

Coralee

This letter gives us a
description of William 'Willie'
Creed Saunders, father of
Thelma Louise (Saunders) Jones - beginning on page 2

Thelma's Birthdate
is 1-20-1914

June 2, 1996

Dear Coralee,

This has been a busy time for me since you called about Oran's death. By the way, I received a nice letter from Marie. She still hadn't gotten the autopsy reports back. About the time you called, George began having heart problems - we thought. Went to St. Luke's hospital where he had had by-pass surgery several years ago, and got checked out. The Carotid (s) arteries in the neck, were not too badly plugged; he has to go back in 6 mos. He has an abdominal aneurysm the Dr. was more concerned over than anything. If it gets any larger, they'll operate.

Next, my brother, was hospitalized for tests, in a Chattanooga hospital. He has so many things wrong with him it isn't funny. Several years ago - about 5, I believe, he had to have his left eye removed because it was cancerous. The specialist said the cancer was similar to skin cancer - from too much sun. He drove transcontinental trucks for years. His legs bothered him so much he doesn't walk much. About 45 years ago, he had polio which left him unable to drive, so they clipped a leader in his heel so he was "gimpy" from then on.

but he could drive July 4.

Gardening is in full swing, Geo. has been picking peas (they're all gone!), beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, and corn. We have one small cherry tree which was loaded this year. I picked what I could reach one evening, and one of our grand daughters and our son's wife, who lives in Lane, finished picking them. I pitted them by myself. Had 15 qts. of frozen fruit and an awful bad thumb when I finished. The bone in my thumb has disintegrated from arthritis anyway + the cherry crop just about finished it off! I don't can much any more - just freeze what we need.

When my Dad married Elizabeth Saunders in 1918, I was 6 years old. We lived on West Moses St for a while; were there when Grandma Saunders + Uncle Willie died. Uncle Willie had a Model T Ford touring car. I remember him bringing Shalma, Oran + Aunt Cora to our house and the time Oran was riding with his Dad when the car in front suddenly stopped + bashed Oran's nose in. Uncle Willie did cement work all over

Town. He made enough blocks of cement to build a house 3 blocks south of where we lived in the last house my Dad built before we moved to Ks. The house had a full south porch with cement floor & sides of the cement blocks. 3 bedrooms; bath, kitchen, pantry; living & dining room. (Everyone of your mother's cousins called him Uncle Willie, so I did too). When he was born he had quite a head of black curly hair. After the run for ^(Cherokee Strip) ground, they had the farm near Stroud. While he was rather young, (I don't know his age) he became very sick & had a high fever. Grandma was so proud of his curls, (he wore them long, like so many did in those days). They finally had to cut his hair to help his fever to go down. Grandma said she cried when they cut his hair. Gran had real curly hair when he was small too, but didn't wear it so long. In fact, when he lived with us after Uncle Willie died he was almost bald from some illness, he had had. I'm wandering, I know, but Grandma Saunders & Aunt Cora were very nice to me when I was brought to Okla. I had lived with my Grandparents for almost 3 years following

my mother's death. So, I hung around them as much as possible. Uncle Willie was born in Arkansas City, where the family lived for a while and then moved to Guthrie, where Grandma Saunders sister lived.

Uncle Willie's death was so unnecessary. This old lady wanted her well cleaned out and some repairs done to the wall of it. It couldn't wait another day. He had been ill - probably the flu, because it was just beginning to be an epidemic in Cushing. The only person he could find to help him, was a young boy. There is a gas to be found in wells & it was in this one. He wasn't able to get himself out of the well & was so overcome by the gas, that when the boy got help, he was too far gone to save. Uncle Roy & my dad worked over him for a long time. He died not too long after Grandma Saunders.

Maybe this will help you get an idea of your grandfather. I don't know too much else I could tell you, but if you have questions I'll try to help answer them. Maybe with direct questions, I can give direct answers -

We had our Fourth of July rain - almost 3". The fireworks are going on all over town tonight & can scarcely hear myself think as a result. Take care & as I said ask questions if you want to.

Sincerely - Sarah May

Tracy

т. oct. 20. 1830 Ку

(Parnelia Dollarhide)

6. Alt. 1810 d. Alt. 1851 Ky.
Tenn.

Creed Saunders married Amelia Bahlahiede

Christmas
before she
died, mother
(Elizabeth
Saunders) had
me write this
down for Alga.
So the yours
are for her
benefit.

Children

→ George W. Saunders b. Abr. 1833 m. Permelia Allen b. Abr. 1837 d. Abr. 1865

George - who had one daughter. Her mother took her to Europe for years. Finally returned to U. S.

Thomado Dollarhide Saunders b. Abt. 1832 m. Julia C. Meneau b. Abt. 1842

Dom - father of Aunt Minnie (who married Uncle Jack Dysart) and Lennie - another daughter.

✓ Note - Mr. Aunt Susan, no children. He died & Susan married Uncle John Aysart (your great grandfather Aysart's brother. They had two children.

Phillip S. Saunders
b. Apr. 1848

✓ Phillips - Bachelor. Had a gold mine in Colorado. Died & Buried there.

Ferdinand McGillen
6. Apr. 1832

↓ Ferd - Bachelor, died of typhoid after Civil War. Jim's brother to Tom.

Malissa Ann Saunders
b. Oct. 27, 1937 Ky
d. July 31, 1973 Mo.

15. ✓ melissa - died young, unmarried.

Susan Elizabeth (Saunders)
Dysart, Caroon
b. Nov. 26, 1843 d. Aug. 22, 1894

ders) ↓ Susan - married twice, no remembered names. John Finley Dysart / Johnston Dysart
 .22. m. Deke? (cousins) 1872 Carson
 1894 Mo. Cousin? 6 Mar 23 1824 Ky

Will - Twin died at birth. He

was your grandma Saunders (Ellen) husband. J. (Dysart) 1848. d. Dec. 6, 1918. Cushing, Mo. 1894

William H.
Sunders
b. Dec. 1834 Ky
m. July 2, 1875 Mo.
d. 1905 Stroud, Ok

note on Sksen: (Susan Elizabeth (Saunders) G. Mur. Wagon Makers)
 by start Carson, IF Susan married 'Duke' Saunders, 1st,
 perhaps he was a cousin. He is listed as a son of Greed Saunders.

note: Melissa did marry. (Daniel A. Pew-1828-1903. 5 children -
children: Frances V. b. 1858, Pamelia G. 1859,
Farram C. b. 1861, Madora S. b. 1864
Edgar G. Pew b. 1866

Dysart

Joe Dysart
(Josiah Beattie Dysart)
b. SEPT. 15, 1815 Ky (Rockcastle Co.,
d. Dec. 12, 1873 Andrews Co., MO.

Liza Dysart (She didn't
remember her
maiden name)
Elizabeth Ellen (Carson) Dysart
b. Jan. 3, 1818 Ky
d. Apr. 9, 1883 Andrews Co., MO.

Jennie
b. July 11, 1843 Ky
m. Paschal Saunders b. 1840 Ky

Ellen
(Ellen Serushia Dysart)
m. William H. Saunders
d. 1905 Stroud, OK
twins
Nancy m. Bill Stanton
L. Aug. 26, 1848 Ky d. Dec. 6, 1918 Cushing, OK
one son - Oran died 1959
wife Edith

Bill
twins died
at birth

Sally

Jim - bachelor

Willie's Mather - he was the youngest of seven
children.

1. Charles - died in infancy
2. Jodie - never married
3. Jessie - died quite young about 20 - I believe buried at Collinsville Ok.
4. Elizabeth - married my dad - Clarence Thompson
b. July 15, 1887 d. Jan. 1979 KS?
3 daughters + a son who died at age 3. Buried Colo.
5. Earl - married Mary (Emma, Ruth, Joan)
b. Feb. 2, 1884 MO?
died at age 3. Buried Colo.
6. Lurah - m. Roy Harmon
b. Mar. 16, 1886
d. Jan. 10, 1951 Cushing, OK
3 children
Kenneth
Olga
Saunders - died at birth
7. Willie
m. William Greed Saunders
b. Feb. 3, 1890 Kaw City, OK Kay Co.
Arkansas City?
Missouri?
Stroud?
d. Aug. 14, 1919 Cushing, OK
married Cora Effie (Brown) Saunders Dec. 1, 1910
* Kaw Co. was on
Thelma Louise Saunders
Willie's daughter