

Story of Joel B. Andrew Anderson
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Joel Anderson, Sr., born August 31, 1781 in Cumberland County, VA; son of William Anderson and Catherine Shirley Anderson; married first, Ann Shasteen, married second, Sarah Davis Greer (b. November 7, 1844?). He died December 30, 1852 at his residence in Williamson County, Tennessee. Both are buried in the Balm-in-Gilead Cemetery near Franklin, Tennessee.

Joel Anderson emigrated to Jackson County, Tennessee from Cumberland County, Virginia with his brothers, Garland, and Thomas Shirley Anderson, Sr., in 1806. Staying in Jackson County, Tennessee for a brief time, he moved to Davidson County, Tennessee in 1809, and afterwards to Williamson County, Tennessee, where he lived until his death. While in Jackson County it is believed, he lived on Roaring River, near Blackburn's Fork Creek.

At age eighteen (18), he became a member of the Baptist Church, in which, he was a minister for many years. In the very early days of *The restoration Movement*, he became a member of the Church of Christ at Friendship, a community in Williamson County, Tennessee. He was one of the first preachers of this *Movement* to preach in Franklin, Tennessee. Joel Anderson and Andrew Craig were co-organizers of the Fourth Street Church of Christ in Franklin, Tennessee in 1833. Joel Anderson's picture, glasses and watch are encased in this church building today.

By his first marriage, he had one child. By his second marriage he had ten children.

Anderson, William

b. 1753 or 1755/9 VA

d. 1804, Cumberland Co., VA

s/o James & Margaret (Troys) Anderson

md ca. 1776 or 1759/60, **Catherine Shirley**

b. 18 November 1807, Spotsylvania, VA – d. 22 August 1892

...Joel B. Anderson – b. 31 August 1781- d. 30 December 1852

Buried: W.B. Anderson Cemetery – Goose Creek Rd. –

W. Moss Farm in Franklin, TN – 10th District

md Anna Shasteen – *Had one child William Anderson:*

Children of Sarah Davis (Greer) & Joel B. Anderson

Polly, Catherine Shirley, Nancy Winfree, James, Anna, Dorinda, Sallie, Frances Marion, & Joel Andrew Jr. Anderson.

Joel Anderson was the brother of Thomas Shirley Anderson Sr. – md ca. 1807, Judith Robinson – d/o Edward & Ann (Meador) Robinson. (Judith was the sister of Sarah Robinson) Thomas Shirley Anderson was the great-great-great-great-grandfather of Audrey J. (Denny) Lambert. I was told that Joel is buried at W. B. Anderson Cemetery – 10th Dist. Goose Creek Rd., W. Moss Farm in Franklin, TN.



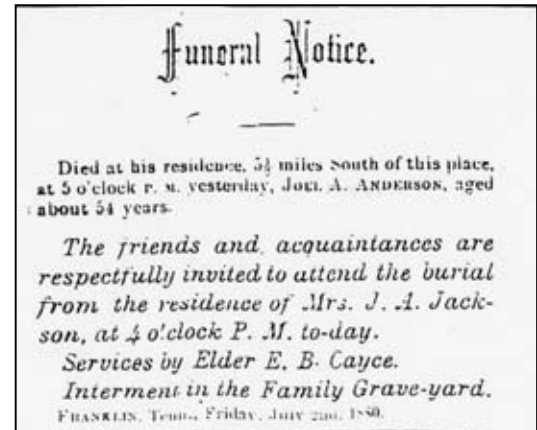
Church of Christ Leiper's Fork , Franklin, TN 1916.

**See A Short History of The Church of Christ at Leiper's Fork, TN. * See Chapter 3 & Joel B. Anderson & the Restoration Movement. (ajlambert.com)*

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ANDERSON, JOEL. A native of Cumberland County, Virginia, emigrated first to Davidson County in 1801, then to Williamson County, where he lived until his death December, 1852, aged seventy-one years old. He had, when young, been a member of the Baptist Church; however, he became a faithful member of the Church of Christ. He was one of the first of this denomination to preach in Franklin, Tennessee. **Joel B. Andrew Anderson, b/o Thomas Shirley Anderson Sr. Sons of William Anderson & Catharine "Katy" Shirley.**



Funeral Notice of John Andrew Anderson Jr.
s/o Joel B. Andrew Anderson &
Sarah Davis Greer
b. 12 June 1825 – d. 1 July 1881
md L. Caroline Greer

Fourth Avenue Church of Christ
Franklin, TN

The first church edifice was completed between 1851-1852 with the first worship service held September 5, 1852. The new building was completed in March 1978 and formally dedicated on April 9, 1978. By the time the building was completed more than half of its \$1,400,000 construction cost had been paid.