

Story of Dillard Paul Anderson
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Dillard Paul Anderson was born December 30, 1878 on Flynn's Creek near the present site of the Antioch Church of Christ. He was the oldest son of Thomas Edgbert and Polly Birdwell Anderson. Dillard married Cora Belle Chaffin, (b. May 13, 1879; d. May 13, 1943), daughter of Harvey Lawson and Nancy Ellen Rash Chaffin, December 2, 1896.

Their first homeplace was in Bellar's Hole, a tributary to Lacy's Branch. The children of Dillard Paul and Cora Belle Chaffin Anderson were Evie Angeline (b. December 20, 1897; d. November 14, 1984) md Willie T. Haile, November 13, 1921; Lura Ethel (b. November 27, 1899; d. April 15, 1981) md Jessie Gailbreath, January 7, 1923; James Elbert (b. January 8, 1902; d. August 8, 1917); Oliver Lawson (b. October 5, 1903; d. June 9, 1974) md Ruby Allen, December 24, 1922; Liddie Ann (b. September 7, 1905) md Arthur Allen, Sr. June 21, 1924; Thomas Edgbert (b. May 7, 1907; d. January 25, 1908); Vyda Lorena (b. January 15, 1909; d. December 3, 1982) md William Litton Brown, April 19, 1930; Lyda Volena (b. January 29, 1911) md Lewis Chaffin, September 9, 1934; Ruby Alberta (b. December 5, 1912) md Lector Davis, August 24, 1945; Johnny William (b. September 17, 1914) md Ila Mae Chaffin, October 28, 1934; Paul Thomas (b. and d. May 3, 1919); Henry Clay (b. July 2, 1922; d. March 24, 1985) md Vyda Elizabeth Chaffin, December 22, 1940.

Dillard made his first contract with Jackson County to manage the "County Farm" in 1916. His first tenure would be for eighteen (18) years. The contract was as follow: He would pay Jackson County \$300.00 cash rent per year. In return, he would receive all he made on the "Farm." In addition, Dillard would receive \$6.00 per month for each person who resided in the home. With this money he must provide food, clothing, heat, etc. for each resident. Cora and the girls would make all the clothing worn by the residents, for which Jackson County would pay her .12 per garment.

Life at the "County Farm" was quite busy. Many times Sheriff Bud Lynch would deputize Dillard. Later, he was Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff Oplis Smith. It was the responsibility of the boys to do the farming which included plowing the hillside farm with a team of mules, cradling wheat, and making molasses in the Fall of the year. All cooking and heating was done with wood. Much time and hard work was done to supply these needs. The girls would be responsible for cooking, sewing, feeding and caring for the residents, and if any time was left would also work in the fields. The family would care for the sick (there was much sickness), build the caskets and open the graves when a resident died. Many of

the residents are buried on the "Farm." Some would be carried to their family cemetery by team and wagon for burial.

Two houses were on the "County Farm." The house of the residents was a large two-story house with weatherboard exterior. Each room was heated with a fireplace. The house of the manager was not as large, but convenient for its day.

Dillard made another contract with Jackson County, TN in 1936, moving back to the "County Farm" for six additional years. Following this tenure they moved back to their farm in Peter's Hollow on Flynn's Creek where they lived until death. Both are buried in the Rash Cemetery near the home place.

Anderson, Thomas Shirley Sr.

b. 8 February 1779, Cumberland Co., VA

d. 8 October 1853, Blackburn Fork, TN or d. 1855/8

s/o William & Catherine (Shirley) Anderson

Buried: Blackburn's Fork, Jackson Co., TN

md ca. 1807, Judith Robinson – of Jackson Co., TN

b. 9 May 1785, probably Cumberland, VA – d. 5 November 1868

d/o Edward Robinson Jr. & Ann (Meador) Robinson

...**Paul Thomas Anderson** – b. 1 May 1821, *Bible*

Jackson Co., TN or b.1826, Overton, TN –

d. 31 October 1866, Jackson Co., TN - *Bible*

md Susmath "Susie" Johnson – b. 18 November 1825, Jackson Co., TN –

d. 31 December 1879, Jackson Co., TN –

d/o Nimrod & Susanna (Green) Johnson

Both Buried: Blackburn's Fork - Homeplace

...**Thomas "Tom" Edward or Edgbert Anderson** – b. 10 February 1860,

Jackson Co., TN – *Bible*

d. 11 October 1941, Jackson Co., TN – 12th District

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md 22 January 1878, Gainesboro, TN -

Polly Birdwell - b. 5 June 1859, Jackson Co., TN

d. 22 April 1936, Jackson Co., TN – 12th District

d/o John & Martha (Chaffin) Birdwell Sr.

Both Buried: Rash Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN –

...**Dillard Paul Anderson** – b. 30 December 1878, Jackson Co., TN,
on Flynn's Creek near the present site of the Antioch Church of Christ.

d. 9 July 1944 – **md 2/3 December 1896, Cora Bell Chaffin** -

b. 13 May 1879, Jackson Co., TN – d. 13 May 1943, Jackson Co., TN

d/o Ellen (Rash) & Harvey Lawson Chaffin

Both Buried: Rash Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN

...James Paul Anderson – b. 6 October 1935, Jackson Co., TN –

d. 8 June 2002, Cookeville Regional Medical Center, Cookeville, TN

**See Obituary for James Paul Anderson.*

*See Chapter 3: www.ajlambert.com

Paul Thomas Anderson son of Thomas Shirley Anderson and the brother of Garland "Gallant" Anderson my ggggrandfather. Audrey J. (Denny) Lambert, on my father Tim Denny's mother's side of the family.

Birdwell, John Sr.

md Martha Chaffin

...**Polly Birdwell** - b. 5 June 1859, Jackson Co., TN –

d. 22 April 1936, Jackson Co., TN –

md 22 January 1878, Gainesboro, TN ,

Thomas Edward – Edgbert "Tom" Anderson

b. 1 February 1859, Jackson Co., TN

d. 11 October 1941, Jackson Co., TN – 12th District

Buried in Rash Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN.

Officiator, J.S. Jackson, JP

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Polly Birdwell, sister of my gggrandfather: Jones M. Birdwell who married Virginia W. (Jackson). Audrey J. (Denny) Lambert, on my mother, Geraldine (Loftis) Denny's father's side of the family.

...**Jones M. Birdwell**

b. 16 October 1849, NC – d. 4 January 1917, TN

md by ca. 1870, **Virginia W. Jackson**

Census Place: 1920 Civil District 1, Jackson Co., TN – Jackson County Poor House from line 77 to 96.

Line: 77 Family: 404

Anderson, Dillard P. Head Rents M W 41 Married Supervisor – Poor House, Poor House Families
US US US

Anderson, Cora B. Wife F W 40 Married US US US

Anderson, Eva A. Dau. F W 22 Single US US US

Anderson, Lura E. Dau F W 20 Single Housework in Poor House US US US

Anderson, Liddie A. Dau F W 14 Single US US US

Anderson, Lorena Dau F W 10 Single US US US

Anderson, Lydie V. Dau F W 8 Single US US US

Anderson, Ruby A. Dau F W 7 Single US US US

Anderson, Oliver L. Son M W 16 Single US US US

Anderson, John W. Son M W 5 3/12 Single US US US

Shade, Murray none M W 78 Widow Inmate Poor House US US US

Dock, Allen none M W 70 Widow Inmate Poor House US US US

Rufus, Keith none M W 69 Married Inmate Poor House US US US

Stephens, Lewis none M W 69 Married Inmate Poor House US US US

Rector, Jane none F W 88 Widow Inmate Poor House US US US

Keith, Martha none F W 60 Married Inmate Poor House US US US

Stephens, Millie none F W 58 Married Inmate Poor House US US US

Allen, Melissa none F W 40 Single Inmate Poor House US US US

Daws, Fannie none F W ? Single Inmate Poor House US US US