

Moses Marion Sanders

Memoir written in 1880 in Alcorn County, Mississippi



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Corinth, Miss July 6th 1860

It is to those of future generations, that this biographical sketch is intended to enlighten upon the immediate history of our family. It is natural, it is right, it is simply a prompting of the soul that inspires in a look to perpetuate the deeds of the honorable, good and noble. Such prompts me to enclose a link in the chain of chronology that will hand down the name of our family to the unknown ages of the future. Whilst my mind runs back along the family history, through the joys and shades of several

generations for nearly two hundred years, I am delighted to find our dear ancestors who are to be remembered that lead from the roll of honor no stain or disgrace to mar the bright horizon of the future generations of the family, that will follow in our footsteps. Our grand father Moses Sumner was born in the early part of the 17th century. His labors were spent as a cultivator as a pursuit and the slave as a profession, being a Baptist preacher. Our grand father John Robins was a merchant in Virginia. John Sumner. Our father was born in North Carolina March 2nd 1782. Our mother,

My Richardson Sanders,
 Daughter of John Robins was
 born in Virginia August 18th
 1796. Her father and Mother
 were in North Carolina in
 the A.D. 11

They lived together nearly long
 enough to celebrate the golden
 wedding. Fifty years. Father
 lived the quiet life of an indi-
 pendent planter, having owned
 several slaves prior to the
 commencement of the late
 war. In the early days of his
 life he was a soldier, being en-
 gaged in the Indian war of
 A.D. 1812.

Alas! time with his sceptic
 has carried many of our fam-
 ily to the Tomb

Father and mother like many
 of their children sleep in
 the quiet City of the dead.
 Father died 25th August A.D. 1858
 Mother 11th April 1866
 Though they are gone, yet they
 lived to see the greater number
 of their children married and
 settled down in reasonable
 prosperity.

Our eldest sister Annist
 married William Muckler of our 2^d
^{Sister} Thruscalomiana, married
 A. G. Person, whose family
 is quite honorable. Our sister
 Jimmy married Joseph Gant
 Our sister Elizabeth married
 Henry Derryberry.
 Our eldest brother Joseph
 Rogers, never married.

He was taken prisoner by the Rebels in 1863 during late and never found again.

James Howard gave the most of his time to Agriculture and Politics. He was quite a prominent member of the general Assembly of the State of Arkansas in 1860.

He had quite a taste for mining farms and holding them.

He was a Brass Captain in the ^{war} between the States.

Joshua Harder, lived in Texas engaged in farming and stock raising. Was a brave soldier and lost his life in defence of his country in 1863.

General Holey, lived in Tennessee engaged in planting

was also a brave and generous Soldier and Officer in the late war and lost his life in its service, 1864.

Erasmus Lafayette,

the youngest son, was born in Mississippi 31st May A.D. 1839. He is more inclined to a mercantile and political life than many of his fellows in many good and chivalrous deeds. One who wins at will and holds his friends with a strengthened chain. During the war he was engaged for four years, coming out with honor and seen having never missed an engagement since brought home by ^{the} cessation of war.

We married Miss Mary Pinkney
 Young, daughter of S. B. Young
 of this city in the year 1867.
 She was a brilliant critic of
 of the day and has made
 well-merited reputation as
 an political officer and a
 Correspondent Journal.
 This family remembers only
 four members, Self, Wife and
 two, bright, intelligent and
 beautiful little girls, Miss
 Mattie & Mary.
 Now I have given a biograph-
 ical sketch of each member
 of the family save one the
 writer. Miss Marion
 like a rule the family has an
 inclination to humanity and
 religion.

The writer and next to the
 youngest and only son living
 except Fayette.
 Was born 25th January A.D. 1838
 During his early life he was
 engaged in Agriculture
 and attending Country School
 in company with his bro.
 Walsey & Fayette.
 He graduated in medicine
 in 1860. Joined
 the 8th Arkansas Infantry
 14 day May 1861. As it
 came through this town
 on its way to Virginia,
 Fayette and I soldiers &
 gashed the entire row, seeing
 three wounds each both
 alike held positions as
 officers in our command.

The writer, married Miss
Elizabeth B. Brinton, daughter
of Benjamin Brinton
of the town, December
17 1865.

The home pleasant, little
family circle with only
one "in Miss Jones house"
Our "dear" is in the grave,
The oldest boy Simons
~~is~~ a bright boy
very sprightly and bids to be
an eloquent orator of note.

2nd Boy Earl Brinton
Devoted student of refinement

3rd Boy Marcus Marion
Bright, joyous and happy
more mischievous than ever
was, the father of his Country.

4th Edna "Our Girl", endowed
with more spirit and will
and equal mind to any
of the boys.

5th Scout. Lina, Our "Gir-
ls in the Cold Silent Room
where we will all follow along"
6th "Hubbie" Our Herbert
the two year old pet of
the family a fine, intelli-
gent little fellow. Just
beginning to keep the four
name of mama.

The writer is now engaged
in the practice of his pro-
fession in this City and
will soon this place his
future home.

I am

Respectfully Yours
W. M. Sanders M.D.