

The Story of James Wade Anderson  
by his son Howard Anderson  
*See Chapter 2 for complete family listing.*



*Talking about the children of James Wade Anderson & Margaret Maddux, pictured left.*

We were raised in a community in the lower part of Putnam Co., TN, known as Hopewell. There were five children, Forrest being the eldest, Howard, Elizabeth, Donald and Doelda. Our life was farming, we grew wheat, corn, rye, oats, sugar cane, cow peas, cornfield peas, hogs, cattle, and horses. We did some logging, cut telephone poles and chestnut timber for acid wood for farming purposes. Made molasses in the fall of the year, we had honey bees for our own honey. We grew hay for the livestock, so our work was never done, cut wood to cook with and for the fire place. At this time there was no radio, you had to send all your messages by wire.

We traveled by railroad and short trips by wagon and horseback and buggy. The living room was about 20 feet square, the fireplace at one end. We would sit by the fire in the winter time and read the newspaper, the *Tennessean* and *Nashville Banner* were the two main newspapers.

There were lots of creeks not far from home where we would swim and catch fish. In the spring we would kill young squirrels, rabbits and ground hogs. In the fall we would hunt squirrel and rabbit. There were no deer or turkey then to hunt. In the winter we would catch opossum, skunk and fox for the hides to sell. We would pick up chestnuts, hickory nuts and walnuts for winter to have for eating.

For farming we had two teams of mules, a wagon, plows, harrows, sled for steep hill work. We went to Sunday School and Church at Boma, Silver Point and Buffalo Valley. At Hopewell we had a water powered grist mill, two at Buffalo Valley and one at Gentry Bluff. They ground whole wheat flour and corn meal and ginned cotton. It was hauled by wagon and mules.

Later we had a record player and battery radio. The length of the antenna was about one hundred and fifty feet. On the fourth of July we had dancing and music and all that goes with it. We had a very busy and happy life – went to school five months of the year.



Howard Neal & Forrest Noble Anderson Sr.



Howard Neal & Anna D.  
(Butts) Anderson



Elizabeth "Libby" Anderson

Obt. Of Howard Anderson  
Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN  
3 October 1985

Funeral services for Howard Neal Anderson, 80, will be held in the chapel of Hooper-Huddleston Funeral Home tomorrow with Paul Wilmpth officiating.

Burial will be in Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Mr. Anderson died Wednesday, 2 October 1985 at Cookeville General hospital after an extended illness.

A native of Tennessee, he was the son of the late James Wade Anderson and Margaret Maddux.

Mr. Anderson worked as a sheet metal worker in Detroit, MI, for many years and retired in 1965. He came to the Cookeville area in 1973, and lived in the Pippin Community until his death. He was a member of the Double Springs Church of Christ. His family includes his wife, Anna D. Butts Anderson; two daughters, Mahilda Adell Anderson Sparks of St. Clair Shores, MI and Margaret Langford of Carthage, TN; four grandchildren; a brother, James Donald Anderson of West Palm Beach, FL & two sisters, Donelda Colloeini of Vineland, NJ and Elizabeth Smartt of Hermitage, TN.

The family will receive friends after 4:00 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Obt. Of Anna Dee Butts Anderson  
Herald – Citizen Newspaper  
28 March 1995

Funeral services for Anna Dee Anderson, 89, of Cookeville, TN will be held Wednesday, March 29, at 2:30 p.m. in the chapel of Hooper and Huddleston Funeral Home. Burial will be in Crest Lawn Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Anderson died Sunday, March 26, 1995, in her home.

A native of DeKalb County, TN she was born March 14, 1906, to the late William Henry and Eliza Carolyn Maynard Butts.

She was a homemaker who retired from Chrysler Corporation in 1971 and was a member of Double Springs Church of Christ.

Her family includes one daughter, Margaret Lankford of Carthage, TN; two sons-in-law, Everett F. Lankford of Defeated Creek and L.D. Sparks of Cookeville, TN; two sisters, Hattie Martin and Alga herald, both of Baxter; five grandchildren,

Alana F. Ewing, David L. Sparks, Jeffrey L. and Charles Lankford, and James A. Sparks; six great-grandchildren and three great- great- grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Anderson was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Anderson, and a daughter, Mahillda Sparks.

Pallbearers will be David L., David M. and James Sparks, Jeffery Lankford, Edward Lafever, Eddie Ray Herald, and Walter Fitzpatrick Jr.

The family will receive friends after 3 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Brother Paul Wilmoth, Brother Charles Lemmons and Brother, Kerry Duke will officiate at the services.

Obt. Forrest Nobel Anderson Sr.  
Herald – Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN  
15 March 1983

Funeral services for Forrest Nobel Anderson, 79, of Rt. 1, Silver Point, TN, will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, in the chapel of Baxter Funeral Home with Brother Mont E. Hooper and Brother Doyle Thrasher officiating.

Burial will be in Smellage Cemetery, Boma, TN.

Mr. Anderson, a native of Putnam County, TN died Monday, March 14, 1983, at Cookeville General Hospital. He was the son of the late James and Margaret (Maddux) Anderson. Forrest was a retired truck driver with the state of Tennessee Highway Department and attended New Home Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Rubye Huddleston Anderson of Silver Point, TN; three sons, Noble Dean Anderson of Buffalo Valley, TN; James Derl Anderson of Silver Point, TN and Simon Prentice Anderson of Carthage, TN; a daughter, Linda Sue Collier of Baxter; 2 brothers; Howard Anderson of Cookeville, TN; and Donald Anderson of FL. Two sisters; Elizabeth Smartt of Hermitage, TN; Donelda Callovini of Vineland, NJ; and five grandchildren.

Whitson Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Obituary of Rubye Dee Huddleston Anderson  
Herald – Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN  
28 April 1985

Services for Rubye Dee Heddleston Anderson, 85, of Rt. 1, Box 142, Silver Point, TN were held Monday, April 22, 1985 from the Baxter Funeral Home Chapel followed by burial in Smellage Cemetery, Boma, TN.

Brothers Mont Hooper, Dwight Henry, and Doyle Thrasher presided over the services.

Mrs. Anderson was born in Putnam County to the late Simon and Safrona Whitson Huddleston.

She was the wife of the late Forrest Anderson.

Survivors include three sons, Noble Anderson of Chestnut Mound, TN and James Derl Anderson of Silver Point, TN and Simon Prentice Anderson of Carthage, TN. One daughter, Linda Collier of Baxter; one brother, Harwood Huddleston of Buffalo Valley and eight grandchildren.

Obituary of Alga Butts Herald  
Herald Citizen, Cookeville, TN  
February 3, 2003

BAXTER -- Funeral services for Alga Butts Herald, 87, of Cookeville, will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 4, from the chapel of Baxter Funeral Home. Burial will be in Crest Lawn Memorial Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5-9 p.m. today, Monday, Feb. 3, at the funeral home.

Mrs. Herald died on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003, in White County Community Hospital.

She was born on June 30, 1915, in Silver Point to the late William Henry and Lola Belle Ashburn Butts.

Mrs. Herald was retired from Wilson Sporting Goods and was a member of Baxter Church of Christ.

Her family includes a daughter and son-in-law, Frances Herald and James Hodges of Oak Ridge; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Eddie Ray and Sue Herald of Cookeville, and William (Buck) Herald of Baxter; a sister, Hattie Martin of Baxter; four grandchildren, Grace Hodges Royal, Mary Hodges Spahn, James

W. Hodges, all of Atlanta, Ga., and Tammy Herald Dronebarger of Baxter; and three great-grandchildren, Dalton and Jake Dronebarger and Trey Hodges.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Solon Herald; two sisters, Hallie Lafever and Anna D. Anderson; and two brothers, Alvin and Bethel Butts.

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