

Story of James W. Anderson
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My great -great -grandfather, James William Anderson, was a big man with blue eyes, blond hair, and a fair complexion. He was born on Blackburn's Fork on February 6, 1844; his parents were William "Short Billy" Anderson and Polly Lynn Anderson.

He told of his Civil War experiences as follows:

"I enlisted in the Confederate Army. I was not conscripted, but they were threatening to take up everybody and do something with them when I went in. I laid out a few weeks to keep from going in and then decided to go in and stay with them until I could get a good chance to leave there, and I did this. I served in the Confederate Army about five or six months and then came home on furlough and never went back any more."

After witnessing the horrors of war, my great-great-grandfather came to believe that the Union was indeed worth saving. To this end he enlisted with the Federal forces and once more marched off to battle. For his service in Company B of the 8th Tennessee Mounted Infantry, Corporal James W. Anderson would always be known as "Blue Jim."

In 1868 he married Susannah Allen, daughter of George and Francis Gray Allen, and they bought a small farm and mill where the Long Branch empties into the Roaring River. There they raised 9 children: Mary, Ned, Martha, James, John, George, Dona, Florence May, and Dora. Upon the death of her husband, Mrs. Allen came to live with the Andersons.

Susannah died in 1908. Her funeral was conducted at the house and burial was on the banks of Long Branch Creek. Blue Jim was stricken with pneumonia in the winter of 1910, and his condition steadily worsened. Dr. S. B. Fowler called at the house every day and made his last days as comfortable as possible. He died quietly on April 1, 1910 and was buried alongside his wife on the bank of the creek.

Florence May Anderson married Abner Cleveland Chaffin of Talley's Hollow in 1907. Their firstborn child, Grace Ethel, was born in 1908; she was my grandmother. Abner Cleveland Chaffin was the son of James Monroe Chaffin and Matilda Dudney. Abner Cleveland was born 22 February 1886. Abner and Florence (my great grandparents whom I knew and loved dearly) had six children: Grace Ethel (my grandmother), Grady, Bonnie, Carman, Edith Amy and

Fred Chaffin. All are gone now except Aunt Edie who is going strong at 86 as of 2003.

The old mill has long since disappeared and the farmhouse burned down, but standing here where he lived and worked, I can still feel his presence. His blood flows in my veins, and I am proud to say I am the great-great-grandson of James W. Anderson.

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

Thomas and Judith arrived in Jackson Co., TN sometime after July of 1806. Moving with them were Thomas' brother Garland and his family, Judith's parents and several of her brothers and sisters. The date into Tennessee is arrived at because Garland had a son Edward born in VA in July of 1806. They settled on Blackburn's Fork in Jackson Co. TN Thomas Shirley received several land grants from the State of Tennessee in Jackson County. Thomas became a very wealthy farmer for his day because he gave at least three of his sons and one of his sons-in-law enough money to purchase land in the Silver Point area. And at his death he had between 259 and 300 acres of land along with 12 negroes.

...William James Anderson "Short Billy" – b. 12 February 1808, Blackburn's

Fork, Roaring River, Jackson Co., TN – d. ca. 1890, Jackson Co., TN –

Named after grandfather, William Anderson. - Buried: +Allen/Anderson Cemetery, TN

Listed in 1850 census living in the 9th Civil Dist., Jackson Co., TN.

md 1st **+Polly** Mary Lynn -1809, TN – 1854: (d/o Asa Lynn Sr. – b. 1777, NC–

d. 4 July 1868) - **md** 2nd Martha Wallace/Wallis - **md** 3rd Judy Gibson

*(Children: **Polly** - Miles Wesley Sr.; Mary Elizabeth; Garland; Andrew L. T.;*

Balie P.; Asa L.; Sarah "Sary" A.; James William; William Roberson &

Edward A. Anderson.) 1860 census living in the 9th Dist. Jackson Co., TN.

...James William Anderson "Blue Jim" – b. 6 February 1844, Blackburn's Fork,

TN- d. 1 April 1910, Long Branch Creek, Jackson Co., TN—*Mother: Polly Mary Lynn*

Company B; 8th TN Mounted Infantry –Buried: Bank of Long Branch Creek,

Jackson Co., TN - md ca. 1866, Susannah Allen – b. ca. 1850, TN - d. ca.

1908 - Long Branch Creek, Jackson Co., TN - d/o George Allen & Francis

"Fanny" Gray – *1870 census – Dist. 1, Jackson Co., TN.*

...Mary Anderson –

...Ned Anderson -

...Martha Anderson -

...James Anderson -

...John Anderson -

...George Anderson -

...Dona Anderson -

...Florence May Anderson – b. ca. 1886, TN - md ca. 1907,
 Abner Cleveland Chaffin – b. 22 February 1886, TN -
 s/o James Monroe Chaffin & Matilda Dudney
Listed as living in the 12th Dist. of Jackson Co., TN: Dwl: 147.
 ...Grace Ethel Chaffin – b. ca. 1909, TN
 ...Grady B. Chaffin – b. ca. 1911, TN
 ...Carman C. Chaffin – b. ca. 1914, TN
 ...Bonnie K. Chaffin – b. ca. 1915, TN
 ...Edith Amy Chaffin – b. ca. 1817, TN
 ...Fred Chaffin -
 ...Dora Anderson –
 ...Thomas Edmond Anderson – b. 28 November 1867, Gainesboro,
 Jackson Co., TN – d. 10 March 1920 – Buried: McCain Cemetery

*William J. Anderson "Short Billy" was the brother of Garland "Gallant" Anderson –
 b. Before 21 May 1809 or ca. 1810, near Gainesboro, TN – d. Late 1858 or 1866,
 Buffalo Valley, TN - later SC - 1868 md By 1827, Sarah Jones. Garland "Gallant"
 Anderson is the great-great-great-grandfather of Audrey June (Denny) Lambert.*

Other children of William J. Anderson were:

*Garland "Gallant" Anderson – b. ca. 1832, Jackson Co., TN – md Lucy
 Andrew Anderson – b. ca. 1835
 Asa L. Anderson – b. ca. 1838 – d. 19 February 1903, Roaring River –
 md Martha Hawkins
 Bailey Pate Anderson – b. 17 April 1837 – d. 1918/1924 – md Mary Hawkins
 Miles Wesley Anderson – b. 10 July 1840 – d. 19 April 1892 –
 md 10 October 1886 Nancy Jane Hawkins
 Sarah A. Anderson
 Edward A. "Ned" Anderson – b. ca. 1847
 John Anderson – b. ca. 1865 – Only child of William J. and Martha (Wallace) Anderson*

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 family tree. Please use this as a guide only -- nothing here is written in stone,
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Thanks, Little Lisa

1. James William "Blue Jim" ANDERSON was born 6 FEB 1844 in
 Blackburn's Fork, Jackson County, TN, and died 1 APR 1910. He was buried in

Bank of Long Branch Creek. He was the son of 2. William James "Short Billy" ANDERSON and 3. Mary "Polly" LYNN. He married Susannah ALLEN ABT 1866, daughter of George ALLEN and Frances "Fanny" GRAY. She was born in Gainesboro, Jackson County, TN, and died 1908. She was buried in Bank of Long Branch Creek.

Children of James William "Blue Jim" ANDERSON and Susannah ALLEN are:

- i. Mary ANDERSON.
- ii. Ned ANDERSON.
- iii. Martha ANDERSON.
- iv. James ANDERSON.
- v. John ANDERSON.
- vi. George ANDERSON.
- vii. Dona ANDERSON.
- viii. Florence ANDERSON.
- ix. Dora ANDERSON.
- x. Thomas Edmond ANDERSON was born 28 NOV 1867 in Gainesboro, Jackson County, TN, and died 10 MAR 1920.

Ahnentafel, Generation No. 2

2. William James "Short Billy" ANDERSON was born 12 FEB 1808 in Jackson County, TN, and died 1890 in Jackson County, TN. He was buried in Old Anderson Cemetery. He was the son of 4. Thomas Shirley ANDERSON, Sr. and 5. Judith "Judy" ROBINSON.

3. Mary "Polly" LYNN was born 1808 in Jackson County, TN, and died ABT 1854 in Jackson County, TN. She was the daughter of 6. Asa Sr. LYNN and 7. Elizabeth HAWKINS.

Children of Mary "Polly" LYNN and William James "Short Billy" ANDERSON are:

- i. William Roberson ANDERSON.
- ii. Miles Wesley ANDERSON was born 10 JUL 1830 in Jackson County, Tennessee, and died 10 APR 1892 in Tennessee. He married Minerva BEAN ABT 1851. He married Elvira MAYBERRY ABT 1870. She was born ABT 1830. He married Julia YOUNG 14 JAN 1885. He married Nancy Jane HAWKINS 10 OCT 1886 in Jackson County, Tennessee, daughter of Billie HAWKINS and Peggy NELSON. She was born 20 JUL 1859 in Jackson County, Tennessee, and died 2 JUN 1953 in Putnam County, Tennessee.
- iii. Mary Elizabeth ANDERSON was born 1831.
- iv. Garland "Gallent" ANDERSON was born 1833 in Jackson County, Tennessee. He married Lucinda Ann HAWKINS ABT 1850.
- v. Andrew Thomas "Andy" ANDERSON was born 1835 in Jackson County, Tennessee. He married Anna CARR BEF 1858. She was born 1834.

vi. Bailey Payton "Pate" ANDERSON was born 17 APR 1837 in Jackson County, Tennessee, and died ABT 1921. He married Mary FUQUA ABT 1858. He married Mary Elizabeth HAWKINS ABT 1871.

vii. Asa Lynn ANDERSON was born 1839 in Jackson County, Tennessee, and died 18 FEB 1903. He married Martha HAWKINS.

viii. Sarah A. ANDERSON was born 1841 in Jackson County, TN.

1. ix. James William "Blue Jim" ANDERSON was born 6 FEB 1844 in Blackburn's Fork, Jackson County, TN, and died 1 APR 1910. He married Susannah ALLEN ABT 1866, daughter of George ALLEN and Frances "Fanny" GRAY. She was born in Gainesboro, Jackson County, TN, and died 1908.

x. Edward A. "Ned" ANDERSON was born 1847 in Jackson County, TN.

Ahnentafel, Generation No. 3

4. Thomas Shirley ANDERSON , Sr..

5. Judith "Judy" ROBINSON.

Child of Judith "Judy" ROBINSON and Thomas Shirley ANDERSON , Sr. is:

2. i. William James "Short Billy" ANDERSON was born 12 FEB 1808 in Jackson County, TN, and died 1890 in Jackson County, TN. He married Mary "Polly" LYNN 1829 in Tennessee, daughter of Asa Sr. LYNN and Elizabeth HAWKINS. She was born 1808 in Jackson County, TN, and died ABT 1854 in Jackson County, TN.

6. Asa Sr. LYNN was born 1777 in North Carolina, and died 4 JUL 1868 in Jackson County, TN on Roaring River Farm.

7. Elizabeth HAWKINS was born ABT 1790 in North Carolina, and died 30 OCT 1844 in Jackson County, TN. She was the daughter of 14. Joseph HAWKINS and 15. Mahalia ?????.

Children of Elizabeth HAWKINS and Asa Sr. LYNN are:

i. Margaret LYNN was born 16 OCT 1807 in Jackson County, TN, and died 17 MAR 1885 in Jackson County, TN. She married Daniel JOHNSON 10 APR 1827 in Tennessee, son of Moses JOHNSON and Ann BULLARD. He was born 14 FEB 1789 in North Carolina, and died 17 JUL 1871 in Jackson County, TN.

3. ii. Mary "Polly" LYNN was born 1808 in Jackson County, TN, and died ABT 1854 in Jackson County, TN. She married William James "Short Billy" ANDERSON 1829 in Tennessee, son of Thomas Shirley ANDERSON , Sr. and

Judith "Judy" ROBINSON. He was born 12 FEB 1808 in Jackson County, TN, and died 1890 in Jackson County, TN.

iii. David Monroe LYNN was born ABT 1814 in Jackson County, TN on Roaring River, and died AFT 1868 in Jackson County, TN. He married Elizabeth JOHNSON, daughter of Daniel JOHNSON and Elizabeth "Hessy" BURRIS. She was born 10 OCT 1817 in Jackson County, TN, and died in Jackson County, TN.

iv. Sarah "Sally" LYNN was born 6 FEB 1818 in Jackson County, TN, and died 5 MAY 1896 in Allons, Overton County, Tennessee. She married Derby Henley "D. H." MORGAN 6 OCT 1835 in Tennessee, son of Job MORGAN and Sally HAWKINS. He was born 1818.

v. Asa "Jr." LYNN was born 1820 in Jackson County, TN, and died 1891 in Morganton, Arkansas. He married Mary PATTERSON. She was born 1836. He married Sally HAWKINS ABT 1840 in Tennessee. She was born BET 1814 AND 1815 in Tennessee, and died in Arkansas.

vi. Amanda LYNN was born ABT 1821 in Jackson County, TN. She married Benjamin CHAPMAN ABT 1837 in Tennessee. He was born 20 NOV 1812 in North Carolina, and died 27 MAR 1873 in Jackson County, TN.

vii. Hester "Hessie" LYNN was born 2 AUG 1822 in Jackson County, TN, and died 22 JUL 1856 in Jackson County, TN. She married John Wesley Sr. LEE 22 NOV 1842 in Tennessee, son of John Curry LEE and Mary Polly HAWKINS. He was born 24 AUG 1820 in Jackson County, TN, and died 24 OCT 1865 in Columbus, Georgia.

viii. William J. LYNN was born 1 JAN 1824 in Jackson County, TN, and died 8 JAN 1890 in Morgantown, Van Buren, Arkansas. He married Intha W. PATTERSON 1852, daughter of Simon PATTERSON and MARGARET. She was born 19 FEB 1831 in Tennessee, and died 19 FEB 1897 in Morgantown, Van Buren, Arkansas.

ix. Francis K. LYNN was born 1826 in Jackson County, TN, and died 29 JUL 1918 in Van Buren, Arkansas. He married Jane ????. She was born ABT 1824 in Jackson County, TN.

x. Joseph "Joel" LYNN was born NOV 1826 in Jackson County, TN. He married Rhoda YOUNG, daughter of James B. YOUNG and Sally ?. She was born OCT 1829. He married Mary "Polly" PERKINS ABT 1845. She was born ABT 1823.

xi. James D. LYNN was born 16 FEB 1829 in Jackson County, TN, and died 6 JAN 1891 in Jackson County, TN. He married Unknown Indian WOMAN. He married Sarah Clementine COOPER ABT 1852, daughter of Caleb COOPER and Nancy MATHIS. She was born 4 AUG 1832 in Jackson County, Tennessee, and died 16 SEP 1878 in Jackson County, Tennessee. He married Barbara G. GENTRY ABT 1880 in Jackson County, Tennessee, daughter of Thomas G. GENTRY and Rebecca BROWN. She was born 2 APR 1848 in Jackson County, TN, and died 18 FEB 1912 in Jackson County, TN.

xii. Andrew "Andy" P. LYNN was born 8 APR 1832 in Jackson County, TN, and died 3 DEC 1914 in Clay County, TN. He married Susan WHITAKER 1849 in Tennessee, daughter of Albert Nathan WHITAKER and Lucy HAMPTON.

She was born 29 OCT 1835 in Jackson County, Tennessee, and died 9 APR 1905 in Jackson County, Tennessee.

Ahnentafel, Generation No. 4

14. Joseph HAWKINS was born 7 JUN 1765 in Near Baltimore, Maryland, and died 9 MAY 1844 in Spring Creek, Jackson County, TN. He was the son of 28. Augustine "Austin" HAWKINS and 29. Elizabeth HENLEY.

15. Mahalia ?????.

Children of Mahalia ????? and Joseph HAWKINS are:

- i. William R. HAWKINS.
- ii. Polly HAWKINS.
- 7. iii. Elizabeth HAWKINS was born ABT 1790 in North Carolina, and died 30 OCT 1844 in Jackson County, TN. She married Asa Sr. LYNN BEF 1807. He was born 1777 in North Carolina, and died 4 JUL 1868 in Jackson County, TN on Roaring River Farm.

Ahnentafel, Generation No. 5

28. Augustine "Austin" HAWKINS was born 13 APR 1721 in Baltimore County, Maryland, and died JAN 1808 in Jackson County, TN. He was buried in East Side of Blackman's Fork on Roaring River, Jackson County, TN. He was the son of 56. Joseph HAWKINS and 57. Elizabeth GRIFFIN(TH).

29. Elizabeth HENLEY was born 1725 in Maryland or North Carolina.

Children of Elizabeth HENLEY and Augustine "Austin" HAWKINS are:

- i. Augustine HAWKINS.
- ii. John HAWKINS.
- iii. William H. HAWKINS.
- iv. James HAWKINS.
- v. Sarah "Sally" HAWKINS. She married Job MORGAN.
- 14. vi. Joseph HAWKINS was born 7 JUN 1765 in Near Baltimore, Maryland, and died 9 MAY 1844 in Spring Creek, Jackson County, TN. He married Mahalia ?????.

Ahnentafel, Generation No. 6

56. Joseph HAWKINS was born 1665 in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and died 13 JAN 1724/25 in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. He was the son of 112. John HAWKINS and 113. Mary FOSTER.

57. Elizabeth GRIFFIN(TH).

Children of Elizabeth GRIFFIN(TH) and Joseph HAWKINS are:

- i. Ruth HAWKINS.
- ii. Sarah HAWKINS.
- iii. John HAWKINS.
- iv. Jemima HAWKINS.
- v. Elizabeth HAWKINS.

28. vi. Augustine "Austin" HAWKINS was born 13 APR 1721 in Baltimore County, Maryland, and died JAN 1808 in Jackson County, TN. He married Elizabeth HENLEY 1755 in Baltimore County, Maryland. She was born 1725 in Maryland or North Carolina.

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NAME: **Thomas Edmond Anderson**

DATE OF BIRTH: 28 Nov 1867

DATE OF DEATH: 10 Mar 1920

PLACE OF BIRTH: Gainesboro, *Jackson Co., TN*

AGE:

SPOUSE:

CEMETERY: McCain Cemetery

FATHER: **James Anderson**

PLACE OF BIRTH: Gainesboro

MOTHER: **Souson Allen**

PLACE OF BIRTH: Gainesboro

CERTIFICATE: 174

COUNTY: Jackson