

THE SANDS FAMILY PROBLEM.

Seventy-five or 80 people met under the collective description of the Sands family at the residence of Mrs. J. C. Saunders, 119 West Forty-fourth-street, last night, to devise ways and means of converting several metaphorical flocks of birds in the bush to a sufficient number of birds in the hand to supply all the members of the aforesaid Sands family with at least a bird apiece. They claim to be descendants and heirs of Capt. John Sands, who was the descendant and heir of an Archbishop of York, who died about 250 years ago and left an immense estate.

The subjects of consideration by the Sands family last night were the extent and whereabouts of the estate, and whether it consisted of real or personal property, or both, or perhaps neither, and the missing link necessary to establish the chain of title between the defunct Archbishop of York and the individual members of the Sands family. Everybody had a genealogical tree, showing conclusively that they were members of the Sands family. They were able also to show by these genealogical trees a fair retrocession to a symmetrical association just above the trunk of the perfect tree, which is represented by Capt. John Sands, and which grew up from the roots represented by the Archbishop of York. But between the trunk and the branches there is an awkward space that refused to be filled. The Sands family were averse to communicating any further information than is contained in the foregoing statement, but they declare that they have strong hopes of some time bagging some of the game they are after.