

2.1 M GIFT LARGEST FOR TTU

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TTU – Seven decades after **Captain William Anderson** earned a business degree from Tennessee Tech University, his legacy is becoming clear with an estate gift that is the single largest gift (estate or outright) in university history.



When the retired merchant marine, who traveled the world but considered his university relationships his most enduring, passed away earlier this year, his gift began to come to fruition. Currently, the university has received about \$2.1 million. But with an upcoming auction on Dec. 6 of his home and personal property added to other liquid assets, the total gift may climb as high as \$2.5 million.

“During these tough budget times, it is so appropriate that this historic gift will benefit students directly,” said TTU President Bob Bell.

“The largest single gift in our history signifies how much university family members continue to care and support us throughout the decades.

Anderson designated his gifts to 14 different areas – 13 new scholarship endowments and one existing scholarship endowment. Over the past couple of decades, Anderson financially supported student scholarship in many disciplines, often anonymously.

“Captain Anderson left a legacy that will help generations of young men and women achieve what he so cherished, and education from Tennessee tech,” said President Bell.

Close friend Michael Birdwell, a TTU history professor, says you can’t talk about Anderson without mentioning his interest in students.

Birdwell says he met Anderson where most students met him, at TTU’s Memorial Gym swimming pool where Anderson regularly swam a mile a day.

“He loved going to the cafeteria and just eating lunch with students,” said Birdwell. “He sort of adopted some students because he understood how important it was for those students to have him to take them under his wing.”

Indeed, Anderson worked his way through school, encouraged by Charles Bryan, who was his friend and mentor. In his later years, he especially enjoyed the Bryan Symphony Orchestra because he was a former student and great admirer of Bryan.

Anderson was born in 1918 to James Montgomery Anderson and Mary Jane Brock Anderson, friends of Jere Whitson, one of Tech’s founding fathers. He graduated from Tennessee Tech in 1939 with a degree in business and went on to receive his master’s degree in education from the University of Kentucky.

He entered active service with the Coast Guard, and then left to begin his tenure with the U. S. Maritime Service as an ensign. He spent the rest of his career there, becoming chief officer, then captain.

After his retirement, Anderson reconnected with the university, often entertaining university guests in his home.

“He was well traveled and a most gracious host,” said Birdwell. “It was a real treat to go to his house. Dinner often was quite an affair, lasting from 6 p.m. to midnight in European style.”

After Anderson moved to an assisted living facility in Knoxville in 2001, he still traveled to Cookeville often to visit Tech friends. After failing health left him unable to travel, Tennessee Tech family members visited him often, and some even helped him celebrate his 90th birthday. Anderson passed away in June.

“Captain Anderson expected loyalty, but he also proved himself loyal to others, especially to TTU students,” said Birdwell.

McWilliams Realty is donating much of its time spent preparing for the Dec. 6 auction in order to make Anderson’s last wishes come true – give all he had to students who want to attend Tennessee Tech.

The auction will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 at 706 N. Jefferson Ave. (Corner of North Jefferson and 7th Street).

Anderson’s home will be auctioned, as well as his 2004 Mercedes-Benz, fine furniture, antiques, china, fine quilts and area rug and a grandfather clock more than 200 years old. Due to limited parking around the house, shuttle service will be provided to the auction site from TTU’s School of Nursing parking lot.

Visit www.mcwilliamsrealty.com for more detail and a large collection of photos of Anderson’s personal property. For more information contact Tiff Rector, TTU’s Director of Planned Giving, at 931-372-3055.

Mary Jane (Brock) Anderson Obt.

Mrs. James Montgomery Anderson died Tuesday at her home on N. Jefferson Ave., after an illness of several weeks.

Funeral services were today at the Collegese Church of Christ of which she was a member. The minister Thomas Cook officiated and burial was in the Cookeville City Cemetery.

Mrs. Anderson, the former Mary Jane Brock, was a daughter of Dr. W. R. and Mary Saylor Brock of White County. She was a member of pioneer families and received her education in the Sparta schools.

She spent the greater part of her married life in Cookeville.

Mrs. Anderson was a great lover of flowers and was noted for her culinary arts. She was a member of the Sewing and Garden Club, the Old Walton Road DAR Chapter and Cookeville Music Club.

Survivors are her husband; **2 sons, James Anderson, Chattanooga, William Anderson**, Cookeville, daughter, Mrs. Fred Human, Jr., Knoxville, and 3 sisters, Mrs. Mamie Sorrell of Sparta, who presently resides at the Anderson home, Mrs. Thomas B. Miller, Sparta, Mrs. M. N. Snodderly, Knoxville; 3 brothers, Bryan Brock, Akron, OH, C. L. Brock, Chattanooga & John Edward Brock, Leesburg, VA; 6 grandchildren, James, Carolyn & John Anderson, Chattanooga, Fred III, Bill, and Jim Human of Knoxville.

Hooper-Huddleston Funeral Home in charge.

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ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT TTU SCHOLARSHIPS!!

ESTATE OF CAPT. WILLIAM L. ANDERSON
5 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, 2 STORY HOME
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Get ready for one of the premier Estate Auctions of 2008!!!! **Captain William L. Anderson**, a retired Merchant Marine traveled the world and collected many items of fine furniture, antiques and more. NEVER MARRIED AND WITH NO CHILDREN, HE DONATED HIS ENTIRE ESTATE (\$2.3 MILLION TO DATE) TO TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY! APPROX 13 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS WILL BENEFIT! McWilliams Realty & Auction is honored to have been commissioned by TTU to liquidate the home and personal property of Captain Anderson's Estate.

BIO OF CAPTAIN WILLIAM L. ANDERSON: He was born in 1918 the second of three children. He graduated from Tennessee Tech in 1939 with a degree in business. Immediately afterwards, in the spring of 1939, he went on to receive his MA in Education from the University of Kentucky in 1940. Shortly thereafter, he moved to Washington D.C. and entered the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Graduating from there in 1942, he entered active service with the Coast Guard, where he served until 1946 (attained rank of Lieutenant). After leaving the Coast Guard, he began his tenure with the U.S. Maritime Service as an ensign. In short time, he worked his way up to Chief Officer and Captain, and spent his career with them.

The Captain valued above all else his education, and always enjoyed a good, intelligent discussion. He had many friends at Tennessee Tech, and enjoyed being on campus often.

LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION! I say it again...LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION! Needing a little TLC but in great shape, this home sits on the intersection of North Jefferson Avenue and 7th Street in a very well established part of Cookeville. Close to EVERYWHERE!! Walk to TTU, walk to IGA grocery, Bobby Q's or a short drive to Kroger or the city square!

The main floor has 3 bedrooms, 1 full bath, living room, formal dining room, and kitchen. Hardwood floors throughout except for kitchen. 1402 sq ft per tax record. The 2nd floor has a landing at the top of the stairs and 2 side rooms (could be bedrooms) with hardwood floors. The full basement has a 1 car drive-in garage, storage room and is mostly open. 1402 sq ft per tax record. As mentioned above, the homes needs some TLC but is ready for occupancy. CH&A, original hardwood floors are in excellent shape, 138'X160' corner lot - Zoned RS-15, mature landscaping with poplar trees, dogwood trees, many shrubs and holly bushes. With a new owner and some outside work, this home could be a neighborhood show piece! The property was once owned by Jere Whitson, one of TTU's founding father...a neat piece of history ready for a new owner whose purchase will affect the lives of many TTU students in the decades ahead!

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Cookeville's McWilliams Realty recently donated a significant portion of its commission from the auction of the William L. Anderson estate to Tennessee Tech University. Anderson's entire estate was left to TTU and, at more that \$2.23 million, is the single largest gift in university history. McWilliams Realty donated much of its time to organizing and conducting the sale of his home and personal property – which totaled \$198,417 – in addition to donating to the university approximately \$8,500 of its commission from the auction. An appreciation lunch was recently held on campus for the McWilliams family, and pictured from left are Mark Hutchins, vice president of University Advancement at TTU; Jim and Heidi McWilliams; Ted McWilliams; TTU President Robert Bell and First Lady Gloria Bell.

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