

**JAMES MONTGOMERY ANDERSON BIBLE**

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What God Hath Joined Together, Let Not Man Put Asunder.

This Certifies That: **Mary Jane Brock** of Sparta, Tennessee and **James Montgomery Anderson** of White County, Sparta, Tennessee were joined together by me in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony at Nashville, Tennessee, Hermitage Hotel, on the Second day of July in the year of our Lord 1913.

In Presence of: **Mamie Southard Brock** (sister); **Mary "May" Draper Anderson** (sister), **Lorine Wilson**, (friend) & **Joel T. Anderson** (brother).

Signed: **Mamie Brock**

**OUR FAMILY TREE**

**Grandparents**

**(Father's Family)**

Grandfather:

Name: **William Carroll Anderson**

Date of Birth: May 12, 1819

Date of Death: September 17, 1882

Grandmother:

Name: **Aletha Draper**

Date of Birth: 26 March 1826

Date of Death: 8 November, 1901

**OUR FAMILY TREE**

**Grandparents**

**(Mother's Family)**

Grandfather:

Name: **Hamilton Montgomery**

Date of Birth: January 21, 1827

Date of Death: Not known

Grandmother:

Name: **Mary Jane Draper**

Date of Birth: February 12, 1831

Date of Death: December 12, 1852

**OUR FAMILY TREE**

Parents:

Father: **James Travis Anderson**

Mother: **Mary Jane Montgomery**

Married At: Gainesboro, Tennessee, Jackson County

Date: July 18, 1875

Father:  
Date of Birth: 3 February 1849  
Date of Death: 26 April 1929  
Burial Place: Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam County

Mother:  
Date of Birth: 24 December 1849  
Date of Death: 13 June 1924  
Burial Place: Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam County

## OUR FAMILY TREE

### Grandparents (Father's Family)

Grandfather:  
Name: **Elmore Brock**  
Date of Birth: February 1, 1829  
Date of Death: November 11, 1886  
Date of Marriage: January 3, 1850

Grandmother:  
Name: **Mary Jane Bonner**  
Date of Birth: January 26, 1831  
Date of Death: April 16, 1914  
Date of Marriage: January 3, 1850

## OUR FAMILY TREE

### Grandparents (Mother's Family)

Grandfather:  
Name: **Burtis Walker Saylor**  
Date of Birth: August 30, 1842  
Date of Death: January 10, 1915

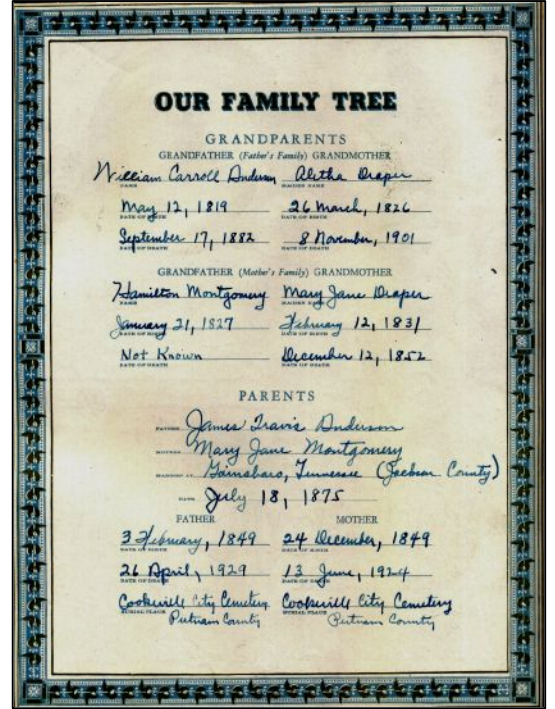
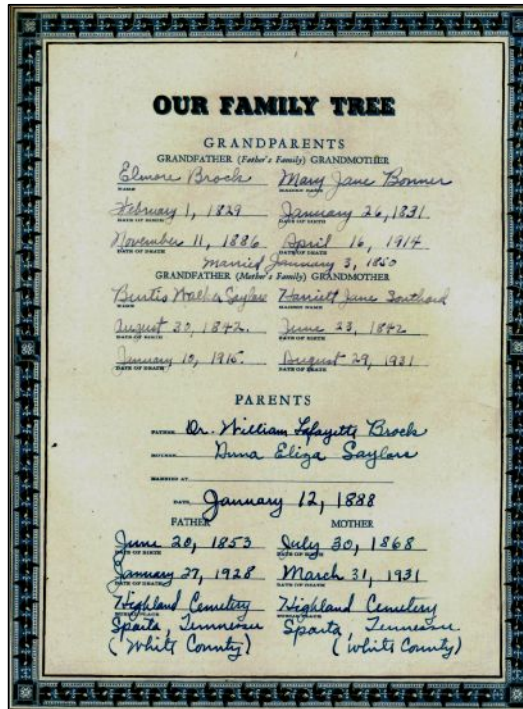
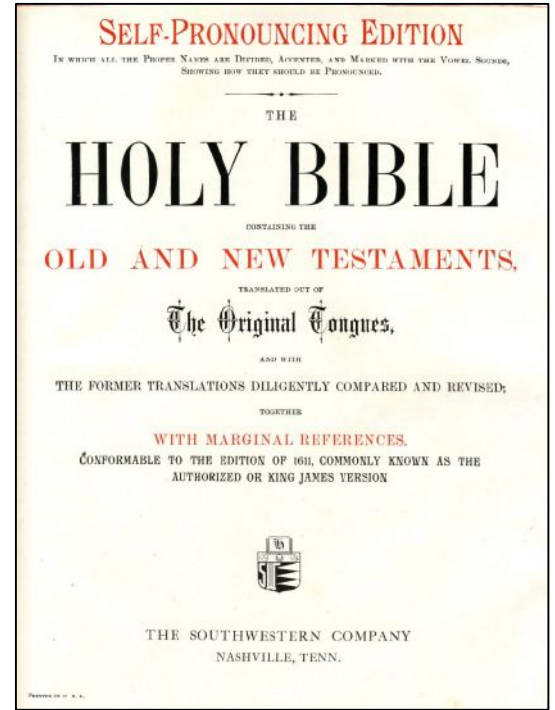
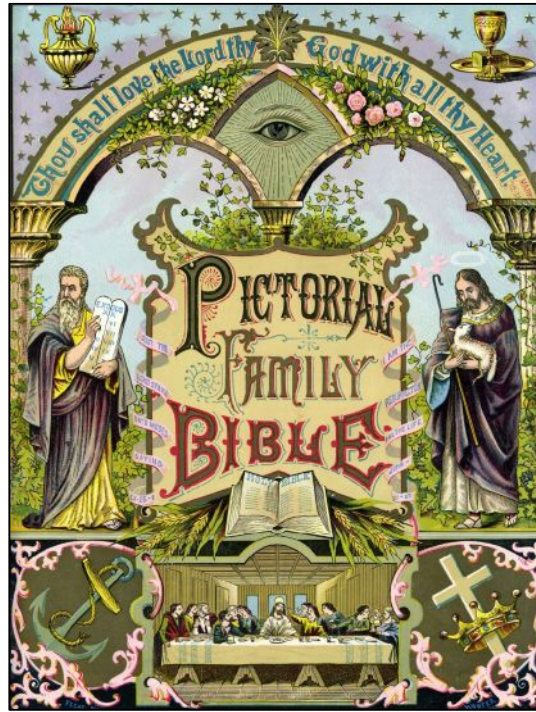
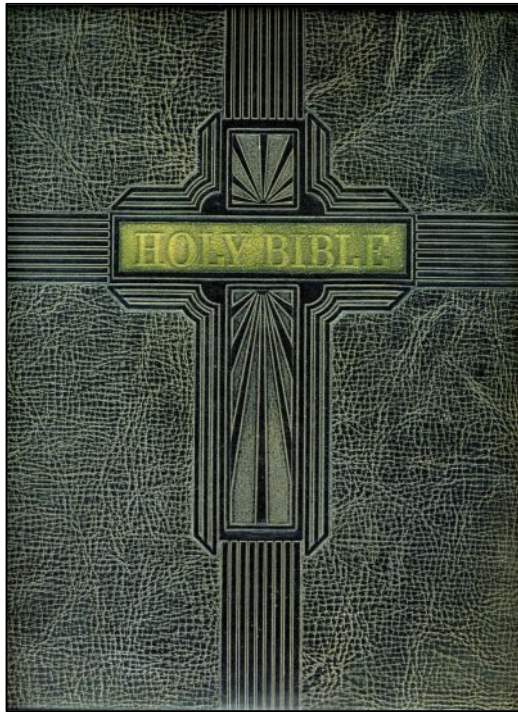
Grandmother:  
Name: **Harriett Jane Southard**  
Date of Birth: 23 June 1842  
Date of Death: 29 August 1931

## OUR FAMILY TREE

Parents:  
Father: **Dr. William Lafayette Brock**  
Mother: **Anna Eliza Saylor**

Father:  
Date of Birth: June 20, 1853  
Date of Death: January 27, 1928  
Burial Place: Highland Cemetery, Sparta, White Co., TN

Mother:  
Date of Birth: July 30, 1868  
Date of Death: March 31, 1931  
Burial Place: Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam County





**Source:** The Bible of **James Montgomery Anderson** was owned by **Captain William L. Anderson** their son. He was b. 16 March 1918, Cookeville, TN - d. 2008. After his death his property and personal belongings were gifted to TTU. Somehow the Bible ended up in a box of items being returned to Mrs. Linda Brett. Linda has graciously sent the Bible to Audrey J. Lambert who is in the process of finding the family that would love to have this Bible returned to them. On June 19<sup>th</sup> 2011 (Audrey Lambert) received an e-mail from a man named Stephen Worley Anderson of Rocky Mount, NC. Stephen wrote: William was my first cousin once removed. He never married. The Joel Anderson mentioned in your article as a witness to James's wedding was my grandfather. You mentioned you were looking for the family so the Bible could be sent to us. I then contacted my cousin in Tennessee whom I had given the Bible to last year because she had some family members in mind that were related to Capt. William L. Anderson that would treasure this Bible. After conversations with Anderson family members it was decided that the Bible should be mailed to Stephen Worley Anderson. The Bible is now in the possession of Stephen Worley Anderson of Rocky mount, NC as of July 2011.

Mr. Michael Birdwell professor at TTU wrote: Captain Anderson left his diaries and journals to TTU (as a ship's captain he had to keep logs everyday and it carried over into his civilian life until he was too infirm to continue). They are in the Special Collections at TTU. A friend who attended the auction of the Captain's estate found a baby picture of him among the items she bought, and donated it to the TTU archives to remain among his papers.

Charles Anderson =  
 Caleb Anderson (1782-1838) md Nancy Anne Wheeler (1783-1866)  
 William Carroll Anderson (1819-1882) md Aletha Mumford Draper (1827-1901) =  
 James Travis Anderson (1849-1929) md Mary Jane (Montgomery) Washburn (1849-1924) =  
 James Montgomery Anderson (1887-1965) md Mary Jane Brock (1889-1963 ) =  
 Captain William L. Anderson, b. 16 March 1918, Cookeville, TN - d. 2008

**James Travis Anderson**

b. 3 February 1849, nr. Flynn's Lick, Jackson Co., TN - d. 26 April 1929, Cookeville, TN md 18<sup>th</sup> of July 1875, **Mary Jane (Montgomery) Washburn Anderson**, b. 24 December 1849, TN - d. 13 June 1924, d/o **Hamilton Montgomery & Mary Jane Draper**. James Travis Anderson, s/o **William Carroll Anderson** (1819-1882) & **Aletha Mumford Draper** (1827-1901).

**Mary Jane Draper** (1830-1852) md the 12<sup>th</sup> of February 1847, Jackson Co., TN to **Hamilton Montgomery**. **Mary Jane (Draper) Montgomery**, d/o **James "Squire Jimmy" Draper & Jane Moore Fitzgerald**.

Census Place: 1880 District 1, Jackson Co., TN

Source: FHL Film 1255264 National Archives Film T9-1264 Page 190B

Dwl: 368

|                         | Relation | Sex           | Marr   | Race   | Age | Birthplace |
|-------------------------|----------|---------------|--------|--------|-----|------------|
| <b>Jas. T. ANDERSON</b> | Self     | M             |        | M      | 31  | TN         |
|                         | Occ:     | Lawyer        | Fa: TN | Mo: TN |     |            |
| <b>Mary J. ANDERSON</b> | Wife     | F             |        | M      | 30  | TN         |
|                         | Occ:     | Keeping House | Fa: TN | Mo: TN |     |            |

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|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|---|----|----|
| Oliver H. ANDERSON | Son    | M      | S      | W | 4  | TN |
|                    | Fa: TN | Mo: TN |        |   |    |    |
| Walter C. ANDERSON | Son    | M      | S      | W | 2  | TN |
|                    | Fa: TN | Mo: TN |        |   |    |    |
| Bennie R. WASHBURN | SSon   | M      | S      | W | 11 | TN |
| Occ: At Home       |        | Fa: TN | Mo: TN |   |    |    |

(1900 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Jackson Co., TN: Dwl: 131 – **J. T. Anderson** is head of household, 51 yrs. old, b. February 1849, TN md 24 yrs. to **Mary J.**, 50 yrs. old, b. December 1849, TN, 8 children born, 5 children living. Children: Joel H., 19 yrs. old, b. September 1880; May, 15 yrs. old, b. February 1885 & James Anderson, 12 yrs. old, b. September 1887. All born in TN).

**James Montgomery Anderson Obt.**

d. 8 September 1965

Wife: Mary Jane Brock, md 2 July 1913, Nashville, TN



Father: James Travis Anderson

Mother: Jane (Montgomery) Washburn

Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN

Funeral services for James Montgomery “Jim” Anderson 78 will be held from the Collegese Church of Christ Friday at 2:00 with Thomas Cook officiating.

Mr. Anderson died at Whorton Nursing Home, Pleasant Hill, September 8 following a long illness. He was a resident of 706 N. Jefferson Ave. in Cookeville. A native of Jackson County, he was the **son of James Travis and Mary Jane Montgomery Anderson**. Mr. Anderson was a retired contractor. His **wife was the late Mary Jane Brock Anderson**. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Fred Human, Jr., Knoxville; 2 **sons, James M. Anderson Jr., Chattanooga, William L. Anderson, Cookeville**; 6 grandchildren.

Burial will be in the Cookeville City Cemetery. Hooper – Huddleston Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Herald – Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 9 September 1965.

The James Travis Anderson family included, standing from left: Walter Carroll Anderson, Benjamin J. Washburn & Olive Hamilton Anderson. Front row from left: James Montgomery Anderson, Mary Jane Montgomery (Washburn) Anderson, James Travis Anderson, Mary Draper Anderson & Joel Howell Anderson. Courtesy of Dr. Eleanor Drake Mitchell.

Picture from the book: Pictorial History of Putnam County Tennessee by First American Bank, Cookeville, TN, pg. 94.

(1920 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Jefferson St., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 213-232-262 – **James M. Anderson** is head of household, 32 yrs. old, TN, Occupation: Lumber House, md to **Mary J.**, 30 yrs. old, TN. Children: James M. Jr., 5 yrs. old, TN & **William L. Anderson**, 1 9/12 yrs. old, TN. Also living in the household: James T. Anderson, father, 70 yrs. old, TN, Occupation: Banker National Bank, md to Mary J., mother 70 yrs. old, TN. Mary D. Anderson, sister, 34 yrs. old, TN. Prudie Christian, cook, 21 yrs. old, TN).

**Mary Jane (Brock) Anderson Obt.**

b. 8 July 1889, TN – d. 4 June 1963, d/o **Dr. William Lafayette Brock** (1853-1928) of White Co., TN & **Anna Eliza Saylor** (1868-1931). Mary Jane (Brock) Anderson md on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 1913 **James Montgomery Anderson**, b. 2 September 1887 – d. 8 September 1965, s/o **James Travis Anderson** (1849-1929) & **Mary Jane (Montgomery) Washburn** (1849-1924).

\*See James Montgomery 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.

Herald Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 6 June 1963.

(1900 census 9<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., White Co., TN: Dwl: 251 – **William Brock** is head of household, 46 yrs. old, b. June 1853, TN, Occupation: Physician, md 12 yrs. to **Eliza A.**, 31 yrs. old, b. July 1868, TN, 6 children born, 6 children livng. Children: **Mary J.**, 10 yrs. old, b. July 1889; Mamie, 9 yrs. old, b. January 1891; Annie M., 7 yrs. old, b. November 1892; Bessie, 5 yrs. old, b. 1894; William B., 3 yrs. old, b. July 1894 & Dempie Brock, 2 yrs. old. All born in TN. Also living in the household: can't read the census record).

(1910 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Sparta, TN: Dwl: 215-223 - **William L. Brock** is head of household, 56 yrs. old, TN, Occupation: Physician General Practice, md 22 yrs. to **Ann E.**, 41 yrs. old, TN, 7 children born, 7 children living. Children: **Molly J.**, 20 yrs. old; Mamie, 19 yrs. old; Annie M., 17 yrs. old; Bessie, 15 yrs. old; William B., 13 yrs. old; Dempie, 11 yrs. old & Charles L. Brock, 8 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1920 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., White Co., TN: Dwl: 152-156 - **William L. Brock** is head of household, 66 yrs. old, TN, Occupation: Manager General Farm, md to **Anna E.**, 51 yrs. old, TN. Children: William B., 23 yrs. old; Dempie E., 21 yrs. old; Charles L., 17 yrs. old & John E. Brock, 8 yrs. old. All born in TN).

**Caleb Anderson**

b. 1782 – d. 24 August 1838

Wife: Nancy Wheeler

Father: Charles Anderson

Source: From James T. Anderson Auto Sketches

**Nancy Anne (Wheeler) Anderson**

b. 1783 – d. 26 January 1866

Husband: Caleb Anderson

Father: John Wheeler

Source: From James T. Anderson Auto Sketches

**William Carroll Anderson**

b. 12 May 1819 – d. 17 September 1882

Wife: Aletha Mumford Draper md 2 April 1842

Father: Caleb Anderson

Mother: Nancy Anne Wheeler

Buried: Anderson Cemetery, Anderson Cemetery Lane, Jackson Co., TN.

**Aletha Mumford Draper**

b. 2 March 1827 – d. 8 November 1901

Husband: William Carroll Anderson md 2 April 1842

Father: Joshua Draper, s/o Travis Draper & Margaret White.

Mother: Christina C. Lyles

Buried: Anderson Cemetery, Anderson Cemetery Lane, Jackson Co., TN.

**James Travis Anderson**

b. 3 February 1849, Flynn's Lick, Jackson Co., TN – d. 26 April 1929, Cookeville, TN  
Wife: Mary Jane (Montgomery) Washburn md 18 July 1875, Gainesboro, Jackson Co., TN  
Father: William Carroll Anderson (1819-1882)  
Mother: Aletha Mumford Draper (1827-1901)  
Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN

**Mary Jane (Montgomery) Washburn Anderson**

b. 24 December 1849, Flynn's Lick, Jackson Co., TN – d. 13 June 1924, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN  
Husbands: 1st John L. Washburn, 7 September 1867, Jackson Co., TN;  
2nd James Travis Anderson, 18 July 1875, Gainesboro, Jackson Co., TN  
Father: Hamilton Montgomery  
Mother: Mary Jane Draper  
John L. Washburn & Mary Jane Montgomery had one son named Dr. Benjamin Robert Washburn.  
Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN

**James Montgomery Anderson**

b. 2 September 1887, near Gainesboro, TN – d. 8 September 1965  
Wife: Mary Jane Brock, md 2 July 1913, Nashville, TN  
Father: James Travis Anderson (1849-1929)  
Mother: Mary Jane (Montgomery) Washburn (1849-1924)  
Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN

**Mary Jane (Brock) Anderson**

b. 8 July 1889, near Sparta, White Co., TN – d. 4 June 1963, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN  
Husband: James Montgomery Anderson, md 2 July 1913, Nashville, TN  
Father: Dr. William Lafayette Brock (1853-1928) of White Co., TN  
Mother: Anna Eliza Saylor (1868-1931)  
Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN

**Mary "Mae" Draper (Anderson) Drake**

b. 24 February 1885, Free State, Jackson Co., TN – d. 25 May 1968  
Husband: Jesse Allen Drake, md 11 May 1922, Nashville, TN  
Father: James Travis Anderson  
Mother: Mary Jane (Montgomery) Washburn



Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN  
(Mary was the mother of Eleanor Jane (Drake) Mitchell)

**Mary "Mae" Draper (Anderson) Drake Obt.**

b. 24 February 1885, Free State, Jackson Co., TN – d. 25 May 1968, md the 11<sup>th</sup> of May 1922, Nashville, TN to **Jesse Allen Drake**. Mary D. (Anderson) Drake, d/o **James Travis Anderson & Mary Jane (Montgomery) Washburn**. Jesse A. & Mary Draper (Anderson) Drake were the parents to Eleanor Jane (Drake) Mitchell buried in Cookeville City Cemetery



Funeral services for **Mrs. Mae Anderson Drake** 83 were held Sunday at Hooper – Huddleston Funeral Home.

Harold Poland, minister of Broad Street Church of Christ officiated. Burial was in Cookeville City Cemetery.

**Mrs. Drake widow of Cookeville attorney Jesse Allen Drake**, died Saturday morning at Cookeville General Hospital. She had been ill for several years.

**A native of Jackson County, she was the daughter of the late James Travis and Mary Jane (Montgomery) Anderson.** Her father was a pioneer banker in the Upper Cumberland; having been connected with banks in Putnam, White, and Jackson counties.

Mrs. Drake was educated at Burrett College, Spencer, TN, Boscobel College in Nashville and the University of TN. She was a member of the Church of Christ and resided at 47 N. Jefferson Ave. for a period of 50 years.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Richard "Dick" Mitchell (Eleanor Drake), Cookeville; 2 sons, James Drake of Donelson, and Walter Drake, Jackson, TN; a step-son, Charlie Drake, Atlanta; 6 grandchildren.

Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN, Tuesday, 28 May 1968.

**Eleanor (Drake) Mitchell Obt.**

\*See Richard Laken "Dick" Mitchell II Obt.

**Eleanor Drake Mitchell**, one of the Upper Cumberland's most distinguished citizens, died at her home this morning at age 81.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, at the chapel of Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ with Brother Gary Hampton and Brother Glen McDoniel officiating. Burial will be in Cookeville City Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, at Hooper, Huddleston and Horner Funeral Home and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday before the funeral service.

**She was the daughter of Mary Jane Anderson Drake and Jesse Allen Drake, descended from some of the Upper Cumberland's earliest settlers, including the Allens and Martins of DeKalb County and the Andersons, Drapers, Wheelers, and Montgomerys of Jackson County.**

**She was the widow of Richard L. (Dick) Mitchell, who died in late December last year.**

Her family includes her daughter, Suzanna Jane Mitchell (Mrs. Robert Mann), of Providence, Rhode Island and Hilham, Tenn.; her son and daughter-in-law, R. Laken Mitchell III and Glenda Mitchell of Naples, Florida; two brothers, James Anderson Drake and Walter Carroll Drake, both of Cookeville; four granddaughters, Mary Jane Baker of Canton, Georgia, Patricia Ann Freeman of Chattanooga, Susannah Draper Cotter of Narragansett, Rhode Island, and Samantha Eleanor Cotter of Hempstead, N.Y.

Honorary pallbearers will be John Howard Mitchell, Elmer Dean Langford, Colonel Morris Lafever, Sterling McCanless, Ina Gentry, Christine Jones, Lillian Ridley, Luther Mathis, Margaret and Nat Harrison, Hoke and Sarah White, Pearce and Tomijo Brown, Curtis and Pat Shinsky, Jerry and Myrna Sue Nettleton, Willard and Joyce Carmack, Jean Evelyn Warren, Jean Lowe, Bill and Jan Shuster, Bob Hill, Henry Shelby, the Central High Class of 1942, the Ladies' Sunday School class at Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ, and **members of the DAR** and the Upper Cumberland Genealogical Society.

Active pallbearers will be Robert Mann, Andrew Baker, Dustin Freeman, John Langford, Andrew Langford, and Larry Mabry.

Memorial donations may be made to the donor's favorite charity or to the Happy Haven Home for children.

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### **Eleanor Mitchell dead at 81**

**Mary Jo Denton**

Herald-Citizen Staff

**COOKEVILLE** -- Eleanor Drake Mitchell, one of the Upper Cumberland's most accomplished and distinguished citizens, died at her home this morning. She was 81.

Dr. Mitchell, a retired college professor, fell ill from kidney disease only recently and, after undergoing some treatment, insisted on returning to her home to spend her last days.

She was known for her accomplishments and contributions in many fields, including scholarship in literature, public service in schools, civic efforts and her church and hobbies which ranged from aviation to genealogy.

She served on the Putnam School Board from 1980 until 1995, holding the chairmanship for one year.

Her distinguished academic career began back at Cookeville Central High School, where she graduated as valedictorian. She attended David Lipscomb College and later graduated from Tennessee Polytechnic Institute. She earned a Masters degree at the University of Tennessee, a PhD from the University of Maryland, and did post graduate work in Mexico and at Oxford University in England.

While still an undergraduate at TPI, she attended a 12-week civil aviation course at Austin Peay Normal School in conjunction with the war effort and after returning to Tennessee Tech, became the first woman to fly solo out of the Cookeville Airport. She later taught aviation courses at TPI.

She taught high school classes in West Tennessee and in Texas and later returned here to teach English at Tennessee Tech for more than 40 years.

She was nominated many times for the TTU Faculty of the Year award, and received that honor in 1988. She was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Delta Kappa Gamma and Phi Delta Kappa honorary societies.

In addition to work in numerous other societies, she was a member of an international zoological expedition to Belize, Central America, in 1981. She belonged to the South Atlantic Modern Language Association, the Tennessee Philological Association in which she held various offices, and was a surveyor and member of the Reaffirmation Committee for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

In 1987, she was named the first Putnam County Business Woman of the Year. She taught the Ladies Sunday School class at Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ for many years and was past president and treasurer for the Book Lovers Club.

She had been an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and was active in the Upper Cumberland Genealogical Association, holding several offices.

She published numerous articles, essays and papers throughout her career. In 1987, she presented a paper taken from her book, "Tete a Tetes and other Biography in the Town and Country Magazine 1769-1796," at the Seventh International Congress in the Enlightenment in Budapest, Hungary.

One of her proudest accomplishments was co-authorship of "The Draper Families in America."

She is listed in "Personalities of the South," "Outstanding Educators of America," "Directory of American Scholars," "Who's Who of American Women," and "International Who's Who."

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**Richard Laken “Dick” Mitchell II Obt.**

\*See Eleanor (Drake) Mitchell Obt.

Dick Mitchell remembered as man of many talents

One of Cookeville's most prominent citizens, **Richard L. “Dick” Mitchell**, has died at the age of 85.



A retired attorney with a distinguished career which included public service here and in Washington, D.C., Mr. Mitchell was a man of many accomplishments and many friends.

He died at his home on December 24, 2004. Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 27 at Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ. Burial, with military honors, was in Cookeville City Cemetery.

Mr. Mitchell, the husband of Dr. Eleanor Drake Mitchell, **had served for many years as field representative for Congressman Joe L. Evins and worked in Washington, D.C., for nearly 10 years as chief counsel for the House of Representatives Small Business subcommittee, where he held investigative hearings on anti-trust issues.**

He had also served as a professor of law at Pepperdine University for a number of years, had held many offices in various civic organizations, including the presidency of the Tennessee Young Democrats and the Tennessee Society in Washington. He was a member of the VFW, the American Legion, the Jaycees, and the Lions Club. He served on the first board of Cookeville Regional Hospital, which received its first accreditation during his tenure.

But of all his achievements, one which benefited children brought him the most pride, friends said. He helped to organize and then served as president of the first Little League in this area.

He was a member and former elder of the Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ. He also worked with youth groups and was known for his vivid storytelling skills.

Born Oct. 28, 1919, in Livingston, Tenn., he was the **son of Charles Denton and Grace Howard Mitchell**. His ancestors, including the Mitchells, Carlocks, Bates, and Terrys, were among the earliest settlers in the Upper Cumberland region.

He graduated as salutatorian at Livingston Academy and attended Cumberland University and Milligan College and later earned his law degree from the University of Tennessee.

Before World War II, he traveled about the country and worked in a shipyard and worked as a tire builder and as a merchant marine. During the war, he served in the South Pacific and in the Army of Occupation.

After the war, he moved to Brownsville, Texas, and began practicing law, later returning to Cookeville where he practiced law for nearly 50 years, most of those years with the Langford and Langford firm.

In addition to his wife of 55 years, his family includes his son and daughter-in-law, R. Laken Mitchell III and Glenda; his daughter and son-in-law, Suzanna Jane Mitchell and Robert Mann of Rhode Island and Hilham, Tenn.; four granddaughters, Mary Jane Baker of Canton, Georgia; Patricia Ann Freeman of Morristown, Tenn.; Susannah Cotter of Rhode Island; and Samantha Cotter of New York; a brother, John Howard Mitchell of Oak Ridge.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Charles Denton (Dense) Mitchell and William G. Mitchell.

Published December 28, 2004 1:11 PM CST: Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN

### **2.1 M GIFT LARGEST FOR TTU**

Herald – Citizen, Cookeville, TN,  
30 November 2008, front page

**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 90<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.



**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT TTU SCHOLARSHIPS!!**

ESTATE OF CAPT. WILLIAM L. ANDERSON  
5 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, 2 STORY HOME  
WITH FULL BASEMENT...IN TOWN!!!

2004 MERCEDES-BENZ E320 (6,723± MILES) • ANTIQUE 8 DAY GRANDFATHER CLOCK (EST. ALMOST 200 YEARS OLD) • MANY UNIQUE ANTIQUE PIECES • QUILTS • AREA RUGS • FINE FURNITURE & MORE!

A RARE AUCTION YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS!!!  
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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!

SAVE THOUSANDS BY PRE-REGISTERING (PRIOR TO AUCTION DAY) BUYER'S INCENTIVE UP TO 3% DISCOUNTED OFF YOUR CONTRACT



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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