



## SANBORN SEMINARY, KINGSTON NH

*Editor's note: thanks to SFA member, Mildred S Shaw, who sent me the 100th anniversary pamphlet which seems to have been published by the local newspaper, The Kingstonian. The 16 page pamphlet, in newsprint, includes several photos (including all the 1983 graduating seniors), advertisements, and various historical articles. I will briefly summarize some of the institution's history but will quote directly the article about the Sanborn founder & namesake.*

Sanborn Seminary was founded in 1883 by Major Edward Stevens Sanborn (V C Sanborn #372 iii). He gave \$50,000 to build & endow the school originally called Sanborn Seminary. It took some time to organize the school and the first class was admitted in 1888 and graduated in 1890. It remained a private school until the 1960s when the Trustees voted to sell the school to a newly formed school district of the towns of Kingston & Newton NH. This new district, composed of all the schools in the two towns, was named the Sanborn Regional School District and continues with that name to the present.

To quote from an article on page 11: "The object of Sanborn in 1888 was two-fold. It was designed as a school of the highest class for the preparation of men and women for the best colleges and scientific schools and was also intended to furnish a literary and scientific training for students who did not intend to continue their school life after graduation. ...

There was thorough instruction in arithmetic, English, language, geography and United States History.

The Classical Course prepared students for the best colleges. Then [there] was the Literary and Scientific Course, which provided a thorough English education, with graduates from that department thoroughly prepared for MIT and similar scientific schools. This course gave the student an opportunity for the study of French and German. There was also a class in Botany, one in Astronomy and one in Geology. Trigonometry was also on the schedule, as was Latin."

The following article was written by Leonard Sanborn of Kingston (probably the Leonard F Sanborn born 20 Oct 1903 & died 6 Aug 1993) and titled "The Founding of Sanborn", found on pp 3 & 14. The Editor has silently corrected typos.

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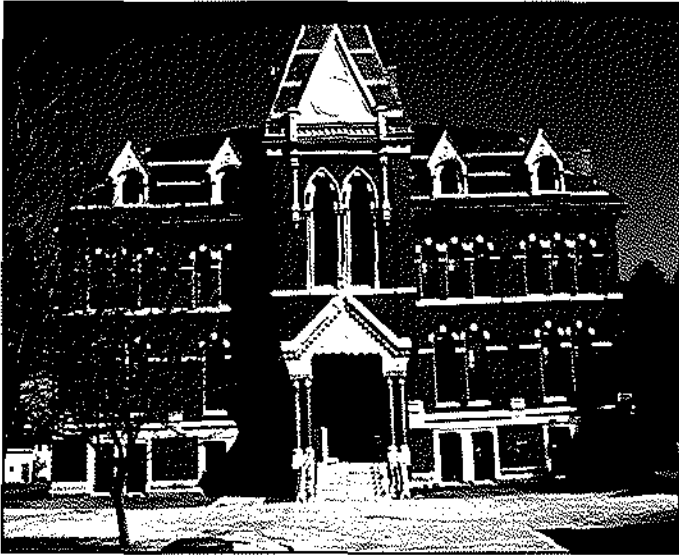
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*Sanborn Seminary, Kingston NH*



## THE FOUNDING OF SANBORN

"The founder of Sanborn Seminary, Edward Stevens Sanborn (1819-1885), purchased the site for the school early in 1883 and proceeded with the erection of the main building that year with the assistance of five Trustees – John Warren Sanborn [VCS # 1680, a cousin of Major Sanborn's], Amos Chase, Warren Webster, John P. Marshall and William P. Moulton. (Three of them became executors of his will.) The school was chartered by the Legislature in 1883.

The founder's obituary in 1885 stated: 'The Result is one of the finest structures for educational purposes in New Hampshire. Architecturally it is a most attractive brick and granite building, finely finished both inside and out. – The hall, capable of seating about 500, is fitted with opera chairs of modern description and all the equipment of the building is first class.

The spacious grounds outside are inclosed with a costly iron fence with heavy trimmed granite posts. Two quite pretentious entrances at opposite ends of the grounds are each elaborately arched with the gold lettered inscription "SANBORN SEMINARY".

Mr. Sanborn and Miss Hilton both directed its construction in close detail. About \$55,000 was spent upon it ....'

In spite of the fast start, the actual opening of the school was in the fall of 1888.

## THE GIFT

The story of Major Sanborn's gift is involved. Some years before founding the Seminary, he made a will, giving \$40,000 to Dartmouth College and dividing the residue of his estate among

three sisters and seven others. Subsequently, he became estranged from his relatives and was very ill at his Boston residence in the winter of 1882-83 with alleged 'softening of the brain'. Some of the relatives tried to have him committed to an asylum, but his counsel, Gen. Gilman Marston of Exeter, successfully proposed moving him to a country residence in Malden, where he recovered.

In April, 1883, a new will was filed, followed by codicils in October and December, giving the bulk of his estate to the Seminary. (There were also gifts of \$5,000 to the Congregational Church and \$2,000 to a Kingston Trust Fund for 'such poor women of the town as the Selectmen shall adjudge best entitled to it by their industry and virtue'. The will was contested unsuccessfully by heirs-at-law and Dartmouth.

That was the beginning of the story. 'Major Ed' acquired a companion and business partner in Boston some 17 years before his death – Julia A. Hilton – who predeceased him and left the bulk of her estate to the Seminary; about \$75,000. Hence the following inscription below his bust in the entrance hall of the main building:

'This Seminary was founded and endowed and this building erected by Edward Stevens Sanborn in token of his regard for his native town and his appreciation of the importance of education, A.D. 1883. The library was presented by Julia Ann Hilton.'

Quoting from the obituary: 'In the room on the second floor designed for use as the library there is a fine life-size marble bust of Miss Hilton'. The disappearance of Miss Hilton's bust remains a mystery.



## THE FOUNDER

The founder, who carried the title of Major from some militia experience, was born in Kingston at his father's house near the present home of Chester Woodbury on Exeter Road, attended local schools, presumably worked at his father's tannery and on the large farm. After settling in Boston at about the age of 35 he retained residence in Kingston, built a home opposite his father's place, remained unmarried, maintained an active interest in town affairs, served one term in the Legislature (1879) and subscribed generously to both churches – a clock for the Universalists. The sources of his wealth were criticized but the school he founded remains a monument to his regard for his home town. After his funeral some 100 school children marched in the cortege to the grave in the Plains Cemetery.

## GENEALOGY

For those interested in ancestry, Edward S. Sanborn was descended from John Samborne. ... John's grandson, Tristram Sr., was one of the early settlers of Kingston and a nephew of two grantees. Tristram's grandson, John, lived on Sanborn Road (now East Kingston) – now the home of Richard Smith. This John's [son] was Moses, ... the father of Major Ed.

One sister of Major Sanborn, Aroline [sic], married Levi Bartlett, whose granddaughter, Gertrude B. Wilson, still lives in the Bartlett Homestead. Her sister, Lottie Goodrich, lives in Epping.

John Warren Sanborn, one of the first Trustees, was a son of Major Ed's cousin Stephen and his son was named Edward Stevens Sanborn (father of this writer). J.W. Sanborn had a daughter, Mabel, who made the permanent copy of the Trustees' minutes – hopefully still in existence, but not located at this writing."

## MODERN SANBORN MEMORIES

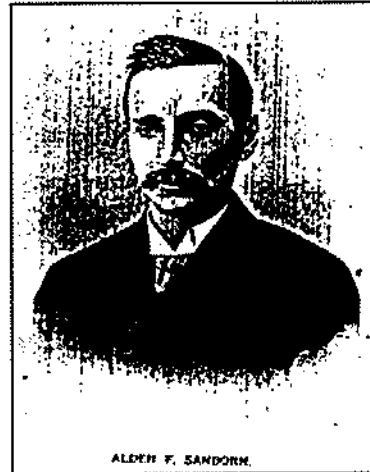
*Ruth Anne Sanborn Norcross*

One of my earliest memories, haying on the old Sanborn Farm, Chester Road, Fremont NH, took place about 1944 or 45. When I was three or four I was helping Grandpa Scherig level and pack down the loose hay on the flatbed back of the old model A Ford truck. My father, Robert Brown Sanborn, and his father, my Grandpa Sanborn, owner of the farm, were pitching hay onto the truck. The load got higher and slippery; when I got too close to an edge, I slid off head first landing on the grass stubble, causing quite a commotion but no serious injury.

Grandpa Sanborn was Moses Herman Sanborn, the sixth generation of Sanborns to own the farm. His great, great, great grandfather was Daniel Sanborn (V C Sanborn #77), son of Abraham Samborn (VCS #24), son of Joseph Samborne (VCS

#7), son of Lieut John Samborne (VCS #2). Daniel had come to the wilderness from Kensington NH and reclaimed an old farm in Poplin NH, now called Fremont NH. He raised a family, which included Sherburn Sanborn (VCS #211) who was born on the homestead 10 January 1756. Sherburn was a soldier in the Revolutionary Army and reputedly fought in the battle of Bunker Hill. Our family has the original pension claim showing that he was entitled to the grand sum of eight dollars a month for wounds and disabilities.

Sherburn's son, Moses Hoyt Sanborn, took over the farm from his father and married Susan Brown, also of Fremont. One of their sons, Alvah Sanborn (VCS #1252), was the next generation to operate the farm. By then the homestead had grown to include not only farming but a lumber business as well. Alvah married Nancy Page of Sandown NH on 6 Sep 1843. They had four children: John Page (VCS #1869), Susan Emily (who died at age 13), Alden F (VCS #1870), and Eugene Dana (VCS #1252 iv).



*Alden F Sanborn*

Alvah Sanborn was a staunch Republican who held various town offices and served two years in the state legislature. He retired from active farming at the age of 72 and turned the farm and businesses over to son Alden F.

Alvah's son, John P, married Isabella M Higbee of New Hampton NH and shortly after that relo-

cated to Newport RI where he was editor and proprietor of the *Newport Mercury*, a local newspaper. He became active in the Republican Party and was at one time the Speaker of the RI House of Representatives (1881-82). His brother, Alden F, farmed with their father, eventually taking over the business and homestead.

By now the farm, about 600 acres in size, included a dairy, a lumber business, and agricultural crops. Alden married Luna A Gove, a schoolteacher from Raymond NH, on 26 Jan 1881. They had two children, Moses Herman born 17 Sep 1883 and Edson D born 22 Dec 1886. Like his father, Alden was active in town affairs, held many town offices, and was a Representative to the NH state legislature.

Alden's son, Edson D, graduated from the NH College of Agriculture at Durham NH and became an instructor and basketball coach at the NC College of Agriculture and Mechanics, Raleigh. The other son, Moses Herman attended Dartmouth



State of *New Hampshire*  
*Dockingsham* County, }  
 Be it known, that before me, *Samuel Aiken* a Justice of the Peace in and  
 for the County aforesaid personally appeared *Sherburne Sanborn* and made oath  
 in due form of law, that he is the identical *Sherburne Sanborn* named in an original  
 certificate in his possession, (of which I certify) the following is a true copy:  
 NO. *9251*

**WAR DEPARTMENT,  
 REVOLUTIONARY CLAIM.**

I CERTIFY, That in conformity with the Law of the United States of the 18th of March, 1818—  
*Sherburne Sanborn* late  
*a private* in the *Army* of the Revolution is inscribed on the pension list roll  
 of the New-Hampshire Agency, at the rate of *Eight* Dollars per month, to commence on the  
*13<sup>th</sup>* day of *April* one thousand eight hundred and *Eighteen*  
 Given at the War-Office of the United States, this *13<sup>th</sup>*  
 day of *April* one thousand eight hundred and *nineteen*

*J. G. Campbell* Secretary of War.

That he is entitled to a pension of *Eight* dollars per month, on account of wounds and disabilities received,  
 or of services rendered to the United States during the *Revolutionary* War; that he served in Captain  
*Phillip Titlow's* company of *Infantry* in the *Ed. Enock Pomeroy's* regi-  
 ment; that he now resides in *Chester in said county* and has resided there for the space of *six months*  
 past; and that previous thereto, he resided in *Doplin in said county*.

Sworn and subscribed this *nineteen*  
 day of *April*, 1832.  
 before me *Samuel Aiken*  
*Justice of the Peace*

*Sherburn Sanborn Claim*

College & graduated from the NH College of Agriculture at Durham. After college he worked in the scientific testing of milk from dairy herds. On 5 May 1913 in Deerfield NH, he married Grace Etta Brown, only child of Charles Robert & Edith (Towle) Brown, who themselves owned a large farm in Deerfield.

Moses Herman Sanborn & Grace Etta Brown had three sons: Robert Brown Sanborn, George Towle Sanborn, & William Edson Sanborn. Shortly after the three boys graduated from Concord (NH) High School WWII broke out. George & William enlisted in the Navy while Robert took over the farm and joined the State Guard, precursor of the National Guard. He was a local driver for Civilian Conservation Corps projects in the area.

After the war George & William worked at the Portsmouth NH Naval Shipyard until retirement. Both came back to live in Deerfield and joined the American Legion, serving as Department Commanders. William became a member of the

House of Representatives. Both also held various town offices and were active in the Deerfield Fair Association.

Robert Brown Sanborn married Ruth E Scherig on 12 Oct 1940. They built a house on the Brown farm and had two children there. Eventually they took over the main farmhouse and had one more child. Robert served on the Board of Selectmen for 50 years, was a 50-year Mason, and was active in the Congregational Church Society, the Deerfield Fair Association, and the Grange. His wife, Ruth, was Town clerk for 29 years, led a 4-H group and started and taught Sunday School at the local Congregational Church.

Their children were the eighth generation of Brown's and the third generation of Sanborn's to live on the farm. They are Ruth Anne Sanborn, born 27 Sep 1941, who married Richard W Norcross 25 Oct 1986; they have no children. Priscilla Joan Sanborn, born 21 Sep 1942, who married Donald R Watts 7 Sep 1963. Their children are Jeffrey Donald Watts, Douglas Stephen Watts, and Pamela Joan Watts. Charles Robert



Sanborn, born 13 Jun 1945, married Cheri Briggs on 10 May 1968. Their children are Holly Anne Sanborn, Leigh Edison Sanborn, and Gary Sanborn.

Sources: 1) Fremont & Deerfield NH Town Clerk records;

2) personal knowledge;

3) V C Sanborn, *Genealogy of the Family of Samborne or Sanborn in England and America, 1194-1898* (1899).

4) *Biographical Review: This Volume Contains Biographical Sketches of Leading Citizens of Rockingham County, New Hampshire*, Boston: Biographical Review Pub Co, 1896.

## JOHN P SANBORN FAMILY

Charles A Watson

*After reading Ruth Anne Norcross's 'memories' above, I decided to do more research on her great grandfather, Alden F Sanborn's, siblings as their descents are not followed down in V C Sanborn. His sister, Susan Emily (VCS #1252 ii), was born 29 Dec 1851 and died in 1863. So, it is Alden's brothers, John Page (VCS #1869), and Eugene Dana (VCS #1252 iv) who needed to be researched. Because I live in RI and John P lived most of his life there, I've had more opportunity to research his family. He also had 4 children and Eugene D had 1 child, so there are probably more descendants of John P than of Eugene D. After doing considerable research for this article, I realized that a grandson of John P Sanborn, John Bell Sanborn, son of John Royal Sanborn, is a member of the SFA. I contacted him and he has been gracious enough to share some of his knowledge of that branch of the family. I have indicated with an asterisk (\*) where he supplied the information. If any reader knows more about the John P family, particularly if Alden S Howard had any children, & the Eugene D family, please contact me.*

### Eugene D Sanborn family

Let me first discuss what we know of Eugene and his family. V C Sanborn notes that he was born 16 Sep 1868, lived in Fremont NH, married 12 Dec 1893 Lucy May Currier of Boston who was born 19 Jul 1873, and that they had no children. The 1900 US census of Fremont, Rockingham County, NH [ED 192, sh 8B], has Eugene's family, consisting of himself, a farmer, his wife as "May C", and a 'boarder', Herbert O Alois, a farm laborer, presumably working on the Sanborn farm.

V C Sanborn's book was published in 1899, so, of course, he had no 20th century data. In fact, Eugene & Lucy had one child, Curtice. The 1910 Fremont census [ED 240, sh 1A] has the family as Eugene D, farmer, wife May C, and son Curtice S, age 9, born NH, living on Sandown Road. The 1920 Fremont census [ED 122, sh 3A] has them still living on Sandown Rd: Eugene D, 51, farmer; May C, 46, his wife; Curtice S, 18, his son. The 1930 Fremont census [ED 8-15,

sh 5A] has separate families: in one Eugene D, 61, widower, farmer; with Carrie A Walker, 59, widow, his servant. In the next house, Curtice S, 29, married, farmer; wife Dorothy S, 29, born NH; daughter Barbara, age 6, born MA; daughter Nancy, age 2 10/12, born NH. Curtice died in January 1980; the Social Security Death Index (SSDI) has his birth date as 16 March 1901 and his last residence was Epping NH.

I found Curtice online, in Ancestry.com's Family Tree section; clearly this is the correct Curtice Sanborn with his wife and children listed by an Edward Stevens. All of the data from this online source would need to be checked but it coincides with the data I've gathered from other sources. The online data states that Curtice Sherburne Sanborn married Dorothy (Cook) True and had 2 children. The youngest was Nancy, born 1927. The oldest was Barbara True Sanborn, born 13 July 1923 in Newburyport MA. She married John Daniel MacDonald (1921-2003) on 24 Sep 1949 in Exeter NH and they had three children. Given that information, I found John D MacDonald's death on 7 March 2003 in the SSDI. I then searched our earlier *Sanborn Signatures* and found I had printed the details from his obituary (*Foster's Daily Democrat [Dover NH]*, 8 Mar 2003) in our Spring 2003 issue. Jack MacDonald was in the US Navy in WWII; had lived in Portsmouth NH then in Rochester NH; and worked as a ship-fitter at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. The obit names his survivors: wife of 54 years, Barbara (Sanborn) MacDonald; 3 sons - Richard (wife Dianne) of Wells ME, Tom (wife Mary) of Calais ME, & Peter (wife Kim) of Newington NH; plus 5 grandchildren - Daniel, Ashley, Ian, Christopher, & Kelly.

This is as much as I was able to find out about the Eugene D family although there would be more information in the Fremont records. Ruth Anne Norcross mentioned to me that she remembered hearing about a cousin, Curtice, but that their families had little contact with each other. I may be able to discover more for the Fall issue. If anyone has more information on Eugene's granddaughters, Barbara & Nancy, please contact the Editor.

### John P Sanborn family

The John P Sanborn family left a number of records in RI and, presumably, in MA. V C Sanborn (pp 576-77) has a number of details about his life and career. VCS notes his early career as a teacher in Toledo OH & Topsham ME; his move to RI in 1871 to newspaper work as well as printing and publishing. He was active in RI politics, serving in the state legislature. He was a Mason and a Knight Templar. On his personality, VCS writes: "His administration of affairs has been in every way vigorous and painstaking, - in business, in every-day life, and in the important positions which he has held, this characteristic has been prominent. Socially he is genial and popular, with a manner simple and direct." VCS then notes his marriage (7



Apr 1870) to Isabella M Higbee (born 30 Nov 1844) of New Hampton NH; and the birth of his four children.

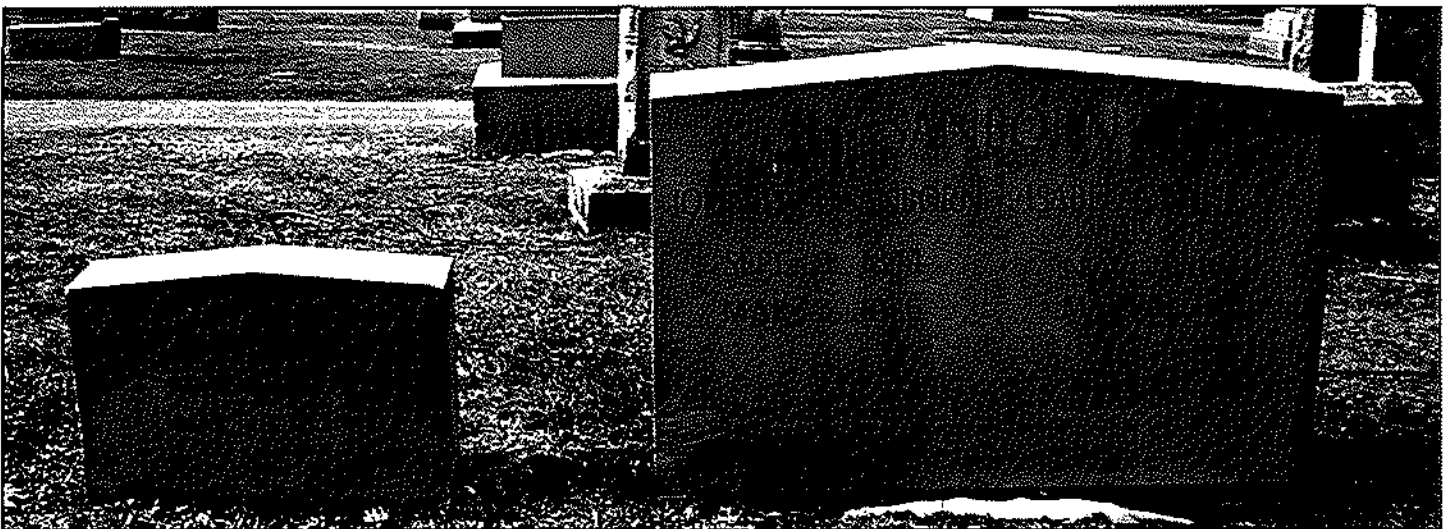
The obituary in *The News* (Newport RI, 4 March 1926, pp 11-12) adds additional information to the VC Sanborn book. It discusses his Sanborn ancestry from John Samborne in the 17th century thru Sherburn Sanborn, his great grandfather and a Revolutionary War soldier. In his pre-Newport career he was principal of the Toledo OH High School for the first 2 years after graduating from Dartmouth College in 1869. Then a short stint as head of the Franklin Family School for Boys, Topsham ME. In 1871 he became an assistant editor of the *Newport Daily News* and moved to Newport RI. In 1872 he bought the *Newport Mercury*, a weekly, and edited it for a number of years. The *Mercury* claimed to be the oldest newspaper in the US. Later his son, Alvah H Sanborn, joined him in managing the paper. In Newport he quickly became involved in politics, becoming a member of the state House of Representatives from 1879-82, and served as Speaker of the House in 1881. "In August, 1882, he was appointed by President Arthur one of the board of three commissioners to examine the Northern Pacific railroad and resigned his membership in the house and the Speakership to accept the position [*The News*, 4 Mar 1926]." From 1883-90 he was on the Newport School Committee; he was elected to the RI Senate in 1885, 1886 & 1903-12; and was a state Representative again in 1890-91. He also was a delegate to the national Republican conventions of 1880 & 1896.

Sanborn represented the state at the Deeper Waterways Convention and Governor Pothier appointed him as a commissioner on the Oliver Hazard Perry Centennial Commission (1913), "and in the latter capacity worked zealously that Rhode Island and Newport should have an appropriate representation at the exercises. To his efforts in behalf of the Perry centennial was undoubtedly due to a breakdown

in health several years ago."

He was active in a variety of fraternal organizations in Newport such as the Masons, the Knights Templar, & the New England Order of Protection. He was a charter member of the RI Society, Sons of the Revolution, having revolutionary war veterans on both his mother & father's sides. He retired a few years before his death & in January 1926 his physician ordered both he & his wife south to a warmer climate. They went but as their health did not improve, they began their return to Newport in late February. They reached Washington DC and were forced to remain in Hotel Driscoll because of their deteriorating condition. They were there about 10 days when he died at the Hotel on March 3rd. Both he and his wife were buried in the Sanborn family lot in Island Cemetery, Newport [Island Cemetery files & gravestones].

The obituary [*The (Newport) News*, 19 March 1926, p 2] of his wife gives more details about her life. She was born in New Hampton NH, the daughter of John Hitchcock Higbee and his wife Adeline Emmons. She, too, came from a long established New England family. She & John P Sanborn were married 7 April 1870, the year before they moved to Newport RI. She was active in Eastern Star at the local and state levels as well as the local chapter of the DAR. She also served on the board of the Home for Friendless Children and was active in other philanthropic affairs. When her husband died in Washington DC on March 3, she was too ill to leave the hotel. She died from the flu and pneumonia in the same hotel on March 18 by which time her daughter, Florence, and son, John, were with her. Her will is interesting in that when it was written in 1923, she owned not only the house in Newport (to go to children Alvah & Florence), but also land on Lookout Mountain TN (to Alvah) and land in Whitredge Park, Nutley NJ (to son John Royal) [Newport Probate Registry, estate #4620, books 89, pp 472-8, & 90, pp 292-4].



Sanborn lot, Island Cemetery, Newport RI



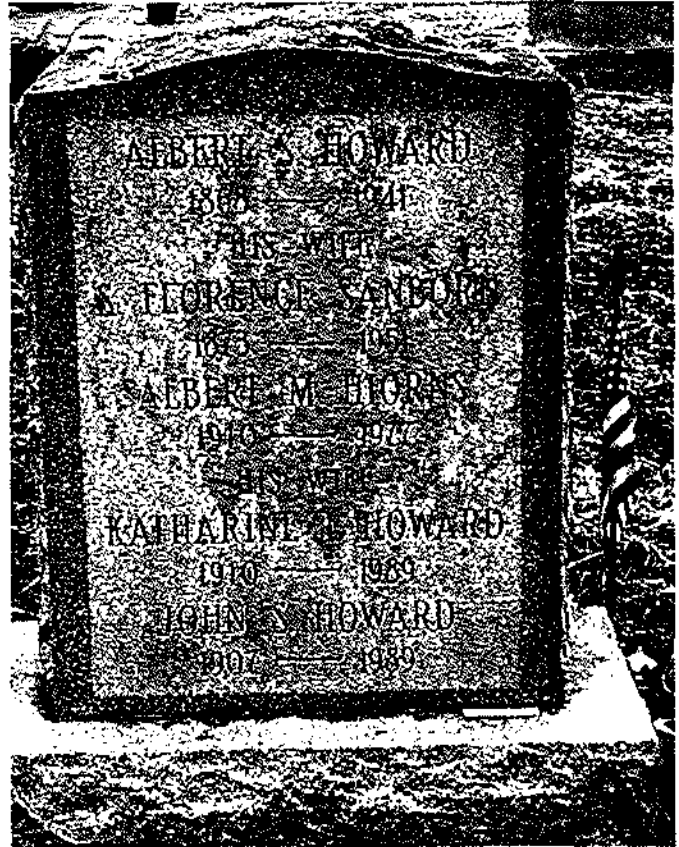
The children of John P & Isabella were all born in Newport RI. Each of the 4 birth records has John P born in Fremont NH and Isabella born in Newport NH; 3 of them have John P's occupation as printer, one as editor. Their first child, **Frank Moshier Sanborn**, was born at 12 Mill St, 25 Sep 1871 [RI Births, 1871, Newport, p 92]. Frank died 29 April 1875, before his 4th birthday, of some form of croup at 2 Howard St [RI Deaths, Newport, 1875, p 1052].

Their second child was **Susan Florence Sanborn**, born in Newport on Broad St 1 Oct 1873 [Newport Births, v 1, p 219]. The RI 'state' record has copy errors for her gender, child #, & birth address - it duplicates the entry immediately below hers [RI Births, 1873, p 76]. As an adult, she used her middle name, 'Florence', rather than Susan.

Florence Sanborn married Albert Sidney Howard in Newport on 4 June 1901, the first of John P & Isabella's children to be married. Albert S Howard was 32, born Worcester MA, the son of Sidney T Howard & Catherine Crommett [RI marriages, 1901, page 85]. Probably shortly after their marriage Albert & Florence moved to Providence where they lived until about 1920 [city directories for Newport 1901 & Prov 1902-20]. He was a "designer" during that time, presumably within the textile industry as his obituary notes he was associated with that industry during his entire working life [Pawtucket [RI] Times, 25 Feb 1942]. In 1919 Florence bought a lot in South Attleboro and built a house on it. By the 1920 census, they had moved out of the city (Providence) to the new house in the suburbs - 27 Park Place, South Attleboro MA, a short drive from his place of business, then in Pawtucket RI [Attleboro, Bristol Co MA, ED 3, sh 7B]. This is where the family lived to June 1989 when their daughter Katherine I (Howard) Hiorns died.

Florence's obituary noted her death at home on 24 April 1951 and her burial in Newell Burial Ground, South Attleboro, where her husband and son John S were also buried. In addition to her daughter and two sons, she was survived by 3 grandchildren & her brother, John R Sanborn of Bethlehem PA [Pawtucket Times, 25 Apr 1951, p 2].

Florence & Albert Howard had at least 5 children: the first two sons died young - Alvah Howard was born 1 Jan 1904 and died in Newport at Florence's parents' home, 13 Jan 1904, of influenza, & buried in Island Cemetery in the Sanborn lot [RI Deaths, 1904, p 72; Island Cemetery files & gravestone]; Albert S Howard Jr was born in Newport about Nov 1905, died in Jenkintown PA 28 Feb 1906, & was buried in the family lot in Island Cemetery, Newport [Newport Deaths, v 6, p 78; Island Cemetery files & gravestone]. John Sanborn Howard, born 20 Jan 1907 at Newport Hospital which was, literally, next to John P's home at 265 Broadway, Newport [Newport Births, v 5, p 1878]; Katharine I, born 4 July 1910 in Providence [SSDI; Providence Births Index,



Howard Family, Newell Burial Ground,  
South Attleboro MA

refers to vol 20, p 79]; & Alden S, born 10 July 1913 in Providence [SSDI; Providence RI Births Index, refers to vol 21, p 82].

John Sanborn Howard lived in the family home in South Attleboro from 1920 until he died 22 May 1989. His brief obituary gave no details about his working life and had no reference to a wife or children. The Attleboro city directories for the 1940s & early 50s also gave no occupation for him. The obituary did note that he was survived by his sister, Katherine Hiorns of Attleboro, and brother, Alden Howard of Heber AZ [Providence [RI] Journal, 25 May 1989, p F-2].

Katherine Isabell Howard was born in Providence in 1910 and lived with her family at least until 1939. The Attleboro city directories 1931-39 indicate that she was a teacher in the Plainville MA schools. Her father's obituary (1942) noted she was then Mrs Albert M Hiorns of Boston; her mother's obit (1951) indicated that she lived in Canton MA. The 1944 Attleboro directory shows Katherine & Albert at her mother's house; Albert was in the US Navy and Katherine was a social worker for the Dept of Public Welfare. The 1946 directory notes they had moved to Worcester. They are missing from the Attleboro directories of 1949, 51, & 53 but back in 1955 & succeeding years with Katherine listed as a teacher in the Attleboro schools up until 1970. Her husband worked for



radio stations and a newspaper. Both had retired by 1975; he died 14 Dec 1977 in Attleboro [MA Death Index, 1970-2001]. Katherine continued to live at 27 Park Place until she died, 21 June 1989, a month after her brother, John S Howard [MA Death Index, 1970-2001]. Her obituary noted that she had been a first grade teacher in Attleboro schools until she retired in 1970 and that she had graduated from Bridgewater State College. It lists as her only survivor her brother Alden Howard so she may not have had any children [Providence [RI] Journal, 23 Jun 1989]. Note that in some of the records, her name is spelled 'Hirons'.

Alden S Howard was the youngest child, born in Providence in 1913. The 1933 Attleboro city directory has him, a clerk, living with his parents; the 1939 directory stated he had moved to Pawtucket but I could not find him in the Pawtucket directories. The Bristol County MA land records has him buying several lots in Attleboro in February 1935 - apparently land speculation on his part at the age of 21. I'm not sure what happened to all of them but by 1940 he wasn't paying property taxes on several lots as the City of Attleboro posted them as tax delinquent [Bk 868, p 406]. Some of the lots had taxes, interest, & expenses due of as little as \$5 or \$6. In March 1946 the City finally began to foreclose on these properties [Bk 900, pp 25-42]. In June 1946, Alden S Howard of Attleboro sold several lots, with the deeds cosigned by his wife, Jessie R Howard [Bk 910, pp 320-26]. This is the only mention I have found of his wife, Jessie. In the 1951 obit of his mother, he was living in Martinez CA, in the San Francisco Bay area. On 17 Dec 1961 he married again, this time to Laverta F (Nelson) Allen in Los Angeles County CA [Source: online CA marriage index]. By the late 1980s they had moved to AZ. Laverta (born 18 Mar 1915) died 20 Dec 1987 [SSDI], with a last residence in Heber AZ; Alden S died 11 Apr 1996 & his last residence was also Heber [SSDI].

**Alvah Howard Sanborn**, John & Isabella's third child, was born 28 March 1876 at 2 Howard Ave [RI Births, 1876, p 78]. Note that his name in the state & city birth records was 'Alva Harley' but 'Alvah Howard' is given in all other records. He was raised in Newport and attended the city's public schools, graduating from the high school in 1893. He attended Brown University for a year before joining his father's printing business and working on his father's weekly newspaper, the *Newport Mercury*. He eventually succeeded his father as editor and publisher of the *Mercury* until he, Alvah, sold it in 1928. Sanborn then organized the Franklin Printing House, Inc, & served as its treasurer until his death.

'Al' Sanborn was interested in politics, as his father had been, and for several years was clerk of some General Assembly (state legislature) committees. He achieved public office first in January 1929 when he began a term on Newport's

Representative Council. He was active in the Masons & the Lions' Club as well as a number of other fraternal & patriotic associations. Upon his death Newport's mayor and the Vice Chairman of the Representative Council gave tributes to him: that he "was a hard and able worker ... was genial, kind-hearted and generous. The death of Mr. Sanborn is a distinct loss to this city and the sympathy of all Newporters goes to his devoted family [*Newport Mercury*, 4 Apr 1930, p 1]." The *Newport Daily News* of April 1 reported that his funeral was attended by a large number of prominent people. He died of "acute indigestion" in the early morning of March 29, just a few hours after his birthday celebration the night before [RI deaths, 1930, Newport, p 33].

On 1 Oct 1910, Alvah Sanborn married Alta Harriman Crandall, daughter of Charles Crandall and his wife, Cecelia M Euler or Von Erhenburg (the sources vary) [Newport Marriages, v 6, p 126]. Alta was born in Newport 25 Nov 1889 [RI Births, 1889, p 61]. They had one daughter, Lois Leigh, born 11 Oct 1912, in Newport [Newport Births, v 6, p 11]. After Alvah's death in 1930, Alta continued the family business, the Franklin Printing House.

Alta moved from Newport to Portsmouth after her husband, Alvah, died. Her house was named 'Willow Brook' and was located on the north end of Aquidneck Island. As a widow, Alta married Ralph S Hollis in Portsmouth on 4 Sep 1933 [Newport Marriages, v 5, p 25]. Ralph had been a bank teller in MA and then in Newport by the end of the 1920s. After his marriage to Alta he helped her run the Franklin Printing House that Alvah Sanborn had begun. He died 23 November 1978, leaving no children [*Newport [RI] Daily News*, 24 Nov 1978].

Alta (Crandall) Sanborn Hollis died in Newport 2 April 1975. Her obituary refers to her ownership of the Franklin Printing House, her membership in the DAR, the Eastern Star, & the Portsmouth Garden Club. Survivors were her husband, Ralph, granddaughter, Mrs Dana Ellis, & great granddaughters, Alexandra Ellis & Elizabeth Ellis, all living in Portsmouth [*Newport Mercury*, 11 Apr 1975, p 2].

On 21 Dec 1935, Alvah & Alta's daughter, Lois L Sanborn, married Alexander Smith Glen Jr in Portsmouth [Newport Marriages, v 5, p 66]. They remained in Portsmouth until the late 1930's, living with her mother & step-father, the Hollises, at "Willow Brook" [Portsmouth RI directories, 1936, 37, 38]. Alexander was involved with his brother in Glen Bros Co which made cabinets & furniture in Newport. The 1939 Newport directory states that Alexander was living in NY City, although he functioned as secretary of Glen Bros Co in Newport. They apparently remained in NY as their daughter, Dana was born in NY about 1942 and one news item mentions "Mrs. Alexander Glen and daughter, Dana, of New York city has arrived for an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph S. Hollis of 'Willow Brook,' West main road





[Portsmouth].” [Source: *Newport Daily News*, 3 Oct 1950, p 9] An online search of the Newport newspaper in the early 1950s finds Lois Glen mentioned a number of times for social activities. Perhaps it was at this time, circa 1950, that Lois & Alexander Glen were divorced. His obituary stated that he died 13 Nov 1977 at home in Curacao, Netherlands Antilles, leaving his wife, Mrs Helen Capriles of Curacao, his daughter, Mrs Dana Ellis of Portsmouth RI, & two granddaughters. In Curacao he had opened his own clothing manufacturing business, Divi-Divi of Curacao [*Newport Daily News*, 14 Nov 1977, p 2].

Sometime after her divorce, Lois L. (Sanborn) Glen married Robert N Cheetham and moved to Moscow ID where she taught French and journalism. She died there on 30 or 31 March 1967 and was cremated & the ashes buried in the Sanborn lot in Island Cemetery [*Newport Deaths*, v 15, p 284; *Newport Daily News*, 1 Apr 1967, p 2]. Cmdr Robert N Cheetham, USN (ret), died in Sep 1968, was cremated and also placed in the Sanborn lot [Island Cemetery records; SSDI].

Lois's daughter, Dana Sanborn Glen, was born in NY 1942-43 and, sometime after her mother's death, married James Frederic Ellis (born NY 1939-40) [*Newport Births*, v 26, p 406, birth record of their daughter, Elizabeth Helen (June 1974)]. Their other daughter is Alexandra who attended the University of CO & the University of RI in the late 1980s [*Portsmouth city directories*, 1987 & 89]. James Ellis was the executor of Katharine I (Howard) Hiorns' will, probated in 1989. Katharine was a first cousin of Dana's mother.

**John Royal Sanborn**, the youngest child of John P & Isabella, was born at 8 Howard Ave, Newport, on 26 July 1883 [RI Births 1883, p 55]. He was living with his parents in the 1910 census as a 26 year old single man working as an electrical engineer [Newport, ED 41, sh 6B & 16A]. By the 1915 RI census, he was no longer living with his parents [Newport, ED 56, p k]. He married Margaret Bell in October 1918.\* In the 1920 census he was living in Boonton NJ as manager of a textile factory. [Boonton, Morris Co NJ, ED 4, sh 10A]. Their first son, John Bell Sanborn, was born in Morristown NJ 12 Mar 1920; his brother George Higbee Sanborn on 8 Jul 1928 in NYC.\* They moved to Bethlehem PA about 1925\*. In 1930 they lived at 517 Seventh Ave and owned their home, worth \$15,000 [1930 census - Bethlehem, Lehigh Co PA, ED 50, sh 9B]. John Royal Sanborn worked for the Roller Smith Co, manufacturer of electrical instruments. He reached the position of vice-president & General Manager. In WWII he was the chairman of the War Production Board for the Lehigh Valley area. After WWII he was a management engineer, helping small manufacturing companies in the area. He, with others, also helped organize the Keystone Building & Loan bank. He was active in civic groups, being President of Rotary, for example. He

### SFA BIENNIAL REUNION

Reminder: the biennial SFA reunion is scheduled for 6 August 2005 at the Pittsford Recreational Area, near Rutland VT. For latest information contact organizer Jim Davidson, 86 Hazel St, Rutland VT 05701; 802-773-7525; davidson@vermontel.net

died in Bethlehem in April 1967 at the age of 83.\* Margaret's obituary in the 22 Jan 1988 *Morning Call* (Allentown PA) notes she was of Bethlehem; the widow of John R Sanborn; that she was 93 and was born in Boonton NJ of Watson & Ida (Hawk) Bell. Surviving her were two sons, the Rev John B Sanborn [SFA member] of Bethlehem and George H Sanborn of San Francisco, 6 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild.

John Bell Sanborn attended public schools in Bethlehem & worked at the Bethlehem Steel Mill for a couple of years. He graduated from Polytechnic University in Blacksburg VA and worked in Syracuse NY for the Solday Process Co. He then attended Lutheran Theological Seminary in PA. As a minister he served Lutheran churches in Buffalo, Pittsford, North Syracuse, & Port Chester NY. He married Doris Kimman and they had three children. He retired in 1983 and returned to Bethlehem to care for his mother. In 2001 John & Doris moved to Shrewsbury VT to live with their daughter.\*

George Higbee Sanborn also attended public schools in Bethlehem and later served in the US Navy 1945-47. He has degrees in music from Syracuse University. He & his wife, Ruth Pfeiffer, had three children. George taught public school in Syracuse & Princeton NJ and he now lives in Emigrant MT and plays the piano at Old Faithful Inn in Yellowstone Park.\*

Sources: Vital records of RI & Newport RI. The SSDI. US & RI censuses. City directories. Newspaper obituaries. Probate & land records. Cemetery records.

### SANBORN PHOTOS

SFA member Earl H Perry has sent us several 'Sanborn' photos. They were part of a collection in the James Marshall Museum in Kelsey CA. Some of its collections were sold and these photos ended up at the Sutter's Fort Museum in Sacramento. Earl is a museum Director and volunteer at the El Dorado County Historical Museum, Placerville CA, and he scanned many photos at the Sutter's Fort Museum for inclusion in the El Dorado County museum. These include the Sanborn photos. Earl writes in his cover letter:

"one of our important activities is providing at no cost information regarding people and places to the very many



requests we receive from all over the country and world. I'm hoping that our [SFA] members will recognize them and will be able to contact me to provide important background data. Of course I'm more than happy to send frame ready copies at no cost to anyone that requests them. It's a happy trade, copies of pictures for genealogical information. Some of the pictures show a photographer in Chicago, and Sioux City, Iowa. They were carried from the East to here [CA] by some family member."

The editor has tried to identify them in the V C Sanborn book but hasn't been completely successful. The book doesn't have an American place name index. There is one possibility for "L C Sanborn" in Iowa - the baby Luther Sanborn photo was taken in Sioux City IA. There is a Luther Calvin Sanborn, "a successful lumber merchant" in Sioux City. He was born 1827 & was still living in 1899. He married twice: 1st to Augusta Woodbury of Somerville MA (1837-71), with whom he had daughter Augusta (aged 5 in the 1870 census, died "young" according to the V C Sanborn book), & son Woodbury (born 1868). His 2nd marriage was to Mary Helen Greene in 1873 with whom he had a son Arthur who died young. Luther C Sanborn also had a brother who was a physician & a dentist, John Fitts Sanborn (VCS # 932 I) who also lived in Sioux City for some time. He married twice but had no children. He was living in Springfield MA from 1893 onwards.

So John Fitts could be the "Dr Sanborn" and Luther Calvin could be "L C Sanborn". But there are no small children named Luther or Jennie in these two Sanborn families. So, I'm puzzled. Is there anyone out there who can help us, the

Sanborn Family Assoc & the El Dorado County Historical Museum. Please contact the Editor or Earl Perry, 3043 Pleasant Oak Rd, Placerville, CA 95667 (email: eperry@d-web.com).

### WILLIAM SANBORN (SANDY) PFEIFFER

*Editor's note: at my request, new SFA member Sandy Pfeiffer has written an outline of his career and Sanborn family.*

Sandy Pfeiffer is currently interim president of Ramapo College of New Jersey, the state's public liberal arts college located in Mahwah. He is also a tenured professor of international studies and will return to the position of provost and vice president of academic affairs at the college on July 1, 2005, after his one-year term as interim president.

Pfeiffer's college was recently rated the #1 public comprehensive college in the North in the 2005 Edition of US News and World Report's *America's Best Colleges*. Pfeiffer came to Ramapo College as provost after retiring in June 2003 from Southern Polytechnic State University in Marietta, Georgia, where he served as a professor and most recently as chief academic officer. Previous to his work at Southern Poly, Pfeiffer taught at the University of Houston Downtown College and at Southwest Texas State University. He entered full-time college teaching in 1975, after receiving his PhD and MA from Kent State University and his BA from Amherst College.

Pfeiffer's teaching and scholarly interests have been in two main fields: technical and professional communication and international studies. In communication, some of his publications include *Technical Communication: A Practical Approach* (6th edition, Prentice Hall, 2006), *Pocket Guide to Technical Writing* (3rd edition, Prentice Hall, 2004), *Pocket Guide to Public Speaking* (Prentice Hall, 2002), and *Proposal Writing: The Art of Friendly Persuasion* (Merrill, 1989). In international studies, he has published various articles on Japanese topics such as education, popular culture, and religions, in addition to teaching and lecturing in both Japan and China. As well, Pfeiffer served as a communication consultant for 25 years to profit and nonprofit organizations in the US, Saudi Arabia, Europe, and Japan.

Pfeiffer has been married since 1976 to Evelyn Hepp Pfeiffer. They have two children: Zachary, a senior at Dartmouth College, and Katie, a junior at Davidson College. Pfeiffer is the son of Harold A. Pfeiffer and Jean Whittemore Sanborn, the grandson of Reginald Ware Sanborn (VC Sanborn #1577 iv (iii)), the great grandson of Dr James Frederick Sanborn (VCS # 1577 iv), and the great great grandson of James Sanborn (VCS #1577), a member of the 15th New Hampshire Regiment who died in the Civil War.

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LC Sanborn



Mrs LC Sanborn



Dr Sanborn,  
taken in Chicago



Mrs JB Sanborn



Jennie Sanborn



Luther Sanborn, taken in  
Sioux City IA



## EDITOR'S COLUMN

I would like to thank SFA members, Mildred S Shaw, Ruth Anne Norcross, Earl H Perry, & Sandy Pfeiffer, for their differing contributions to this issue of *Sanborn Signatures*. This is what makes the issues interesting. Other members take note, send in your contributions to the Editor. To say the least, they are very welcome.

All Sanborn interest items are welcome. Most will eventually make it into a published issue; there may be the occasional one that doesn't quite fit our needs, of course. Even if it doesn't get published, it will find its way to the Sanborn family archives. I continue to ask for wedding and birth announcements from proud parents & grandparents. They are harder for me to find online - which is where I find most of the obituaries - so please let the rest of the Sanborns know what's happening in your family.

If any member would like to see a full article or obituary that is referred to here in *Sanborn Signatures*, let me know & I'll send a copy to you. Keep in mind that almost all the obits are shortened in some way.

Hope to see many of you at the Biennial Reunion in August!

Thanks to SFA member Glen Hawkins of Hawkins Creative Services, Inc, in Boston MA, for putting this issue together for us all.

## SCHOLARSHIP

Reminder: send applications to SFA Secretary, Priscilla Watts, 52 Range Rd, Deerfield NH 03037; to be received by her by July 1, 2005. We now have a single, college-level scholarship worth \$200. Send name, address, educational institution attending in 2005-6 & its address, name of closest related SFA active member (including self). Then write, sign, and date the following statement: "I affirm that the information contained in this application is true to the best of my knowledge." Applicant or parent or guardian may sign.

## SANBORNS OF THE PAST

### Jennie R (Lutz) Sanborn

"Jennie R. Lutz was born in Indiana County, Penn., in 1846. Died at her home in Cedar Township, Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1907, after a lingering illness of several months. She moved with her parents to Ogle County, Ill., in the year 1865. She was married to Joseph Sanborn Dec. 5, 1867, and moved to Lucas County, Iowa, in 1868, where they have resided ever since.

She united with the M.E. Church at Russell, Iowa. Though her death has been expected sooner or later it comes as a sad blow to the community. She leaves a husband and four

brothers to mourn the loss of a loving companion and sister. ... [Her] remains [were] interred in the Bethel Cemetery."

In addition, there was a card of thanks: "We wish to tender our thanks to the friends and neighbors for their assistance and sympathy in the sickness and death of our wife and mother. Joseph Sanborn, Bert Sanborn." The obituary was in the *Chariton Leader*, Chariton IA, 2 Jan 1908; and copied online to a Sanborn message board from which the above was copied.

Editor's note: there appears to be a small question with regard to "Bert". I checked the censuses and discovered that in 1880, Cedar Township, Lucas County IA, Joseph & Jennie have a son Egbert, age 8, born IA, but his parents' birthplaces "unknown"; this is odd, of course. The 1900 census has Joseph & Jennie still in Cedar Twp and Jennie having had no children. The conclusion is that Egbert was probably adopted, formally or informally, but they considered him their son. Jennie's parents were probably John & Mary Lutz - in the 1860 census of Indiana County PA, they have a daughter, Rebecca J, who appears to be Jennie R in the later censuses. I've run across the reversal of given names a number of times and suspect it in this case. Some of Jennie's family also moved to Iowa sometime after 1860.

### More on George P Sanborn

SFA member Mildred B Shaw took note of the last issue's articles on the George P & George O Sanborn families. She sent to the editor a copy of the relevant pages in *History of Sanbornton, NH, Genealogies* by Rev Moses T Runnels (Boston: Alfred Mudge & Son, 1881, pp 692-3). It's pretty clear that V C Sanborn used this as a source for his information on George Perkins Sanborn (V C Sanborn #526)

### Helen Sanborn Betrothed

A brief item in the *NY Times* of 19 Aug 1937 from Red Bank NJ announced the engagement of Helen Sanborn & Dr Anson Garner Hoyt. She was the daughter of the Raymond Sanborns of Shrewsbury NJ; he the son of the H Norman Hoyts of Red Bank. The 1930 census for Shrewsbury (ED 110, sh 7B) has the Raymond (38) & Alma (35) Sanborn family with children Alma (14), Helen (12), Muriel (7), & Raymond (7); all born NJ.

## SANBORNS OF THE PRESENT

Terry Sanborn serves on the Machias (ME) School Committee. *Machias Valley News Observer*, 9 Feb 2005.

SFA Treasurer Ruth Anne Norcross sent in a couple of clippings from the *Boston [MA] Globe* (16 Dec 2004 & 9 Jan 2005). The earlier one noted that the Woburn MA High School girl's hockey team had won state championships in both 2003 & 2004 and that this coming season senior



"Colleen Sanborn will get the focus of opposing defenses". The later article focuses on Colleen, her scoring abilities, and the 45 game win streak the hockey team was then on. She had scored 15 goals in their first 5 games this season. Since her 8th grade callup to the high school team, she had scored 166 goals with 59 assists in the 88 games she had played. There were two photos of her in the *Globe* of Jan 9.

Al Sanborn sent in two articles from the same day's paper - *Daily Messenger* [Canandaigua NY] of 30 Dec 2004. One describes his nephew's experience with the recent tsunami disaster in the Indian Ocean. Alan Ryon, son of Margaret Sanborn Ryon, Al's sister, was aboard a ship about 100 miles from the earthquake's epicenter. Fortunately for him the ship was on the east side of the northern tip of Sumatra, the earthquake was on the west side. And he slept through the jolt. His ship was stranded there and, partly because of the many different nationalities on board, an ExxonMobil Corp ship inspecting oil rigs, they weren't allowed onshore to help with relief activities. They now have pirates to worry about. Alan lives in Manila with his wife and two children; he came from Victor NY, near the Finger Lakes region.

The other article in the *Daily Messenger* was about a Debra & Craig Sanburn problem: a Meg Ryan movie DVD borrowed from the local library was labeled 'unrated', but included a sex scene the Sanburns found offensive.

Our Genealogist, George F Sanborn Jr, keeps an eye on the Manchester NH *Union Leader* for us. He sent me an article from the 26 March 2005 issue (pp B1-2) about Staff Sgt Howard Sanborn of Alton NH. Howard and some of his colleagues in the 210th Engineer Detachment of the NH Army National Guard spoke at the NH Veterans Home in Tilton NH about their recent experiences in Afghanistan. There is a photo of Sanborn speaking to the group. The article also points out that his son, Spc Anthony Sanborn, had recently returned from Iraq, serving with the 197th Field Artillery Brigade.

It has been brought to my attention that at least two members of the SFA are now in nursing facilities and might appreciate cards from their Sanborn friends. One is Miss Martha Sanborn, at Seaside Rehab & Healthcare Center, 850 Baxter Blvd, Portland ME 04103. The other is Mrs Ruth S Sanborn, at Epsom Manor - West Wing - Rm 210, 901 Suncook Valley Highway, Epsom NH 03234

SFA member, Evelyn Turner, from Toronto sent a note with her dues that she was recovering from pneumonia she contracted during her vacation in Bermuda. It was unseasonably cold and damp there this winter. It was her 13th year to vacation there & she always enjoys it. Editor's question: even after the pneumonia? The editor has only been to Bermuda once, several years ago in January, and the hotel had a guarantee that if a day's temperature didn't get to 70, they would

refund half the room rental for that day. Needless to say, it always got to 70 for our time there.

## QUERIES

SFA member, Duane Byron Carlson, is descended from Samuel L Sanborn (V C Sanborn #576) & his first wife, Asenath Brackett (d 1839). His second wife was Lucinda Brackett, the younger sister of his first wife. According to V C Sanborn, Samuel had 9 children, 4 of whom died young. Duane is anxious to make contact with other descendants of Samuel. The children who seem to have survived childhood were Samuel T (b 1822), Albert J (b 1824), Augustus Lane (b 1831, Duane's ancestor), Susan R (b 1841), & Emma Francena (b 1850). If anyone has information about descendants, please contact: Duane Byron Carlson, 1887 Third Street NW, New Brighton MN 55112-7256; email [dbcarslson@comcast.net](mailto:dbcarslson@comcast.net).

Searching for information on Sarah Jane Cobb who, on 3 July 1842 in Maine, married Isaac Sanborn [probably son of Sewell Sanborn (V C Sanborn # 364) & Anna Sands], born about 1820-25. Who were Sarah Jane's parents? Isaac & Sarah lived in Brooklin, Hancock Co, ME, in 1850. She was living as a widow in Bangor ME in 1860 with children George F (14), Jasper B (12), Lauriette (10), Robert H (8), William L (6), & Isaac A (2). *Dec Sanborn-Nelson, 1860 Haden Martin Rd, Palmyra VA 22963; email tangatale@aol.com*

## WEDDINGS

The Rolling Thunder Express of Newport ME [[www.rollingthunderexpress.com](http://www.rollingthunderexpress.com)] reported that Carrie Carter & Anthony Gerry Jr were married 15 May 2004 at Troy [ME] Grange Hall. Carrie is the daughter of the late Janice Sanborn & the late Glen Carter. Among Carrie's relations participating in the ceremony were her brother, David Lawrence, her daughters, Korei & Andrea Proctor, her sons, Ben & Derrick Proctor, & her niece, Ambie Lowery.

## OBITUARIES

**ABBOTT, David W.** Biddeford Pool ME - David Warren Abbott, 79, died 27 Jan 2005 at home in Biddeford Pool. He was the husband of Norma (Dows) Abbott, with whom he would have celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on 30 Sep. He was born in Lowell MA 8 Sep 1925, son of the late Leon David & Edith Tasker (Sanborn) Abbott. Edith was the daughter of Warren Fellows Sanborn [V C Sanborn # 898 ii] & Rosa Hiscox. David Abbott served in the US Navy 1943-46 and graduated in 1950 from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy NY in building construction & engineering. He worked at Pratt & Forrest Lumber Co in Lowell, reaching



the position of President. In 1968 he moved to ME and was the tax assessor for Biddeford and, briefly, for the state of ME. He also became a real estate broker & developer. Survivors include his wife; son Linwood David (Amy) Abbott of Halifax VT; daughter, Laurel Ruth Abbott of Biddeford ME; son-in-law John Theberge of Lisbon ME; grandsons Geoffrey Abbott of So Burlington VT & Jake Murray Theberge of Lisbon ME; sister Ruth (Abbott) Kaselis (SFA member) of Bound Brook NJ; niece Dr Edith S Kaselis & husband Dr Colin Forsyth of Yarmouthport MA; nephew, Peter V (Martha) Kaselis of Lowell; great niece, Cynthia Kaselis of Lowell; cousins Janet (Sanborn) Taylor & husband Norman of Boone NC, Esther (Adams) & husband Michael Venezia of NJ, Doris Keats, Frederic H (Norma) Adams of CA, John Bragg of Waterville ME. He was predeceased in 2003 by daughter Lark Elizabeth (Abbott) Theberge. Obituary sent in by his sister, Ruth Kaselis.

**BERRY, Jeannette E.** Exeter NH – Jeannette E (Sanborn) Berry, 87, of Ridgecrest Dr, died 10 Jan 2005 at the Eventide Home, Exeter. She was born 17 Apr 1917 in Newburyport MA, daughter of the late Levi N & Abbie (Brown) Sanborn [Levi is #1311 ii in V C Sanborn]. She was a former resident of Kensington NH and had lived in Exeter for more than 50 years. Her husband, James L Berry Jr, died in 1988. Survivors include son Kenneth L Berry of Exeter and daughter Carolyn (Donald R) Ross of East Kingston NH. Burial was in Village Cemetery, Kensington. *Hampton Union [Exeter NH]*, 14 Jan 2005 & *Union Leader [Manchester NH]*, 12 Jan 2005, p A6.

**HENDRICK, Dorothy E.** Jacksonville TX – Dorothy E Hendrick died 17 Jan 2005 at a Tyler TX hospice. She was born 17 Oct 1916 in Houston TX & was a lifelong resident of the Jacksonville area. She was predeceased by her husband, Earnest Lee Hendrick. Survivors include her mother, Eunice Sanborn, of Jacksonville, a nephew & one cousin. She was buried in Old City Cemetery. *Tyler [TX] Morning Telegraph*, 19 Jan 2005, p 5B.

**McCUBBIN, Patricia.** Baton Rouge LA – Patricia McCubbin of Baton Rouge died 18 Dec 2004 at home. She was born in Burlington VT 30 Dec 1928 to Frank & Madeline (Sullivan) Sanborn. She married Calvin McCubbin in 1955; he died in January 2004. Survivors are: daughter Debra Hannigan of Troy NY, Lisa Skea of Front Royal VA, Kathleen McCubbin of Baton Rouge; son David McCubbin of Mandeville LA; 8 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; sister Kathleen of Essex Junction VT; brother William Sanborn of Sarasota FL. She was predeceased by brother Francis & sister Elizabeth. *Burlington [VT] Free Press*, 22 Dec 2004.

**SANBORN, Aileen May.** Aileen M Sanborn, 93, of Minneapolis died 31 Dec 2004. She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred & Elvinia Sanborn, & brother, Floyd. She was born in Paynesville MN & taught 5th & 6th grades

in New London & Willmar MN. She was the Director of Christian Education at First UMC in Duluth MN & at Metropolitan UMC in Detroit MI before going to Nashville TN where she was on the staff of the National Board of Education & Board of Discipleship for the Methodist Church & a Diaconal Minister. She retired to MN in 1976. For the last 19 years she lived at Walker Place in Minneapolis. *Star Tribune [Minneapolis MN]*, 5 Jan 2005.

**SANBORN, Alice M.** Alice M Sanborn, of Whiting NJ, formerly of Cranford & Rutherford NJ, died [probably early March]. *Star Ledger [Newark NJ]*, 6 Mar 2005.

**SANBORN, Antoinette.** Antoinette (Salerno) Sanborn died at home in Bayonne NJ 7 Mar 2005. She was an early woman entrepreneur. She established the Ralph B Sanborn Agency over 50 years ago, complementing her husband's law practice. She specialized in real estate and insurance. The Sanborns had a summer cottage in Morgan VT. Her husband, Ralph B, predeceased her. Survivors include her daughters, Joan E Sanborn & Susan T (Alan) DeMichael; grandsons Jared & Jonathan DeMichael. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, East Orange NJ. *The Jersey Journal [Jersey City NJ]*, 9 Mar 2005. She may be the 12 year old Antoinette Salerno in the 1930 census whose parents were Louis & Jennie.

**SANBORN, Bess C.** Dallas TX – Bess C Sanborn, 98, former resident of Savannah Square, died 17 Jan 2005. Survivors include her children, Carmen Osterheld of Ennis TX, Elizabeth Bodemann of Waynesville NC, & Jack Sanborn of Haymarket VA; 11 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren. *Savannah [GA] Morning News*, 6 Mar 2005.

**SANBORN, Bruce Bryant.** Bruce B Sanborn was born 24 July 1946 in Visalia CA; he died 24 Dec 2004. He was a CPA and, with his brother Max, owned Sanborn & Sanborn Accountancy Corp in Reedley CA until he retired in 1996. He was preceded in death by his mother, Rosamae (Sullivan) Sanborn (1915-93), and his brother, Lindley Brennan Brown (1940-87). Survivors include his wife, Debbie Sparks Sanborn; his children Heather (Bruce) Frandsen of Madera CA, Roger Sanborn, Bethany Sanborn of Fresno CA, & Alexander & Luke Sanborn of Reedley; sister Faye (Lee) Estes, brother K Max (Vicky) Sanborn, all of Visalia; sister-in-law Pat Brown of Hanford CA; grandchildren Bryant Poe, Robbie, Jacob & AnNi Frandsen, Elias & Emma Sanborn, & Jenna Pulkownik. *Visalia [CA] Times*, 28 Dec 2004; and *Tulare [CA] Advance-Register*, 28 Dec 2004. Note: extra information from the online CA vital records.

**SANBORN, Catherine E.** Arlington MA – Catherine E (Dacey) Sanborn of Arlington, 92, died 14 Dec 2004 at Greenbriar Nursing Center in Nashua NH. She was born in Somerville MA and had been a lifelong Arlington resident. She had worked as a nurse's aide at Sancta Maria Nursing



Facility in Cambridge MA. Survivors include children William Sanborn of Mashpee MA, Kevin Sanborn of Fort Myers Beach FL, Martha Gilson of Nashua NH, Dorothy O'Donnell of Camden ME; 6 grandchildren; sister Louise Carlin of Arlington. She was predeceased by her husband, Arthur Sanborn; sister Agnes Dacey. Buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Arlington. *Arlington [MA] Advocate*, 23 Dec 2004, and *Boston [MA] Globe*, 16 Dec 2004. Editor's note: the SSDI gives her birth date as 22 Jan 1912.

**SANBORN, Ernest D.** Springfield MA – Ernest D Sanborn, 69, died 5 Jan 2005 in Agawam MA. Survivors are his wife of 30 years, Mary R (Foisy) Sanborn; children Michelle Mhina, Dawn Sanborn, Edward Lynch, Ernest D Sanborn Jr, Peter Sanborn, Edward Sanborn, Eleanor McDowell, & Debrah Standley; 12 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren. *The Republican [Springfield MA]*, 8 Jan 2005. Editor's note: the SSDI gives his birth date as 24 Mar 1935.

**SANBORN, Georgia O.** Concord NH – Georgia O Sanborn, 90, died 10 Feb 2005 at Havenwood Nursing Home in Concord. She was born in Attleboro MA, the daughter of George & Hattie (Jeffers) Hester. She attended Attleboro schools and worked for 3 years as a cost clerk in a factory office. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Roscoe E Sanborn of Concord, former SFA president; daughters Mary-Lynn Sanborn of Sparks NV, Nola D Watson of Bristol RI; son Nathan F Sanborn of Dover NH; 8 grandsons; a great granddaughter. Burial will be in Church Hill Cemetery, Machiasport ME. *Concord [NH] Monitor*, 12 Feb 2005, *Sun Chronicle [Attleboro MA]*, 14 Feb 2005, p B6, and *Machias [ME] Valley News Observer*, 16 Feb 2005, p 32.

**SANBORN, Gladys C.** Great Bend KS – Gladys C Sanborn, 85, died 30 Mar 2005 at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson KS. She was born 6 Jun 1919 at Sydney NE, daughter of Philip J & Elizabeth Hennessey Martin. She married Lyle Sanborn 7 Nov 1942 at Victoria TX. He died 8 Jul 1997. She had been a resident of Great Bend for over 40 years and had worked at Southwestern Bell Telephone as an operator & supervisor for over 37 years. Survivors include brothers, Dean Martin & Michael Martin, both of Kansas City. She was predeceased by her husband; brothers Clifford & Duane Martin; sisters Dorothy Werner & Eileen Bruns. Her body was donated to the University of KS Medical Center. *Great Bend [KS] Tribune*, 3 Apr 2005 & *Wichita [KS] Eagle*, 1 & 2 April 2005. Editor's note: in the 1920 & 30 censuses, Lyle Sanborn's parents were Paul H & Bessie Sanborn; in Manhattan KS.

**SANBORN, Harry Leonard Jr.** Norfolk MA – Harry L Sanborn Jr died in Norwood MA 13 Mar 2005. Survivors are his wife, Dorothy M (Ray) Sanborn & children H David Sanborn & Theresa "Terry" Sanborn, both of Norfolk. He

was predeceased by his daughter Mary Sanborn. He was buried in Norfolk Cemetery. *Boston [MA] Globe*, 16 Mar 2005.

**SANBORN, Helen E.** St Albans VT/Lynden WA – Helen E Sanborn, 95, former longtime resident of St Albans, died 1 Jan 2005 at Christian Health Care Center in Lynden following a lengthy illness. She was born 27 Dec 1909 in St Albans, daughter of Frederick R & Rilla (Weston) Nason. She was the widow of Harley E Sanborn who died 11 Jul 1943. She was a caretaker of girls at the former Warner Home after which she was employed at the J C Penney store & Ann's Bake Shop. Survivors include son Harley Leland Sanborn of Lynden WA; granddaughters Virginia Yopez of Keller TX, Sandra Place of Windsor VT, Sheila Arnot of Eastanollee GA, Colleen Gordon of Piscataway NJ; grandson Gary Sanborn of South Boundbrook NJ. She was predeceased by son Fred Nason Sanborn in 1968; sister Doris N Montague; half-brothers Ralph Williams & Elmer Williams. Burial was in the Sanborn family lot at Fairfax Plains Cemetery VT. *St Albans [VT] Messenger*, 5 Jan 2005.

**SANBORN, Kenneth D.** Kenneth D Sanborn of Flushing MI, 86, died 12 Feb 2005 at Alterra Clare Bridge of Grand Blanc MI. Burial was in New Calvary Catholic Cemetery. *Flint [MI] Journal*, 13 Feb 2005. Note: he may be the Kenneth Sanborn, age 11 in the 1930 census, son of Donald & Mary M Sanborn of Flint MI.

**SANBORN, Mary V.** Exeter NH – Mary V Sanborn, 95, of Langdon Place, died 26 Feb 2005 at Exeter Healthcare. She was born 28 Nov 1909, daughter of John & Josephine (Matick) Gorski, and a lifelong resident of Exeter. She worked at Spaulding Gift Shop & at the Curtain Shop; in later years she volunteered in the Exeter Hospital Gift Shop. She was predeceased in 1982 by her husband, E Chandler Sanborn. Survivors include daughter, Marguerite Humphrey of Exeter; son E Chandler Sanborn Jr of Naples FL; 5 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; sister, Josephine Grochmal of Exeter; brothers Stanley Gorski, Joseph Gorski, & Edward Gorski, all of Exeter. Burial was in Westview Cemetery, Hampton Falls NH. *Union Leader [Manchester NH]*, 28 Feb 2005, p A6.

**SANBORN, Myron Charles.** Lawrence MI – Myron Charles Sanborn of Lawrence died at Lake View Continuing Care Center, Lawton MI, 19 Mar 2005. He was born in Lawrence 15 Jan 1915, son of Clarence & Cora (Smith) Sanborn. He was a carpenter by trade and built many homes in that area, including homes for his children, Jim, Barbara, & David (the last one at age 76). During WWII he worked at the shipyard in Benton Harbor building boats for the war. He married Maxine Dawn Taylor on 17 Dec 1939. He was predeceased by his parents, brothers Charles & Clarence Jr, and granddaughter Savannah Dawn Sanborn. Survivors are his wife;



his children, Philip (Janet Lee) Sanborn, James (Karen) Sanborn, both of Lawrence, Barbara (Gary) Sampsell of Lawton, & David (Connie) Sanborn of Lawrence; 14 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; 1 great great granddaughter. Burial was in Hill Cemetery, Lawrence. *Kalamazoo [MI] Gazette*, 21 Mar 2005.

**SANBORN, Norman.** Tyrone NM – Norman Sanborn, 73, died 12 Aug 2004 at home after a long battle with cancer. He was born in Laconia NH and served in the Air Force during the Korean War. He worked in his father's market & later he and his brother owned a market. At first he delivered pies, cakes & doughnuts. Later he delivered ice cream wholesale to stores, schools, hospitals & restaurants in NH & ME for 26 years. He moved to Tyrone in 1998 and worked there for 3 years for Hallmark Cards. Survivors include wife Carol; children Krys, Tom, Ron, Ted, & Glen; grandchildren, Karissa, Amanda, Sarah, Zechariah, Isaiah, Elijah & Adam. *The Citizen [Laconia NH]*, 24 Aug 2004.

**SANBORN, Paul R.** Paul R Sanborn of Deer Park IL was born in Chicago IL 4 Apr 1961 to the late Robert & Carmela Sanborn. He died 22 Mar 2005. He was a regional account manager for N'Cipher. Survivors include his wife, Malinda (Weyrich) Sanborn; sons Steven, Jack & Bryan; brother Phillip Sanborn. *Daily Herald [Des Plaines IL]*, 25 Mar 2005.

**SANBORN, Thelma J.** Willsboro NY – Thelma J Sanborn, 84, died 30 Jun 2000 at the Elizabethtown NY Community Hospital. She was born in Willsboro 6 Jun 1916, daughter of Walter & Mary (Tero) Jerdo. She worked for the Grand Union grocery store for more than 40 years. She is survived by son Roger (Judith) of Roanoke VA; granddaughters Tiffini Bell & Vanessa Sparrow, both of Roanoke; sister Ella Mero of Willsboro; brother Raymond (Jo) Jerdo. *Press-Republican [Plattsburgh NYK]*, 1 Jul 2000.

**SANBORN, William E.** William E Sanborn of Ludington MI died 30 Nov 2004 after injuries received in an automobile accident. He was born 4 Mar 1969 in Ludington, son of Edward & Marie Sanborn of Ludington. He married Kimberly Sells on 12 Aug 1989 in Battle Creek MI. He worked as a tool & die maker in Kalamazoo MI; he & his wife had returned to the Ludington area in August to open a restaurant. Survivors include his wife; parents of Ludington; children Gabriel James (age 5), Rebecca Lyn (3); sisters Ann (Tom) Martin of Ludington, Karen (Mike) Gezequel of Ludington, Rita (Scott) Noble of Chassel MI; brother Robert (Janet) Sanborn of Ludington; grandmother S L E Wanderer of Ludington. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery. *Kalamazoo [MI] Gazette*, 3 Dec 2004.

**TUROWSKI, Garnet E.** Garnet E Turowski, 85, died 11 Nov 2004. She was the daughter of Fred & Viola Sanborn. She was predeceased by her parents; her husband Raymond

Turowski; sister Pearl Dodge; brothers Billy, Miles, Darryl & Gale Sanborn. Survivors include sisters Bernice (Roland) Smith, Ruth (Arnold) Johnson; brothers James Sanborn, Jack (Pat) Sanborn; brother-in-law Slim Dodge. Buried in Forest Home Cemetery. *Milwaukee [WI] Journal Sentinel*, 14 Nov 2004.

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Bruce B, b 24 Jul 1946, d 24 Dec 2004, res Reedley CA  
Charles W, b 3 Aug 1924, d 22 Jan 2005, res Fajardo Puerto Rico  
Christina, b 21 Mar 1976, d 10 Feb 2005  
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