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Richard Anderson
s/o James Anderson & Margaret Troys
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Richard Anderson, A Revolutionary soldier and a farmer, was married in Cumberland County by the Rev. Charles McRae on December 2, 1784, to Martha (Panic) Meador, daughter of Jehu and Sarah Atkinson Meador. There is little documented proof as to the parentage of Richard Anderson; however, it is known that he is the progenitor of some of the early Cumberland Andersons and a number of the Buckingham families (Andersonville).

Richard and Martha Anderson resided in Cumberland County until his death in 1813 and hers in 1841. Their estate was not settled until 1845 as they both died intestate. The surviving children and/or heirs shared in the farm and personal effects and the three parcels of real estate: 77 acres purchased from Andrew Edwards, 23 acres conveyed in 1794 from Jehu Meador and 67 acres purchased in 1805 from John Pulliam.

James Moses Anderson, the first child, was born in Cumberland County on October 11, 1785. He married, 1st, Elizabeth Flood and had 13 children. After Elizabeth's death, James Moses married her younger sister, Martha Mead, and had 7 children. Elizabeth and Martha were the daughters of Moses and Mary (Mollie) Bondurant Flood of Buckingham County. James Moses lived, reared his family and died at Gary's Store, now Andersonville, in Buckingham County.

Daughter, Sally, was born in 1787 and her sister, Betty, in 1789. There is no record of these two children except for their births recorded in a family Bible; therefore, it is concluded they died at an early age.

Son, John, was born in 1791 and married Elizabeth Sanderson, daughter of John Sanderson. This family appears to have lived in Cumberland for a time but later moved away after their children were born.

Son, Thomas, was born in 1794 and married Elizabeth Meador, daughter of James and Fanny Anderson Meador. They resided in Cumberland and had 5 children.

After Thomas died, Elizabeth married Lawrence Anderson, son of Lawrence and Rhoda Anderson and had issue.

Daughter, Francis, was born in 1796 and married John A. Oslin. He was the son of Samuel and Hannah Oslin of Cumberland County. After their children were born, they later moved to Buckingham.

Daughter, Rebecca, married Calab Anderson, son of William and Catherine Shirley Anderson in 1838. He died eleven years later without issue. Rebecca died at her brother's home in Appomattox.

Son, Richard Lawrence, was born in 1801 and married, 1st, Sarah (Sally) Ann Forbes. They had two sons. After Sally's death, he married Ann Eliza Gilliam and had two children. Richard Lawrence died in 1870 and is buried at his home place in Vera in Appomattox County. His widow later remarried.

In 1839 Martha Anderson applied for a pension for the three years her husband served in the Continental Army. Had it not been for the pension applications, the Bible record of Richard and Martha Anderson's eight children may never have been located.

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