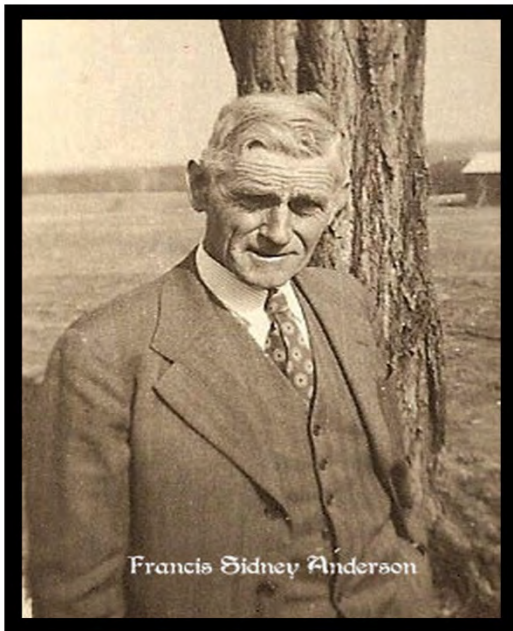
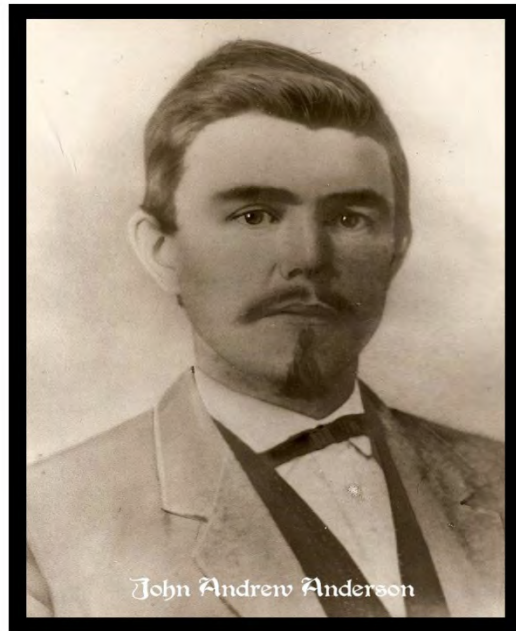


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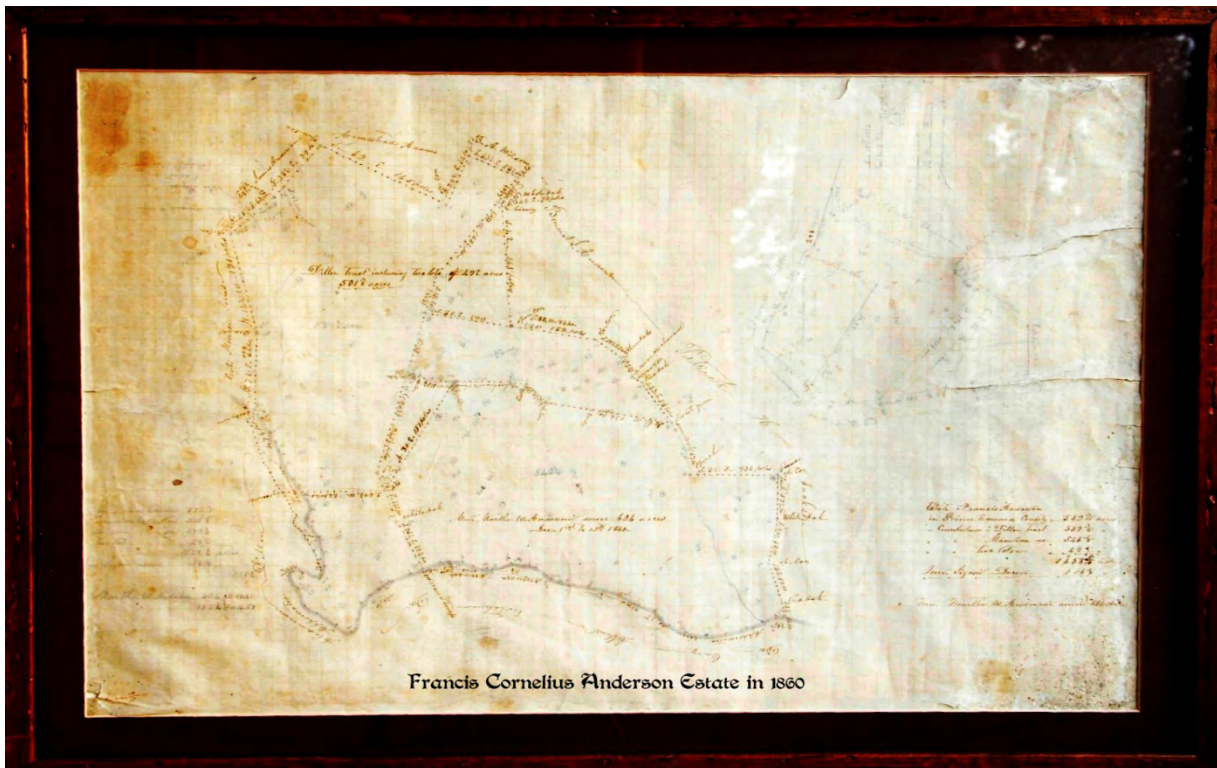
Last year we published a genealogy report of the descendants of Francis Cornelius Anderson, pictured here with my (ASA) dad, granddad, and his youngest son, my great grandfather John Andrew Anderson. We did this primarily for those who do not use computers so that they could appreciate a few of the benefits of electronic genealogy. This year we are including two more generations of the descendants of James and Elizabeth Baker Anderson who settled between Dry Creek and the Appomattox River



around 1740. The house they built is still located at the site marked by the "J" in James at the opposite end of the runway of Farmville Municipal Airport from the home of Frank Carlis Anderson,



located at the "F" in the above aerial view. Notice the characteristic "Devil's Elbow" in the SW corner of both maps.





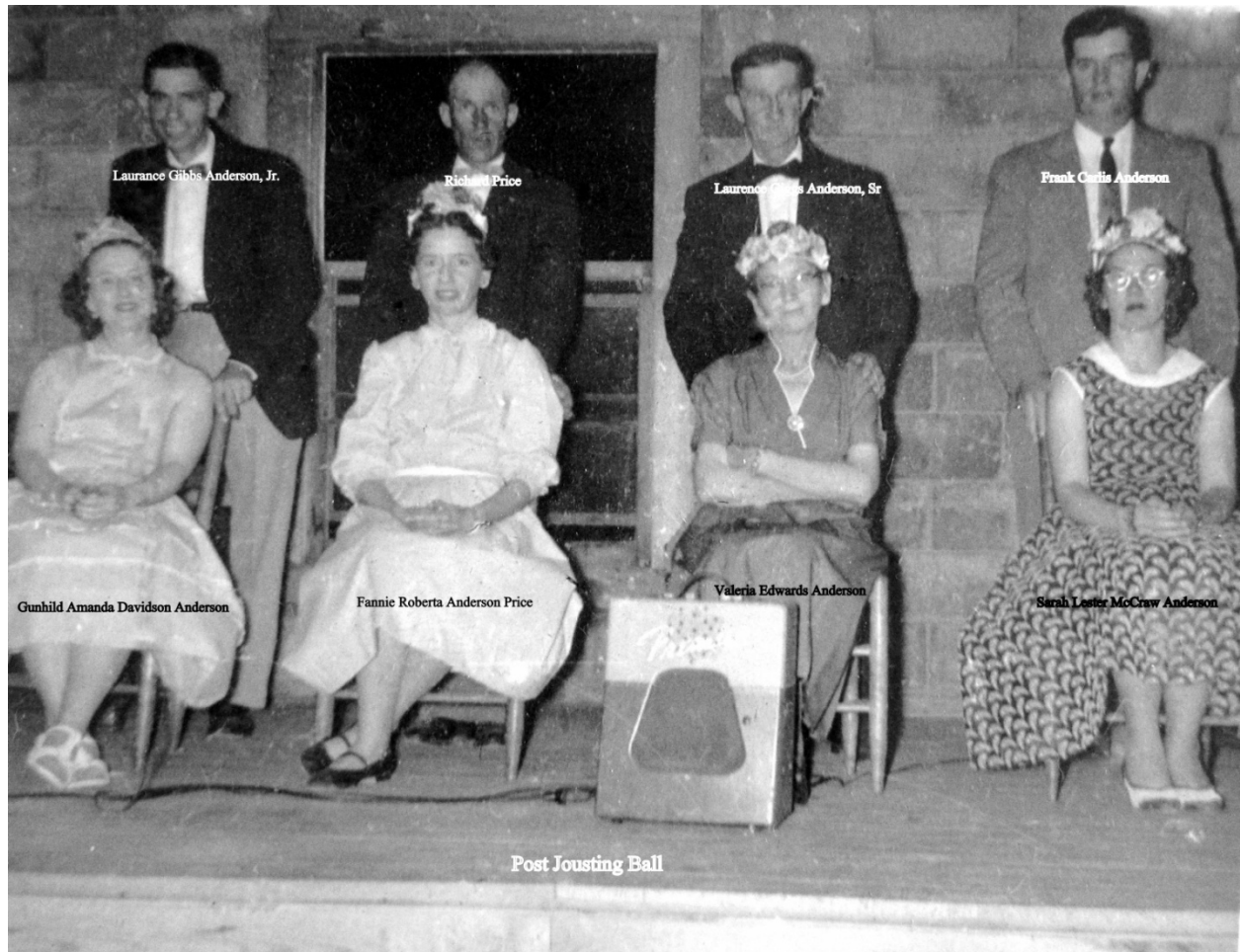


*Bernard Anderson takes his mother and brother Sidney for a ride in his 1911 Willys-Overland*



*Jarvis Anderson House in 2010*

To avoid somewhat having a boring 200 page tome of who begat whom, we are featuring a few pictures and stories about several of the fascinating relatives we have proved to be ours during the past year. Please share photographs and tales of events such as this jousting tournament ball for future volumes.

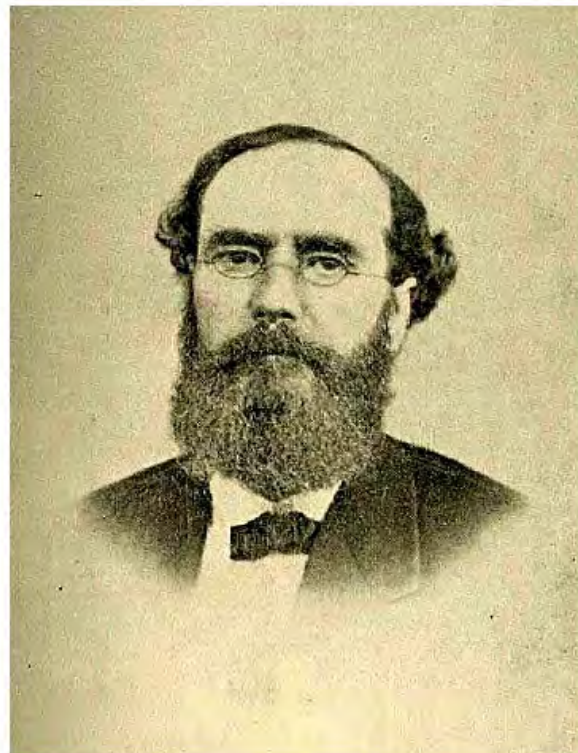
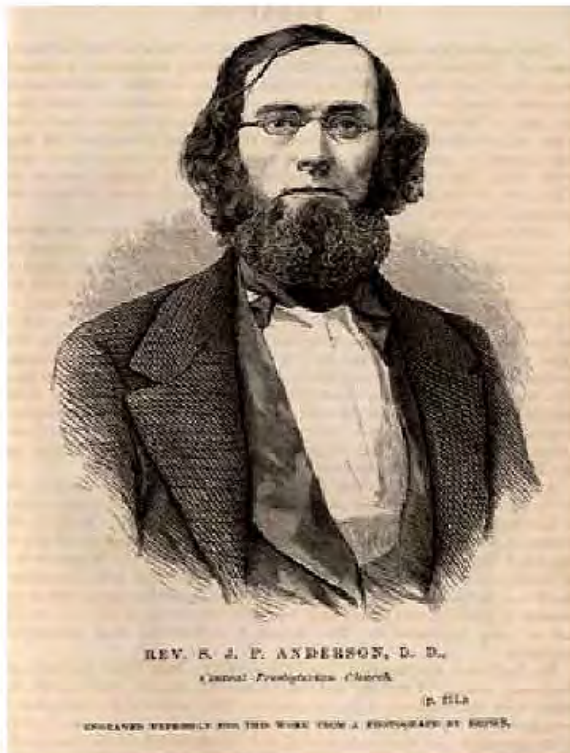


With electronic genealogy it is easy to search relationships and attach pictures, letters, wills, family Bible sheets and pages of life stories, any of which may be changed at will. Audio documents and movies may be pasted into the record as well. The volume in your hand is merely the scaffold on which to hang everything. To preserve the fruits of thousands of hours of our research and the privacy of the living we ask you not to publish the information you find here on the internet. If you do you will soon learn that work from those thousands of hours of distilling stories about our Anderson cousins will be copied, changed without permission and sold for someone else's profit.

### Major proofs this past year:

Some have claimed the first Anderson to arrive in Virginia, the Richard Anderson born in 1585, was the grandfather or great grandfather of Robert Anderson, grandfather of our Cumberland County ancestor James Anderson. This year we proved from DNA that Richard and Robert had different y-dna and thus Robert could not have been a descendant of Richard. However, those of us who descend through the line of James' son Thomas Anderson and his wife Sarah Weldon Anderson descend from both Robert Anderson and a Richard Anderson, because Sarah Weldon Anderson was an Anderson before she married Thomas Anderson and a descendant of Richard Anderson through her father Francis Anderson.

Several years ago I began to read about Samuel James Pearce Anderson, D.D., perhaps the greatest theologian of the descendants of James and Betty Baker Anderson. His voice and oratorical style have been described as the "best in Virginia since Patrick Henry" and his discourses have remained required reading in both liberal and conservative seminaries. Google his name and see how many pages of



links pop up for a man who has been dead almost 140 years. The Presbyterian Encyclopedia reported that he was born in Prince Edward County in 1814 to parents whose names were unknown. Until recently I could only speculate that he was a descendant of our James Anderson Jr., who married Sarah Pearce. Who else named Anderson in Prince Edward County in 1814 could possibly carry the names Samuel, for the only brother of his great grandmother Betty Baker, James for his great grandfather James Anderson and Pearce from his grandmother Sarah Pearce? Read the notes following his name to



discover how wills and land transfers in Campbell County prove SJP Anderson to be the grandson of James Anderson, Jr. For a smile, check the record of his court marshal in 1863 in St. Louis, MO for Disloyalty to the Federal-- expressed in 11 specifications such as declaring in the pulpit rebellion against the Federal Government not to be a sin, the South to be right and the Government of the United States wrong, erecting a mound in his yard designated "Fort Sumter" and flying the Confederate flag over it, and refusing to pray for a Union victory on the National Day of Prayer proclaimed by President Lincoln, averring that loyalty had nothing to do with the qualification for membership in the church, Synod, and other religious bodies.

Another find this year was "Ashland", home of James and Betty Baker Anderson's oldest daughter Mary, wife of Edmund Pearce and after his death wife of Alexander Guthrey, which has been meticulously restored by cousin Dr. Woodfin Vaughan Ligon, Jr. and his wife Ann Crumrine Ligon. Mary's color portrait, copied on the inside cover of this booklet, overlooks their fireplace, while a view of the remains of High Bridge through a rear window floods us with memories of the War in the Defense of Virginia.



*"Ashland" —Home of Mary Anderson Pearce Guthrey as it looks in 2010*



Her son James Anderson Pearce married Ann, the daughter of Gen. Jonathan Clark, brother of explorers Generals William Clark and George Rogers Clark. A granddaughter of Mary's brother, James Anderson, Jr., Ann Pearce Kinkead married the great Presbyterian theologian, the "Lion of Princeton", Benjamin Breckenridge Warfield, who just happens to be a direct descendant of Thomas Ballard, gr6-grandfather of my mother Mary Katharine Ballard Anderson.

To become a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, one must have at least one great grandparent who was a patriot. Thus far Ruby Glenn Anderson Robinson has proved at least six males-- James Allen, Charles Allen, Josiah Chambers, James Anderson, Francis Anderson and Thomas Addison Cobbs. Interestingly, among the pages of Anderson patriots in the Centennial Patriot Index is a solitary woman patriot, great grandmother Sarah Weldon Anderson.

My own (ASA) interest in Anderson genealogy came from the study of the history of the fight for religious freedom in Virginia and hence the United States. In the early 1740's the families of 4 sons (Thomas, Jr., James, Charles, and William) and two daughters (Anne who married James Allen and Elizabeth who married John Woodson) of Thomas Anderson (1680-1757), the great grandfather of Francis Cornelius Anderson, left St. Paul's parish and moved to Cumberland County, where they began to worship as dissenters, eventually recognized as Presbyterians in 1754, when Anderson Meeting House became Cumberland Presbyterian Church. In addition to the descendants of our James Anderson and his 14 brothers and sisters and their ancestors, I continue to research ancestors and descendants of the 29 families who, in 1767 pledged money to support a pastor there.

With this heritage of knowledge of The Truth many of us here today share as 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> generation Presbyterians in Virginia, because of the faithful teaching of our ancestors, we would do well to remember the warning of Luke 12:48 "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required". KJV

As you can see from the volume of material here, there is no way to record all the information we have compiled without using electronic documents. Remember James was just one of the 15 children of Thomas Anderson and Agnes Gannaway who visited Cumberland County. Just the genealogy report of their descendants found thus far is 1275 pages long, without pictures, stories, wills, footnotes or other attachments. Fortunately Thomas is the only one of his 7 known brothers and sisters not previously researched. Books about them were published years ago by wealthy cousins who moved west after the American Revolution, claiming valuable land for fighting in the Virginia Continental Line. Imagine what could be written about your own life and then multiply that times the more than 150,000 relatives we have found so far. Furthermore electronic documents are easier to search and modify as more information becomes available. The small downside is that one needs a computer and a genealogic program. Currently I am using Family Tree Maker 16 and 2010 from which I can export to you material in a machine language that can be read by all the other popular genealogical programs. Please send copies of life stories and corrections to [RubyARobinson@yahoo.com](mailto:RubyARobinson@yahoo.com) or to 3111 Archdale Rd, Richmond, VA 23235 or to me [AAndersonMD@gmail.com](mailto:AAndersonMD@gmail.com) or at 115 Bluff Point Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22407.