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At the suggestion of Robert Powers Saunders, I am going to attempt to put in writing for the generations to follow, about my time on this earth. I have never been one to express myself with the eloquence that Robert Powers Saunders has, but I will share with you some of my thoughts.

A Little Bit About Me

My name is Coralee (Jones) Sumrall Cornelius. As of February, 2013, I have 4 grown boys and 1 girl, 6 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. They are loved. I would liked to have shared their names and memorialize them as well, but due to their still being alive and for privacy reasons, I should not.

My mother passed down to me her gift of music and my father passed down to me the gift of honesty. They were good role models and we had a normal upbringing, living in a small house with a room over the garage, and if we were in the lower class financially, we did not know it. We always had food, clothing and shelter, for which I am thankful.

It Seems Like Yesterday

THE PAST: I remember chewing gum was very scarce during World War II, and in order to have bubble gum to chew, (my Dad had a source) we had to wash wood work at our house. We kept cool by ice cubes in a glass and sat on the porch to catch any little breeze that might come by. We spent a lot of time outdoors playing Hide and Seek, Simon Says and other games. It was a simple life. Playing outside after dark was not as dangerous as it is today for children in 2013. My mother played the piano for a dance studio in order that I might have dance/tap lessons. My father took me fishing, and as a family, we would sometimes go to the Roller Derby. Have you ever heard of it? It was a slanted circular track, and teams of about 5 or 7 men or women would tear around the track, shoving, pushing, and slinging their team members forward to gain an advantage, as I remember it – very physical! Saturday night was spent preparing for church on Sunday. We bathed, polished our shoes, washed and curled our hair. I watched my mother “finger press” waves into my Dad's hair as he sat on the floor in front of her. Most of our teens today, as well as their parents, are very fashion conscious. They want to wear the fad of the year, and they do, if they can afford it.

I also earned money to go to camp by babysitting when I was an early teen. As I grew older, I sang in a girls ensemble, and we were invited to sing at an assembly in one of the Carolinas. It took us 2 years to earn enough money to go.

What Will Today Bring?

THE PRESENT: Well, to fast forward quite a bit, I am now 76 years old in 2013 and have been dragged kicking and screaming into the 21st Century! Before I retired for good in 2008, I worked on a computer at the Department of Human Services, Child Support, as a Legal Secretary. The Internet was available, but I only used it for the work I had to do. My theory was that they paid me to work for eight hours a day, and I tried to give it to them. My children gave me a computer two years ago, so I am on the Internet and can communicate with family by social media and see pictures of my grandchildren on my computer screen.

After I retired, I took up the hobby of Genealogy, a hobby I will never regret. I knew nothing about my Maternal Grandparent's side of the family. The dates of birth and death were not on their obituaries. I went to the Oklahoma Historical Society with one of my sons and found their birthdates and death dates in a book. I also had a list with names only of my ancestors. I feel so connected with them now.

100 Years from now

THE FUTURE:

My questions to all of you who might come across this site are:

What will you believe in? Will you have religious freedom? Will you have good character, good health, and a job you love? Will you be free? Will you have a President as we do now or a One World Government? Will you be able to choose for whom you wish to vote? Is America still the land of the free and home of the brave? Will you read in your history books that at one time, there were slave owners in America and that President Abraham Lincoln, a Republican, freed those slaves brought over from Africa. I wonder what they will leave out of the history books. Will you still adhere to the original United States Constitution, or has it been rewritten and changed? Will you be able to view a true copy of the original United States Constitution? Do you still have a right to bear arms? (privately owned guns for personal protection). Currently, the Progressives are trying to remove that right. And two more things, did the beautiful state of California ever fall into the ocean as predicted? Was New York and surrounding areas of the U.S.A. permanently flooded due to what they say was "man-caused" Global Warming? "Man-caused" Global Warming was not believed by a great part of the population.

I feel very lucky to have been born in 1937. I am free to worship God and pray as often as I want to. During my life, we sent a man to the moon and got him back safely. Dolly, a sheep in Scotland, was cloned during my lifetime. Dolly was born July 5, 1996. Now robotics are in use, such as vacuum sweepers. Our doctors use robotic arms for some operations. In the last many years, people are working on artificial intelligence. I wonder how far they will take it. Have they decided it is a good thing or a bad thing? Can you purchase a ticket and see our beautiful world from space? What will be your transportation to and from work? Has diabetes been cured? Cancer? Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome?

Drones are a big word in 2013. They are unmanned planes that are controlled by computers. Some are large and some as small as a bird. I believe that during my lifetime, I have seen the beginning of incredible advances in electronics which are constantly evolving. In the medical field, patients are having their arms reattached, lives are saved by transplanted hearts, lungs, etc. No sooner is something created, people are working on a newer, better version of things that boggle the mind. Most of it is exciting and beneficial, but sometimes I feel as if we are losing the human touch. By this, I mean that a lot of communication is done by texting friends and loved ones. I also text messages to my children, but they cannot see in my face or the inflection in my voice as to what I really meant, and sometimes that can cause misunderstandings. I try to be very careful, but I prefer to talk to them over the phone or see them in person in order that I might adequately express my what I am really trying to say.

I know you will see incredible advances in your lifetime and probably more than I could ever dream of, but remember how your ancestors paved the way. I think of you and what you will experience during your time on this earth. Make your life worth the journey! I chose to be happy.

Coralee (Jones) Sumrall Cornelius
born in 1937 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

SAUNDERS

This branch of the Saunders Family, shares a common ancestor with Robert Powers Saunders, Administrator of the Saunders Site. I am referring to our common ancestor, George Saunders, son of Julius and Jane (Hughs) Saunders. George was born September 30, 1782[^]1785, Virginia. He died April 7, 1845 Pulaski Co, Kentucky. His first marriage (our line) was to Lockie/Lockey (Arthur) on January 12, 1805. Lockey (Arthur) Saunders died 1812 or in the early part of 1813. Lockey was the daughter of William Arthur and Mary (Creed) Saunders.

Children (5) of George and Lockie/Lockey (Arthur) Saunders, George's 1st marriage (our line)

1. Daughter, Lockey Arthur, born January, 1805[^]1806, died before April 3, 1845. Lockey married a Mr. Williams and had 2 sons, G. B. and O. W. Williams.

2. Son, **Creed Saunders, (Our Line)**, was born February 2[^]6, 1807, Virginia; died May 22, 1856 Andrew Co, Missouri. Creed married Pamela (Dollarhide) Saunders October 20, 1830, Pulaski Co, KY. Pamela was born abt. 1810, died abt. 1851.

Creed's 2nd marriage was to Polly (Allen) Saunders, born abt. 1816; died 1852. They married May 2, 1852. Creed and Polly Saunders had a child and both Polly and the baby died the same year.

3. Son, Paschall H(ughes) Saunders, born April 20, 1808

4. Son, Schuyler Buford Saunders, born November 8, 1810, died May 25, 1883. He married Phoebe Ann (Duncan), Saunders daughter of Alexander Crocket Duncan and wife, Hannah Ann Williams. Phoebe Ann born December 25, 1812, died October 8, 1884.

5. Son, John B. Saunders, born 1812, died 1845 [^] 1846.

George Saunders 2nd marriage was to Elizabeth Quarles Powers, (Robert Powers Saunder's line). She was born August 18, 1792, died April 3, 1854 Pulaski Co, KY. George and Elizabeth were probably married the summer of 1813.

Children (13) of George and Elizabeth Quarles (Powers) Saunders are: (George's 2nd marriage)

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| 1. George W. Saunders, born August 5, 1814 | 8. Lemuel Quarles Saunders born January 15, 1816 |
| 2. Janetta Saunders, born 1817 | 9. Martha Saunders, born 1819 |
| 3. Elizabeth Saunders, born ca 1821 | 10. Rebecca Saunders, born June 7, 1824 |
| 4. Julius Saunders, born ca 1824 | 11. Penelope Saunders, born ca 1825 |
| 5. James Powers Saunders, born Nov. 27, 1827 | 12. Berry Saunders, born 1829 |
| 6. Mary Wilmouth Saunders, born ca 1831 | 13. Lucy Frances Saunders, born ca 1833 |
| 7. Emarine or Emaline Saunders, born ca 1835 | |

It appears that the 2nd wife, Elizabeth Quarles (Powers), and her husband, George Saunders, had a very big task on their hands raising a family of 18 children total, (5 from his first marriage and 13 from his second marriage). My hat is off to you, Elizabeth and George! I had 5 children.