

Thomas Chaudoin  
Mr. Sanders I presume

According to the 1830 Census of Texas Citizens, Thomas Shadoin/Chaudoin arrived in Texas in 1829 from Tennessee and were living in the Austin Colony. Thomas was born in Chesterfield Co. Virginia on July 6, 1804. By 1840 he and his family were living in Fayette County, Texas.

On the 1850 Lavaca County Census, he was mistakenly listed as Thomas Sander by the enumerator. That spelling mistake has lived on in Lavaca County history especially in the written history of Petersburg.

Thomas Sanders (Chaudoin) along with John Wunenburger were contracted by Spencer Townsend to build the new courthouse after the original had been consumed by fire in 1851.

Chaudoin died in Lavaca County in July 1869.