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SANBORNS AND THE STATUE

We are a nation of immigrants. From the American Indians to the Pilgrims to the Southeast Asians, and everyone in between, we trace our origins to ancient soils across forbidding seas.

No Statue of Liberty welcomed the three young Sanborn brothers to the New World in the 1630s, but the ideals and aspirations symbolized in "The Lady" were very familiar to these early immigrants.

Many of our Swedish, Norwegian, Jewish and Portuguese cousins actually were welcomed to the American shores by Lady Liberty's guiding light.

The rededication ceremony for the Statue of Liberty is scheduled for October of this year. Once again people will be able to climb the stark, winding stairs through the Statue's interior and gaze out at the stunning view of New York City.

Among the memorable exhibits at the base of the Statue will be an "American Photo Album." Families from across America have been encouraged to send in their pictures to be included in this exhibit.

At the 1986 Sanborn Family Association Reunion, a panoramic picture will be taken of all the attendees and a copy of this picture will be sent to the Museum at the base of the Statue at Ellis Island.

Plan to be a part of this historic moment. Gather with your Sanborn cousins for the panoramic picture on August 24th.

A NEW ADDRESS

The Sanborn Family Association now has a new address. Please use this address for all correspondence with the Association:

THE SANBORN FAMILY ASSOCIATION
44 Tinker Road
Nashua, NH 03060



REUNION DETAILS INSIDE!

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NEW LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

We are so pleased to continue to receive many life memberships from Sanborns all across the country. Since our last newsletter, eight new Life Members have been added to our rolls. The SANBORN FAMILY ASSOCIATION now has twenty-seven Life Members and an "endowment" of \$2,025.00. A Certificate of Deposit has been opened with this money, interest from which will help support many projects of The Sanborn Family Association. Our new Life Members are:

Nathaniel S. Sanborn of Franconia, VA
 John L. Sanborn of Bath, ME
 Ruth A. Kaselis of Bound Brook, NJ
 Jeanette S. Potsaid of Hanover, MA
 Noel D.L. Sanborn of Cincinnati, OH
 K. Max Sanborn of Visalia, CA
 Charles S. Lafollette of San Francisco, CA
 Theodore Sanborn of Naples, FL

A correction from the last newsletter list: Dr. Earl Boyce Sanborn, Jr. is of Kenilworth, IL and Walter D. Sanborn Jr. is of Laguna Hills, CA.

Since our 1985 Reunion, we have had a number of changes on the Executive Board. In October, we lost our Vice-President, Arthur H. Sanborn and our Secretary, Elizabeth (Chase) Sanborn, both of Candia. We were sorry to see Betty and Arthur go, their inspiration and energy played a major part in the reorganization of the Association. All SFA members wish Arthur and Betty continued success in their family-run business.

As our Association has grown, so has our Executive Board. Several new committees have been created, including one to investigate a scholarship to be given by SFA and one to check into the possibility of an English tour of Sanborn sites for interested SFA members.

The Executive Board now consists of:

PRESIDENT

George Freeman Sanborn Jr. of Derry, NH

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GENEALOGIST, NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Melinde (Lutz) Sanborn of Derry, NH

In addition to our Executive Board, we now have two State Chairmen for the SFA. Welcome to:

State of NEW YORK

Patricia A. Sanborn of Syracuse, NY

States of IDAHO and WASHINGTON

Evelyn Price of Sagle, ID

INTRODUCING OUR NEW SECRETARY

JANET¹⁰ (CARLETON) SWANSON (Eva⁹, Albert⁸, Benjamin⁷, Benjamin⁶, Benjamin⁵, Peter⁴, Tristram³, John², John¹). Janet was born in Manchester, NH, the daughter of Raymond and Eva (Sanborn) Carleton. She is married to Rodney Swanson and has three sons, Brian, age 21, Scott, age 18 and Gary, age 15. Janet's grandfather, Albert Sanborn, and his brother, ran the store at Leavitts Hill for many years. Janet's in-laws got her interested in her family history and we are very proud to have her as our Association Secretary.

1986 SANBORN FAMILY REUNION

We have a wonderful 1986 Reunion planned and we hope that as many Sanborn descendants as possible will be in attendance. The big day will be Sunday, AUGUST 24th, 1986 starting at 9:00 and running all day until 4:00. Martin's Place in Goffstown, NH will be the site once again. This year the facility has been enlarged by the installation of folding walls, so there will be room for everyone. A fine, catered meal will be available.

There will be many highlights to this year's reunion, including special entertainment for the children and a large memorabilia area. Plan to bring your family momentos, records and pictures for everyone to see.

We plan to repeat the very successful panoramic picture of all Reunion attendees. In 1984, this picture included well over 400 people. This will be a very historic moment for us because the finished picture will be sent to the museum at the base of the Statue of Liberty for public display. Aurel Stuart, our photographer will make copies of this picture for persons who place their orders at the Reunion or immediately thereafter. Mr. Stuart's panoramic camera is one of the few of it's kind still in use anywhere in the country.

Genealogists, a query board, many old friends and even some new ones, will all be at the 1986 Reunion. The Reunion Committee will especially welcome anyone who wishes to help the day of the big event. Drop us a note in care of the Association: 44 Tinker Road, Nashua, NH 03060. Many old friends and even some new ones will be attending the Reunion. Plan to be there, too. We look forward to seeing you!

Margaret Hussey
Reunion Chairman

Catered Meal Menu: Swedish Meatballs - Deep Dish Chicken Pie - Roast Beef - Turkey - Boiled Ham
Potato Salad - Cheese - Crackers - Potato Chips - Fresh Salad - Jellied Salad - Pickles
Celery - Olives - Assorted Bread & Rolls - French Pastries - Coffee
Order your catered meal on your Reunion Registration Form enclosed.

A Selected List of Local Hotels and Motels

Appleton Inn, Exit 8, Everett Turnpike Amherst Road, Merrimack, NH	603-424-7500	Hooksett Kozy 7 Motel Londonderry Turnpike, Hooksett	603-669-8144
Center of NH - Holiday Inn 700 Elm St., Manchester, NH	603-625-1000	Koala Inn 55 John E. Devine Dr., Manchester	603-668-6110
Dolly Dimple Motel Daniel Webster Highway, Hooksett	603-622-0720	Susse Chalet Motel Lodge South Willow St., Manchester	603-625-2020
Hilton at Merrimack Executive Park Dr., Merrimack	603-424-6181	Tom's Motel 1375 Hooksett Road, Manchester	603-627-2394

The Sheraton Wayfarer Inn, Bedford, NH 603-622-3766

THE SANBORN FAMILY REUNION - SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 1986 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

MARTIN'S PLACE, 295 St. Anselm's Drive, Goffstown (near Manchester), NH

Take Interstate 93 to Route 101 West. Follow 101 West to Route 114, then three lights to St. Anselm's Drive.

See you there!

A SUCCESSFUL SEARCH

Many of us struggle with the generations between our grandparents or great-grandparents and the last generation listed in V.C. Sanborn's genealogy of the Sanborns, which, while it was published in 1899, drops many of its families in the early 1800s. Life Member, Donald H. Sanborn, Jr. tackled this very problem in a very logical, straightforward manner, using the best original sources to work out his missing generations. His very clear, concise account of the steps and results of his research appear below as an excellent illustration of what can be done to close this troublesome gap.

TRACING WILLIAM, FATHER OF WILLIS H. SANBORN: PROBABLY THE SON OF SEWALL SANBORN (364)

by

Donald H. Sanborn, Jr. of Geneva, IL

My father, Donald Hayward Sanborn, was born 3 July 1905 in Bangor, ME. A lawyer, he died 20 July 1970 in Bloomington, IL on his way home from a business trip. He was buried at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL where we lived.

Of my Sanborn lineage, my father had told me the following. His father, Lucius Sanborn, was born in 1883 at Stillwater, ME and died in 1911 at Bangor, ME. His mother, Georgia May Laws, was born in 1886 at Woodstock, New Brunswick and died in 1930 at Bangor. Lucius' father, he said, was Willis Sanborn and his mother was born Isabelle Gould. But he never mentioned who Willis Sanborn's father was. He may not have known, for Lucius died when my father was five and Willis when he was eight, depriving him of these sources of Sanborn history. He was raised by his mother and aunts.

My father had mentioned looking up family history in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., my birthplace. On a 1970 trip there, I found Victor C. Sanborn's invaluable GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF SANBORNE OR SANBORN IN ENGLAND AND AMERICA (1899), which assigned numbers of members of successive generations of Sanborns in America. More than one Willis Sanborn was listed, however, and without knowing my great-grandfather's middle initial, I was unable to decide which of these he might be. (As it turns out, he is not listed in that book, for reasons which became clear later.)

On a 1974 trip to Bangor, we visited my family's burial plot at Mount Hope Cemetery, in which both Lucius and Willis lie. Records in the Mount Hope office showed that Willis H. Sanborn was born in 1853 in Lagrange, ME and died at Bangor 26 Mar 1919. His parents were listed as William and Dorcas Sanborn, with no further indication of their identities. So I had found not only Willis' middle initial, but the names of my paternal great-great-grandparents. But who was this William Sanborn?

Perhaps I could find out by using my new information first to pinpoint Willis in V.C. Sanborn's list of numbered Willis Sanborns. However, on two subsequent trips to the Library of Congress in the mid-1970s, I found that the book could not be located. Returning again this June, I learned that the Library had sent out a borrowed copy to be microfilmed. Undaunted, I proceeded to Sanbornton, NH. There in the local library we found not one but two copies of V.C. Sanborn's book! Unfortunately, no Willis H. Sanborn with a father named William was listed. Worse, none of the numbered William Sanborns listed seemed obviously of the right time, place and issue to be my paternal great-great-grandfather.

My wife, Georgia W. Sanborn, decided to search the different genealogical lines for a Sanborn of the right era near Lagrange, Willis H. Sanborn's birthplace, who might be connected with our branch of the family. She made a promising discovery. One Sewall Sanborn (V.C. Sanborn's number 364) had been born 5 Nov 1791 in Kingston, NH, but early moved to Sebec, ME. A look at the map showed Sebec to be only about seven miles up the road from Lagrange, where Willis was born. Moreover, one of Sewall Sanborn's three children was listed as a William, for whom no birth date or other information was given (although a note in the index said, incorrectly, I now believe, possibly 1823) and who, thus, was un-numbered in V.C. Sanborn's book, a fact which could explain why Willis was not listed there either. Could this William be Willis H. Sanborn's father?

Proceeding to Bangor, we checked Penobscot County census records in the Bangor Public Library. Nothing in 1810, but there in 1820, in Sebec, is one Sewall Sanbourn with a wife and three unnamed children under 10, two of them male. Sewall does not appear in any Penobscot County census thereafter, but the 1830 census lists one Minnaford Sanborn, whom I later confirmed was his widow. Since V.C. Sanborn says Sewall's wife, Anna Sands, died in 1825, Minnaford was evidently his second wife (and hence, William's step-mother). Sewall's disappearance from the census after 1820 is consistent with V.C. Sanborn's listing of his death as around 1827 (actually 1826 I later learned).

A trip to the Office of Recorder of Deeds at the Penobscot County Courthouse a couple of blocks away turned up numerous records to confirm that this Sewall is indeed the one V.C. Sanborn lists as the fifth child of Isaac Sanborn (143)(1752-1803) and his wife, Abigail, of Kingston, NH. For example, we found Isaac's widow Abigail, listed as Sewall's guardian, selling him some of Isaac's land in Sebec, in a deed dated 14 Jan 1818 (Penobscot County Deeds, v. 4, p. 168 and 171).

But what of William, Sewall's son? Only heads of families were listed by name in the U.S. censuses before 1850. But we found a William in the 1850 census, listed as 35 years old, a farmer, with a wife named Dorcas, age 31, living in Lagrange - Willis' birthplace. This William, presumably Willis' father, was thus born around 1815, which would make him five years old in 1820 - and very likely one of the two sons under 10 ascribed in that census to Sewall Sanborn, in nearby Sebec.

Administrative records for Sewall Sanborn's estate suggest that he died around October of 1826, when this William would have been 11, still a minor. Unfortunately, the records do not mention any children - only the widow, Minnaford, and Sewall's brothers Abraham, Tappan and Isaac, to whom he owed money. Minnaford was thus left to bring up any surviving children. But she does not appear in the Penobscot County census of Sebec after 1830, when this William would be 15, still a minor. William bought land in Lagrange on 29 Mar 1843, and in the record is "said to be of Milo, in the county of Piscataquis" (Penobscot County Deeds, v. 145, p. 249). Perhaps Minnaford died before the 1840 census and this William went to Milo to live with relatives or work. Or perhaps Minnaford moved there with a son, the William later "said to be of Milo." That Minnaford had property near Milo is clear from records of the administration of Sewall's estate. In the disposition of his real estate, she receives one-third and gets the 38 acres described as beginning with "lots in said Sebec, and on the north side of the county road leading to Milo..." (Penobscot County Probate Records, v. 3, pp. 379-80). However, further research is needed to establish with certainty my great-great-grandfather William's Sebec origins and hence his identity as the son of Sewall and stepson of Minnaford Sanborn.

But what of this same William's connection to my great-grandfather Willis H., born in Lagrange, to parents listed in his burial record as William and Dorcas? The afore-mentioned 1850 Penobscot County census lists William and Dorcas as farming in Lagrange, having at that time (before Willis' birth) 10 children already. The 1860 census shows him still there, now as a lumberman. As in 1850, the children are listed individually. The three eldest have gone, but seven of the earlier ones remain, and five have been added. Among the latter should be my great-grandfather Willis H., born in 1853, who would be six or seven years old at the 1860 census. But no Willis H. is listed! There is, however, a Henry W., age six, in between an older child, Dorcas A. and younger child, Frank H. Suppose that the "W" is for "Willis" and that he didn't like "Henry" as a first name, later reversing "Henry Willis" to "Willis Henry." Then we would have identified this William and his wife Dorcas as Willis H. Sanborn's likely parents.

The 1870 Penobscot County census still reports William Sanborn at Lagrange, again as a farmer. He and Dorcas have added two more children, one named Clarence. The 1880 census shows William and Dorcas have moved to Old Town, living there with three of their children, including this Clarence E. Sanborn, age 16. No new minor children are listed, which is not surprising, since Dorcas had borne 17 recorded children already. Clarence died 6 Sept 1897. On 25 Sep 1897, his widow, Agnes A. Sanborn, petitioned the Probate Court to be named executrix of his will. She lists as Clarence's surviving brothers and sisters eight of William's and Dorcas' children - including one Willis Sanborn of Bangor, as his brother. Since Clarence had no younger brothers, being the last of William and Dorcas' sons, this brother Willis can only be the Henry W. listed in the 1860 and 1870 censuses. Evidently Henry Willis Sanborn preferred to be known as Willis Henry Sanborn.

Interestingly, we find in the 1880 Penobscot County census that Willis H. Sanborn has moved into Old Town, just as William and Dorcas have, for no Sanborns were listed in the 1870 census of Old Town. In 1870, "Henry W." was 16 and living with William and Dorcas in Lagrange. During the intervening 10 years he would have reached adulthood and become free to interchange his first and middle names. He might have done so upon leaving home. The 1880 census lists Willis, 27, identified as a sawmill worker of Maine origin, living in another part of Old Town than William and Dorcas. Willis has a wife named Isabelle, the former Isabelle Gould. (A John Gould immediately preceding Willis in the census evidently lived next door and appears to be Isabelle's father, for his daughter Susan, listed in the 1870 census though not in 1880, lies in our family plot along with Willis, Isabelle and their son Lucius.) At age 27 in 1880, Willis H. would have been born in 1853, as William's son "Henry W." was.

I conclude that the William and Dorcas Sanborn we have traced from Lagrange to Old Town are almost certainly the same William and Dorcas listed on my great-grandfather Willis H. Sanborn's burial record as his parents.

If, as seems probable, this William is the same one listed by V.C. Sanborn as a son of Sewall Sanborn (364), then my Sanborn lineage extends back through Isaac (143), Abraham (53), Tristram (16), John (5), to John (2) in the genealogical history of the Sanborns in America. But further research is needed to establish with certainty the connection between Sewall Sanborn of Sebec and this William Sanborn of Lagrange. Perhaps other Sanborns can help shed some light on their relation.

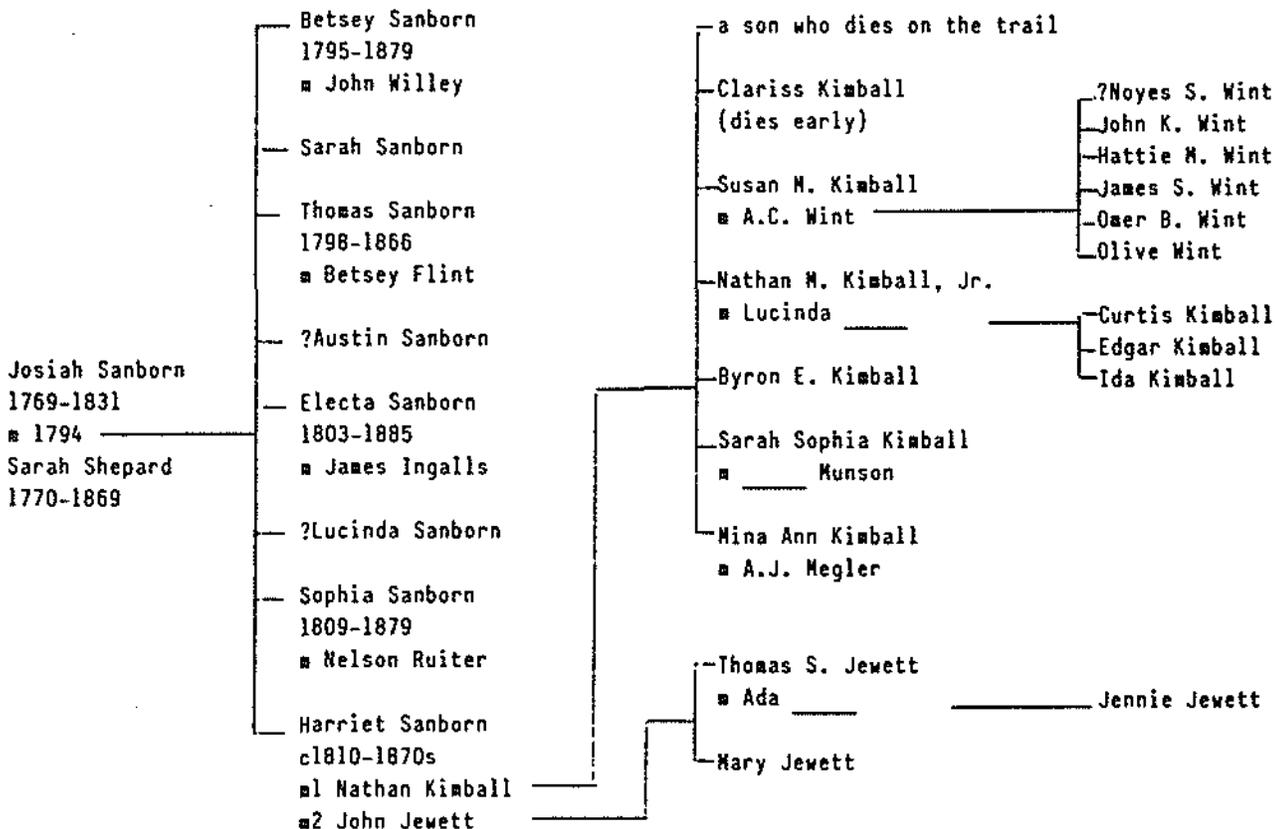


Readers will remember that in the last issue of SANBORN SIGNATURES, a letter by Harriet (Sanborn) Kimball Jewett appeared in this space. At that time we had no idea who Harriet's parents might have been and the first footnote to the letter mistakenly reported a family record of Harriet's origins. The footnote should have read: "This Sanborn family appears to have originated in the northern, VT area and early moved across the border into Abercorn, Quebec."

It seems very likely that SFA member, Donna Sanborn Jolicoeur of Point Claire, Quebec, has solved the mystery. Donna wrote in November to report that Sophia (Sanborn) Ruter (the sister to whom Harriet addressed her letter) is buried in Abercorn along with her husband, Nelson and her parents, Josiah and Sarah (Shepard) Sanborn!

With this information it is possible to link Harriet to the known family outlined in V.C. Sanborn's book. Her apparent father, Josiah, is number 781 and is listed with his wife and three of his children on pages 343 and 344. Josiah was Josiah⁶, Josiah⁵, William^{4,3}, Josiah², William¹, making Harriet "Harriet⁷."

The Genealogical Committee would like to express its great pleasure at receiving Donna's letter! With the further information which Donna sent, we can present the following chart outline of Harriet's family. With this new information, a few more of the names at the end of Harriet's letter can be matched with family members. The "Aunt Sally" she mentions may have been the Sally Copp who married Josiah's brother, David (#785) or she could have been Josiah's sister, Sally, born in 1772 who married in 1820, Robert Morrison. Harriet writes, "you must be very old now mother," and tells of an eighty-six year old woman who made the trip west. Harriet's mother, Sarah (Shepard) Sanborn, lived to be 99 years old and was only 80 in 1850 when Harriet sent her letter.



OBITUARIES

Clarence C. Sanborn, 105, formerly of 98 Thaxter Road, died 10 Nov 1985 at Edgewood Manor, Portsmouth, NH. Born 20 Apr 1880 in Epping, NH, son of Charles W. and Julia (Colby) Sanborn, he was a graduate of Tilton School, Class of 1899 and received a B.A. degree from Stanford University in 1908.

He was a faculty member at Tilton School for 1908 to 1920; supervisor of schools of Farmington School District from 1921 to 1926 and headmaster at Portsmouth High School for many years, retiring in 1945. Mr. Sanborn served as YMCA secretary in England during WWI and chairman of the local Selective Service Board during WWII. He was the widower of Mary L. (Connell) Sanborn and a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a son, Leland C. Sanborn of Joppa, MD; three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

[At the time of his death, we believe that Mr. Clarence C. Sanborn was the oldest living Sanborn.]

Mrs. Hazel Mae (Wilcox) Sanborn, 89 of Main St., Antrim, NH died 12 Dec 1985 in the Monadnock Christian Nursing Home in Jaffrey, NH. She was born in Ipswich, MA and was the widow of Harold E. Sanborn who died in 1984. Mrs. Sanborn worked with her husband at the American Railway Express office in Peterborough for 20 years doing clerical work. She was a member of the Peterborough Rebekahs and was a descendant of the Robert Morrison Family.

Survivors include two sons, Charles B. Hardwick of Sarasota, FL and Theodore F. Hardwick of Antrim; four grandchildren, two sisters, nieces and nephews.

Julia H. Sanborn, 82 died 28 Nov 1985 at a Portland Hospital. Born in South Portland, she was the child of Emil and Anna (Lejonhud) Odencrantz. The widow of Earle D. Sanborn, who died in 1965, she is survived by a brother, Clayton Odencrantz of Rye, NH and five sisters.

Miss Jessie F. Sanborn, 81 died at Exeter 10 Jan 1986. Born 1 Oct 1904 in Concord, NH, the daughter of Frank J. and Fannie (Sanborn) Sanborn, she had graduated from Keene in 1923 and then moved to Exeter. She taught in the Exeter schools until 1939, then opened the Golden Web Gift Shop in what is now the home of the Exeter Historical Society. She retired in 1965. She is survived by cousins, Chester

OBITUARIES cont.

Rowe and Mildred Chadwick, both of Exeter, Alice Hildreth and Laura Teagley, both of Marlborough, Mrs. Emma Murray of Memphis, TN and Robert Rowe of Illinois.

Lawrence S. Sanborn, 75, died 27 Dec 1985 at the Merrimack County Nursing Home. He was born in Salisbury, NH and lived in Andover for several years. He had resided in Franklin, NH for 31 years.

Mr. Sanborn was a self-employed logger for many years and prior to his retirement was a machine operator in the carbonizing department of the J.P. Stevens Woolen Mill. He was a communicant of St. Paul Church.

Survivors include four sons, Larry Sanborn of Bellevue, MA; Ralph Sanborn of Laconia; Earle Sanborn of Kissimmee, FL and David Sanborn of Northfield; two daughters, Mrs. Kathleen A. Bowley of Woburn, MA and Mrs. Marilyn Johnson of Orlando, FL and 12 grandchildren.

Newton Sanborn, 70, died 2 December 1985 at Biddeford Hospital, Saco, ME. Born in Saco, he was the son of Harold and Lorena (Perkins) Sanborn. He graduated from Thornton Academy in 1934 and attended Indiana Technical Institute and the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham. He was a communicant of Most Holy Trinity Church, where he was a former member of the Parish Council. He was employed by the former Saco Lowell Shops and later by the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and Lund Manufacturing Co., retiring in 1976.

Surviving are his wife, Ursula (Huntress) Sanborn of Saco; two sons, Daniel H. Sanborn of Farmington and Douglas S. Sanborn of Franklin, MA; a daughter, Mrs. Jeremiah (Sheila) Garney of Goodwins Mills; two sisters, Inez Heeney of Kittery and Evelyn Petley of Freeport and six grandchildren.

Mabel E. Ellis, 68, died 15 Jan 1986 in a Bangor, ME hospital after a short illness. She had been a resident of the Penobscot River House, Old Town.

She was born in Olamton, 12 May 1917, daughter of George D. and Lizzie (Urquhart) Sanborn. She is survived by two brothers, Randall E. Sanborn of Orrington and George Sanborn of Glenburn; a sister, Evelyn Tinkham of Old Town and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

OBITUARIES cont.

Mrs. Dorothy Sanborn, wife of Albert F. Sanborn Jr. and formerly of Lakewood, NJ died 8 Jan 1986 in Alexandria, VA.

Mrs. Beatrice I. Sanborn, 85, died 3 Nov 1985 in Newport, NH.

John H. Sanborn died 16 Dec 1985 in Newton, MA. He was husband of Ann (Yobaccio) Sanborn, father of Janet Sanborn Davidson, grandfather of William Burke and Diana Alana Davidson.

Today, we are accustomed to short obituaries for our loved ones. In the last century, this was not the case; the eulogies for a fine life were long and graceful. Stephen J. Sanborn of Tacoma, WA submits the following example for his great-grandfather, Everett F. Sanborn.

"Mr. Everett F. Sanborn passed away on Tuesday, March 1, 1910, after a long illness. The funeral occurred Friday afternoon, March 4th, at his home in Frankfort, and was largely attended by many friends and relatives from different towns, Rev. J.H. Moseley his pastor, officiating. The Masonic rites followed the service. The solos, "Nearer my God to Thee," and "The Sweet By-and-By," - favorite hymns of Mr. Sanborn's - were sung by Mr. Joshua Treat, Jr. About 150 granite workers attended in a body, and led the procession from the house to the granite works, where they broke ranks and stood with uncovered head while the procession passed through the lines. The floral tributes were large and beautiful, among them a pillow from the Granite Cutters' Union, a wreath from the Quarrymen's Union, three links from the Odd Fellows, Basket of Roses from the Granite Company, Horse-Shoe from nieces and nephews, Roses from Mr. Hayward Peirce, and Pinks from Mr. Joshua Treat, Jr., and Violets from Church Society.

Mr. Sanborn was the only son of Noah W. and Elizabeth Lane Sanborn, born in Prospect, August 31, 1851. After leaving school he was trained by his father, who was then Superintendent of the Granite Works, in the draughting office, and as the assistant. In turn, Mr. Sanborn trained his nephew, Noah S. Blethen, to follow him in the difficult work for which the family seem to possess a rare

efficiency. At the death of his father, Mr. Sanborn succeeded to the Superintendency of the Granite Works, then the Pierce, Rowe Co. For about thirty years he held the responsible position, as general Superintendent of what is now the Mt. Waldo Granite Co. During all these years the Works have developed greatly, and the largest stone shed in the world has been built there. Mr. Sanborn had the rare temperament and good judgment which are required to control a large body of men, often foreigners, without a single instance of trouble at the Works. He was quiet, even-tempered, mechanically ingenious, intellectually keen, a keenness he used for the study of men. Such qualities made him the friend of the Company and of his men.

Those who had the privilege of knowing Mr. Sanborn recognized his normal goodness. Apparently without an effort he was cheerful, good-natured, and kind-hearted; and his friends felt that to sustain such characteristics unflaggingly he must have an abiding religious faith and settled religious convictions. He brought the modern religious spirit "to help men," into his work. When the Settlement Workers wished to hold short services at the Works Superintendent Sanborn was interested in getting the men together, and gave it practical assistance. Frequently when young men in his employ, often foreigners, wished their earnings protected, they brought them to him for safe keeping. As he kept his moral and intellectual life strong and healthy, he kept his physical life as well. He was a true sportsman, frequently enjoying the hunting season in the big Maine woods.

In 1874 he married Miss Georgia Freeman, of Prospect, and his home was singularly happy. There he always enjoyed and made welcome his many friends. Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Ralph W., of Frankfort, and Frank T., of New York; and a daughter Alice E. In his long illness he has been patient and cheerful, always thinking of others. And it has been the privilege of his family and many friends to show their appreciation of him, which has been constant and continuous.

His wife and daughter have been constantly with him, and have given him their most constant and tender care. Mr. Sanborn's loss to his family is very great, as it is also to the community and to the town; and the sympathy of a large circle goes out to the bereaved family. The interment was at Prospect Cemetery."

If such an obituary has been preserved in your family, consider sending a copy to The Sanborn Family Association for our genealogist's records.

NOTES

A professional researcher has been located in England to conduct the important investigations into the identity of Anne Bachiler's husband, the father of the three Sanborn boys who came to America in the 1630s.

If you have been considering a contribution to the English Research Fund, it would be greatly appreciated at this time.

Special thanks to Ardith James of Redlands, CA for the many family materials which she has copied for us. Her excellent article, DESTINATION: CALIFORNIA will be the feature story in the next SANBORN SIGNATURES. Thanks also to Harold Rinehimer, President of the Greater Hazleton Historical Society Museum in PA, who spotted an article on Arthur N. Sanborn, (1869-1959), a prolific photographer and one of our Swedish cousins. Also gratefully received have been many, many lineage charts and family write-ups.

Mr. John L. Sanborn of 739 High St., Bath, ME 04530 has a few copies left of the 1982 Supplement to the Sanborn Family Genealogy. This supplement brings several branches of the family up-to-date. \$3.50 per copy. Contact John for further information.

FOR SALE

4 Generation Sanborn charts - 14" x 20" on heavy paper - suitable for framing. These charts trace the family from the unknown Sanborne and his wife, Ann Bachiler, through the third generation born in the Americas. \$3.00 each plus \$2.00 postage.

Coat of Arms - Attractive pamphlet designed by a Sanborn descendant. This is the coat of arms which V.C. Sanborn believed belonged to an early Sanborn in our branch of the family. 50¢ each.

"The Old Maps of Rockingham County, New Hampshire in 1892" - contains 66 old maps reproduced, with old roads, every house and family, taken from the town and city atlas of the State of New Hampshire by D.H. Hurd and Co. of Boston. \$6.00 each plus \$1.00 for postage and handling.

AN URGENT APPEAL

The Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is attempting to close the vital records for the entire state to all persons doing general genealogical work. Only direct descendants or legal representatives or the individual him/herself will be allowed access to the information in the vital records if House Bill 174 passes. Opposition to this bill is widespread and every person interested in family history hopes that it will not pass. It will be some time before the bill can go into effect, should 174 be passed. It is terribly important to use this time as wisely as possible.

THIS IS A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

who can spend a few hours as often as possible at the Dept. of Health, 150 Tremont St., Boston, MA across from the Common, downtown, copying Sanborn marriage records from 1895 to the present. This information helps us complete the current generations for the genealogy and helps us learn of new Sanborns who have been lost in the shuffle of today's highly mobile society.

COPYING RECORDS IS EASY.

The information on a marriage certificate in Mass. is almost always typed. The names of the husband and wife, their ages, residences, # of marriage, date of marriage, place of marriage, place of birth and parents' names are the crucial entries. With this information we can help round out the story of our family and learn more about our non-English Sanborns.

THE SOONER THIS IS DONE,

the better our chances of reaching our older family members in time to record the priceless family traditions only they can share.

IF YOU LIVE IN THE GREATER BOSTON AREA and have even one afternoon to devote to the family, please consider volunteering for this project. Please drop a note to the Association at their new address: 44 Tinker Road, Nashua, NH 03060, Attention: Genealogist and include your phone number. At the present time, I am doing this alone and the progress is very slow. Many hands make light work. Thank you for considering this.

Melinde Lutz Sanborn
Genealogist, SFA



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QUERY SECTION

Queries are offered free of charge and published as space permits. Each query should have a Sanborn connection.

 Seeking info that WILLIAM SANBORN (m Dorcas N.), b circa 1815, of Lagrange and Old Town, ME, was son of SEWALL SANBORN (1791-1826) who moved from Kingston, NH to Sebec, ME (2nd wife WINNAFORD). Also want to confirm WILLIAM's son HENRY W. interchanged first and middle names, becoming WILLIS H. SANBORN (b 1853 Lagrange, d 1914 Bangor, ME), and m ISABELLE GOULD (1856-1935).

Donald H. Sanborn, Jr., 617 Illinois St., Geneva, IL 60134

 Who were parents of ELIZABETH MITCHELL who m MOSES SANBORN b 1717 Hampton, NH, son of ENOCH SANBORN and ELIZABETH DENNETT? Need dates, places.

Ardith James, 820 Cajon St., Redlands, CA 92373

 Would like parents' names and any info for RICHARD SANBORN b 9 Aug 1705, d 28 July 1764, m ANNA PEARSON. Sally Owen, Rt. 2, Box 652, Kennebunkport, ME 04046

 Who was LYDIA _____, m to JOSEPH PALMER, date unknown. JOSEPH was son of WILLIAM PALMER and HANNAH SANBORN (she b 23 June 1701 - d 8 Dec 1776). Need dates and places in NH.

Ardith James, 820 Cajon St., Redlands, CA 92373

 Seeking ancestry of LYDIA SANBORN b circa 1730-1740, m JOHN MOORE CORLISS circa 1756 near Haverhill, MA, Salem, NH or Alexandria, NH. 3 sons: DANIEL, JOHN M. & ELIHU CORLISS. She d 1770 in Alexandria, NH.

Mae Powell, P.O. Box 356, Seal Beach, CA 90740

 Wish to learn more about the family of MOSES SANBORN and ABIGAIL ROWE who were married 17 Jan 1791, Corinth, VT and resided there 'til death in 1829 and 1842. Sons ROBERT AND AMOS stayed in area but what became of IRA ALLIN, b 1815, MOSES SLEEPER, b 1809, LODISA, b 1798 and RACHEL b 1811? Who were MOSES' parents? This is not the same family as MOSES SANBORN who m HANNAH FITZ and who also resided in Corinth 1810-1835.

Joan M. McRae, 25683 John Road, Olmsted Falls, OH 44138

 Info needed on ancestry of PETER SMITH b 1760 Brentwood, NH, d 1837, Knox, ME, m HANNAH SANBORN, dau of JOHN & LYDIA (ROLLINS) SANBORN. PETER served in the Rev. War and had 19 children. At the time of his marriage he gave Exeter, Sanbornton and Cincinnati, OH as residences.

Mrs. Wayne P. Hughes
 Prairie Club, Harbert, MI 49115

Seeking info about ancestry of SARAH SANBORN who married a TUCKER, apparently in Roxbury, MA circa 1770. Her son, JOHN TUCKER, was b in Roxbury in 1777. JOHN m HANNAH DICKERMAN in Roxbury, 22 Dec 1805. They moved to Baltimore, VA and then to IL. Appreciate your help.

John B. Warner, Jr., 818 Audubon, Clayton, MO 63105

 Rev. GILMAN SANBORN b 1814, Corinth, VT, b Randolph 1876, son of AMOS and grandson of MOSES of Corinth, had among others perhaps 2 daus ANNA b 1847 and CLARA b 1849. What became of them. Rev. Gilman preached in many towns in VT, NH, MA & IA.

Joan M. McRae, 25683 John Rd, Olmsted Falls, OH 44138

 Seeking info on BENJAMIN SANBORN b 20 Dec 1668. He m SARAH WORCHESTER who was b 5 June 1667. They had a dau MARY who was b 12 Oct 1690 in Hampton. She m WILLIAM HEALEY and d 1780.

Peggy Marsh, 1399 Northeast Drost Dr., Bend, OR 97701

 Need parents, birthplace of THOMAS JAMES, sea capt. who m SUSANNAH STEVENS. Their marriage intention was filed in Boston 8 Aug 1751. They had 2 sons, THOMAS and JAMES STEVENS JAMES. Need parents, birthplace of SUSANNAH as well.

Ardith James, 820 Cajon St., Redlands, CA 92373

 Seeking info on CHARLES E. MARION and KATE DOWNS, parents of FRANCIS HERBERT MARION, b 29 Sep 1876 in Woburn, MA. He m 17 May 1905 at Woburn EMILY JULIA SANBORN, dau of SHERMAN HAMMOND SANBORN and CLARA TARBELL STEVENS. EMILY b 31 Mar 1883, Woburn, MA and d 25 Feb 1956 East Lansing, MI. FRANCIS d at Soldier's Hospital, Chelsea, MA.

Ruth Hanold Crane, 206 Maple St., Northfield, MN 55057

 Need parents, dates, birthplace of Deacon SAMUEL PULSIFER. Rev. War soldier who m HANNAH SANBORN b 1736 or 1740 and lived in Deerfield, NH. PULSIFER was supposedly b in Scotland.

Ardith James, 820 Cajon St., Redlands, CA 92373

 Would like to know more of NELSON SANBORN b circa 1830 in Canada, m S.A. _____, b circa 1835 in VT. They had MARIE, b circa 1860; ELENA, b circa 1862; BELLE, b circa 1869; EVIADA, b circa 1873 and JOHN J. b circa 1875, all in Canada. Lived in Lowell, MA. M. Sanborn, 2B Perley Rd., Derry, NH 03038

 Looking for vital records and parents of HANNAH SWAIN, wife of ASAHIEL SANBORN (#94), b 20 Jan 1770 probably in Epping, NH.
 Thomas Edmund Abbott, 17 Porter Road, Natick, MA 01760

 Seeking ancestry of BETSEY BEAN, b 1779 who married JOS. CHASE SMITH, JR. of Candia and Meredith, NH. Also, descendants of their son, JOS. CHASE SMITH, who moved to Mobile, Alabama before the Civil War and married MARY EDGERLY. JOS. CHASE SMITH was grandson of CHASE SMITH and ABIGAIL SANBORN.

Janice Smith Seufert, Upper New Hampton Road, New Hampton, NH 03256

 Need vital records and parentage of POLLY FRENCH of Kingston, wife of NATHANIEL SANBORN (#30). They m 4 Sep 1764. NATHANIEL was b 17 Dec 1737 in Hampton Falls. Need his death date.

Thomas Edmund Abbott, 17 Porter Road, Natick, MA 01760

 Interested in any DREW-SANBORN intermarriages, particularly in NH and VT in the 1800s.

Norman L. Drew, 71 Commerce St., Clinton, CT 06413

 Would like to learn the ancestry of SARAH NASON, b 1663, d 1 Sep 1748, wife of NATHANIEL SAMBORNE, b 27 Jan 1666. Also their marriage date and place.
 Thomas Edmund Abbott, 17 Porter Road, Natick, MA 01760

 Would like information on the wife of MOSES⁵ SANBORN who was the mother of HANNAH⁶ SANBORN.

Lester K. Billings, 75 N. Spring St., Concord, NH 03301

 Searching for information on the parentage of SARAH SANBORN EDGERLY's son-in-law, JAMES IRA HARRINGTON. He was b 20 July 1824 in Albany, VT and m HANNAH SANBORN EDGERLY in 1848. She was b 4 Jul 1828 in Meredith, NH.

Thomas Abbott, 17 Porter Road, Natick, MA 01760

A GENEALOGICAL SURVEY

This year, the Sanborn Family Association purchased an IBM PC for the use of the genealogist and the long sorting and numbering process for vital records, deeds, probates, biographical accounts, lineage charts and photographs has been started. The first three generations of the family are now on floppy disks, but already the errors and omissions are beginning to appear. In V.C. Sanborn's 1899 genealogy, he assigns Dinah Samborne, wife of James Marston, to the family of Lieutenant John Samborne. Current thinking is that she was probably part of the family of John's brother, Stephen. Knowledge of Stephen's family is very fragmentary, but Dinah would appear to fit into the youngest Samborne brothers' household more readily than those of either of the elder two. Only two of our Sanborn Family Association members have submitted personal lineage sheets with descents from Dinah. Are there any more out there?

Quite a few of the lineage chart submitters continue to give a name to Ann Bachiler's husband, the father of the three Samborne boys. V.C. only speculated on his possible name from the naming patterns prevalent at the time. His identity is not known. This year, extensive English research will be started to try to solve this very important mystery.

The competition for the most descendants who have filled out lineage charts is intense. Currently, it is a dead heat between Richard², John¹ and Josiah², William¹. Jonathan², John¹ is not far behind, followed by John^{2,1}.

...Mephibosheth², William¹ trails all the other Sanborns in submitted lineage charts, perhaps because he left descendants only through his daughters.

Quite a few lineage charts submitted are unable to connect with the published family and these problem lines are the first priority of the Genealogist. At this point, we have very little information about our non-English Sanborns, but this is slowly changing, particularly in the case of our Swedish "cousins."

Lineage charts are free, just write to the Association. Don't be concerned if you can only trace your Sanborn line back a few generations. Sometimes the "lost" lines can be the most interesting.



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