

PATERNAL SANDERS ANCESTRY OF BIRMINGHAM & LOUGHBOROUGH

OR

"WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE SANDERS FORTUNE?"

INTRODUCTION - The Origins of the Family of SANDERS

The origin of the family name of SANDERS is a classical one from the Greek Alexander 'helper of men'. In the Middle Ages, probably due to the French romance of Alexander, the name appeared in its French form *Alisandre*, from which, as early as 1248 in England, was formed the pet name *Sandre*, from which the modern surnames of *Sandars*, *Sanders*, and *Saunders* arise. As a consequence of dialect and spelling, all references for all variant spellings need to be checked. Spelling was not standardized until the mid C19th.

Available genealogical data indicates that the Paternal SANDERS family originate in late C18th Birmingham. The number of church records, the relative large size of the Birmingham area and the relatively common first name and surname has made the trail difficult to follow. The earliest clues are given in the article in the *Loughborough Monitor and News*, dated Thursday April 17, 1913, entitled "Death and Funeral of Mr J. A. SANDERS - A Well Known Loughburian", referring to family member Joseph Abbott SANDERS. While most of the obituary referred to incidents in the C19th, there were indications of the families Birmingham roots.

"His family had been noted for generations for their skill in gun-making and on leaving school at the age of fourteen he went to Birmingham where he was apprenticed to the family trade. The inherited craftsmanship he exhibited made his work eagerly sought after when later on in life he came to settle once more in his native town. His Grandfather and Great-grandfather were armourer sergeants in the Royal Scots Greys, and the latter served under the Duke of Wellington and was at Waterloo."

The full details of the obituary are discussed later, however the contrary evidence at the Public Records Office (PRO) at Kew indicates that family stories had been embellished with time and the pen of the writer of the obituary. Although it almost certain that the SANDERS were involved in the Birmingham Gun Trade, they were not armourer sergeants to the Royal Scots Greys - they may have supplied guns to the army, and that regiment was connected for a time with Birmingham as well as Loughborough. No armourer sergeants of that name were at Waterloo, a battle that is well documented. The head of the family is consequently taken as the unknown gunmaker of possibly Middlesex origins, Joseph Abbott's Great grandfather. The first family member with a name is Joseph Alexander SANDERS, a Gunsmith born in Middlesex circa 1796, Joseph Abbott's Grandfather and the Author's 3xGreat grandfather.

Joseph Alexander may be the s/o Joseph SANDERS & Sarah TYLOR/TYLER who married in Enfield on 16.6.1788 (St Andrews). There are four children baptised in Enfield: Susan (23.5.1790), Sarah (25.12.1791), Mary (4.5.1794) & Joseph (24.7.1796).

The Birmingham Gun Quarter

The Birmingham Gun Quarter was centred in that part of the city lying between the foot of Steelhouse Lane and Aston. There were a mixture of factories of moderate size, small factories and "shoppings", the name given to workshops that were let out to individual out-workers. It was a close, cramped, warren of early Victorian tenement buildings pushing in between buildings of an earlier time and function. The largest factory was that of *Webley and Scott* in Slaney St., but smaller firms such as *Bonehills* and *Benjamin West* in Price St., and numerous others also in Price Street. Mingled with these factories were workshops. A gunsmith who wished to set up business of his own would rent a space in one of these from either the Council or the company of other gunsmiths who might be doing quite different work.

"English Gunmakers of 18th and 19th Century", by De Witt Bailey and Douglas Nye, (1978 ed., Arms & Armour Press) lists the following recognisable SANDERS gunsmiths (Author's notes in parentheses):

Joseph: at Leicester 1832-47 (Joseph Alexander)
Joseph: at Loughborough 1834-63 (Joseph Alexander and/or son)
John: at Loughborough 1848 (s/o Joseph Alexander) [speculated to be the as same as last in the book, but now known to be incorrect]
Joseph: at Oakham, Rutland 1856 (Joseph Alexander)
William at Oakham, Rutland 1864 (younger son of Joseph Alexander)

Possible relatives in the gun trade in Birmingham are listed below and under research:

- a. Daniel (1849-58), Gunsmith at Ct. 16, Bath Street:
3 Bath Street in 1851: Daniel (32), Gun Stocker of Birmingham, & Ann (33) of Bridgenorth. No children listed. Born c1819, possible sibling or cousin of Joseph Alexander, if a relative. Possible Will dated 28.8.1876 (publican).
- b. George (1827-31), Gun Barrel Maker, 3 Whittall Street
in 1851, Jane, widow [wife of George presumed], (67) Bronzer, Jane SANDERS, unmarried granddaughter (30), Bronzer, Harriet BAGSHAW, unmarried granddaughter (20), Bronzer, & Edwin EVERITT, great grandson (3), Scholar. All of Birmingham. (see Maternal SANDERS: ancestry of Freda SANDERS later HART)
- c. John (1814-17), Lancaster Street.
- d. John (1897-1900), 26 Loveday Street.
- e. Joseph (1807-25), Gun Lock Maker, 38 Suffolk Street
Wife Mary, and one daughter Elizabeth, always of Suffolk Street
Death notices in *Aris's Birmingham Gazette*:
Mrs Mary, wife of Joseph of Suffolk Street, aged 64, 26th December 1825 (n. c1761)
Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph of Suffolk Street, 22nd August 1824
Joseph of Suffolk Street, aged 74, 23rd November 1840 (n. c1766)
Could be parents of Author's Joseph Alexander.
Not in MI Book of St Mary's, Whittall Street.

f. Joseph (1849), Gun Barrel Maker, 26 Whittall Street:
Marked "Void" in 1851 census (perhaps only business premises? - if empty would be "uninhabited").

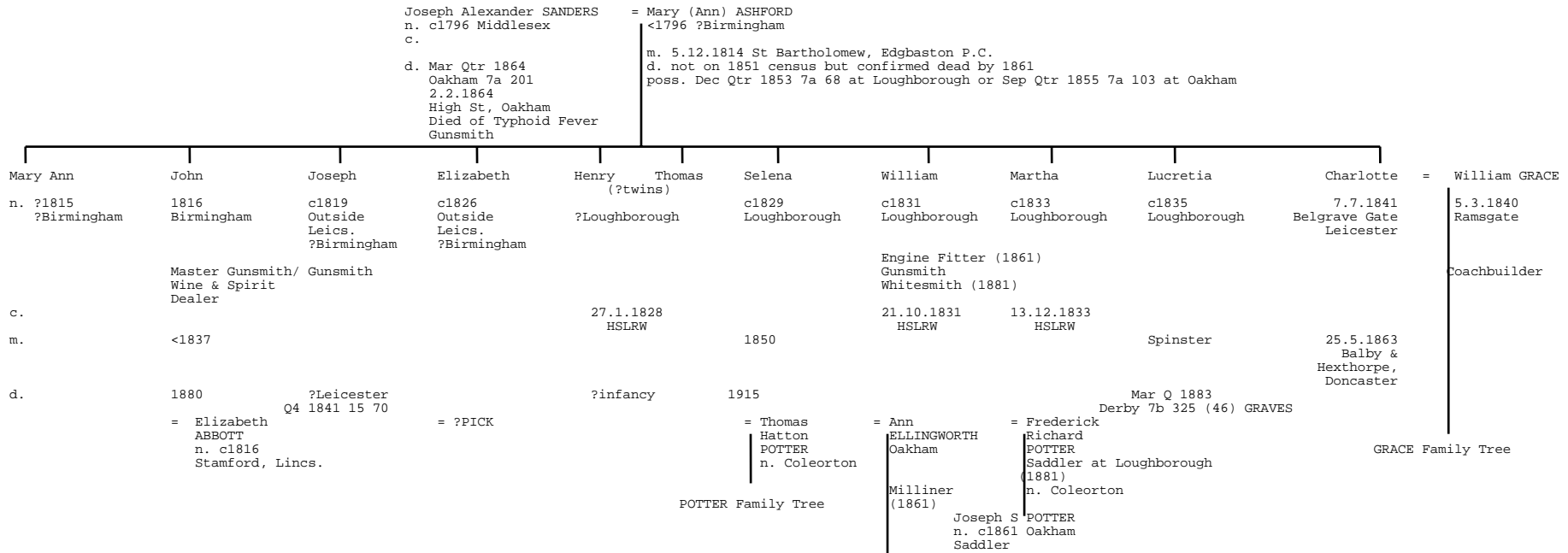
There are a few Apprentice Records held in the Archives Division of Birmingham Central Library:

Master: Joseph SANDERS of Leicester, Gunmaker
Apprentice: Thomas Edwin WILD of Leicester
26th November 1840 [Ref: DV 699/460984]

Master: William SANDERS, Gunmaker
Apprentice: Charles HARRIS
2nd March 1814 [Ref: LEE 126].

The Family of Joseph Alexander SANDERS & Mary Ann ASHFORD (Birmingham, Loughborough, Leicester & Oakham)

From census data it is known that Joseph Alexander SANDERS was born in Middlesex, London circa 1796. (The only name sake baptism was found 18.9.1763 at Shoreditch St Leonard's (IGI)). The second name of Alexander only appears as the part of the father's name on daughter Charlotte's Marriage Certificate; his baptism has not been found. His death in Oakham with both names has been found in 1864. It appears that he arrived in Birmingham either as an apprentice to the gun trade or with his family; there are several SANDERS families involved in the trade at that time in Birmingham. As Joseph only he married Mary Ann ASHFORD at St Bartholomew's, the Parish Church of Edgbaston, a district of Birmingham. There are no witnesses to suggest siblings or parents. Joseph Alexander & Mary had at least 11 children, and from census information it appears that at least 4 identified children were born outside of Leicestershire (assumed in Birmingham); Mary Ann (c1815), John (c1816), Joseph (c1819) & Elizabeth (c1826), before the family moved to Loughborough. There were 7 identifiable children born in Loughborough; possible twins Henry and Thomas (c1827/8), Selina (c1829), William (c1831), Martha (c1833), Lucretia (c1835) & Charlotte (1841).



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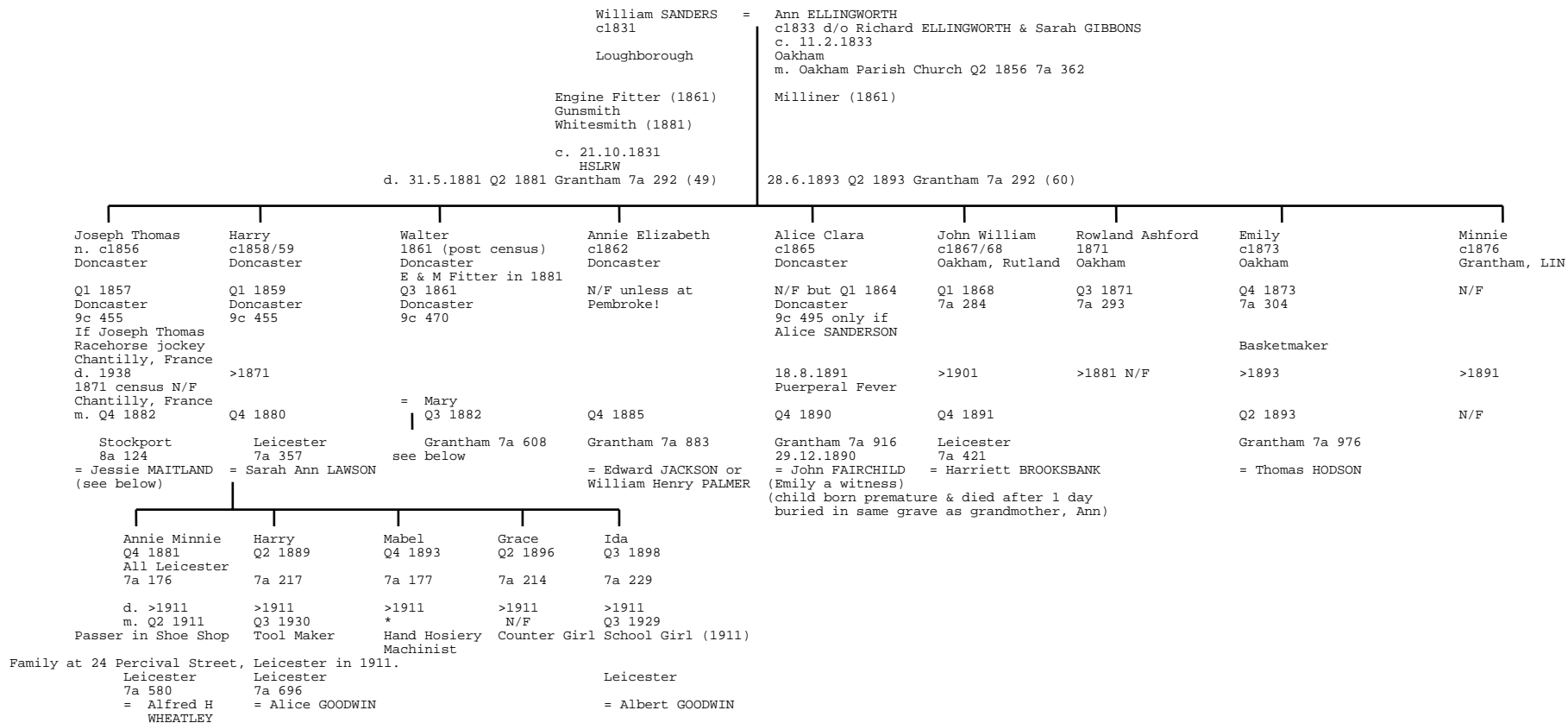
If Joseph Alexander born in B'ham, then could be c. 1.1.1795 at St Martin's Birmingham s/o Michael & Ann (as Joseph only)
If Joseph Alexander born in Middlesex, then could be c. 24.7.1796 at St Andrews, Enfield s/o Joseph & Sarah (as Joseph only)

1841 at Leicester St Margaret, E. Leicester; Joseph (45), Mary (45), Elizabeth (15), Selina (10), William (9), Martha (8), Lucretia (6)

HSLRW = High Street Leicoster Road Wesleyan. According to White's Leicester and Rutland 1877 "The Wesleyan Chapel in Leicester Road, is a neat brick building, which was erected in 1828, at a cost of £2,000, and will seat about 1,200 persons." This means the 1828 baptism of Henry & Thomas must be some of the first in the chapel.
Unknown family member? All Saints Parish Church, Loughborough Burial No. 1947: Sanders, Mary Ann 18.7.1827, aged 3, dau. of Jos Sanders

Missing baptisms may be in London if family connections there - following found as children of Josph & Mary Ann / Mary SANDERS or SAUNDERS:
Mary Ann n. 9.8.1816, c. 26.7.1818 St Ann Blackfriars
Joseph n. 19.12.1810 (may be error), c. 9.10.1820 St Leonards Shoreditch
Elizabeth c. 14.9.1824 Baptist Christchurch Southwark

The Family of William & Ann SANDERS (Doncaster, Oakham & Grantham) [HARDY]



William SANDERS had a gun shop in Mill St., Oakham from 1846 moving to 7 High St. 1849-1857. Moved to Grantham 1876. Buried with his wife in a common grave (no headstone) in Grantham cemetery, Harrowby Rd. grave 18L Section 15. Moved to Doncaster between June 1861 and 1865, moved to Grantham 1876 and lived at 71 Commercial Rd. till his death. His occupation in 1881 census is whitesmith but his obituary 2 months later gives it as a locksmith. Ann his wife moved then to 7 Finkin St, Grantham with her two daughters Alice and Minnie.

Family in Doncaster from mid 1850's, and at the Oakham shop 1864-1872, when it was sold. Where did the family go?

William & Ann:

In 1861, they were at 72 St Sepulchre Gate, Doncaster, with Charlotte (sister) resident as a milliner, and lodgers William GRACE (21) & William PETT (23) Coach Makers.
1871 census at Lords Hold, Oakham, Rutland, as SAUNDERS: William (39), Ann (38), Walter (10), Anne E (8), Alice (5), John W (3). No Joseph or Harry.
1871 census at St. Mary, B'ham: Harry SANDERS (12) nephew of Head - incorrectly given Ockham, RUT as birthplace. With a number of people (probably apprentices) incl. Charlotte & Elizabeth ELLINGWORTH.
1881 census at 71 Commercial Road, Spittlegate, Grantham, Lincolnshire, as SANDERS: William (49), Ann (48), Walter (19), Royland (9), Emily (7), Minnie (4)
1891: Ann (58), Emily (17) & Minnie (14) at John & Alice FAIRCHILD in Grantham.
71 Commercial Road was bombed and destroyed on 9th Jan 1941. There is a photo of the bomb site in a Walter Lee (local photographer).

Joseph SANDERS & Jessie MAITLAND: Children B & M not on UK BMD, possibly all refs. in France
Renee SANDERS (?) - not found in Chantilly, France in period 1882-93;
Isabella SANDERS (1885-1964), m. John CHAMBERS (1880-1953). One daughter who died at 2 months.
Born 21.6.1885 at Moulins (Allier), died at Chantilly 31.12.1964.
Isabelle and John CHAMBERS (d. 17/1/1958) interred in the Bourillon Cemetery, Chantilly (concession N°1523).

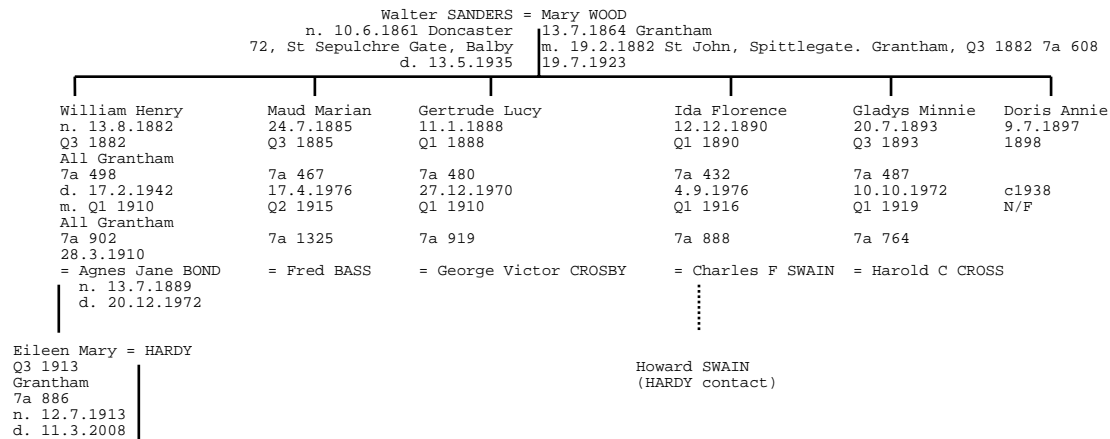
William SANDERS gun shop still in Oakham High Street (2008) but incorporated into Furleys Department Store.
An example of a SANDERS handgun is in Oakham Museum.

Brass letterhead dated 18--. "William Sanders Gun and Pistol Maker" Oakham. WHITESMITH AND CUTLER. BELLHANGER AND LOCKSMITH. Guns bored to Shoot Close and Strong. Guns taken in Exchange. Neat Guns to Let. Guns made to order. Restocked, Browned and Repaired in the best manner in the Shortest Notice. Powder, Shot & Every Sporting Article of the best Manufacture. BIRDS AND QUADREPEDS (sic) PRESERVED AT THE SHORTEST NOTICE.

4C Vaughan HARDY [vaughan.hardy(at)ntlworld.com] has numerous photos of this branch left by his late mother, Eileen.
He also has a newspaper portrait and photo of grave for jockey Joseph SANDERS in Chantilly, France

Harry & Sarah Ann:

1881 census at Leicester, St. Margaret at 58 Lee Street: Harry (22), Sarah Ann (19). Childless in 1881.
1891 census in Leicester, St. Margaret, St. Matthew: Harry (32), Sarah A (29), Harry (2), John (23) - brother. Note daughter Annie seen in 1901 was g/d visiting LAWSON household in St Saviour parish.
1901 census same district in NW Leicester: Harry (42), Sarah A (40), Annie (19) not at home in 1891! Harry (12), Mabel (7), Grace (5), Ida (2)



Vaughan HARDY [4C]

a single CROSBY/SANDERS birth in West Ham, London in Q3 1912

Walter & Mary:

1891: Barrowby, Grantham, LIN - Walter (29), Mary (26), William Henry (8), Maud Marion (5), Gertrude Lucy (3), Ida Florence (4 months), plus Lucy Ann WOOD (22, n. 1868) sister-in-law.

1901: in Grantham North (Grantham St Wulfram), as SAUNDERS - Walter (39), Mary (36), Henry (18), Maud (15), Gertrude (13), Ida (10), Gladys (7), Doris (3).

Residency of Walter Sanders (1861-1935) in detail:

1910-1914 lived at 34 Harlaxton Rd., Grantham
1916 house renumbered 72 Harlaxton Rd
1915 moved to east side numbered 133 in 1916 (road just being built)
1916 moved to Argyll House, Huntingtower rd numbered 45 by 1923 and renamed Abergele House in by 1925
1922 moved to Wilford House, Huntingtower Rd numbered 12 in 1923
1928 moved to 8, Barnwell Terrace to live with son William Henry & Agnes & died there in 1935.

1901 - John W & Harriett in 1901 Leicester (formerly St Margaret): John W (32), Harriett (29). No children listed.

Key: HSLRW = High St Leicester Road Wesleyan, Loughborough. No entries were found at St Margaret's, Leicester

Could Emily & Minnie be the "Fanny & Ginny" of GRACE family legend?

Grantham MIs:

William Henry SANDERS	Died 17.2.1942	aged 59
Agnes Jane SANDERS (wife)	Died 30.12.1972	aged 83

Other SANDERS names on MIs in Grantham cemetery on microfiche in Grantham library:

No.1009

Mary wife of Walter Sanders died 19/Jul/1923 aged 58
Walter Sanders died 13/May/1935 aged 73

No.1581

John Henry Sanders died 10/Oct/1902 aged 40
Ellen Elizabeth Sanders widow died 10/Oct/1949 aged 85

No 1591

William Sanders died 3/Jan/1916 aged 63
Betsy Sanders wife died 5/Jan/1938 aged 87
Eva Sanders (No other info on fiche)

No 3206

Daughter Shelia Kay Sanders died 27/Oct/1944 aged 4
Harry Sanders father died 16/Jan/1987 aged 88

No 4913

Ralph Morris Sanders died 20/Jan/1960 aged 45
Gladys Irene Sanders wife died 28/Jun/1975 aged 55

No5235

William Kendall Sanders died 5/Dec/1962 (No age given)

Additional contacts: Patrick KINGTON on GenesReunited

Joseph Alexander SANDERS

Possible parents of Joseph Alexander in the period around 1796 in the Birmingham area (as Joseph only):

Michael & Ann	c. 1.1.1795	St Martin
Joseph & Anne SAUNDERS	c. 21.5.1794	Coleshill
Josiah & Sarah SAUNDERS	c. 29.9.1790	St Martin
Joseph & Eleanor	c. 15.8.1785	St Philip

At St Mary's, Whittall Street, 1784-24 there were also churchings (no baptism of child) for Eleanor, wife of Joseph on 18.4.1796, & 22.4.1798. Also a churching for un-named wife of un-named SANDERS 15.12.1799.

At St Mary's Whittall Street 1790-1825 there were no SANDERS baptisms.

Middlesex origins need to be investigated.

From Birmingham to Leicestershire

The family appeared to have moved to Loughborough in the late 1820's. Either the SANDERS family had earlier roots in Leicestershire or the gunmaking trade was expanding. Historically, many gun families moved out of the Birmingham city for reasons not fully understood, but possibly to use derelict water mills as Birmingham became overpopulated. Later the steam engine killed off use of the water mills.

By 1841 Joseph Alexander & Mary moved on to the new establishment in Leicester, leaving the Loughborough premises in the capable hands of his eldest son John and young family.

Joseph Alexander was trading at Belgrave Gate in 1846 (White's Trade Directory). He then moved to Oakham later in 1846. He was there until his death in 1864. As no SANDERS were listed for Leicester after this time it is assumed the whole business moved rather than transfer of ownership. The Oakham Museum confirms a Joseph SANDERS listed as a cutler, gunmaker and whitesmith who in 1846 was working in Mill Street, Oakham, Rutland, and by 1855 had moved to the High Street where he remained until 1863. In 1864 it appears that the younger son William SANDERS & his wife Ann were running the business, as gunmaker, cutler and whitesmith, coincident with Joseph Alexander's death. William & Ann had moved back from Doncaster where they had been living. William's name appears until 1870. SANDERS name had disappeared by 1877 being replaced by WHITEHOUSE.

- Belgrave Gate, Leicester 1841:

Joseph	45	Gunmaker	N
Mary	45		N
Elizabeth	15		N
Selena	10		Y
William	9		Y
Martha	8		Y
Lucretia ⁶		Y	

(N.B. adult ages rounded to nearest 5 years in 1841 census).

- High Street, Oakham 1851:

Joseph	54	Gunmaker	London, Middlesex
William	19	Gunmaker	Loughborough
Lucretia ¹⁵			Loughborough
Ellen TAYLOR	10	Visitor	Oakham

Charlotte visiting Thomas & Sarah A GARTON in Oakham in 1851

Although exact date of death of wife Mary Ann is unconfirmed by certificate (suspected post 1851) she may be the 56 y.o. Visitor at the house and family of railway clerk Thomas HARRISON (of Loughborough) & his wife Sarah Ann at 14 Rathbone Place, Leicester St Margaret. There is no relationship given (Mary as unmarried of B'ham), however this is the same registration district as the SANDERS family were in for the 1841 census. The HARRISONS may simply be family friends or Mary was temporarily lodging while visiting Leicester. The SANDERS did have a gun shop there until at least 1847.

- High Street, Lords Hold, Oakham 1861:

Joseph SAUNDERS	64	Gunmaker (Widower)	London
Lucretia ²⁵			Loughborough

Mary Ann

Not much is known of Mary Ann, the couple's first child. She was born within a year or so of her parents wedding, and probably born in Birmingham. No baptism has been found. Probably sometime in the 1830's she married into the GRAVES family, and helped to run the Co-Op in Aylestone Road, Leicester. Her daughter Mary married into the RICHARDS family and provided grandchildren Harry, Maud (who married Edgar) and Frances, known as "Nan". No further details of this branch of the family are known. There is conflicting burial entries that may account for an infant death, hence the difficulty in collaborating this story with BMD matched entries. The story may have been corrupted.

John

John, the second child, and first son, followed his father's footsteps and the family tradition of gunmaking. He was born circa 1816 Birmingham. Baptism not found. His trade also combined a Wine &

Spirit Dealership by the 1851 Census, which he was to pass on to his son Joseph Abbott SANDERS. He married Elizabeth ABBOTT a girl of approximately the same age before General Registration in 1837 possibly in her home town of Stamford or more likely in the Loughborough area. Her younger brother Matthew was apprenticed to John and resident in 1851. He was given as being born in Loughborough. John died in 1880.

The Story of John NEWBOROUGH: [For more information contact Gillian Hassell - gillianhassell (at) hotmail.com]
John NEWBOROUGH (1832) was the illegitimate son of Elizabeth NEWBOROUGH of Orton on the Hill, Leicestershire (now Warwickshire). At the time of John's marriage in 1855 his father is given as John SANDERS, occupation liquor merchant. In the 1901 census John is recorded as John Sanders NEWBOROUGH. The only John SANDERS with this trade in 1851 census is the John of this SANDERS family. There are no other candidates in the 1841 census. There is a family fable of some 'wrong side of the blanket' link to the gentry, or at least of a different social class, so it is possible a teenage fling before John SANDERS was respectably married to Elizabeth ABBOTT might have occurred. If a SANDERS male heir is found who is willing to compare Y-DNA with the NEWBOROUGH descent, please contact us.

Joseph

Like his elder brother, Joseph followed the gunmaking tradition. Born circa 1819 outside of Leics, probably Birmingham. He was working with his elder brother John in 1841 in Loughborough. His history after this time is not known, but it is likely that he continued in Loughborough in partnership with his brother John until 1863 at least. Later census details should confirm. He probably married in the 1840's in Loughborough (need to check St Catherine's references).

Shirley COPE's mother relates that "Great Uncle Jo", with his county connections, no doubt referred his acquaintances to Selena's taxidermy business, as the Victorian's loved having their foxes and fishes stuffed.

Elizabeth

Born circa 1826 outside of Leics, probably Birmingham. Possibly married into the PICK family. Shirley COPE relates that an aunt of her grandmother's called Sarah 'PICK' of Stamford, Lincs. was a blood relative. She had a daughter Annie who lived at Peterborough. Her son was reported to be 'sweet' on Marjorie BATES but got nowhere. Possibly sister of Elizabeth ABBOTT and brother of Matthew ABBOTT.

Henry & Thomas

Nothing is known about these boys, who appear from their joint baptism and relative age to nearest siblings to be twins. They were baptized in 1828 at HSLRW and possibly died in infancy: they were not at home in the 1841 Census. There is a period of no children for Joseph Alexander & Mary in the period 1819-26, so these may be later baptisms of two sons born in that 5-6 year period. Original records may reveal age at baptism.

Selena

Born circa 1829, probably Loughborough. Married Thomas Hatton POTTER in 1850, the brother of Richard who married Martha. She ran a taxidermy business. She died in 1915. Her photo album (currently held by Shirley COPE's cousin Barbara REEDER) has several pictures taken at Leicester, and is a valuable SANDERS family history source. POTTER descendants relate:

Selina & Thomas Hatton Potter went to live in Billesdon, Leics., in 1851, where she died in 1915 from Cerebral Haemorrhage & Heart Failure on 13th May. Thomas Hatton Potter was a Cooper but eventually became a Taxidermist, following his lifelong interest. He died of Apoplexy on 11th April 1903. Selina's father seemed to have his Business in Bread St., in the Centre of Leicester (since disappeared).

William

A William and his wife Ann, were both marriage witnesses at Charlotte's wedding in 1863. William was born circa 1831 in Loughborough and baptised the same year. He was still unmarried in 1851 and married Ann between 1851 & 1855 probably at Oakham. The marriage remains to be traced. In 1864 he took over the business set up in Oakham by his father who died the same year, and was recorded there until 1870. William & Ann had previously lived at 72 St Sepulchre Gate in Doncaster in 1861, with both Charlotte and lodger, her future husband, William GRACE. In 1871 the family were there including a 15 year old apprentice Arthur NEEDHAM, however the following Bill of Sale was made in 1872, which shows they sold up and moved out, perhaps back to Doncaster. They were not Leics. resident according to the 1881 census index, neither was their then 20-year-old son Walter.

"HIGH STREET, OAKHAM.

Sale of Gunsmith's Stock-in-Trade, Tools, Furniture, Perambulator, &c. to be sold by Auction, by Messrs. ROYCE, on Thursday the 5th Day of September, 1872, Upon the Premises of Mr. William SANDERS, High Street, Oakham, (under a Bill of Sale,)

The Valuable Gunsmith's and Bellhanger's Stock-in-Trade comprising a capital double-barrel gun, 3 good single-barrel guns, single barrel rifle, gun case, air gun and pump, 2 excellent breech-loading 6-chamber revolvers with cases complete 1 by "Colt", 2 six-barrel revolvers, 3 breech-loading saloon pistols, 3 flint-lock pistols, about 20lbs. of treble C gunpowder, about 20lbs. of FFF ditto, and about 15lbs. of common ditto, about 3.4 bag of shot, about 1200 cartridge cases, 900 pistol cartridges, 4 boxes caps, 18 bags of wadding, 2 sheets of gun wadding, 6 boxes of wadding, 8 shot flasks, 4 powder flasks, 3 washing rods, 5 loading rods, 7 nipple keys, 3 cartridge rammers, cartridge cleaner, 5 patent cartridge making machines, mahogany cartridge case with lock and strap, cartridge cases, 3 cartridge bags with straps, 2 game bags, 3 charge drawers, breech cleaner, 1 shot and powder flask tops, brass 7-hole bullet mould, 3 smaller bullet moulds, 6 wad punches, patent singeing a..... ..stains, 10 rabbit traps, 12 mole traps, dog whip, dog steel dog collar with plate, 3 leather dog collarss 16 with springs, 3 bell carriages, 3 rose purchase out 20 mortis locks, 6 doz. driving cranks, 40 16 zinc levers, 10 check springs, 12 bell springs, 16 white china bell pulls, 4 brass ditto, 32 ivory table knife han..... es, 6 ditto blades, about 1 1/2lbs. of hards, 5 mahogany handles, 5 padlocks, piece of iron plate 1ft. by 3ft. 8in., ba..... of spring steel, about 8lbs. of brass, quantity of old iron, iron casement frame 2ft. 8in. by 1ft., 21 old gun barrels, 9 old stocks, 52 gun springs, about 6 doz. gun hammers, 10 doz. brass lock tumblers, 29 steel tumblers, 6 doz. brass beer tap and bottle jack keys, quantity of beer tap springs, pair of handcuffs, about 10 doz. keys, about 4 lbs. rivets, square and round staples, an assortment of screws, nuts and bolts, stove and piping, and other miscellaneous items. Also, a glass case with pair of sliding doors and 2 shelves 4ft. by 4ft. 6in., 2 small glass cases, a painted mahogany counter 7ft. by 2ft. 6in. with desk and divisions at end, 2 gas pendants, 3 gas brackets, the gas piping as fixed, 9 stuffed squirrels, stuffed sea gull, hawk, 6 canaries, partridge, &c.

The capital Gunsmith's and Bellhanger's Tools, &c., consisting of pair of single-blast bellows, superior pair of circular bellows with iron frame (nearly new), turning lathe with tools, boring lathe, 2 wood benches, 4 pairs of iron vice, 3 iron anvils, 13 pairs of tongs, 7 fullers, 10 hammers, 10 drift holes, screw and other wrenches, crow bar, pair of large clipping shears, 2 pairs of small f=ditto, 4 sets of stocks, 12 pairs of dies, about 4 dozen taps and tap frames, set of drilling tackle and about 6 dozen drills, pair of bow drills, upward of 100 files of all descriptions, 4 soldering irons, 5 pairs of plyers, par of pincers, 7 wood chisels, 6 gouges, 20 iron chisels, 10 large and small hammers, 28 iron punches, 8 screwdrivers, 4 pairs of hand vice, iron cramp, 2 pairs of wood clamps, 3 braces, 2 tenon saws, smoothing and jack planes, spoke shave, drawing knife, hand saw, glue pot, ladle, 2 grindstones, &c.

The neat and useful household furniture and effects, comprising 3 feather beds, bolsters and pillows, wool bed, straw mattress, iron French bedstead, 2 tent bedsteads, child's crib, chamber tables and services, swing glasses and towel horses, bedroom chairs and carpeting, chests of oak and painted drawers, blankets, sheets, and counterpanes, elm linen chest, very handsome 8-day clock in Spanish mahogany case indicating the day of the month and changes of the month, 8-day American clock, chimney glass in gilt frame, ditto in rosewood frame, chimney ornaments, mahogany loo table on pillar and block, mahogany Pembroke table, easy chair, sofa, cocoa matting and mats, 6 and 1 arm Windsor chairs, fenders and fireirons, high fireguard, 2-height meat safe with 2 pairs of doors, iron saucepan, washing pot, iron kettle, bell-metal pan, brass pan, pudding tin, 2 warming pans, washing stool, knife box, knives and forks, 2 tea trays, metal teapot, tea service, 3 decanters, brass tap, pair brass candlesticks, willow-pattern service and earthenware.

Also, wicker perambulator, 2 canaries and wire cage, 2 tons of coal, 2 soft water tubs, 2 sets of steps, step ladder, steel breaking bit, duck and 11 young ones, 3 wood buckets, &c.

Sale to commence with Furniture at Eleven for Twelve o'clock.

Oakham; and Corn Exchange, Stamford, on a Friday

F.J. BARLOW, Printer, High Street, Oakham"

Martha

Born c1833 & baptised the same year in Loughborough. She married Frederick Richard POTTER, Saddler, (Quaker and Botanist), and brother of Thomas Hatton POTTER who married her elder sister Selena. This must have taken place after the 1851 Census where she was staying with her elder brother John's family in Loughborough. Husband Richard apparently travelled the world following his botanical interests, and as a Quaker was friends with the well-known industrial family of FRY of York (chocolate manufacturers).

Rosalie CLARKE relates that her father Walter Bertie GRACE had an 'Aunt Martha' who was almost certainly this elder sister of Charlotte. Martha's son Joseph kept a Saddler's & Photographic Shop in Market Place, Loughborough, confirmed by 1881 census data.

Lucretia

Born circa 1835 at Loughborough. Lucretia remained a spinster most probably as the result of her stunted growth as revealed in a photograph of the time. In 1851 and 1861 she was living with her father in Oakham. Probably on his death in 1864 she moved to Doncaster to live with her sister, where on the 1871 Census at Portland Terrace, Shady Side, Hexthorpe, Doncaster she was with the GRACE family. She was given as having no occupation which seems to indicate that she was probably living on SANDERS family money, not contributing to the household in any way, not even as a domestic servant. Her movements away from the family in Leicestershire were probably linked with the part of the family at the time able to look after her. In 1881, then 38, she was living in with sister Martha then wife of F. Richard POTTER, a Saddler back in Loughborough. She died in Derby 1883 aged 46.

Charlotte

Born 7th July 1841 at Belgrave Gate, Leicester.

At some time after her older sister Martha married Richard POTTER, the young Charlotte may have moved north with the new Mr & Mrs POTTER, perhaps as servant or housemaid to her sister. The POTTER family lived at Whitely, north of Doncaster. What is clear from the 1861 Census is that she was living with her brother William's family and that her future husband William GRACE, who had also travelled north from Ramsgate, Kent following his Coachbuilding trade which more than ever was associated with the railways - Doncaster being a major railway centre at the time, was the lodger. They married 25th May 1863 at the church at Balby & Hexthorpe, near Doncaster. William & Ann SANDERS were witnesses. There is a photo of the young couple taken at Skipton in Selena's photo album.

Rosalie CLARKE relates that "Grandma Charlotte" lived in Holbrook, Derby for a few years (?perhaps around 1914). It was understood that her early life was in the Oakham area of Rutland. She apparently married William totally against the wishes of her parents to deep ill feeling. The reason for this is not clear but it is possible to speculate about the feelings of a relatively wealthy and successful artisan family objecting to a daughters marriage to the lodger which may appear to be 'a step down' i.e. to a relatively poor Coachbuilder with no significant family financial support.

It is interesting to note that consistently throughout her life Charlotte's age was always given three years less than her actual age. She was actually born 1841, as per records at St Catherine's House, and not 1844 as implied. Either she did not know her exact age, or deliberately kept it a secret. There is no apparent reason for this anomaly.

Joseph Abbott SANDERS

Joseph Abbott's obituary was found in the *Loughborough Monitor and News*, dated Thursday April 17, 1913: "Death and Funeral of Mr J. A. SANDERS - A Well Known Loughburian":

"We regret to announce the death, which occurred at midnight on Saturday, of Mr. Joseph Abbot SANDERS, of Forest Rise Loughborough. Deceased, who was 75 years of age, having been born on February 19th, 1838, had been ill and confined to his room for the past two years, but until practically the end he retained a wonderfully keen interest in affairs. The old gentleman was never so happy as in recounting his knowledge of the town; he had a marvellous memory for dates and appeared able not only to fix the precise time of national but of local happenings. He was a perfect storehouse of local gossip and could retail many an old custom since fallen into desuetude.

He was a native of Loughborough, having been born in the Leicester Road. His family had been noted for generations for their skill in gun-making and on leaving school at the age of fourteen he went to Birmingham where he was apprenticed to the family trade. The inherited craftsmanship he exhibited made his work eagerly sought after when later on in life he came to settle once more in his native town. His Grandfather and Great-grandfather were armourer sergeants in the Royal Scots Greys, and the latter served under the Duke of Wellington and was at Waterloo.

Mr. SANDERS was engaged during the Crimean War in making arms at the Tower of London. He then came back to Loughborough and followed up his trade. A wine and spirit business was purchased for him

by his father and the vaults in the High Street with the gunsmith's shop adjoining became a well-known rendezvous for many county men. Mr. SANDERS, it may be noted, was fond of many kinds of sport. He was a splendid shot, one of the best in the whole district, an adept at fishing, fond of punting, coursing and swimming, and these tastes, with his skill in guns brought him into contact with the county gentry and there are those living now who owe to Mr. SANDERS their first tuition in shooting, swimming and fishing. This business was continued until his father's death in 1880 and shortly after he gave up the gunsmith's business and retired altogether in 1886. Like many an old master craftsman to whom every detail of his work was known, he professed a very poor opinion of the workman who is forced by modern industrial conditions, to become a specialist in one particular branch of his trade. Mr SANDERS could make - and he took great pride in it - everything in a gun, lock, stock and barrel.

Mention should be made of his connection with the old Volunteer movement. He was able to claim to be the only man in Loughborough who joined the first Volunteer Company in the town and who lived to see the old force merged into the present Territorial organisation. Some time before joining the 6th Company of the Leicestershire Rifle Volunteers in 1860, Mr. SANDERS and others used to drill in the Town Hall under Mr. HAGUE, the Superintendent of the police, who was the first drill-master of the Loughborough Company. As soon as the corps was established in the town Mr. SANDERS joined - he was number 7 and was appointed armourer sergeant, a position he held till his retirement after many years service. He possessed the long service medal and wore it proudly till the day of his death. Keen in all things, which he thought to be his duty, he is said to have attended every parade and drill but three and he never missed attending the annual camp. On one occasion, he, with three of his colleagues, after travelling from Oxford and missing their train connection at Leicester, set out to walk to Loughborough, carrying the whole of their equipment. It was in the early hours of the morning but the quartet were still game after two hours and fifty minutes walk. He was a member of the Loughborough contingent which formed a guard of honour at Nottingham when the Robin Hoods were presented with their first colours and 46 years ago he attended the first Volunteer funeral at Loughborough and fired over the grave of the late W. KING. When he first joined the Volunteers he had to pay £4-10s for his own clothes and he contrasted the older conditions with the easier ones now prevailing.

As previously mentioned, Mr. SANDERS had a rare taste for retailing his reminiscences. One incident he always recalled happened on his seventeenth birthday. Captain HUNTER of the Royal Scots Greys made him a present of a whole sheep and to the delight of the youth the carcass was roasted whole on the ice at Thackholm Deeps on the Soar. He could recall many old customs such as Plough Monday, and bell-ringing on Shrove Tuesday, on which day the old fire brigade would turn out in the Market Place and the people would scramble for oranges. Gone too, is the "White Apron Fair" held on Holy Thursday with many other Loughborough custom which the march of modernisation has killed. He, with others turned out to see the first excursion train ever to run in this country reach Loughborough. He survived all his family and had no brothers nephews or nieces living. He leaves a widow and one daughter, Miss SANDERS, to mourn his loss."

Much of the detail is quite interesting and has some basis in truth, although it seems to be embellished by the writer. The family had long traditions in the Gunmaking trade, and may have supplied arms to the Royal Scots Greys [1786-1877, known as the 2nd Royal North British Dragoons (Scots Greys)]. There is no evidence of an armourer or soldier of any other rank at the Battle of Waterloo, and no SANDERS on the Medal Roll. The one daughter who survived him is assumed to be Emily a.k.a. "Cousin Pem".

individual record		24/10/107 (11:37)	
Hunter Robert Scott (Captain)			
date of birth	26/6/1831	time	at Brechin, Angus, Scotland
date of christening	1/9/1831	time	at Brechin, Angus, Scotland
date of death		time	at
son of	Hunter William		
and	Knox Mary		
profession	Captain in the 2nd Dragoons, Royal Scots Greys		
Title(s)			
note(s) Served in the Royal Scots Greys, 2nd (Royal North British) Regiment of Dragoons. He purchased his Cornet on 17th June 1851, became Lieutenant on 17th February 1854 and finally Captain on 13th September 1855 Moved from 2nd to 6th Regiment of Dragoon Guards 17th June 1859 and retired from the Regiment 18th February 1862. He served in the Eastern campaign of 1854-55, including the affair of McKensie's Farm, Battles of Balaklava and Inkerman, and the siege of Sebastopol. He received the Crimean Medal and three Clasps (Balaklava, Inkerman, Sebastopol) and the Order of the Medjidie, 5th Class. 1871 Census. Living with In-Laws at "Grove House" Ashley Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire. 1881 Census. Living in Drumnaecree, Alyth, Perthshire, Scotland			
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1 marriage			
x1	Middleton Clara Maria		
date of birth		time	at the 9/10/1861 in Emmanuel Church, Loughborough
date of christening	9/7/1835	time	at Loughborough, Leicestershire
date of death		time	at
daughter of	Middleton Edward Chatterton		
and			
no child			

Records for during the Crimean War [1853-5: aged only 15-17 years] in making arms at the Tower of London are being sought. His apprenticeship record for circa 1852 has not be located. Joseph Abbott was not found in 1851 census index (not whole of Birmingham covered).

There is a photograph of 30 & 31 High Street, Loughborough the old gunsmith and wine shop sold in 1886 to Anchor Ales. They ran both shops as beer/spirit shops until 1928/29 when they were demolished for road widening.

He was living with his wife and 2 servants in 1901 at 26 Leicester Road, Loughborough.

Emily

Emily or 'Auntie Pem' had property in Loughborough. A row of houses were left to the family in the 1930's. They had to be updated to new council standards. Ernest POTTER, son of Selena SANDERS had no money for this so presumably they were demolished. There are 2 letters dated May 1936 from a firm of Loughborough solicitors asking for information on relatives. Perhaps this initiated family tales of the "Sanders Fortune".

Shirley COPE relates that Cousin Pem SANDERS owned a row of cottages in Loughborough that were condemned after 1945 due to lack of sanitation, and was well known to Shirley's mother. After her mother's death Pem travelled the world on her inheritance, but had nothing remaining for all those in the family who expect to inherit wealth.

The Story of Fanny & Ginny SANDERS

The "Sanders Fortune" is mentioned in the GRACE family through the story of Fanny & Ginny SANDERS. The description of the two ladies in question does not match any members of the SANDERS family. The detail comes through conversation with Evelyn & Billy GRACE (William Sanders GRACE s/o Ernest Sanders GRACE).

These two mythical elderly ladies are allegedly responsible for the origins of the SANDERS name tradition in five generations of the GRACE family, the latest being Paul Sanders GRACE (1991) son of the Author. Ernest Sanders GRACE (s/o William GRACE & Charlotte SANDERS) was reportedly promised an inheritance from a SANDERS Will, which was apparently seen by Ev & Billy, however his share for some reason was never forthcoming. The maker of the Will has not been recognised.

The story of ill feeling after William & Charlotte's marriage seem to have some basis, perhaps resulting in the events above. Ev & Billy had contacted a SANDERS relative in Loughborough 'some time ago', however he was reported to be most unwelcoming.

Both Fanny & Ginny were referred to as elderly spinsters. Fanny was said to be the Postmistress at Tipton Green Post Office during World War I and the 1920's (although the Post Office Archives has been unable to confirm this). Ginny was supposedly a teacher in the Tipton area. The names suggest familiar forms of Frances & Virginia, however no such ladies have been found, unless connected to those SANDERS still in Birmingham - hence the Tipton connections. Failing that, it is possible that the only two spinsters matching would be Emily & Elizabeth, daughters of Joseph Abbott SANDERS. Another option is Emily & Minnie, the two youngest daughters of William & Ann SANDERS, witnesses to Charlotte's wedding. Either way, there is a familiar thread of SANDERS wealth not being inherited running through all branches and both sides of the family.

"Cousin Sydney" POTTER

Deputy Borough Carillonneur of the Loughborough War Memorial Carillon (a series of bells played from a keyboard below) for 50 years. Dedicated in 1923. Sydney was a bachelor and lived his final days in the Cotswolds. During his working life he assisted in the family retail business in Loughborough.

SANDERS on 1881 Census Index

None in Oakham, Rutland.

There were three unmarried women on the census who were born Loughborough:

- Louisa (57, born c1823) Housekeeper to William TINKLER in Loughborough
- at Belgrave (Leicester) Selina (46, born c1834) at the "Laughing" (a pub name)
- Harriet (36, born c1844) at Knighton as Nurse/Domestic to Arthur HARDY.

At Leicester in 1881:

Family of Thomas SANDERS of Loughborough (34, born c1846), Warehouseman, and his wife Emma (32) of Foleshill, Marks, with children William George (10), Harriet (8), Lizzie (6), Thomas (3) and Emma (1), all born Leicester.

Henry (11), s/o John (38) a Domestic Coachman at Dasford was born Loughborough, but not related to the study family.

SANDERS Relatives & Contact Addresses

Relationship to the Author []

Descendants of Charlotte SANDERS & William GRACE:

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[3C] Miss Judith GRACE, Cinder Hill Farm, Smithy Moor, Stretton, Alfreton, Derbys, DE55 6FE. (01246) 864283

[2C1R] Patricia d/o [1C2R] Mary d/o [2xGU] Charles & Mary GRACE: ca1985 at 90 Burnside Ave, Skipton

[1C2R] Harry, brother to above Mary d/o Charles & Mary still at Skipton

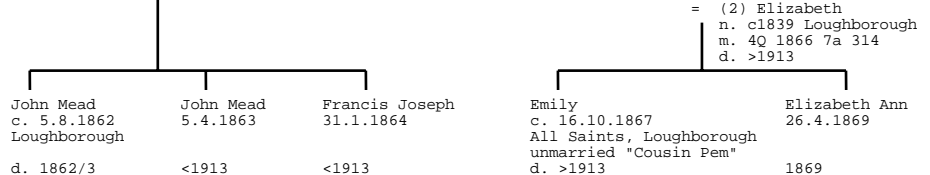
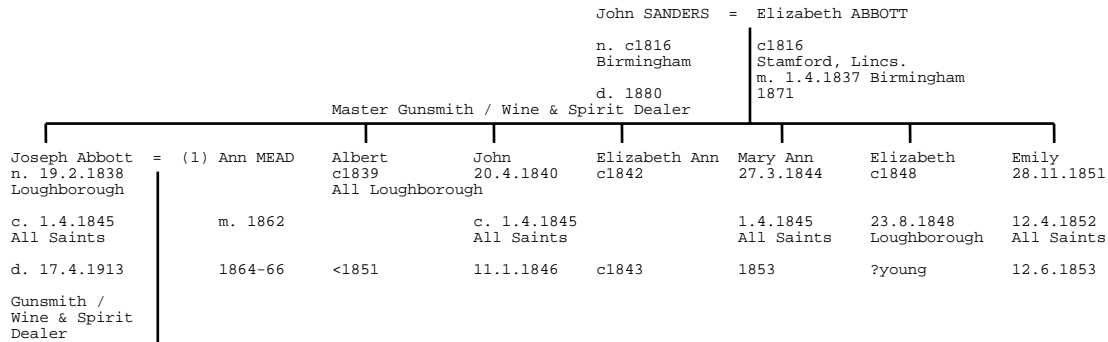
[1C2R] Mabel, (1986) Mrs Mabel HUDSON, 90 Fairhope Ave, Bare, Morecambe (Tel: 1308)

[1C2R] Dolly d/o [2xGU] Frederick GRACE (1991): Mrs D Herbert, 30 Awefields Crescent, Londonderry Lane, Smethwick, B67 6PS.

Descendants of the Loughborough SANDERS:

[3C1R] Mrs Shirley COPE, 2 Meadow Road, Mountsorrel, Leicester, LE12 7HN. (01162) 376084

The Family of John SANDERS & Elizabeth ABBOTT (Loughborough)



1841 Census; High Gate, Loughborough: (later became High Street)

John	25	Gunsmith/Gunmaker	No
Elizabeth	25	Wife	No
Joseph	20	Gunsmith	No (almost certainly John's brother)
Joseph	4		Yes
Albert	1		Yes

1851 Census; 42 High St, Loughborough:

John	35	Master Gunmaker and Wine & Spirit Dealer	?West Birmingham
Elizabeth	35		Stamford, Lincs.
Joseph	13	Scholar	Loughborough, Leics
Mary Ann	7	Scholar	"
Martha	17	Visitor (Sister to Head)	"
Matthew ABBOTT	18	Gunmakers Apprentice (Brother in Law to Head)	"

1871 Census: 30-31 High St, Loughborough:

Joseph A	33	Licensed Victualler	Loughborough
Elizabeth	32	"	"
Emily	3	"	Loughborough
Pricilla COLLYER	19	General servants domestic	
James PEARS		16	
Isabella BOYER	17		

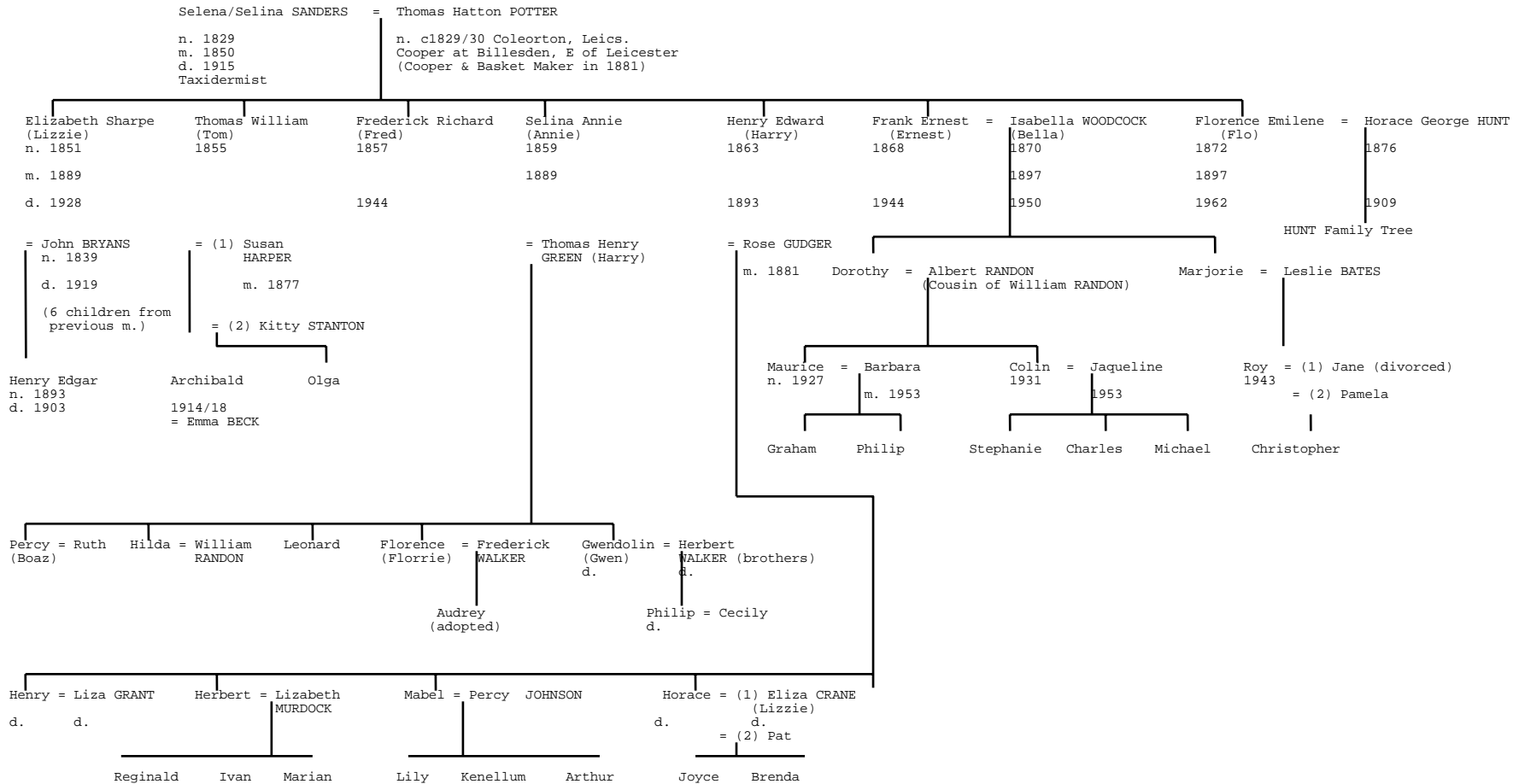
John was in Loughborough in 1853 & 1859, and still trading in 1863 (White's Trade Directory), and also 1846 & 1877 at the same address.

1881 Loughborough: Joseph Abbot was a Wine Merchant (43) with second wife Elizabeth (42) and daughter Emily (13)

Loughborough Cemetery No. 14942: Joseph Abbott Sanders of Loughborough 16.4.1913 aged 75 (Gentleman)
Loughborough Cemetery No. 2592: Elizabeth Sanders of Loughborough 8.2.1871 aged 53 (Wife of John of Leicester Road)
Loughborough Cemetery No. 4805: John Sanders of Loughborough 2.10.1880 aged 64 (Wine & Spirit Merchant of Leicester Road)
Loughborough Cemetery No. 2262: Elizabeth Ann Sanders of Loughborough 30.7.1869 (13wks, infant of High Street)

Loughborough All Saints No. 2337: Elizabeth Ann Sanders of Loughborough 28.5.1843 (1) Dau of Jn & Eliz. of High Gate
Loughborough All Saints No. 291: John Sanders of Loughborough 11.1.1846 (5) Son of John & Elizabeth
Loughborough All Saints No. 1387: Emily Sanders of Loughborough 10.6.1853 (1)
Loughborough All Saints No. 1450: Mary Ann Sanders of Loughborough 20.12.1853 (10)

The POTTER Family of Swithland + Descendants of Selina SANDERS of Loughborough



Note: It was POTTER family practice to call family by their second names.

