

Sanborn Signatures



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HISTORY OF THE SANBORN MAP COMPANY AND GENEALOGY OF ITS FOUNDER by Elmer C. Sanborn

A human birth is usually a small event on an historical scale. A child begins life with a huge assortment of genetic materials from its forbears. According to our current thinking¹, subsequent happenings contribute more to what the individual becomes and does. Thus, one doesn't make two of the most important decisions of ones life, the selection of their genes nor where one is born!

Now let's look at one such inheritance and its destiny. In the following accounting, birth began for Daniel (1827) and David (1828), sons of David A. and Hannah (Adams) in Somerville, MA. A bedeviling (to a writer of genealogy) selection of their middle names occurred in which all three males had a middle initial of "A"! In itself that doesn't seem to be much to remark about. That is if you aren't trying to establish the full name of the founder of the *Sanborn Map Company* whose complete records only give D. A. Sanborn and there are conflicting statements in the *Cyclopedia of American Biographies*!

The reader is invited to fill in the developing biographies. Here in our current place in time, we are presented with the following information.

Sanborn Maps are a special purpose type of map used, originally, by insurance company underwriters to evaluate the risks and thus set the premiums on property insurance. They showed such things as type of building materials in each structure, availability of fire fighting equipment, water hydrants, prevailing winds! the

shapes, with a scale of 50 feet to the inch are useful today for historians and restorationists of historical buildings to authenticate existence and location of specific buildings. These maps are used today by genealogists to find "the old homestead", say in Kalamazoo or Redlands, CA. Also, the map updates can show changes in cities and towns. Portfolios of these are readily available in public libraries and county assessors' offices. Complete sequential sets can be seen at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC.

There are maps of several different publishers of insurance filed before the Civil War available at the Library of Congress. An early need for them was there, but the Civil War restricted publishing. Furthermore, reproduction of maps previous to 1850 involved labor intensive etching methods of reproducing illustrations and maps. Later, the process of lithography with hand-colored reproduction was available. "The Civil War restricted insurance map publishing and other non-official cartography. The several decades following the war, however, were prosperous ones, particularly for the eastern, middle Atlantic, middle western and far western states. Extension of railroad lines stimulated industrial and commercial growth, which contributed to urban development. Immigration during the sixties and seventies also augmented both rural and urban population. All these conditions nourished the youthful insurance map industry and induced a number of individuals and publishers to enter the field.



DANIEL ALFRED SANBORN

From the Sanborn Company records we learned the following:

"D. A. Sanborn, a young (age 39) surveyor from Somerville, Massachusetts was engaged by the Aetna Insurance Company to prepare insurance maps for several cities in Tennessee....Before working for Aetna, Sanborn conducted surveys and compiled an atlas of the city of Boston titled *Insurance Map of Boston, Volume I, 1867*. The title page reads 'By D. A. Sanborn, C.E. 117 Broadway, New York. It is believed to include the earliest insurance maps published by Sanborn.

"The success of the Boston atlas and the commission from Aetna must have impressed the young surveyor with the importance of

detailed and specialized maps for the fire insurance industry. Following his assignment in Tennessee for Aetna, he established the D. A. Sanborn National Insurance Diagram Bureau in New York City in 1867. From this modest beginning grew the specialized company that has compiled and published maps for the fire insurance industry for more than 100 years."² (125 years through 1992 -ed.) Note: the use of "D.A." and "Sanborn" only).

"Sanborn expanded its insurance map coverage to all parts of the United States. Although some of its growth resulted from absorption of other map companies, most of the expansion must be attributed to good managerial procedures and practices. The Sanborn Company successfully produced detailed, comprehensive, and up-to-date maps which met the needs of the fire insurance industry.

"Sanborn surveyors were at work in all the states, and during the years of maximum production there were as many as three hundred employees in the field and more than four hundred in the main office and publishing plant in Pelham, New York and secondary production centers in Chicago and San Francisco. "Sanborn map makers worked anonymously, and their names never appeared on the maps they produced. Occasionally, a field man achieved fame and fortune in some subsequent activity. One such map maker was Daniel Carter Beard who is remembered as naturalist, illustrator, author of books for boys, and one of the founders of the Boy Scouts of America. In his autobiography², published in 1939, Beard related how he joined the Sanborn Map Company in 1872. 'My opportunity to travel came at last,' he recalled, 'and I left my then well-paying position in the (Cincinnati) engineer's office to accept an appointment for a lesser amount as a surveyor for the Sanborn Map and Publishing Company. While working for them I not only saw all those places I had heard about but I made maps of them, making diagrams of all the homes in each town and city I visited. I took delight in putting into my records mention of real occupancy, genteel or disreputable. After four or five years of this work I knew a lot about our people, saints and sinners, rich and poor".^{1, 3}

Two or three references by Mr. Beard to his employer were just 'Mr. Sanborn'! Beard describes his duties in detail, his escapades with irate business people and tenants, or being mistaken as a tax or revenue collector and how he dispelled their suspicions. Armed only with a notebook, pencil, good "horse sense", eagle eye and an assiduously calibrated length of stride. Dan Beard thus made a distinguished, but less well known contribution to mapping. Later he contributed to the beginning of the American Boy Scout movement.

"Each year Sanborn extended its coverage to additional cities and also issued revised editions and paste-on correction slips for previously published maps and atlases. Production probably reached a peak in the early 1930s. An article⁴ published in the February 1937 issue of *Fortune Magazine* states that 'Sanborn maps describe the houses on every street in more than 13,000 U.S. towns and cities...[and] cost any where from \$12 to \$200 [per map].'¹

In the 1940s and 1950s there was a gradual decline in the need to

keep maps current or create new ones as insurance companies found other means, such as their own inspections. The cost of updating the maps was sizeable. The Company still publishes copies of its maps, but is not updating them. Libraries, university geography and history departments make them available for study purposes. City and other governmental agencies refer to them for land use information and planning. The 700,000 Sanborn maps in the Library of Congress and a plentiful supply in local libraries stand as tributes to their makers.

Thus we have good information, (here, generously supplied by the Map Company and the Maps Division of the Library of Congress). In these records the formal, professional style of a civil engineer can be seen in the signature, "D. A. Sanborn". A more intimate unfolding of this man's life can be made from genealogical records.

In the book: *Genealogy of the Family of Samborne or Sanborn in England and America, 1194-1896*, V.C. Sanborn writes of a David Ambrose Sanborn (VCS# 831) born in Sandwich, NH, 14 Feb 1795 who lived and died in Somerville, MA. Further documentation of this man and his family can be found in the 1830 and the 1840 U.S. Census⁵ He was a wealthy and prominent brick manufacturer. He married Hannah Adams, 30 Sep 1821. There were four children living when the VCS text was published (1899), Mary A., Adaline Louisa and the two boys, Daniel Alford (born 5 April 1827) and David Augustus (born 21 April 1828) Sanborn. David Augustus Sanborn the second son, was described as a carpenter, builder in Somerville, MA, prominently connected with the Somerville Fire Department. He was still living in 1899. His wife, daughter Adaline, son John W. Sanborn and grandson, Herbert Stevens Sanborn appear in photographs printed in an article on page 3 and 4 of *Sanborn Signatures*. fall issue, 1990.

Daniel Alfred Sanborn (spelling of Alford/Alfred appears in different places in the same VCS text) was a prominent publisher in Boston and Brooklyn, NY. He died 11 April 1883 the same year given by the Map Company for the death of their founder, D.A. Sanborn.

Daniel had a son, William Adams Sanborn (b. 4 Sep 1864), who had a daughter, Eleanor, who was referred to in one American Biographies text as being the wife of William Walter Wilcox Jr, a director of the Sanborn Map Company at one time.⁶ Her grandfather was the founder of the Sanborn Map Company. This has to be Daniel Alfred Sanborn.

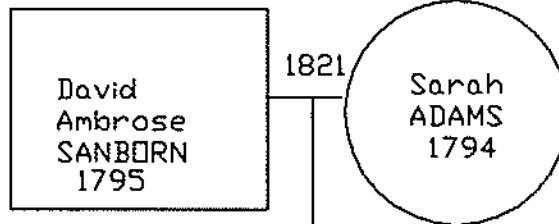
The following obituary of William Adams Sanborn appeared 25 Apr 1930 on the front page of the "Pelham (NY) Sun":

"William A. Sanborn, former President of the Sanborn Map Company died in the Hartford (CT) Hospital, Wednesday, after a brief illness with appendicitis. He was born and raised in the city of Brooklyn (NY), and in 1890 went to live in Hartford, Conn., where he became very prominent in the real estate business. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. William Wilcox of Middletown, Conn. He was the son of Daniel A. Sanborn, the founder of the Sanborn Map Co., and has been a director in that corporation for thirty years.

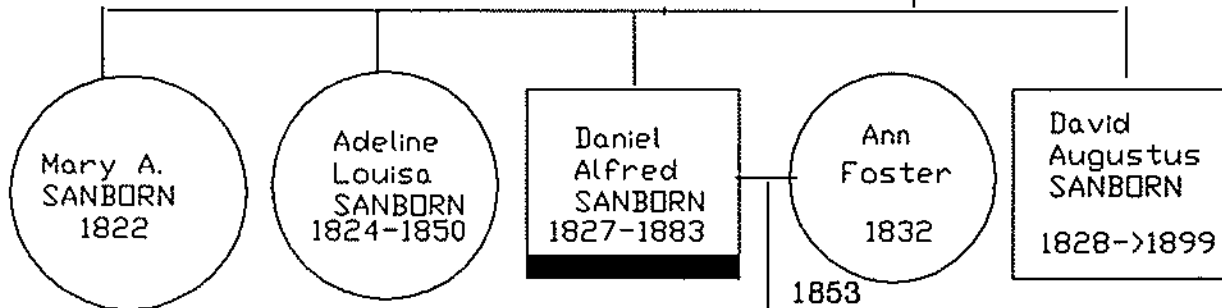
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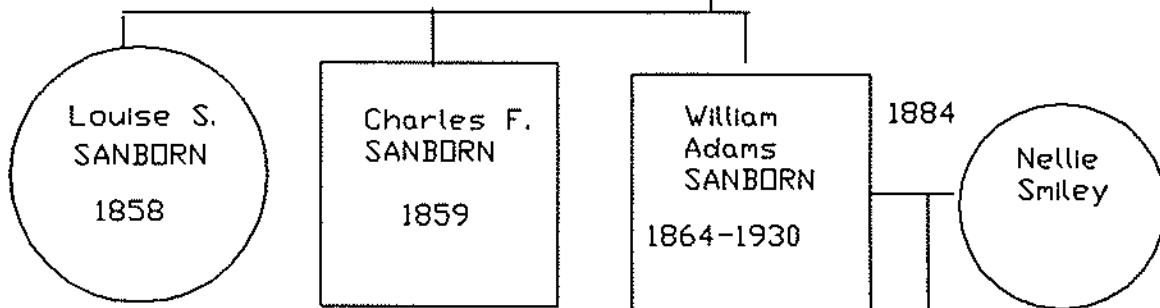
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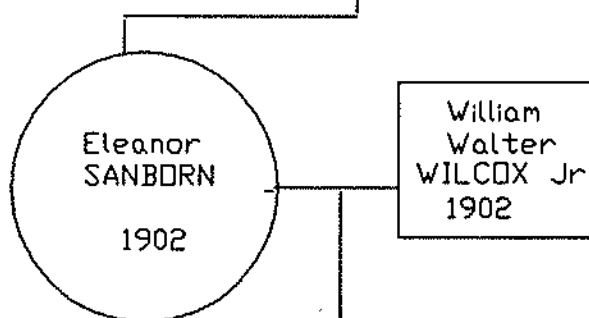
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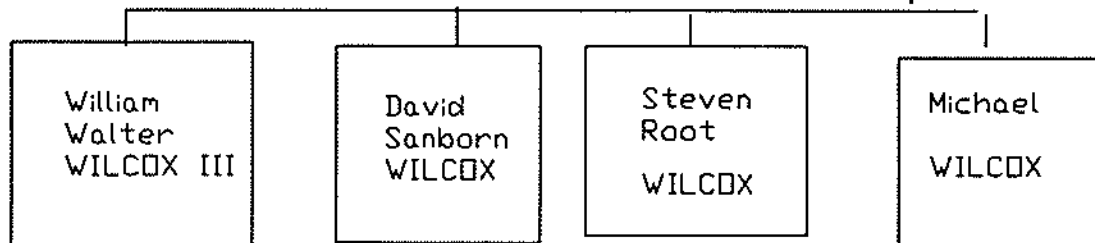
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In 1921 he was elected general manager and vice president, and became president in 1925, which position he held until he retired last January"⁷

A note in passing: The "National Cyclopedia of American Biographies"⁸ mistakenly gives a David A. Sanborn as founder of the Map company.

SUMMARY: Daniel Alfred Sanborn, the founder of the Sanborn Map Company descends from a long line of English Sambornes well documented in "Genealogy of the family of Samborne or Sanborn in England and America, 1194-1898" by V. C. Sanborn. His immigrant ancestor is William Samborne who arrived in Boston, MA on 3 Jan 1632 from England on board the ship "William and Francis" and settled in Hampton, NH. His lineage goes back through seven generations in this country:

Daniel Alfred⁷ Sanborn, David Ambrose⁶, Robert⁵, Amos⁴, Steven³ Samborn, Stephen² Samborne, William¹ Samborne, born in England about 1622.

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NINTH ANNUAL REUNION - SFA

The ninth annual reunion was held at the Holiday Inn, Rutland, Vermont on the 23rd and 24th of August 1992. There were 102 members registered. Tables were set up for Genealogy with the SFA Computer Genealogy Database, a Memorabilia Table set up by our Archivist, Elizabeth Sanborn, a Sales Table and a display of items donated for the Scotch Auction.

A program was presented by SFA member Melvin E. Watts, Curator Emeritus, of The Currier Gallery of Art, Manchester, NH. His presentation, assisted by his wife, Ruth, was a slide-illustrated lecture on the Sanborn Heirlooms at the Currier Gallery of Art. Personal, family anecdotes related to the heirlooms shown made the show particularly interesting.

A buffet luncheon was enjoyed at noon followed by an outdoor family photograph taken by the reunion Photographer, Aurel E. Stuart, Manchester, NH. Copies of this group photo can be purchased.

This was followed by a welcome to all and the reunion committee's workers were thanked for their efforts. Among those responsible for the reunion were Co-Chairpeople Sanborn Partridge, Ruth and Robert MacPherson. Sandy Partridge conducted a roll call by states. Fourteen states were represented. Descendants of Lt. John Samborne and William Samborne were about equally numerous and 2 descendants were noted from the third immigrant brother, Stephen Samborne.

Prizes and awards were presented to:

the eldest present: Eva Carr Gerahty of Concord, NH, a certificate and Vermont

Maple Syrup.

the youngest present: Lowell F. Sanborn, son of George and Melinde Sanborn of

Derry, NH - a pewter cup and certificate.
travelled the farthest to the reunion:

Henry & Ardith James, Redlands, CA.

Mary Jane Lewis, Balboa,, CA.

Janita K. Zierennbert, North Hills, CA.

The business meeting was conducted by the president, Robert Sanborn. Ruth MacPherson presented her Secretary's report on the 1991 reunion held in Sanbornton, NH. It was accepted ass read. The Treasurer's report by Ruth Norcross was read and accepted along with the auditor's (Alice M. MacDonald, Candia, NH) report.

Four reports of the activities of SFA projects during the year were given:

Archivist, Elizabeth Sanborn, Candia, NH called attention to items on display at the reunion and of additions of memorabilia during the year.

Sanborn Signatures activities were reported by the Editor Elmer Sanborn, Kalamazoo, MI. There were 15 or 20 active member volunteers who contributed research, news & information and articles to print. Among these were Aridith James, Abigail Brigham (Manchester, NH), Carlana Houston (Storrs, CT), Ann Johnson (Washington, DC) Andrea Crossman (Framingham, MA), Joan McRae (Olmstead Falls, OH). Good computer and historical support was received from Donald R. Sanborn (Epping, NH), Patty Ann Sanborn (Syracuse, NY), Alan Lebanon (Logan, UT) and William Foster (Fair Play, SC). Letters and genealogies were received from members to add about 1000 related persons to the SFA database. Their files with the previous 3000 names have been sent to be included in the Ancestral File maintained by the Church of Latter Day Saints in their FamilySearch program. These records will become available to all at any FHC on compact disks.

A summary Index for the first 8 volumes of *Sanborn Signatures* with alphabetized lists of names, places, events, photographs was completed. Copies of these Indexes are available for \$13.50 pp from the editor. Copies of each of the SS and the Index are in the Library of Congress.

Research in England, supported by SFA funds, was reported by George Sanborn, Derry, NH. His professional contacts, Michael Wood in London and a Dutch Researcher are continuing research on our lineage. (See the report on page 6 of SS, spring of 1992- ed.).

Our Genealogist, Melinde L. Sanborn reported 140 draft pages completed on the Sanborn Family History. She gave a very interesting comparison of the facts known in the lives and the real estate holdings of John and William Samborn, our immigrant ancestors.

The report of the **Nominating Committee** was presented by Arthur H. Sanborn. Their slate of officers for 1992-1993 was as follows:

President - Robert B. Sanborn, Deerfield, NH
Vice President - Richard B. Sanborn, Epping, NH
Secretary - Ruth MacPherson, Leominster, MA
Assistant Secretary - Ruth S. Sanborn, Deerfield,, NH
Treasurer - Ruth Norcross, Arlington, MA

The nominating committee included Janet Swanson, Priscilla Watts, chairman Arthur Sanborn. There being no further nominations from the floor, a motion was made, seconded and passed that declared the above slate of officers elected for a term of one year.

A drawing for the V.C.Sanborn Genealogy text awarded the book to Mrs. Lois S. Appel, Romeo, MI.

The **Scotch Auction** provided much fun and generous bidding on the donated articles. Much credit for the handling of this fast moving auction goes to Dick Norcross, Ruth MacPherson, Irene Crowley, Nada Sanborn and Barbara Gulliver. The proceeds of \$324 has been added to the invested principle, **Scholarship Fund** which currently totals \$2,224.

On Monday, the following day of the reunion, about 20 people enrolled in the tour of the **Vermont Marble Company's Danby Quarry** hosted by Sanborn Partridge. This was a rare treat not available to the casual visitor to their Proctor Museum and Display. This was a walking tour preceded by a detailed description of the quarry and development plans by the company geologist. Since the operation is entirely below ground , we followed wide tunnels, large enough for heavy equipment and trucks to bring out the marble blocks. The roof of these tunnels was supported by marble pillars left for that purpose. We were able to see all but the more remote (quarter of a mile) chambers with current activity going on, before the electricity failed. and we were returned to the quarry entrance by truck. This added to the adventure, marble may be white when brought to the surface, but we were in total blackness! The workmen were glad to give us a lift out, as they were then on holiday for the rest of the day. Here's a doff of our hard hats to Sandy by those of us whose ancestors rived in sandy locations!

**REUNION 1993 WILL BE
HELD IN HAMPTON, NH
AUGUST 21 & 22**

The new board of officers met following the business meeting and tentative plans have been made to locate next year's reunion in **Hampton, NH**.

OBITUARIES

MARTINA (PERSON) SANBORN died 3 Jun 1991 in Springfield, IL with burial in the Oak Ridge Cemetery there. She was born 3 Feb 1910 in Riverton, WY, the daughter of Martin and Ellen (Anderson) Person. She married Donald H. Sanborn in 19335 in Elkton, Maryland.. They had met at work in the U.S. Bureau of Internal Revenue, Washington, DC. Later, Mrs. Sanborn was employed by her husband in his Springfield law office for many years (for complete lineage of this family, see "A Successful Search" in Sanborn Signatures spring issue of 1986, pp 4-6). Surviving are: one son, Donald H. Sanborn, Jr; and a grandson, Donald H. Sanborn III, of Geneva IL; 2 sisters, Mrs. Franklin B.(Else) Sheldon of Casper, WY and Mrs. Charles (Anna) Kupilik of Lyons, CO; several nieces and nephews.

JOHN LEWIS SANBORN died May 1992 at his home in Bath, ME. He was born in Belfast, ME 24 Aug 1909 the son of Lewis J. and Mildred (Gray) Sanbom. He married Doris Reed McKay in 1935.1 She died 3 Oct 1984. He graduated from Crosby High School, Belfast, in 1926 and was employed by the U.S. Government as an electrical foreman from 1941 to 1966. He was at Brunswick Naval Air Station from 1941 to 1945 in Bermuda from 1945 to 1950 and at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, from 1950 to 1966. He returned to Bath and in 1968 went to work for the State of Maine as a state electrical inspector. He

retired in 1978. Mr. Sanborn was a member of: Polar Star Lodge of Masons., Bath Lodge of Elks, Toastmasters International, The National Rifle Association and the Maine Sportsman's Association. Surviving him are 4 sons, James Sanborn of West Bath Robert B. Sanborn of Newcastle; J. Michael Sanborn of Contocook, NH; and Donald B. Stackhouse of North Reading, MA.; also a daughter, Mrs. Jeffrey (Ellen Sanborn) Parker of Bath; a brother, Maurice Sanborn of Lewiston and numerous grandchildren

The death of SANBORN DUFF NOBLE, 92, of Battleford, Sask., Canada occurred on 30 Dec 1991. He was born 14 Apr 1899 in Toronto, Canada. He was the only child of Colin J. & Jessie Forsyth (Duff) Noble. He was predeceased by his parents and first wife, Anne (Rayner) in 1957 and his second wife, Edith (Crozier) in 1982. He had no children. His grandmother was Martha Isabella Sanborn. After serving briefly in the Air Force during WI as a pilot he came west and homesteaded in the Baljennie district of Canada in 1919. He married Anne in 1922. He moved to North Battleford after she died and remarried Edith Crozier in 1958. He retired from farming shortly after. He served several terms as president of the Saskatchewan Assoc. of Rural Municipalities.; He was a life member of the Hereford Breeders Association and took an active part in politics in the Liberal Party. His later years were spent doing woodwork, fishing at Chitek

OBITUARIES (CONTINUED)

Lake, golfing, curling and was active in the New Horizons organization.

CHARLES EDWIN NOBLE TURNER died 16 Feb 1992 in Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada. He was born 26 Nov 1924. He was the great grandson of Martha Isabella Sanborn. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn (Thorneycroft) Turner in Toronto, Canada. He was the father of Wayne, Kym Turner and Nancy (Turner) Thornhill and the brother of Evelyn and Donald of Toronto. He was a veteran of WW II serving with the H.L.I. Galt in Holland and Germany.

ELSE K. (MACHELL) CHASE, age 88, died 28 May 1992 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur (Elizabeth Chase) Sanborn in Candia, NH. She was born in Sylvester, Quebec, Canada the daughter of George W. M. and Elizabeth H. (Pearson) Machell. She lived with her twin sister in Kittery, ME in 1968. In Manchester, 1970 she worked for Quick Clean Center. From 1975 to 1986, she worked for Child and Family Services, in the homemaker Program, beginning work at the age of 72. She received the first Homemaker of the Year Award in 1982, and was one of five homemakers to be honored by the Homemaker Guild of New Hampshire in 1983. In May of 1987 a testimonial was given in her honor by Child and Family Services. Her work with both the local and state Grange was well known as with the Rebekah Lodge and O.E.S. Chapter Star 90 in Kittery, ME. Her husband, Richard E. Chase, died in 1961. Surviving family include Mrs. Arthur (Elizabeth Chase) Sanborn of Candia; a

sister, Mrs. Gerard (Ethel) Leclerc of Manchester and her twin sister, Mrs. Fritz (Edith) Betz of Derry, and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

J. FOSTER SANBORN, 71 died 22 Nov 1980 at his home in Wilton, ME. He was born in Calais, 2 Nov 1910, the son of Arnold and Emily (Vaughn) Sanborn. He attended Wilton schools, graduated from Wilton Academy in 1929, Farmington Normal School in 1931, graduated from Cornell University in 1935. He married Gertrude Nares VanNote in Albany, NY in 1938. Mr. Sanborn was employed at the University Club in Albany and later managed the Cosmos Club in Washington, DC, returning to Maine in 1943 and taught in and was principal in Wilton and Jay Schools until his retirement in 1974. He was a Mason; choir director and organist for many years in the Wilton Congregational Church; and president of the Maine Genealogical Society; Wilton Historical Society and the Mayflower Society. Survivors include a son, Vaughn Sanborn of Rye, NH, a sister, Muriel Armstrong of Wilton; a step-daughter, Mrs. Glen L. Butler of Toledo, OH; 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

GRANT B. SANBORN, Jr., 75 died 20 Jun 1992 in Exeter, NH. A lifelong resident of Exeter, he was the son of Grant B. and Eva (McKenna) Sanborn. In 1936 he graduated from Exeter H.S.; worked 36 years as a car salesman for several dealerships in Exeter. He held memberships in the following: Exeter Congregational Church; Star in the East Lodge F&AM;

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DeWitt Clinton Commandery (32nd degree Freemason), Portsmouth; and Bektash Shrine Temple, Concord. Family members include his wife, Joan (Morrison) Sanborn Exeter, a daughter, Judith S. Bishop; a son, Gregg Sanborn; 4 sisters, Eva May Sanborn, Dorothy S. Connor, Barbara Adams and Ann Maloney; 2 brothers, John N. Sanborn and David G. Sanborn; nieces and nephews.

CHARLES H. SANBORN, 82, died 12 April 1992 at his home in Alexandria (NH) where he was a lifelong resident. Mr. Sanborn served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He was a member of the American Legion Minot Cavis Post No. 26. Survivors include one sister, Elizabeth Braley of Alexandria, many nieces, and nephews.

NELSON G. SANBORN- age 60 of Manchester, NH died 22 Jun 1992. Mr. Sanborn was born in Manchester and spent most of his life in the city. In 1981 he moved to Allentown. Prior to retirement, he was a licensed electrician; a decorated veteran of the Korean War; a life member of John J. Maguire American Legion Post 28 and the Suncook Valley W.F.W. Post 2860; B.P.O.E. 1210 of Concord. He was a former state pool champion, and president of the Pool League. The family includes his wife, Nancy (April) Sanborn of Allenstown; 4 daughters, Colleen (Mrs. Gary) Danault; Nancy Dearborn; Ann Beleski and Catherine Sanborn, all of Manchester, 2 sons: Thomas Sanborn and Daniel Sanborn, both of Marysville, WA; 2 brothers: Richard Sanborn of Pompano Beach, FL and Thomas Sanborn of Sarasota, FL; nieces

and nephews.

AGNES L. KIMBALL, 85, in Brentwood, 13 April 1992. She was born in Kensington, (NH) the daughter of the late Roscoe and Abbie E. (Sanborn) Kimball. She was a resident of Portsmouth the past 40 years. She was employed with The Wentworth Home as a cook for more than 23 years. She was a member of the Central Baptist Church and past member of Kensington Grange No.1 of Exeter; East Rockingham Pomona and State Grange. The family includes a sister, Jeannette (Sanborn) Berry of Exeter, nieces, nephews and cousins.

RICHARD C. SANBORN, 71, a retired biology professor who spent summers from 1958 to 1963 teaching at the Woods Hole Laboratories, was a member of the SFA, and lived in the Teaticket section of Falmouth, MA died 11 Jun 1992 of a heart attack. Prof. Sanborn was born in Cleveland, OH; received his bachelors degree in biology in 1947, his master's degree in 1948 and doctorate in 1950 from Harvard. Between 1950 and his retirement in 1986, he taught biology at the University of Illinois, M.I.T., Purdue University in West LaFayette, IN and Purdue Univ. in Indianapolis. He was member of the Kiwanis and Masons and an officer in the Boy Scouts of America. Richard was a member of the Sanborn Family Association and his genealogy records are in their files. Survivors include: his wife, Katherine M. (Schaff); a son Keith Sanborn of Westfield, IN; and 2 grandchildren.

CARRIE W. CUSHING, 98, died 2

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Jun 1992 in Laconia, NH. She was the widow of Russell H. Cushing, who died in 1987. She was born 27 Aug 1893, in Tilton. NH), the daughter of Harry C. and Sarah (Sanborn) Wyatt. She graduated from the Tilton School in 1913 and had been a resident of the community for over 70 years. She was a member of the Belmont Baptist Church. Sunday School teacher and sang in the choir. She was a former trustee of the Belmont Public Library. Family members include a son, Russell W. Cushing of Belmont; 2 daughters, Carol O'Neal of East Weymouth, MA and Marjorie Udall of Belmont; a foster son, Thomas Murphy of Belmont; grandchildren, nephews; nieces.

A grave marker: "JACOB R. SANBORN MAY 23 1838 - MARCH 4 1885 at rest" a simple grave in the "Methodist section" of the Maple Street Cemetery, Springfield, .MA.

A large (3x4ft) marker in the Congregational Cemetery, Chamberland Center, ME lists the following:

	1747	Benjamin
Sanborn	1829	
	1756	Sarah, his
wife	1835	
	1796	Abigail, their
dau.	1815	
	1783	Leah. daughter
	1820	
	1786	Ebenazar,
their son	1828	
	1781	Tristram,
their son	1842	
	1798	Eliza, his
wife	1877	

ETHEL S. KINSLEY, 86, died 10 Jun 1992, Plymouth, NH. She was born in Rumney, the daughter of Maynard and Elizabeth Sanborn, she was a lifelong resident of

Plymouth. For more than 10 years, Mrs. Kinsley was a mill worker at United Shank and Findings in Plymouth. She was a past worthy matron of the O.E.S, and the widow of Chester R. Kinsley. The family includes a daughter, Alberta R. Matthews.

DOROTHY (SANBORN) KING, 74 of Concord, died 20 MAY 1992 in Concord, (NH). Born in Boston, the daughter of Louis E. and Mary (Campbell) Sanborn, she resided in Concord most of her life. She was past president of the Havenwood .Auxiliary and a co-founder of the Havenwood Coffee Shop. She worked at the Friendly Kitchen in Concord and was a past president of the Railroad YMCA. The family includes: her husband of 54 years, Robert C. King of Concord; 3 sons Stuart King of Loudon and Robert C. King of Concord and Douglas E. King of Bow; grandchildren, cousins.

NORRIS SANBORN, age 79 of Wolfeboro NH died 16 Aug 1992. "Cy" was born in Sanbornville, the son of Ansel N. & Maude Woodus) Sanborn. He attended Sanbornville grade schools then commuted daily to Brewster Free Academy of Wolfeboro, graduating in the class of 1930. He was president of the senior class and the Brewster Athletic Association. He was captain of both the football and baseball teams. He attended the Univ. of New Hampshire, class of 1934. .Mr .Sanborn worked for and later managed the Ansel N. Sanborn Entertainment business. He retired in 1978 from the New Hampshire public Works and highway Department as

OBITUARIES (continued)

maintenance supervisor with 33 years of service in Division 3. He was a former member of the Wolfeboro Volunteer Fire Department and president of the Fireman's Relief Association. He was the elected a member of the Wolfeboro Police Commission in 1960. The family includes his wife of 58 years, Kathleen (Regan) Sanborn; a son Ansel N. Sanborn of North Chichester; a daughter, Margaret Ann Flanagan of Dover; brothers Richard Sanborn of Florida and John Sanborn of Plymouth; 2 sisters Evelyn Sands of Wolfeboro and Florence Emerson of Deerfield and New Port Richey, FL.; 4 g child; 1 grandson.

HARLOW SANBORN POND, age 77, died 9 Aug 1992 in Norwood, MA. He was born in Boston, graduated from Mechanic Arts High School and New Hampton Preparatory School in New Hampshire. He attended Northeastern Univ. He retired as steam production leader for Boston Edison Company; was a member of many patriotic and fraternal organizations and the Peguosssette Power Squadron and the Newton Yacht Club. He spent many summers at the old Sanborn Farm in Newmarket, NH. He leaves his wife, Madeline (Fish) Pond;

His 3 sons: Thomas T. Pond of Norwood, Franklin S. Pond of Chamberland, RI:

Richard H. S. Pond of Mendon and five grandchildren.

CHRISTINA M. (FROST) DONNELL, age 63 of Framingham died 19 Sep 1992 after a long illness. Born in Natick, she was the daughter of Lewis and Alma (Cook) Frost and had lived in Framingham since 1968. She was

a graduate of Natick High School and was employed with Framingham Union Hospital until her retirement in 1990. She was the wife of the late Melvin Donnell, who died 1970. Mrs. Donnell was a member of: D.A.R. Society of New England Women and the Baptist Church in Framingham. She is survived by one son Kevin Donnell; 3 daughters, Susan O'Donnell, Barbara Smith and Andrea Crossman, all of Framingham. She also leaves one sister, Eleanor Frasca of Ashland and Cape Coral, Fl and nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.

ESTHER A. MILLS died 10 July 1992 in Mount Vernon, WA with interment in Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, OR. She was born in Ottertail County, MN 3 Dec 1913 the daughter of Clifton and Ruby (Ellis) Sanborn. She married Edward K. Mills 14 July 1933 in Perham, MN. The family includes a brother, Willard Sanborn of Richville, MN; one son, Evan of Mount Vernon; 3 daughters: Elsie of Thornton, CO; Elnora Bogh of Portland, OR (SFA memb), Emily Hawes of Wenatchee, WA (SFA memb).

BIRTHS

Kevin & Maida Lessard of Concord, NH announces the birth of a son, Joshua Michael Lessard 13 Apr 1992. Other children include: Justin age 6 and sister, Kayla age 1 year. Grandparents are Gene and Janice Chase of Laconia, Dick and Barbara Lessard of Somersworth, Patricia Lessard of Somersworth and Leslie Hanson of Mesa, AZ. The great grandmother is Gwen Sanborn of Hebron, NH.

MARRIAGES

The Dailey Pilot, Costa Mesa, CA, Feb 8, 1992 reported the engagement of **Ann Rene Sanborn** and **Salvatore Ciulla** both of Newport Beach. They are planning a June 27 wedding in Newport Beach, CA. Her parents are **Lester Sanborn** of Laguna Liguel and **Helen Carlick**. The bride elect is a graduate of **Corona del Mar H.S.** and **Colby College** in Waterville, ME. Her future bridegroom is the son of **Anthony and Lily Ciulla** of Temple City.

LYNN SANBORNE WEDS M.F. JIMENEZ- April 12, 1992. **Lynn Marie Sanborne**, a graduate student in clinical social work at **Bryn Mawr College**, and **Michael Francis Jimenez**, an assistant professor of history at **Princeton University** were married yesterday in the **Princeton Univ. Chapel** in Princeton, NJ. Ms. Sanborne, 34 years old is keeping her name. She is a cum laude graduate of **Harvard University**. She was until recently the manager of community campaigns at **Save the Children**, an international children's agency in Westport, CT. She is a daughter of **Phillippe and Billie Sanborne** of Northport, L.I (NY) Her father is an assistant news editor at **Newsday** and her mother is the office manager at **Fort Hill Animal Hospital** in Huntington, L.I. Mr. Jimenez, 43, graduated from **Trinity College** in Hartford, CT and has a Ph.D. from **Harvard**. He is the son of **Salvador Jimenez** of Jacksonville, FL and **Mary J.B. Jimenez** of Monroeville, PA.

KAREN MARIE SANBORN was married to **Garrett Howard Seidl**, both of Milwaukee, WI in the **Good Hope United Methodist Church** on

9 May 1992. The bride is the daughter of **Richard H. and Mae Sanborn** of Milwaukee, WI. The bridegroom is the son of **Mrs. Helena Schmidt** and **Mr. Gary Seidl** of Milwaukee. **Scott Sanborn**, brother of the bride was an usher. **Karen** is a 1991 graduate of the **School of Journalism, Univ. of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, WI**. The couple will reside in Milwaukee.

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PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING NAMES to the membership roster printed in the last issue of *Sanborn Signatures*. Our profound apologies for the omissions.

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Kalamazoo, Mich. , Nov 11, 1992 -
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints has released the latest Compact Disk (CD #7) of their "Ancestral File" to all of its 1500 Family History Centers in the U.S. and Canada . This contains over 3,000 names submitted from the Sanborn Family Association's genealogical lineage chart data.

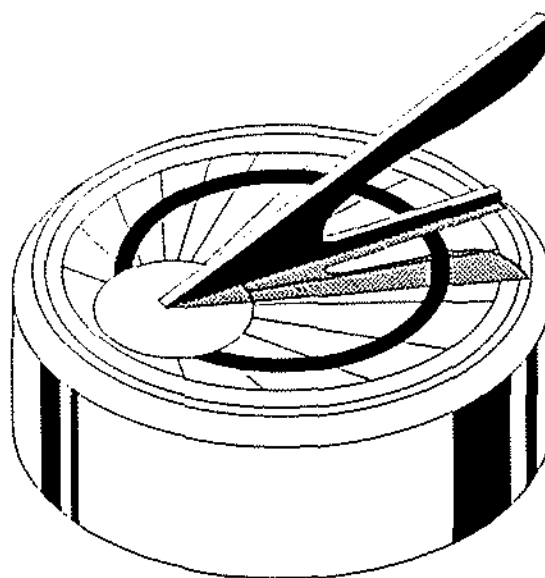
This information is from the lineage charts submitted to the Sanborn Family Association (SFA) since about 1984 by its members. Collection of this data was a project begun in 1984 by the officers of the SFA (Arthur and Betty Sanborn and Melinde and George Sanborn and others in office at that time). In 1988 the collection was given to Elmer Sanborn to put into a personal computer (PC) using the LDS *Personal Ancestral File (PAF)* program. In the spring of that year, *The Five Scribes of SS (Sanborn Signatures) Crew* composed of SFA volunteers: 1) Elmer C. Sanborn, 2) Susan Blood of Atkinson, NH, 3) Clarence Davis of Marlborough, NH, 4) Donald R. Sanborn of Epping, NH and 5) Patricia Ann Sanborn of Syracuse, NY began to edit and transcribe the information in these paper lineage charts into PAF computer base format. The transcription of the originally submitted lineage charts was completed about January, 1991 and approximately 3,000 individual names and their related records were sent to the LDS Family History Center for inclusion in their "Ancestral File". An update adding about 1000 names was sent in January, 1992 and yearly updates are planned.

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