

DeKalb County – Republican Executive Committee, S. F. Anderson, Chairman,
Nashville, Tennessee: 9 January 1932:

Source: Letter to:

Mrs. Q. M. Smith

Tennessee Polytechnic Institute

Cookeville, Tennessee

Letter from: Silas Francis Anderson, s/o McCaleb Anderson & Jane Wilson:

*See Chapter 3, www.ajlambert.com

Dear Madam:

I am the grandson of Thomas (Shirley) Anderson Sr. who married (Judith) Judy Robinson, which marriage I am sure would appear of record at the county seat of Cumberland County, Virginia. Soon after their marriage they emigrated from Virginia to Jackson County, Tennessee, and there settled on Blackburns Fork. Several members of Judy Robinson's family came along with them. Some of her brothers and probably her father and mother. One of my grandfather's brothers, Joel Anderson, came with them, and he was a preacher of the Church of Christ. He settled on Roaring River in Jackson County, Tennessee. They traveled by wagons drawn by oxen, and en route of Cumberland Mountain a boy baby was born in the Robinson family. He was called Cumberland Robinson. I remember Judy Robinson Anderson myself as she stayed in my father's home in her last days. She smoked the crock kiln pipe with a long cane stem that she could reach to the fire coals and light in the corner at the fireside in the old time fireplace. I remember her death and funeral while this is one of my early recollections.

I have heard my Uncle F.M. (Francis Marion) Anderson, Beverley Robinson, John B. Robinson, and Uncle Ham Robinson; Squire Winket Robinson, Dr. Lum Robinson, and old man Charlie Anderson (who was a brother to Jim T. Anderson) discuss the family relationship of the Andersons and Robinsons. The last conversation that I heard was at Seven Springs, DeKalb County, Tennessee, and Beverley Robinson was present at the time. There is no question that my grandmother Judy Robinson's parents came from England, and they all settled in Cumberland County, Virginia, but I am unable to give you any correct information as to the dates. I do not remember the given names of the Robinsons that came. I, no doubt, have heard them call the name of Edward Robinson and say that he served in the Revolutionary War. I don't know of any way that you can find any records of the father and mother of my grandmother, Judy Robinson Anderson, unless it could be had through some old records in Cumberland County, Virginia, or where there are land transfers in the Archives of Virginia. She lived to be a very old woman, and I am sure came to Jackson County before the year 1800 because my Uncle France was her baby child and the tenth one of the family. He was thirty-three years old when he was made Captain of the Company in the 5th Tennessee Regiment during the Civil War between the states.

I know when my grandfather, Thomas Anderson's parents died, that he walked from Jackson County, Tennessee, to his old home in Virginia to get his part of the estate and

then walked back home. He died about the year 1856, 7, or 8 and left a great deal of property for that day and time. I saw a record that my cousin, Uncle Paul Anderson's daughter, had in an old Bible in which the names and births of 17 Negroes that were sold at Grandfather Anderson's sale after his death. She lived just above the mouth of Roaring River on the Cumberland River. Something might be found in that Bible with reference to the names of my grandfather's and grandmother's parents, but I do not remember. Will Draper, Gainesboro, could probably tell you whose possession that Bible is in now as both Bill Loftis and my cousin Josie are dead. The Will Draper that I speak of married Joe Jones' daughter of Buffalo valley, and Joe Jones' wife was a first cousin of mine and a daughter of Thomas Anderson Jr., my uncle.

Rebecca Jones, who died in Baxter, Tennessee, was a daughter of my Aunt Annie Bartlett and she gave this family history a great deal of her time and attention during her lifetime and made a record of it. She told me several times that we were of a royal family, and I think that she gave my daughter Nellie Anderson some data on information obtained from her records. I am going to forward your letter to Nellie Anderson at 291 South Second Street, Memphis, Tennessee, and ask her to furnish you such information as she might have. I know that she and Miss Mona Anderson of Doyle, Tennessee, worked for a long time in getting up a family tree.

I knew your father and your Uncle Solon, who I believe now lives in Pikeville, Tennessee, all during their time at Smithville, and when you have occasion, remember me to them.

Very truly yours,

S.F. Anderson

*This letter was copied from the original in the possession of Silas Anderson, Cookeville, Tennessee, October 15, 1955, by Willie Howard Draper Huddleston.

Silas Francis Anderson

b. 21 November 1863, Jackson Co., TN - d. 14 June 1949, TN

s/o Silas McCaleb Anderson & Jane Wilson

*See Chapter 3 & Silas Francis Anderson obituary

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md 29 February 1888,

Maggie Lena Eastham - b. 16 May 1871, TN - d. 1 October 1913

Both Buried: Alexander Martin Cemetery, DeKalb Co., TN

Listed as living in the 1st Civil Dist. of Putnam Co., TN in the 1910 census.

Sheriff of DeKalb Co., TN for 2 terms in the 1892-1896, then he became a

Deputy U.S. Marshall from 1897 - 1903 and a U.S. Marshal in 1924 -

1930's. - *See "Lend an Ear", pg. 52. Edited by Calvin Dickinson, Larry Whiteaker,

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