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The Sanderson family, of Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, as the name would indicate, came to this country from Scotland. The earliest member of the family of whom we have record was drowned while still in middle age, and his descendants are scattered all over the state.

(II) **John Sanderson** died at New Bloomfield, Perry County, Pennsylvania, November 23, 1875. Immediately after the untimely death of his father, **John Sanderson** was taken by **Catherine Thuma**, and lived there until he had attained young manhood. He was a half-brother of **Samuel S. Saul**, who went to Illinois and later to Oakland, California. He was apprenticed to learn the trade of plastering, with which he was occupied until a few years prior to his death, when he was engaged in farming, having become the owner of a farm in Centre Township, Perry County, Pennsylvania. He was a republican in his political opinions, and he and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church. He married **Sarah Rice**, daughter of **Samuel** and **Elizabeth (Shull) Rice**, and granddaughter of **Conrad Rice**. **Samuel**

Rice was born in Saville Township, where he was occupied as a millwright until his death. They had children: **Samuel H.**, who went to Nebraska, where he was a farmer and never married; **Josiah W.**, a school teacher and farmer; **Conrad S.**, married **Sarah Hartman**; **Sarah**, mentioned above; **Catherine**; **Mary**, married (first) **John Robinson**, (second) **Isaiah Corl**; **Fannie**, married **Washington Hench**, a farmer in Perry County; **Phoebe**, married **John Peck**, a blacksmith of Perry County; **Elizabeth**, married **Samuel Orris**, a farmer of Saville Township; **Elinor**, married **James Meminger**, a farmer of Saville Township; **Susan**, married **Joseph Kell**, a farmer in Saville Township. **John** and **Sarah (Rice) Sanderson** had children: **George Washington**, see forward; **Samuel K.**, deceased, was a weighmaster at Saxton, and married **Lizzie Clemson**; **Theodore C**, deceased, was a trainmaster, and married **Jennie Fickes**, also deceased; **Catherine S.**, married (first) **John Eberly**, (second) **John Heston**, both deceased; **Mary**, deceased, married **Thomas Sutch**, a printer; **Elmer**, married (first) **Lillian Raine**,

(second) **Maud Crum**, and is a merchant at Saxton; a **child**, which died in infancy; **John M.**, married (first) **Fannie Hazzard**, (second) **Alice Yohn**, was a railroad engineer and a farmer. All of these children, except one, taught school for several terms.

(III) **George Washington**, son of **John** and **Sarah (Rice) Sanderson**, was born in Saville Township, Perry County, Pennsylvania. October 31, 1844. He was educated in the public schools of Ickesburg, and later was a student at the Bloomfield Academy, which was under the supervision of Professor Stephens. He also attended a higher school in Huntingdon County, and was then engaged in teaching for a period of ten years, after which he established himself in the mercantile business, with which he has been identified since that time. He is also connected with several other business enterprises, and has been a director of the Standing Stone National Bank since the organization of that institution. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church. His political affiliations are with the Republican Party, and he has held the office of school director for many years. He is a member of Huntingdon Lodge, No. 976, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Sanderson married, April 19, 1884, **Harriet E.**, a daughter of **George Ashman** and **Hannah (Garretson) Miller**, residents of Huntingdon, where he was a furniture dealer. He also served as county treasurer and postmaster of Huntingdon. Children: 1. **Georgiana**, married **Cloyd A. Shuss**, and has daughters: **Virginia Elliott** and **Harriet Elinor**. 2. **Harriet**, was graduated from Dickinson College in 1910, and was a teacher of German in the high school in Huntingdon; married **J. C. Poffenberger**, a civil engineer, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.