

A
SANDER
FAMILY

FROM HANOVER TO CAPE GIRARDEAU

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The story of the SANDER family as told by Anna AuBuchon Davi.

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JOHN HENRY SANDER

Johnⁱⁱ Henry SANDER was born 19 March 1828 in the town of Twistringen, located about 30 miles south and west of Bremen, in the kingdom of Hanover in the German Confederation. His date of emigration is not known, but apparently, it was direct to a German settlement in Cincinnati, Ohio.

On 24 April 1849, John Henry SANDER married Anna Marie GLADEN, in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio. Anna, born about 1829, bore him four children, of whom three died in infancy. She died 4 Sept 1854 in Cincinnati, about two months after the birth of her fourth child. The children were: Mariam Elisabeth, Catherine Elisabeth, Anna Rebecca, and John Caspar. **Catherine Elisabeth**, or “Aunt Kate” as we knew of her, was the only one of the little ones to survive and make the trip to Missouri.

John Henry married (2) 3 July 1855 to Anna Mary Elizabeth LAUMANN, born 1 Oct 1826 in Prussia. This lady was my great grandmother. It is not known when she emigrated, but according to Cincinnati city directories, she was in that city by the date of the 1853 directory. She gave birth to three known children. Anthony Henry was born 28 March 1856 in Cincinnati, [and apparently] died on the way to Missouri. Just prior to this, on 8 March 1856, John Henry was in Bollinger County, Missouri, buying forty acres of land, from Samuel ALLMON. (He and his brother, Herman, were in Bollinger County for more than a year before a number of other families arrived from Cincinnati.)

Anthony Henry may have been premature. At any rate, he was baptized at St. John’s Church in Cincinnati, OH, with no further information, so it is probably that he did not make the move to Missouri. My grandmother, Anna Gertrude SANDER, was born 31 May 1857, in Bollinger County, MO, and died 9 May 1936. A third child, Clement, was born 26 February 1862, and died 26 October of that same year. Clement was baptized at St. Vincent’s Church, in Cape Girardeau, from whence he was buried.

John Henry SANDER entered Military Service on 29 October 1861. He was enrolled as a Private of Company [or Battery] F, 2nd Regiment, Illinois Light Artillery Volunteers, at either Cape Girardeau, Missouriⁱⁱⁱ or Cairo, Illinois. Tradition says that it was Grant’s Army that he joined. According to a report from the Adjutant General’s office, Pvt. SANDER was present on rolls until June 30, 1863. Meanwhile, though his name is not on the report, it is in his pension file that he was admitted to Harewood General Hospital, in Washington, DC in September 1862, with a diagnosis of debility. He was to return to duty on 4 October 1862, but was taken up in Alexandria, Virginia and attached to some other unit.

Apparently, he subsequently was allowed to return to his unit. He was absent on furlough during the roll calls for July and August, 1863, returning for the September roll, and remaining until 29 February 1864. He was absent, without remark, for March and April 1864 rolls. In May, June,

& July, he was on detached service at Etowah, Georgia, and reported on military records as "Missing in Action" from July 1864 until 28 February 1865.

Prisoner of War Records indicate that he was captured at Atlanta, Georgia, on 22 July 1864. According to Pvt. SANDER's statement in his request for pension (13 November 1882), he had been confined in prison at Andersonville, Georgia, and at Florence, South Carolina. The Prisoner of War Records indicate that he was paroled at Wilmington, North Carolina, 1 March 1865. (Lee did not surrender until 9 April 1865.) Pvt. Sander was admitted to Hospital Division #1, Annapolis, Maryland, on 7 March 1865. Cause was not given. He was furloughed on 20 March 1865 for 30 days, and was mustered out on Indiana Mustering Out Roll, at Springfield, Illinois, on 27 April 1865.

Pvt. SANDER stopped in Cairo for two days and one night, on his way home, with Wm. J THIELE. Later, Mr. THIELE wrote a letter to the Pension Board, stating that John SANDER, at the time of his Cairo Visit, was very debilitated and had weak eyes. THIELE further indicated he had known Pvt. SANDER since 1861. Had the two been in service together?

John H. and Anna Mary SANDER sold their Bollinger County property on 15 July 1861. He apparently had his little family settled in Cape Girardeau before he entered the military. Family tradition tells us that the little home, in Cape Girardeau, was sometimes packed with refugees from Bollinger County, where lots of looting went on.

John Henry had been employed in a grocery store in Cincinnati in 1850. By 1860, he was a farmer in Bollinger County, MO, with Real Estate valued at \$200, and \$280 in Personal Property.

It is not known just when John SANDER purchased property in Cape Girardeau, however, in 1864, he was assessed for 40 acres as of September 1863.

John H. SANDER was known to have bought and sold property. Among his many recorded transactions, were the purchase of a lot in Cape Girardeau on 30 October 1865, several lots on 4 May 1866, and a city lot in Cape Girardeau on 8 March 1867. He is first mentioned on the Merchants' Tax list as being required to pay \$16.70 in 1871 on an appraisal of \$2,000. He operated what was either a grocery or a general merchandise store. This business was later known as SANDER & SON.

Anna Mary Elizabeth LAUMANN, second wife of John H. SANDER, died on 3 March 1873, and was buried the same day at Lorimer Cemetery in Cape Girardeau, MO, at the age of 47 years, 5 months and 2 days. She was a victim of the smallpox epidemic. During such an epidemic (according to tradition) people brought a casket and put it in the alley. "Grandpa" Sander carried her body, placed it in the casket and sealed it shut. Then the casket was picked up and buried in the cemetery without benefit of any service.

John Henry SANDER married for the third time about 1873-4. His bride was Louisa Elizabeth VANDEVEN (nee VANDORN), a widow with a son, John, born 21 May, 1866. At least three children were born of this marriage. Edward E., born 23 January 1875, died 16 November 1878. Anna Maria C. (Mary) was born in Cape Girardeau on 5 Dec. 1877 and John Herman was born 27 July 1879. Louisa Vandeven SANDER died 22 December 1888 and is buried in Lorimer Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

Daughter Kate (Catherine Elisabeth) married (1) Joseph HAMMERLE on 24 Nov. 1873 in Cape Girardeau. At least seven children were born prior to his death: (Rosalie Ann C., Catherine Rosalie, Robert Francis J., Henry Arthur, Anna A., John Joseph, and Louise L. Rose). Kate married (2) Herman NENNIGER^{iv} on 27 August 1892, also in Cape Girardeau. There were no known children^v in this marriage. Kate died in St. Louis, sometime after 1910, and was brought back to Cape Girardeau for burial.

Daughter Anna Gertrude, married Daniel Adam FRANCK, on 2 May 1876, in Cape Girardeau, just prior to her 19th birthday. She is supposed to have said that, had she known she was going to have such a wonderful stepmother, she might not have married quite so young – not that she did not love the man she married. Daniel Adam FRANCK was born 8 March 1851, in Alsonbruck-Langneil (near Kaiserslautern), Bavaria. He emigrated to the United States in 1866, and died 29 May 1918 in Cape Girardeau, MO.

There were eight FRANCK-SANDER children: Fredrick Alexander, Anna Marie C., John Louis, Bertha Louise, Maria Rebecca Elizabeth (Mary, or “Nana”), Amelia Catherine Henrietta (Mollie), John Henry Robert, and John Henry Charles. All raised families except Anna, who died of “Black Diphtheria” at about age three, and “Nana” who bore no children, but outlived her siblings, dying in 1980, at the age of 93.

Anna Gertrude’s step-brother, John VANDEVEN, lived in Cape Girardeau. He married Lena NENNIGER and they were the parents of six known children: Walter Charles, Leona Louise, Edwin Armin, Elma Ann, George, and William Henry. In their latter years, John was a big help to Anna Gertrude, keeping an eye on her property when she left Cape Girardeau to visit her children and grandchildren.

Daughter, Mary, married August SCHULTZ (date unknown, but after the 1900 census was taken). They settled in Burton, Washington. Apparently, they were enroute, at the time of the San Francisco fire. Family tradition says that Mary escaped her San Francisco hotel with only her life and her “nightie”. She died sometime after 1936. (Children unknown.)

Son Herman married, and apparently died around 1920-30 at Farmington State Hospital. His wife wrote (and published) a song entitled “Bleeding Hearts, They Bloom in May”. It is not known if there were children.

John H. SANDER remained a widower much longer the last time. After the death of Louisa in 1888, he did not remarry until 23 December 1896, when, in St. John's Catholic Church, in St. Louis, he married a widow, Mrs. Maria M. CROSS, of St. Louis. Maria CROSS SANDER was 56 years old and a resident of Cape Girardeau, MO, when, in 1898, she filed for a widow's pension.

No written record is available; however, family tradition states that Maria SANDER hesitated to marry again, because she would lose her pension. However, she did finally marry someone named HOPPER. This marriage ended in divorce, and she must have taken the name of SANDER back. She was known to descendants of John H. SANDER as "Grandma Cross-Sander-Hopper-Sander". Her date of death is presently unknown.

John H. SANDER made his first application for pension because of Civil War related disabilities on the 13th day of November 1882. He stated that he had been in prison at Andersonville, Georgia and Florence South Carolina; and that he had severe headaches, numbness in his right leg, a general weakness, rheumatism of back, arm and hand, right leg, and often in left leg, and partial blindness as requiring him to use "spectacles of the age of one hundred years old, and that his mother who lives with him is 81 years old and he cannot see to do any business" and is prevented from doing manual labor because of severe headache, general weakness and rheumatism. The following year he was awarded a pension of \$6/mo. More letters were written, and by his death in 1898, he was receiving \$12/mo.

Before her death, "Nana" reminisced about her childhood. She was born in 1887, and was only eleven when John SANDER died. She recalled going to her grandfather's store and being very "hurt" (this was a favorite expression of Nana's!) because her grandfather would say to her "And whose little girl are you?" Whereupon, she would answer, "I'm Mary, your Annie's girl." Then he would give her a half-stick of candy. She felt cheated because he would give his own children (Mary and Herman) a whole stick, each. Thus, she remembered him as being mean and uncaring. From our distant vantage point we might wonder if he was teasing her, or perhaps, because of his failing eyesight and other war disabilities, he did not recognize her! In addition, his children were some ten years older than her.

John Henry SANDER's home, from the 1880s until his death on 17 March 1898, was near St. Mary's Catholic Church. The house was on Sprigg, near William St., and was almost directly across the street from the church. A business structure is on the corner of this intersection. (My sister, Helen [1907-1991]. Told me she remembered this house from her childhood, and the only exterior change she noticed in this brick residence was the addition of ornamental iron work.)

"Grandpa" SANDER was very close to St. Mary's Catholic Church, established as a German speaking parish. He had been on the original (but unsuccessful) committee to organize such a parish in Cape Girardeau. He was buried from this church. "Nana" remembered that he had been a member of the GAR (Union Army); and that a flag had draped his casket. However,

Nana said: “That mean old Father PRUENTE wouldn’t let the[m] bring him into the church with it on the casket.” (Catholic procedure is to have a white cloth draped over the casket!) Father PRUENTE had been brought from Germany to serve as pastor.

This man, John Henry SANDER, along with his mother and six brothers, emigrated during the middle years of the 19th century. He left us a legacy of service to his adopted country and examples of courage and industriousness in his adopted state.

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SOURCES:

Lorimer Cemetery tombstones

Census records

Service and pension records

Marriage, baptismal and burial records from St. John’s Church in Cincinnati, and from St. Vincent’s and St. Mary’s Churches in Cape Girardeau

Emigrant Passenger records

Real Estate and tax records

City Directories

Newspapers

Personal knowledge of grandchildren and great-grandchildren

ⁱ Stephen AuBuchon is the great, great, great grandson of John Henry SANDER.

ⁱⁱ Marriage record to Anna Maria Gladen shows John’s name as “Johan”

ⁱⁱⁱ IL Civil War detail report shows that John H Sander mustered in at Cape Girardeau, MO.

^{iv} Old Lorimer Cemetery records show this family’s name to be Noeninger

(<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mocapeci/cemetery/old-lori.htm>)

^v James G. Noeninger states he is the grandson of Herman Noeninger’s 2nd. marriage to Kati Sanders, Aug. 15, 1892, in Cape Girardeau, Mo. 1 Son Leo Noeninger born Apr. 18, 1893 died May 08, 1981;

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