

LONG CAREER AS OFFICIAL ENDED BY DEATH
A PUBLIC SERVANT

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Silas Francis Anderson

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

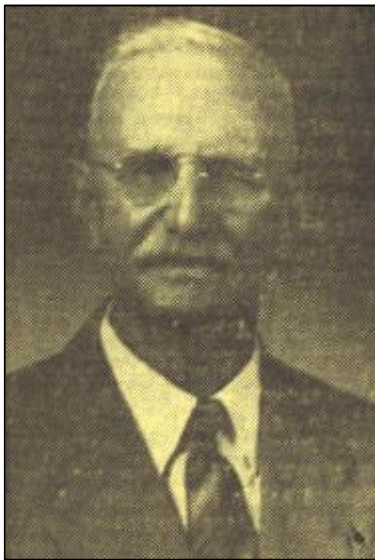
Wife: md on the 29th of February 1888, Putnam Co., TN to

Maggie Lena (Eastham) Anderson (1871-1913)

Parents: **Silas McCaleb Anderson** (1824-1889) & **Jane Wilson** (1837-1890)

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Courtesy of Janet Umlauf



A public career which reached back to 1868 ended with the death of Silas Francis Anderson, 86, at his home near Silver Point, TN last week.

Mr. Anderson, farmer, teacher, county official, and political leader, was elected to his first public office 62 years ago when he became constable of his district which comprises most of the river country of Mine Lick Creek.

After serving in this office for a number of years he was elected Sheriff of DeKalb County in 1892 and again in 1896.

Old timers in Smithville remember vividly that he made an excellent sheriff and was afraid of nothing.

It was during Mr. Anderson's tenure of office that Isaac Capshaw, confessed slayer of Noah Adcock, was killed as he attempted to escape.

According to a copy of the Review of June 23, 1894, Capshaw attacked the jailer, Jess Drake, who was acting in the absence of Mr. Anderson, with a lead pipe, and was shot to death. The editor of the Review, D.C. Wallace, also had this to say about the shooting, "Mr. Drake, in shooting Capshaw, did his duty, and should not be censured in the least. He should be commended for acting in such a wise manner. Capshaw, in order to affect his escape, would not have hesitated for a moment to have killed six men if it was necessary for him to accomplish his purpose."

Mr. Anderson, following his two terms as sheriff, was elected Justice of the Peace in 1897 without opposition, and shortly thereafter was made Deputy U.S. Marshall under the late John W. Overall.

He served as Deputy Marshall from 1897 to 1983 when he retired from public life to operate a general merchandise store on Mine Lick Creek.

After a period as merchant and farmer he became warden of Brushy Mountain Prison at Petros, TN, in 1910.

In 1924 he again was appointed U.S. Deputy Marshall under the late Dr. R. L. Lillard and served until 1935.

In 1936 he again became a member of the DeKalb County Court and served until 1948.

Mr. Anderson's father, also named Silas Anderson, was a Captain in the Civil War on the Federal side. He mother was Jane Wilson Anderson.

He was born in Jackson County, TN, November 21, 1863, and moved to DeKalb County, TN, January 13, 1886.

He was married to the former Miss Maggie L. Eastham on February 29, 1888. Mrs. Anderson's father, Henry Clay Eastham, was one of the unreconstructed rebels, and Mr. Anderson always delighted in telling how he, the son of a Yankee captain, won the hand of the daughter of a rebel private.

Mr. Anderson was buried at the Martin Cemetery, near the new Hurricane Creek Bridge, alongside his beloved "Maggie" who preceded him to death by 36 years.

Silas Francis Anderson Obituary

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN

Thursday, 23 June 1949

Funeral services for Silas Francis Anderson, 85, were held Thursday afternoon at the Silver Point Church of Christ with Chas. G. Caldwell Jr. of the Willow St. Church of Christ officiating. Burial was in the Martin Cemetery near Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN.

Mr. Anderson, a former sheriff of DeKalb County, and a former U.S. Deputy Marshall, died Tuesday at his home near Silver Point. For many years, he was active in the political life of DeKalb Co., and in his latter years, served as a justice of the peace in that County. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Mr. Anderson was the father of Silas Anderson of Cookeville. Other survivors include 3 daughters, Mrs. R. L. Cole, Los Angeles, Mrs. Wayne Snow and Miss Nell Anderson of Nashville, and 2 other sons, John and Marvin Anderson of Silver Point.

His wife, Mrs. Maggie Eastham Anderson preceded him in death by several years.

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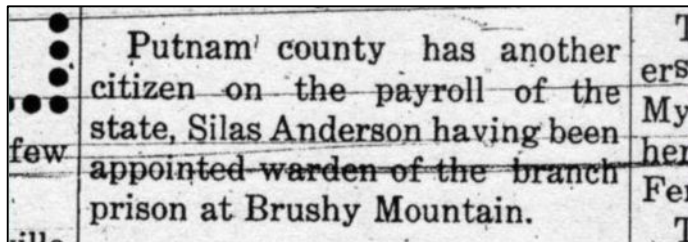
Dinner Honors Mr. Anderson

Mr. S. F. Anderson celebrated his 83rd birthday November 27 by having as his guests Mr. Dannie Wilson, Liberty; Mr. Sam Foster, Smithville; Mr. & Mrs. Will Julian, Silver Point; Mr. & Mrs. W.M. Steele, Buffalo Valley; Mr. H. S. Shanks, Mrs. Henry Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Lee of Cookeville; Mrs. Willie Burton, Wolf Creek; Mrs. Minnie Denton, Buffalo Valley; Mrs. Marvin Anderson and Mrs. W.L. Smith, Silver Point, TN.

Source:

Cookeville: Title: Putnam County Herald (1903-1922): Roll 3
(October 6, 1903- January 29, 1914).

Putnam county has another citizen on the payroll of the state, Silas Anderson having been appointed warden of the branch prison at Brushy Mountain.



SILAS ANDERSON, EX-OFFICER DIES; RITES THURSDAY

Courtesy of Barbara (Anderson) Headrick

COOKEVILLE, TN – June 15 – (special) – Silas Francis Anderson, 85, a former sheriff of DeKalb County and a former United States Deputy Marshal, died Tuesday at his home near Silver Point.

For many years he was active in the political life of DeKalb County and in the latter years of his life had served as a justice of the peace in that county. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Funeral services will be held at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Church of Christ in Silver Point with Charles G. Caldwell Jr., of the Willow Street Church of Christ in Cookeville officiating. Burial will be in the Martin Cemetery near Silver Point.

His wife, Mrs. Maggie Eastham Anderson, died several years ago. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. R. L. Cole, Los Angeles, Mrs. Wayne Snow and Miss Nell Anderson of Nashville; three sons, John and Marvin Anderson of Silver Point and Silas Anderson of Cookeville, TN.

MAGGIE LENA (EASTHAM) ANDERSON OBT.

Courtesy of Barbara (Anderson) Headrick

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Mrs. S. F. Anderson Dead:

Mrs. Maggie Lena Anderson, wife of Silas F. Anderson, after a lingering illness died Oct. 1, 1913, at her home in Cookeville, Tenn. Mrs. Anderson was the daughter of H. C. Eastham, and Susan Allen Eastham, her father only surviving her, her mother having died many years ago.

Mrs. Anderson was a loving wife and affectionate and devoted mother, who was held in the highest esteem by all who knew her. She was a devout and consecrated Christian, having obeyed the Gospel at the age of thirteen years, and she was never afterward ashamed of the cause she had in faith voluntarily given her life to forward in an unassuming and Christ like way, as all who knew her will admit. She was born May 19, 1871, was married to Silas F. Anderson Feb. 29, 1888, and died at the age of forty-two years four months, and fifteen days, leaving beside her husband, and friends to mourn her loss, not as the world mourns however, the following children: Jesse Spencer; Silas Eastham; Mary Nellie; John Overall; Edna Ridgeway; and Maggie Lucile a child too small to ever realize a mother's love.

It will be remembered by the readers of the Review that Silas F. Anderson was once sheriff of DeKalb County.

“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, and from henceforth sayeth the Spirit they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow thee.”

Funeral services were conducted at the grave as directed by Mrs. Anderson, by James E. Drake, and her body was laid to rest in a beautiful casket of white in the Martin Lisk Cemetery in the presence of a large assembly of people, after which the grave was covered with flowers, mementos of the fond affection of surviving friends.

Life is real, life is earnest.
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art to dust returnest
Was not spoken of the soul.

Then let us all be up and doing.
With a heart for any fate:
Still achieving, still pursuing:
Learn to labor and to wait.

A FRIEND

William Erskine Anderson Obt.

b. 12 February 1891, TN – d. 25 October 1901, s/o **Silas Francis Anderson** (1863-1949) & **Maggie Lena Eastham** (1871-1913). Buried in Alexander Martin Cemetery, DeKalb Co., TN.

Death of Little Boy:

William Erskine Anderson, the 10-year-old son of Deputy United States Marshall Silas F. Anderson, died last night at 9 o'clock at the family residence, 420 South Market Street. The remains were taken on the 9:20 train this morning to the old home of the child's parents at Silver Point, Putnam County, for burial.

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