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Story of Thomas E. Anderson
s/o Paul Thomas Anderson and Susie Johnson – Chapter 3

Thomas E. (Edgbert or Edward) Anderson was born in Jackson County Tennessee February 1, 1859 on Blackburn's Fork Creek. His parents were Paul Thomas Anderson and Susie Johnson Anderson. He married Polly Birdwell (b. June 5, 1859; d. April 22, 1936), the daughter of John Birdwell, Sr. and Martha Chaftin Birdwell on January 22, 1878.

He was a farmer, rearing his family on a farm located at the crest of Petty Hill, overlooking Cub Hollow on the east and Lacy's Branch on the west. The house was built with logs, hewed rocks made the fireplace and chimney with a framed addition added later. There was a hand dug well and cistern, with a spring one fourth of a mile from the house to provide the water. The barn was built with logs, which remains today. A stile block, cut from a huge log, was in the edge of the yard for the convenience of the ladies who rode horseback in a side saddle. Apple, peach, and plum trees provided the fruit for the family. Many giant hickory trees stood over the farm, providing nuts, not only for them but supported wild life.

They worshipped with the church at Antioch on Flynn's Creek. Tom Anderson died October 11, 1941. He was buried beside his wife, Polly, in the Rash Cemetery.

Their children were:

Dillard Paul Anderson (b. December 30, 1878; d. July 9, 1944) married Cora Belle Chaffin; Johnny William Anderson (b. December 28, 1881; d. December 8, 1913) married Cora Anderson; Oliver C. Anderson (b. April 19, 1888; d. December 16, 1888); James Bedford Anderson (b. March 6, 1890; d. April 23, 1936) married Lola Betty Loftis; D. Effie Anderson (b. October 26, 1895; d. October 18, 1918) married Willie T. Haile; Robert Benjamin Anderson (b. September 3, 1900; d. April 26, 1976) married Rose Pharris.