Seeking information about the birth and parents of Jeremiah Adams, a stone cutter of Northfield NH and Boston MA. He married **Miriam Dearborn Sanborn** (VCS 742 i) (1794-1860), in Sanbornton NH in 1813. She was the daughter of Jeremiah Sanborn '3rd' of Sanbornton. They had 8 children. They moved to Boston in 1823 and he died there in 1835. My great great grandmother, Harriet Adams Blank, was their daughter. *Joan L Hall, PO Box 24092, Edina MN 55424.*

I am attempting to find the parents of my 3 great grandmother, **Mehitable SARGENT**. My research has led me to Mary Sanborn (VCS 187 v). Here's what I have: Mary Sanborn b 3 Sep 1768, d 1849 (sometimes called Polly). She was the daughter of Richard Sanborn (VCS 187) (b 1 Feb 1736, Greenland NH, drowned Sanbornton Bay) and Abigail Kelley (1729-1821). Mary Sanborn married John Sargent Jr of Loudon NH (b 31 Oct 1770, d 1838). VCS has him listed as "John Sargent of Loudon, and St. Charles, Ills". The LDS has John & Mary listed as having had 8 children, one of which is Mehitable P Sargent. I am trying to confirm that they were indeed the parents of Mehitable (b 2 Jan 1802 in Loudon). She may have had a twin brother named Harry Wood Sargent. Mehitable married Isaac Runnells / Reynolds. Many of the names Mehitable & Isaac gave their children are the same as those listed as the offspring of John & Mary. Mehitable & Isaac also named one of their sons Richard Sanborn Sargent Reynolds. The coincidence of the name Richard Sanborn in conjunction with the place of birth, and the fact that Mehitable & Isaac Reynolds moved to Winfield Township in IL (a few miles from St Charles) leads me to believe that Mehitable's parents were indeed John Sargent & Mary Sanborn. (There are no Sanborns in the Runnells / Reynolds line, so I am assuming that the use of Sanborn as a middle name is coming from Mehitable's side of the family.) I have tried to locate a birth record for Mehitable, but there is none. There may be a baptismal record, but I'm not sure where to start to look for that. Any help with this line would be greatly appreciated. *Meg Shearer, 349 Drummers Ln, Wayne PA 19087. Email: Shearer1@gateway.net*

## OBITUARIES

**BLACH, Josephine Sanborn.** Born 19 Dec 1910 in Dayton TN; passed away 9 Jul 1999. Josephine was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, John N Balch Sr. She is survived by daughter and son-in-law Martha Jo & Bill Potts, Lake Juanaluska NC; sons and daughters-in-law John and Bonnie Balch, Thurmont MD, Bill and Carol Balch, Knoxville TN; 8 grandchildren; and 4

great grandchildren. She served her community and was active in the United Methodist Church serving in many offices in various churches in East and Middle TN. *Knoxville News-Sentinel [TN], 11 Jul 1999.*

**BENSON, Walter S.** Laconia NH – Dr Walter S Benson, 77, formerly of Goffstown, died 20 Jun 1999 in his home after a brief illness. Born in Concord on 26 Jun 1921 he was the son of Wilfred V and Doris (Sanborn) Benson. He graduated from Concord High School and attended Austin-Cate Academy. In 1943 he graduated from the University of NH. In 1950 he graduated from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry in Kentucky. He played football and lacrosse at UNH and was member of the 100 Club. During WWII he served in the US Army Air Corps. His tour of duty included Africa. He was a P-38 pilot, flying 102 missions. His decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross. He retired as a Lt Col. A resident of Goffstown for 45 years, he practiced dentistry in Goffstown for 36 years. After retiring in 1987, Dr Benson spent time between homes on Lake Winnisquam and Fort Myers FL. Dr Benson was a charter member of Goffstown Lions Club; past president of the Goffstown school board; a member of the Manchester, state of NH, and American dental societies; and dental examiner for the Northeast region for more than 10 years. Family members include his wife of 51 years, Helen (Bentis) Benson; 3 sons, David Benson of Bedford, Jeffrey Benson and Steven Benson, both of Goffstown; a daughter, Sharman Benson Estabrook of Concord; a sister, Beverly Benson-Wheeler of Penacook; 8 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and cousins. *Union Leader (Manchester NH), 22 Jun 1999, p A6. Another obit in the Concord Monitor [NH] 21 Jun 1999, p B2.*

**BERRY, Rosaline (Sanborn).** Southington CT – Rosaline S Berry, 78, of 46 Whitney Ave, died Tuesday, 27 Jul 1999, at Bradley Memorial Hospital. She was the wife of James L Berry. Born in Knox ME on 2 Jan 1921, the daughter of the late Ralph and Rosaline (Wilson) Sanborn. Mrs Berry was a member of the Faith Living Church. She had retired many years ago from Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. Besides her husband, she is survived by 2 sons, James and Daniel Berry, both of GA; 2 sisters in ME and several nieces and nephews. Burial in Oak Hill Cemetery. *Meriden Record-Journal [CT], 28 Jul 1999.*

**DELGADO, Patricia (Sanborn).** Bradford NH – Patricia Delgado, 81, formerly of Pleasant Valley Road, died yesterday at Concord Hospital. She was born in New Bedford MA, the daughter of Dana & Lenora (Brownson) Sanborn. She attended New Bedford High School and had resided in



Bradford since 1939 before moving to South Sutton. During WWII she was a Red Cross volunteer and was head of the motor pool in New Bedford MA. In the early 1930s, she taught dancing in New Bedford MA, and was a dancer at the Miriam Winslow Dance Studio in Boston. She owned and operated Country Barn Antiques in Bradford for 30 years. She was a member of the Bradford Historical Society, past treasurer of the Massasecum Association, a member of the Women's Club and was known for her knitting. She was predeceased by her husband, Charles Delgado, who died in 1975. She is survived by cousins. She was buried in Pond Cemetery, Bradford. *Concord Monitor (NH)*, 28 Aug 1999. Another obit in the *Union Leader [Manchester NH]*, 28 Aug 1999, p A6.

**LAWLER, Dorothy E (Sanborn).** Hampton NH – Dorothy E (Sanborn) Lawler, 88, 22 Tuck Road, formerly of Amesbury MA, died yesterday afternoon at Exeter Hospital. Born in Exeter, she was a machine operator for the Merrimac Hat Shop and Bailey Corp. Mrs Lawler was a member of American Legion Auxiliary, Kensington. The widow of Roland F Lawler, she leaves daughter and son-in-law Dorothy E and Henry Brown of Kensington; sons Richard and wife Pauline of South Hampton, and R Frank Jr of Boston; brother John Sanborn of Raymond; sister Mabel Brown of Grafton; 6 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; 4 great, great, grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Burial in Village Cemetery, Kensington. *Eagle Tribune (Lawrence MA)*, 26 May 1999.

**McCAUSTLAND, Lovira Sanborn.** Lime Springs IA – Lovira McCaustland, 91, of Lime Springs, died Saturday, 24 Jul 1999 at Evans Memorial Home, Cresco, of natural causes; survivors include 3 daughters, Verna Lewison of Anamosa, Narine Smith of Great Falls MT and Lynda Kennedy of Saxtons River VT; a son, Earl of Monticello; and 13 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren; she was preceded in death by her husband, Earl; a daughter Belva Ann; and 2 brothers, Harold & Winfield Sanborn. Burial in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Lime Springs. *Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier [IA]*, 26 Jul 1999, p B2.

**REED, Cleda H.** Anaheim CA – Cleda H Reed, 89, died 19 Sep 1999 at West Anaheim Medical Center. Born 12 Nov 1909 in Letts IA, she lived in Stanton CA for 27 years. She was a former resident of Encinitas. She was an automotive bookkeeper for over 35 years. Mrs Reed is survived by her son Richard Sanborn of Stanton; 2 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, and 2 great great grandsons. She was

buried in El Camino Memorial Park, San Diego. *North County Times [Escondido CA]*, 23 Sep 1999, p B-5.

**RICHARDSON, Edith (Sanborn).** Dover NH – Edith "Timmie" Richardson, 96, of 5 Meridian Drive died Saturday, 19 Jun 1999 at Dover Rehabilitation & Living Center after a period of failing health. Born 31 Aug 1902 in Bethlehem she was the daughter of Charles and Annie (Bowlen) Sanborn. She was a longtime resident of the Bethlehem-Littleton area and a Dover resident since 1993. She was a graduate of the Bethlehem High School, Class of 1920, and a graduate of the Littleton Hospital Nurses Training Class of 1925. She was a retired registered nurse from the Littleton Hospital and she was a member of the Order of Eastern Star of Littleton for 75 years. The widow of the late Johnstone B Richardson, survivors include a son, Johnstone (Jack) B Richardson Jr of Dover; a sister, Julia Nelson of Bethlehem; 2 grandchildren, Darlene Lee Richardson of Bradford MA and Johnstone B Richardson III of Dover; 4 great grandchildren, Jennifer and Steven Bryant of Bradford MA, Corey Dupes of Rochester, and Brian Dupes of Bradford MA and 1 great great grandchild, Christopher Dupes. She was predeceased by two brothers, Howard and Henry Sanborn, and also one grandchild, Wanda Joy Richardson. Burial in Glenwood Cemetery, Littleton. *Foster's Daily Democrat (Dover NH)*, 22 Jun 1999.

**ROBERTS, Elizabeth Lillian (Sanborn).** Jameson MO – Elizabeth Lillian (Sanborn) Roberts, 83, Jameson, died Saturday, 1 May 1999, from injuries suffered in a vehicle accident on Highway 5, near Fortuna MO. Mrs Roberts was a seamstress for Headwear USA Cap Manufacturer in Pattonsburg and Gallatin MO for more than 33 years until retiring in 1987. Born in Guyman OK on 25 June 1915, she was reared and attended school there. Mrs Roberts attended the First Baptist Church, where she was a former Sunday school teacher and was a member of the Extension Club, both of Gallatin. On 17 Dec 1929 she married Leslie N Roberts in Enid OK. They moved to Daviess County MO in 1945 and farmed near Jameson. He died in 1985. Mrs Roberts also was preceded in death by 2 sons, Denny D and Leslie R; her parents, Guy C & Amy E Sanborn; 2 brothers Malcolm and Mordie Sanborn; 4 sisters; Olive Jones, Margaret Huffman, Lydia Birt, and Amy Sparks; 2 grandchildren; and 2 great grandchildren. Surviving: 2 sons, Red, Iberia MO, and Douglas, Jameson; 2 daughters, Betty Moulin, Gallatin, and Sharon McCrary, Columbia MO; 13 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; and a great great grandchild. Burial in Coffey MO Cemetery. *St Joseph News Press [MO]*, 4 May 1999. There is another obituary in



*the Columbia Daily Tribune [MO] of 4 May 1999 which gives her parents' names as Guy Chelsie Sanborn & Amy Elizabeth Sanford.*

**SANBORN, Beulah E.** Beulah Elisabeth Sanborn, 82, of Berryville [VA] died Wednesday at a local nursing home. Mrs Sanborn was born 29 Dec 1916 in Clarke County, daughter of the late Grover Lee and Nora Lewin Holtsclaw. She had worked as a waitress at Battletown Inn and store clerk. She was a member of Berryville Baptist Church, Women of the Moose Chapter 1537, and VFW Ladies Auxiliary 9760. Surviving are a daughter, Doris Fuller of Berryville; 2 sisters, Mabel McDonald of Woodbridge and Iarrie McDonald of Berryville; a brother, William Holtsclaw of Berryville; 3 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Burial in Green Hill Cemetery, Berryville. *North Virginia Daily, 27 Aug 1999.*

**SANBORN, Carl H "Mick"** Carl H "Mick" Sanborn, 74, Richland Township [PA], died 19 Jan 1999, at home. Born 24 Feb 1924 in Saugus MA, son of Carlton L Sanborn & Laura Hale. Preceded in death by parents, and sister, Jean Stewart. Survived by wife of 53 years, former Charlotte L Miller; and these children: Michael, married to former Linda McClure, IA; Carl Bruce, married to former Nora May Eason, NC; Laura, wife of Michael South, NE; and Donna Sanborn, and friend, David Hersh, Johnstown; also 5 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Brother of Jack Hoyles, CA, and Doris, wife of Gene Saltsgaver, MA. Navy veteran of World War II. Retired from Ward Trucking. Member of Walnut Grove Church of the Brethren and the Climbers Sunday school class. Interment in Richland Cemetery. *Tribune-Democrat (Johnston PA), 21 Jan 1999*

**SANBORN, Chester Dunn.** Saco ME – Chester Dunn Sanborn, 93, of Ferry Rd died Sunday at his residence. He was born in Saco, a son of Ormand Prescott and Anna Louise Dunn Sanborn, and attended Saco schools and Thornton Academy, where he played on the football team. He worked at the Saco Brick Co and the York County Motor Co before establishing his own auto repair garage on Thornton Ave in Saco in 1941. Mr Sanborn had farm animals and maintained a vegetable garden. For many summers he had a fresh vegetable stand at the farm on Ferry Rd. He was affiliated with the United Baptist Church. His wife, Mary Sanborn, died in 1998, and a son, Richard in 1997. His daughter-in-law and caregiver is Marjorie Moore Sanborn of Camp Ellis. Surviving are 2 grandsons, William Moore Sanborn of Saco and James Mitchell Sanborn of Chapel Hill NC. Burial in Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk ME. *Portland Press Herald [ME], 1 Jun 1999, p 7B.*

**SANBORN, Donald M.** Gorham ME – Donald M Sanborn, 81, of County Rd died Saturday at a Gorham health care facility. He was born in Gorham, a son of William M and Nellie M Burnham Sanborn, and was a graduate of Gorham High School. Mr Sanborn was a dairy farmer most of his life. He also was a custodian at the Baxter School for the Deaf in Falmouth for 15 years before his retirement. He enjoyed spending time with his great grandchildren, farming, gardening, woodworking, snowmobiling and four-wheeling. Surviving are his wife, Virginia C Cribb Sanborn of Standish; a daughter, Jo Ann S Reardon of Standish; a son, William G Sanborn of Peru; 3 granddaughters, Cynthia A Reardon of Spring Valley NY, Dianna Townsend of Limington, and Jennifer Sanborn of Cornish; and 3 great grandchildren. Burial in South Gorham Cemetery. *Portland Press Herald [ME], 7 Mar 1998.*

**SANBORN, Eliza Jane,** of Barre VT, died May 13. Born in Aberdeen, Scotland, in 1903, she was the daughter of William and Jane Robb (Kerr) McAllen. She moved to East Barre at age 3 and attended East Barre schools and Spaulding High School. In 1932, she married Elwin Sanborn, who died in 1970. She had worked for many years in Barre retail stores including Puritan Clothing and the Youth Centre. She was a member of East Barre Congregational Church and the Barre Congregational Church. Survivors include 2 sons, Mayo and Earl; 5 grandchildren; nieces and nephews. *World (Barre VT), 26 May 1999.*

**SANBORN, Elsbeth Adams.** Elsbeth Adams Sanborn, 86, of North Conway, died Monday, 8 Feb 1999, at the Merriman House in North Conway, where she had been a resident since 1985. She was born in Springfield MA on 28 Apr 1912, the daughter of Augustus & Josephine Adams Smith. She was a graduate of Holyoke College and received her librarian degree from Simmons College. She was the librarian for Dartmouth College for many years. Mrs Sanborn resided in Fryeburg for several years prior to moving to Merriman House. Her family includes a niece, Joan Radner of Washington DC; 2 great nephews, Joshua Radner of Denver CO and Jack Radner of Brooklyn NY. *Conway Daily Sun (North Conway NH), 28 Feb 1999.*

**SANBORN, Evamae.** Sarasota FL – Evamae Sanborn, 78, of 930 North Tamiami Trail, passed away 30 Aug 1999 at Hospice House of Southwest Florida after a lengthy illness. Born 11 May 1921 in Exeter NH, she was the daughter of the late Grant Berry & Eva May (McKenna) Sanborn and was a 1940 graduate of Robinson Female Seminary in

Exeter NH. Miss Sanborn was a veteran of WWII serving in the US Navy and was discharged at the end of the war as a chief petty officer. She was a member of the National Chiefs Association and the National WAVES Association. The following years she was clerk of Exeter's Selective Service Office then subsequently was employed at a number of educational institutions including the University of NH, Harvard University, & Stanford University. Following her move to FL she worked for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. She attended the Congregational Church. Family members include 2 sisters, Laura Barbara Sanborn Adams of Cocoa Beach, and Ann Sanborn Maloney of Exeter NH; 2 brothers, John Newell Sanborn of Unity ME, and David George Sanborn of Bellevue NE. Beloved nieces, Jennifer Whitall, Julianne Denney, Laurie Adams, Beth Swanson, Diane Lash, & Judy Bishop; and nephews, Michael, Steven, & Craig Maloney, Jay Connor, Bruce Adams, & Daniel, Newell, Geoffrey, Joshua, Benjamin & J Gregg Sanborn. Loving great-nieces, great-nephews, aunts, cousins, and uncle, and friends. She was predeceased by a sister, Dorothy Sanborn Connor of Durham NH; 2 brothers, Grant Berry Sanborn Jr, & Ronald Paul Sanborn of Exeter NH, and a nephew, Mark Sanborn Adams. *Foster's Daily Democrat (Dover NH)*, 8 Sep 1999.

**SANBORN, Frederick H.** Mr Frederick H Sanborn of Grand Junction [CO] passed away Friday, 16 Jul 1999, at IHS at Manty Heights. He was 79 years of age. Mr Sanborn was born 8 Feb 1920 at Chester NH to Doran Cecil and Ethel Blanche Harvey Sanborn. He spent his childhood and graduated high school in NH. Frederick was an assistant Personal Officer for the Los Angeles County Engineer's Office and was also retired from the US Air Force as a Lt Colonel; while in the Air Force he served in WWII, Korea and Vietnam as a navigator. During WWII he was a prisoner of war. He married Chole Calhoun and they later divorced. He then married Virginia Crew Allowitz on 12 Feb 1972 at Long Beach CA. She survives. Frederick was a member of Redlands Community Church and he enjoyed gardening, woodworking and stamp collecting. Other survivors include a stepson, Timothy Ryan Allowitz and a stepdaughter, Sandra Lynn Peter, both of Grand Junction; 2 brothers, Robert D of Farmington Hills MI and Edward C of Monrovia CA; 5 grandchildren and a great grandchild. Burial in New Elmwood cemetery in Fruita. *Daily Sentinel (Grand Junction CO)*, 18 Jul 1999.

**SANBORN, Gwendolyn (Grant).** Salisbury MA – Gwendolyn (Grant) Sanborn, 76, of 61 Beach Road, died yesterday at Anna Jaques Hospital in Newburyport. Born

in Amesbury, she graduated from Amesbury High in 1940. Mrs Sanborn loved animals, and was especially fond of cats. She was a supporter of the Feline Rescue Society of Salisbury. She leaves niece Dale A Chorebanian of South Hampton NH; nephews William Hinton and Brian Henderson, both of Amesbury; Grant Hinton of Milton NH, and George Henderson of Hampton NH; and several grandnieces and grandnephews. Burial in Mount Prospect Cemetery in Amesbury. *Eagle Tribune (Lawrence MA)*, 31 Dec 1998.

**SANBORN, Mrs Ida,** 56, died after a long illness at her home, 918 E Pacific St, Appleton WI, at 4 o'clock 22 Jan 1950 [sic]. She was survived by 1 daughter, Mrs Gordon Karst, Appleton; 1 son, Donal Peterson, Chicago; 1 brother, Harry Murdow, Milwaukee; and 3 grandchildren. Mrs Sanborn was born 23 Jun 1893 in NE. She lived in Green Vay WI for several years and in Appleton for the last 25 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and served as student councilor there. Burial was in Highland Memorial Park. *Appleton Post-Crescent [WI]*, 23 Jan 1950.

**SANBORN, Joyce.** Canterbury NH – Joyce Sanborn, 65, died June 1. She was born in Boston, the daughter of Evelyn Whitehouse of Dover and the late Henry Whitehouse. She grew up in Dover. She had lived in Canterbury since January, coming from Pembroke, where she had lived for 23 years. Following her graduation from Dover High School in 1951, she worked in a variety of administrative positions for the Strafford National Bank for 10 years. In 1996 she retired after 21 years of being on the staff of the NH Automobile Dealers Association in Concord. She had sung in church choirs since her childhood, including the Pembroke Congregational Church Choir; which she had been a member of for 23 years. She also sang with the Suncook Valley Chorale, the Manchester Choral Society and the Concord Chorale. She was treasurer of the Pembroke Congregational Church for 12 years and served as trustee and chairperson of the Board of Trustees. She enjoyed quilting. In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband of 37 years, E Charles Sanborn; 4 children, Scott Sanborn of Orange, Ted Sanborn-Arabian of Dover, Linda Stevens of Epsom and Cathy Sanborn of Portsmouth; 5 grandchildren; and other members of her extended family. *Concord Monitor [NH]*, 2 Jun 1999.

**SANBORN, Kenneth Eugene.** Lewiston ME – Kenneth Eugene Sanborn, 90, a resident of Maple Street, Monmouth, died very unexpectedly Saturday morning, May 29, at St Mary's Hospital. He was born 5 Dec 1908 in



East Monmouth, the son of James Henry and Nellie Merrill Sanborn. He was born and raised on the Sanborn Farm on Sanborn Road in East Monmouth, where he also worked. He received his education in the Monmouth school system and graduated summa cum laude in 1926 from Kents Hill High School. On 21 Jan 1932 he married Laura F Gilman of Monmouth. After his marriage he and his wife moved from the farm but continued to live in Monmouth. They have been married for 67 years and were one of the oldest married couples living in the town of Monmouth. He was employed at Davis Cadillac in Lewiston for 28 years as a mechanic and service manager and later worked for Coe Chevrolet in Augusta for two years, also as a service manager. In 1965 he went to work for Twin City Printer Inc in Lewiston as a mechanic and maintenance person, retiring in 1973. From the time he purchased his first car in the 1920s to his present car, his license plate number was always 6688. He was past master and a 50-year member of the Monmouth Masonic Lodge 110 A.F. and A.M., a member of the Monmouth Fire Dept where he served as dispatcher and assistant chief until his retirement. He was also a member of the Commercial Travelers. He enjoyed farming and gardening. He also sold his vegetables for several years. Recently, he had enjoyed word jumbles and crossword puzzles. He is survived by his wife, Laura of Monmouth; 3 sons and their wives, Gerry F and Jessie of Monmouth, Dana E and Elda of Tewksbury MA and Wayne M of Monmouth; a sister, Estelle Newton of Orlando FL; 9 grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by 2 brothers, Henry M Sanborn who died in 1978 and Merle M Sanborn in 1995. *Sun Journal (Lewiston ME)*, 30 May 1999.

**SANBORN, Parker E, Jr.** Reading MA – Parker E Sanborn Jr, 52, died 27 Jul 1999 in Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, after a sudden illness. Born in Laconia NH on 19 Apr 1947, he was the son of Mary (Sheedy) Sanborn and the late Parker Sanborn. He lived the past 35 years in Reading. Before retiring, Mr Sanborn worked many years as an electrician for Call's Alarm service in Boston. Family members include his wife, Sandra (Davis) Sanborn; a son, Troy Sanborn of Orlando FL; a daughter, Wendy Bradley of Rochester NH; a grandchild; 2 brothers, Steven Sanborn of Reading and Douglas Sanborn of Yardley PA. *Union-Leader (Manchester NH)*, 30 Jul 1999.

**SANBORN, Pauline L**, 72, of Knight Street [Portland ME] died at a local nursing home after a brief illness. She was born on Vinalhaven island [ME], a daughter of Charles and Ruth Raniquist Lawry, and attended schools there. On Oct 13, 1942, she married Kenneth E R Sanborn. He died

in 1978. Mrs Sanborn worked for several years at Portland's Holiday Inn by the Bay. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, knitting, crafts, gardening, animals and being at the ocean. Surviving are 4 sons, Kenneth B, Oklahoma City OK, Dennis L of Carrabassett [ME], and Gregory A and Charles F Sanborn, both of Portland; a sister Etta Sanborn of South Portland; and 6 grandchildren. *Portland Press-Herald (ME)*, 8 May 1999.

**SANBORN, Raymond Francis**, 64, of Oregon OH fell asleep in death Sunday, 12 Sep 1999. Raymond was born 18 Oct 1934 in Cleveland OH. He was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Dorothy Thomas. Ray is deeply missed by his wife, Janie. *The Blade (Toledo OH)*, 14 Sep 1999, p 16.

**SANBORN, Richard Bigelow**, Portland ME – Richard Bigelow Sanborn, 80, of Sandhill Rd, Brunswick, Died Wednesday, 23 Jun 1999 at the Maine Medical Center. He was born in Augusta, on 16 Aug 1918, the son of Walter M and Nita L Sanborn. He attended Cony High School for 2 years and graduated 2 years later from Phillips Exeter Academy. At Bowdoin College he was president of his fraternity, Alpha Delta Phi, a varsity trackman, and Marshall of his class and graduated in 1940 Phi Beta Kappa and summa cum laude. He then attended Harvard Law School where he was treasurer and an editor of the Harvard Law Review. After Pearl Harbor he volunteered in the US Navy and served 4 years until the end of the war. He received his LLB from Columbia Law School. Returning from the war he practiced law with his father and later formed the firm of Sanborn, Moreshead, Sihade and Dawson. In 1949 he was elected as the then youngest mayor in the history of the City of Augusta and served 2 terms. Very active in the civic life of the community, he was a director and president of the Augusta General Hospital, president of the Kennebec Bar Association, and charter member and president of the Augusta Junior Chamber of Commerce. For about 20 years each, he was a director of the Bank of Maine, the Kennebec Savings Band, and the Augusta Federal Savings Bank, becoming chairman of the latter. He served as director of the Augusta Board of Trade, the Boothbay Region YMCA, the Indian Point Association, the Barter's Island Association, the New England Carriage Association, and the Maine Standardbred Breeders and Owners' Association. He was a member of the Maine Bar Association, the Republican State Committee, the Litchfield planning Board and trustee of the South Parish Congregational Church of Augusta. He held memberships in the Brunswick Rotary Club, the Litchfield Lions Club, the Kennebec Yacht Club, the Abenaki Ski and Outing Club, the Augusta Country Club, the Kennebec Valley

Bowdoin Club and the Friends of Bowdoin. ... He greatly enjoyed the outdoors, including extensive mountain climbing in his early years, skiing from his chalet at Sugarloaf, sailing, and scuba diving at least once a year from various Caribbean Islands. After his retirement he operated a 200 acre farm in Litchfield from which he bred and raised standardbred harness horses and competed in carriage driving contests in the NE states. At one time, he had a collection of 65 antique carriages. A couple of years following the death of his wife, Helen, he moved to his college town of Brunswick and married Priscilla A Keene of Old Orchard. He is survived by his wife of Brunswick; his children, Stephen W of Dresden, Jeffrey M of Owings Mills MD, and Carol A Sanborn of Livermore; several grandchildren; a great grandchild; and stepchildren; a brother, John M of Augusta; and a sister, Margaret S Hodgdon of Boothbay. *Sun Journal (Lewiston ME)*, 25 Jun 1999.

**SANBORN, Richard M.** Saco ME – Richard M Sanborn, 57, of 36 North Ave, Camp Ellis, died Friday at Southern Maine Medical Center. He was born 4 Jun 1940 in Portland, the son of Chester D and Mary Mitchell Sanborn. He attended Saco schools, graduated in 1958 from Thornton Academy and in 1962 from the University of ME with a mechanical engineering degree. He was in the ROTC in Orono and later in the National Guard. Mr. Sanborn was employed as a mechanical engineer for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, traveling extensively to VA, CT, CA, HI, Scotland, and Spain. Before retiring in 1991 he worked in the design division and management. During retirement he worked parttime for Braley's in Camp Ellis, Lew's Market in Saco and also at the Sea Hawk Gift Shop, Camp Ellis. For more than 30 years he was a member and treasurer of the School Street United Methodist Church, now known as Cornerstone United Methodist Church, and held many church offices. Mr Sanborn was past vice president of the Biddeford-Saco Council of Churches, a 35 year member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, volunteered in the Dyer Library History Room and was assistant scoutmaster of Troop 371 in Saco and a council member for 10 years. He was also a member of the Maine Historical Society, Dyer-York Institute and Sokokis Squares Square Dance Club. His hobbies included genealogy, reading, and lighthouses. Survivors include his parents of Saco; his wife of 33 years, Marjorie "Midge" Moore Sanborn of Camp Ellis Beach; 2 sons, William M of Camp Ellis Beach and James M of Damariscotta. *Portland Press Herald [ME]*, 15 Sep 1997.

**SANBORN, Stewart Powell**, died suddenly on 4 Nov

1998 at his home in Oliver BC, Canada. He was born 5 Feb 1917 in Innesfail Alberta and was employed for many years with BC Hydro in various locations throughout BC, retiring in 1978 to Winfield. At the time of his death, Stewart was an active member of the Amateur Radio Club, the Vernon Old Time Fiddlers, the Penticton Tune-Agers, the Oliver Senior Citizens Volunteer Band, and the Plowmen & Threshermen's Club, Irricana AB, as well as a life member of the *Sanborn Family Association*. Stewart is survived by his good friend, companion, and caregiver, May Whyte of Oliver. Interment of cremation remains was in Innesfail. *Information supplied by May Whyte of Innesfail.*

**SANBORN, William H.** Haverhill MA – William H Sanborn, 62, died yesterday at Hale Hospital. He was born and educated in Middleton. Mr Sanborn served in the US Marines during the Korean War. He was a member of the Haverhill American Legion, and had worked at Nissen Bakery, and more recently at Eastern Canvas. He leaves wife Linda (White); mother Edith Sanborn of Middleton; 7 children; sisters Clair Jones of North Reading, Edith Seavy of Danvers, Carol D'Urso of Lawrence, Barbara Churchill of Danvers, and Virginia Hull of FL; brothers Richard of Middleton, Thomas of Plaistow NH, and Robert of Exeter NH; 8 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Burial was in Oakdale Cemetery, Middleton. *Eagle Tribune (Lawrence MA)*, 7 Jun 1999.

**SANBORN-MOODY, Alexander.** Bradford NH – Alexander B "Brookie" Sanborn-Moody, 15, of 149 E Main St, died 29 Jul 1999 in Warner from injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Born in Concord on 27 Oct 1983, he was the son of R John Moody of Boscawen, and Robin Sanborn of Bradford. He lived in Epsom before moving to Bradford 8 years ago. He attended school in Bradford, New London, and Merrimack Valley. For the past year, he was home-schooled. Interested and adept with computers, he was working toward a career in that field. He enjoyed spending time with his family. In addition to his parents, family members include his stepfather, Floyd Bonner of Bradford; 2 sisters, Elizabeth C Sanborn-Moody and Courtney H Sanborn-Moody, both of Bradford; a brother, Taylor L Sanborn-Bonner of Bradford; his maternal grandparents, Edwin N & Virginia B Sanborn of Chichester; his paternal grandmother, Lotte Moody of Loudon; aunts, uncles and cousins. *Union Leader (Manchester NH)*, 31 Jul 1999, p A6.

**TRAVIS, Helen E (Sanborn).** Traverse City MI – Helen E Travis, 91, of Traverse City, died Thursday, 28 Jan 1999, at



Leelanau Memorial Care Center. Helen lived in Traverse City area most of her life. She was an active member of the Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Traverse City, and was the organist and custodian there for many years. She was a member and longtime treasurer of Church Women United. Helen was born in Elmwood Township, Leelanau County, on 12 June 1907. She was the daughter of Albert and Matilda (Reincke) Sanborn. On 29 Sep 1927, in Traverse City, she married Ralph Richter Travis, who preceded her in death on 16 Sep 1982. She was also preceded in death by her parents; 2 brothers, Edwin 'Sam' Sanborn and Ralph Sanborn; and 2 sisters, Ellen Sanborn at 4 years of age and Louise Hinshaw. Helen is survived by a son, John W (Helena) Travis of Northport; 2 grandchildren, John P (Rebecca) Travis of Traverse City and Mary (David) Fryc of Berkley MI; and 3 great grandchildren, Korinne Travis and Daniel and Robyn Fryc. She is also survived by a brother, Harry (Loretta) Sanborn; 3 nieces, Elma (Robert) Collins, Shirley (James) Eckerle, and Susan (Ted) Bready; and a nephew, Steven (Joellen) Sanborn. Helen's son, grandchildren and great grandchildren brought her great joy. She was very giving of her time for them. She will be sadly missed by her family and many friends. After cremation, burial was in Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens in Traverse City. *Traverse City Record Eagle [MI], 29 Jan 1999.*

#### OTHER RECENT SANBORN DEATHS

Lou Wiot reported the death of SFA member **Edward R Wiot** (of Gaithersburg MD) on 22 Feb 1999.

**Alma T (Marquardt) Sanborn**, aged 96, died in Pardeeville WI. Obit in the *Wisconsin State Journal*, 28 Aug 1999.

#### SANBORN MISCELLANY

*Contributed by M J S Lewis*

##### Kingston NH First Church Records

**SANBORN, Elizabeth**, wife of Jethro SANBORN, made a humble acknowledgment, which was accepted by the church and she was received to the communion, 2 Mar 1745/6.

**SANBORN, Frank E.** of Gilmanton NH mar 5 Nov 1872 Miss Jennie M BATCHELDER of Chichester NH, at Pittsfield.

**SANBORN, Jonathan III**, living above Benth-Plain (toward Chester) & his wife Mary, admitted 21 Jan 1738/9.

**SANBORN, Paul**, and wife by letter from the church in Hampton Falls, admitted 1 Apr 1737/8.

**SANBORN, Peter**, admitted 9 Feb 1737/8.

**SANBORN, Tristram**, admitted 19 Feb 1737/8.

**SANBORN, William**, admitted 23 May 1742.

*The NH Genealogical Record, #55, Jul 1997, vol 14, # 3, pp 117-32.*

#### Obituaries from Boston Newspapers

**SANBORN, Caleb, Capt.** at Hampton Falls NH, kept a public house for nearly 50 years, age 78. *Centinel*, 20 Aug 1794.

**SANBORN, Joseph**, at Sandown NH by a falling tree, age about 18 years. *News-Letter*, 28 Dec 1769.

**SANBORN, \_\_\_\_\_, Capt.** postmaster at Hampton Falls NH, age 68. *Centinel*, 12 Jul 1794.

#### A Valentine for Olive

Olive –

Thy beauty! Not a fault is there

No Queen of Grecian line

E'er braided more luxuriant hair

O'er forehead more divine

The light of midnight's starry heaven

Is in these radiant eyes

The rose's crimson life has given

That cheek its morning dyes

Now Olly pray thou will be mine

My own my dearest valentine.

'Justin'

A poem by **Adoniram Judson Sanborn** (VCS #1515vi), 1840-81, of Lawrence MA and Sanbornton NH to his wife-to-be Olive Adelia Rand of Northfield NH. They married in 1865 and she died in 1867, and their baby daughter, Olive A at 1 year 4 months. He died of a broken heart.

#### GENEALOGICAL GLEANINGS

*by Mary Jane Sanborn Lewis*

**SANBORN, Larry and Barry**, father and son, of Joplin MO, reported being in an automobile accident report – 1997?? Could someone send us a clipping or information on this family?

**SANBORN, Louise H**, 21, shoe fitter, b Sanbornton NH, was living with Samuel W Rowe, 52, b Gilmanton NH, shoemaker and Elizabeth Gordon, 28, shoe fitter, b Henniker NH. – *Lynn MA 1865 State Census #425/601, taken from the NH Genealogical Record, April 1995.*

**SANBORN, Lucius**, (VCS #1026) of Watsonville CA, b 19 Oct 1824, son of William of Machias ME b 8 Oct 1773, served in the war of 1812 and was a descendant of Enoch Sanborn, one of the founders of Machias ME and a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He came to CA in July 1849. On 26 Aug 1855, he married (Zilpha) Caroline SCOTT, d/o Daniel, and had daughter, Nellie Grant, b in Watsonville on 2 Oct 1860 who married 5 June 1883, Samuel Woolsey BACKUS, s/o William of Machias ME and Watsonville. – *American Ancestry*, p 160 (year not listed).

**SANBORN, Merrill**, d 31 Jul 1853 age 32, Byfield Parish Burying Ground. – *Essex Co MA Records*.

**SANBORN, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>**, (VCS #8) of Hampton NH, s/o John<sup>1</sup> and Mary (Tucke), b 27 Jan 1665/6, mar about 1708 to Sarah<sup>1</sup> WATERS, d/o James & Mary (Stalworthie) of Topsfield MA, b about 1675, and d at Hampton Falls 15 Dec 1739. On 14 Oct 1709 Sarah and her sister Abigail quit claimed all interest in the estate of their late father to their brother Daniel Waters. Nathaniel & Sarah had children: Nathan 27 Jun 1709 – 8 Jul 1783 Epping NH who mar Catherine (possibly SATTALEE); Jacob 7 May 1711, who mar Amy SANBORN, d/o Stephen (VCS #14); Eliphaz 10 Dec 1712 who mar Elizabeth; Nathaniel 10 Nov 1714; Jedediah 10 Jun 1717 – 31 Jan 1787 Wethersfield CT who m 1st Mary ROGERS and 2nd Martha; and Daniel 31 Dec 1719.

James WATERS<sup>2</sup> b about 1640 probably at Salem MA d at Topsfield MA 11 Sep 1704, mar 1st 24 Mar 1669/70 Mary STALWORTHIE who d before 22 May 1695. They had children: Mary, Elizabeth, Sarah who mar Nathaniel Sanborn, Abigail who mar John Lawson, Samuel, Daniel who mar Mary Cloyes, Stalworthie, and Roger. By his second wife, Rachel Hart, James had one more child Elizabeth.

James<sup>2</sup> WATERS was the son of Richard<sup>1</sup> Waters (s/o James<sup>4</sup> and Phebe (Manning) of London) baptized at St Botolph Without Aldgate, London 3 Mar 1604/5 and d at Salem MA before 25 Jul 1677. Richard's wife was Joyce who was living as late as 1687 at Salem when she deeded land to her son Ezekiel. She called herself Rejoice Waters. Richard & Rejoice's children were William, Phebe who mar Thomas West, Mary who mar Clement English, John who mar Sarah Tompkins, James, Elizabeth, Abigail who mar William Punchard, Ezekiel, Susannah who mar Benedict Pulsipher, and Hannah who mar Joseph Striker.

James<sup>4</sup> Water's wife Phebe Manning was the daughter of George and Joan (Wallys) Manning. Phebe mar 2nd at St Botolph Without Aldgate 23 Feb 1618/9 to William Plasse, gunsmith and with him came to Salem MA. – *The NH Genealogical Record*, Whole # 52, Oct 1996, Vol 13, # 4; article 'Sarah Waters, Second Wife of Nathaniel<sup>2</sup> Sanborn of Hampton, NH' by Clifford L Stott, pp 145-51.

**SANBURN, Nath'l**, had 1 male over 16, 2 under 16, 4 females, at Schaghticoke, Albany NY. – *1790 Census*.

**SANBORN, Peter**, marriage intentions with Sally WHITNEY, filed 28 Aug 1818. **Thomas SANBORN** married Mary, had children Charles Henry, b 8 Aug 1821, and Emily, b 12 Aug 1818. **Adeline SANBURN**, d/o Jonathan and Rhoda, was b 25 Jul 1821. – *Waltham MA Vital Records*.

**SANBORN, Rev Peter**, married Polly STIMPSON 26 May 1798. **Benjamin F SANBORN**, b 15 Feb 1830, and wife Caroline (Knight), b 26 Sep 1835, are buried at Lakeside Cemetery (after 1850), Grave Record 2. Also buried there is **Joseph SANBORN**, b 6 Nov 1820. – *Wakefield MA Vital Records to 1850*.

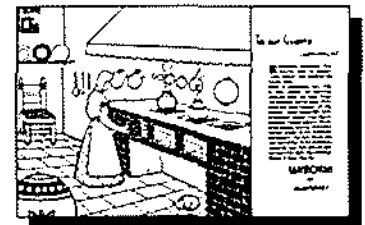
**SANBORN, Sarah Hayes**, married 29 Apr 1896 at Newton Centre MA to Frederick Howard HOVEY, b Newton Centre 7 Oct 1868, resided 16 Chestnut Terrace, one time tennis player. Had son Frederick Howard Jr, b 26 May 1900, Newton Centre. – *Daniel Hovey and his Descendants*, p 373

**SANBURN, Simon**, at Cabot, Rutland County 1791. **Thomas SANBORN**, petitioner at Orange County 1795. – *Early VT, Vol 1, 1600-1789, 1791-1799*.

**SANBORN, Thomas L.**, (VCS #1454), married 1825 Abigail MARSTON who d 1852 Bride Hill in Hampton NH. He b 1802 Exeter, d 4 Oct 1890 Exeter, buried at Bride Hill. Two of their children: Ann Maria, 1834-52, married George W DOW and is buried at Bride Hill; and Andrew J, b 6 Apr 1841, killed at "the Wilderness", in Co D, 9th NH Infantry, in 1864, buried at Bride Hill. – *Bride Hill Cemetery (1780) Records*.

## SANBORNS OF MONTERREY, MEXICO

Ardith Y James has sent in this postcard which her husband's great aunt, Grace James, received in August 1941. A friend of Grace's had apparently eaten at Sanborn's of Monterrey.



Ardith refers to the article in *Sanborn Signatures* (vol 4, # 2, Spring 1988, pp 5-8), "Sanborns in Mexico" by Donald A Sanborn, et al. This postcard clearly relates to that family and the branch store and restaurant they opened in Monterrey. Although the Sanborn family sold the stores in 1946, the chain of stores continued under the same name at least up to 1988 when the earlier article was written. Can anyone bring us up-to-date on Sanborn's of Mexico?



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