

THE ANDERSON FAMILY

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Misc. info on
James Anderson
D. Nelson Anderson
and others that
lived at Walker Br. and Paint Fork
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The Buncombe Co. land records list in D.B. "S2-2", page 492, dated 2 Dec. 1797, 50 acres on Gabriels Creek which probably refers to the same land previously described. On 12 Dec. 1797, D. B. "S2-2", page 493, records a quit claim deed from John Gray Blount to James Anderson, but the amount of acreage and the location are not given. Family tradition, however, tells us that James, his wife Patty, and his youngest children who were still living at home moved from the Gabriels Creek farm to the new farm acquired on Paint Fork of Little Ivy River about the latter part of 1797. It was probably the land obtained from John Blount by means of the quit claim deed. This land was located a few miles east of what is today the town of Mars Hill in the present county of Madison, formerly Buncombe Co. Situated in the south east corner of present Madison Co. not too far from today's Yancey Co. line, this site was to become the location of the James Anderson homestead, and its approximate location is marked on the Madison Co. map on page 12.

(James was a successful farmer and stock raiser. He built his home on Paint Fork of Little Ivy as described by one of his descendants, Albert Stevens McLean:

His home was built of strong and sturdy hand-hewn logs built to withstand the ravages of time and the elements, and as a protective refuge against the possible attack of the Cherokee Indians who were not entirely subdued at the time and whose well-worn path into their nation ran nearby. This old home was one and a half stories high with gun slots cut through the logs at intervals along the walls of the upper floor as a protection against the Indians.

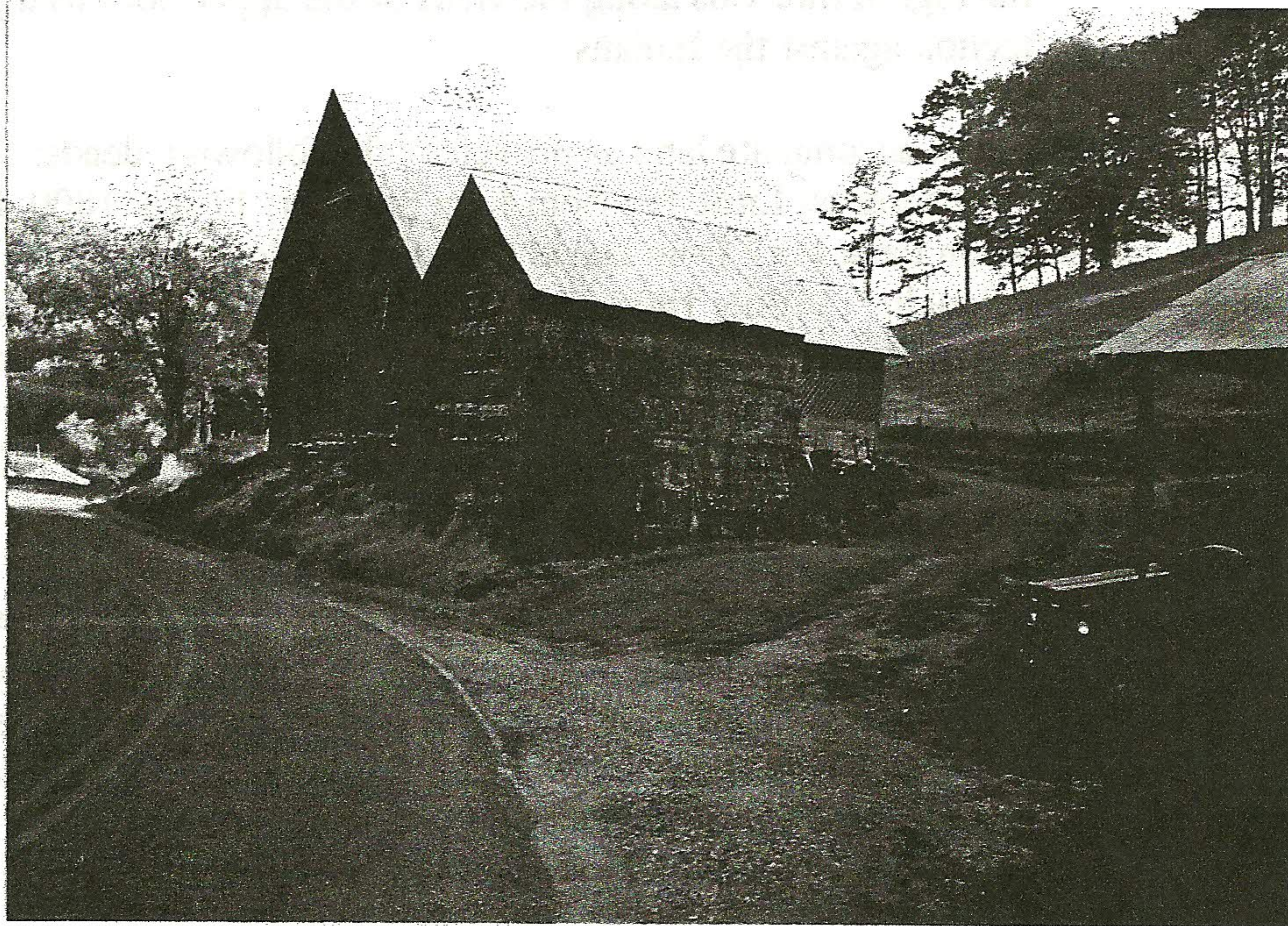
James continued to accumulate land as proven by the following deeds: 27 April 1799 D.B. 5, page 22, 100 acres on Little Ivy from John Strother; 17 Jan. 1800, D. B. S1-6, page 91, 120 acres on Paint Fork from David Conklin; 30 Nov. 1800, D.B. 10, page 5, 25 acres from David Conklin; 18 July 1804, D.B. 10, page 38, 150 acres on Little Ivy-Paint Fork from Charles McDowell; 26 Nov. 1805, D.B. A, page 3, 100 acres on Little Ivy-Paint Fork from Thomas Williams; 11 Feb. 1806, D.B. A, page 30, 40 acres on Little Ivy-Paint Fork from John Strother; and his final acquisition on 10 March 1807, D.B. A, page 515, 100 acres from William Edmons.

The exact dates of the deaths of both James and his wife Patty have been lost in time as well as their burial sites, although they are believed to have been buried somewhere on their farm. James, according to family members, died between 1810 and 1814, but no date is known for Patty. A painting of Patty has been preserved by her descendants and is shown on the following page. It is believed to be in the possession of the Albert Stevens McLean family whose descendants still live in the Buncombe-Madison Counties area.

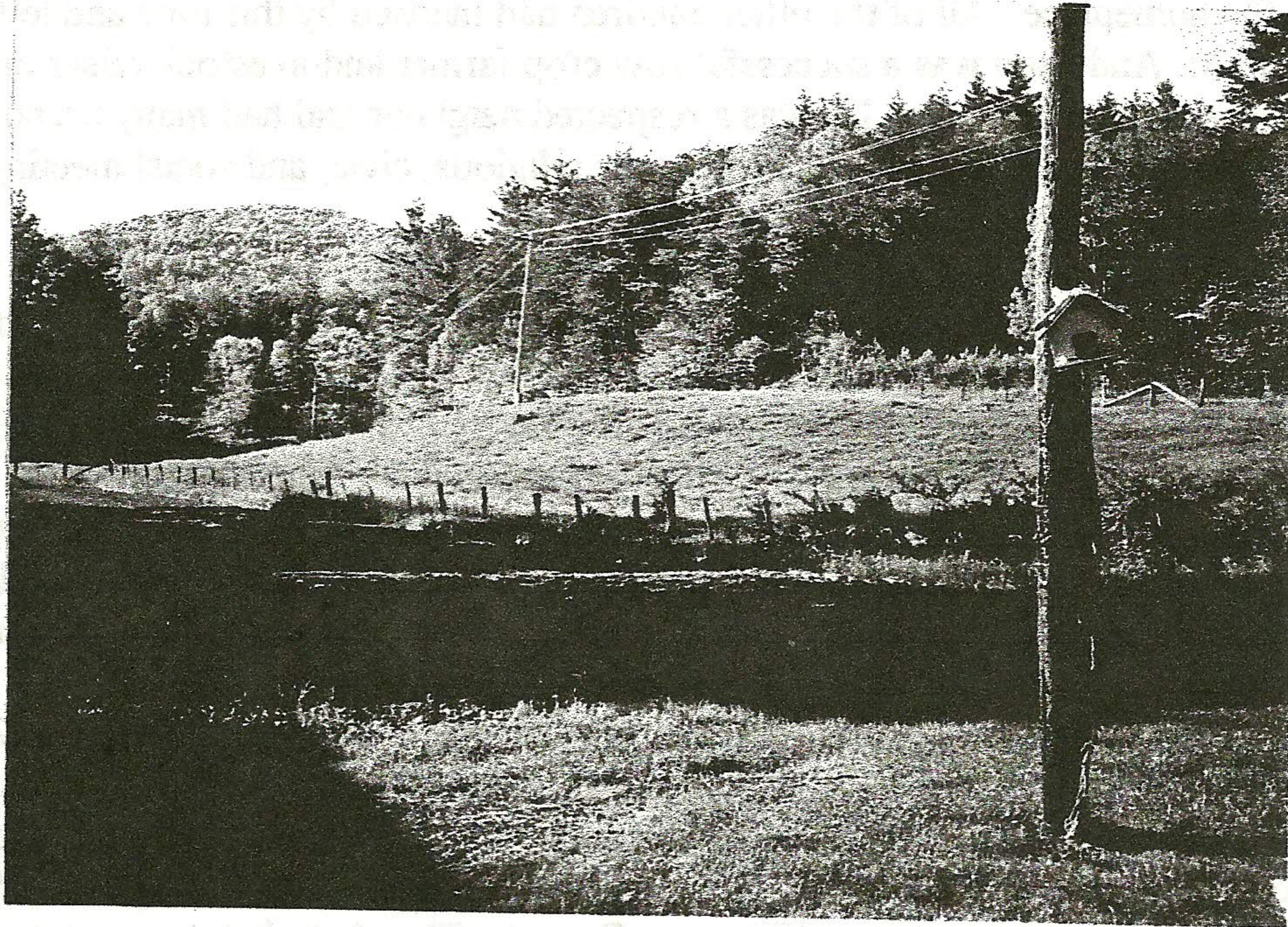
balance of his life in White Co. No research has been attempted on George W. after his relocation to Tennessee, and the name of his wife and children have not been determined.

7. Nathan Malet Anderson(2), son of James, number 1, and wife Patty Malet Anderson, was born 19 April 1782, in New Jersey. He lived in several states while his father James served in the Revolutionary War, and was a small boy when his family moved south and crossed the Blue Ridge Mountains into Surry Co., N. C. They were one of the first Methodist families to enter this area of wilderness. Several years later, James and his wife and most of his children moved again to Buncombe Co. and became one of the earliest families to settle in that area of the county that became Yancey Co. and then Madison Co. Nathan lived with his family on Gabriels Creek, which was several miles south of what is today the town of Mars Hill, when they first arrived in Buncombe Co.

In 1797, which was three years later, and Nathan was about 15 years of age, his father James acquired land on Paint Fork of Little Ivy and built a big log home. It was here that he grew into manhood and helped his parents provide for the younger children still living at home. An Indian path ran near the house and constant vigilance was the price that had to be paid for a safe environment. Some of the present day descendants of Nathan think that the building shown below, which is now being used as a storage barn, may be the original log home of James and Lydia and their family. This building is located near the corner of Walker Branch and Paint Fork.



Other Anderson descendants who are also quite knowledgeable say that the old log home was located a couple of hundred feet away from the old barn and closer to the Walker Branch-Paint Fork intersection. The photo below shows a second location believed by Oscar Anderson, Jr., to have been the site of the original log home. This original log building is thought to have been torn down long ago.



Nathan Malet Anderson returned to Surry Co., N.C. to claim his bride. While the family had lived in that county, Nathan had enjoyed friendship with the children of many of the neighbors and on 3 Nov. 1807, he married Sarah Elizabeth Burch, one of the daughters of close neighbors and good fiends of his family. It is believed that she was born in Yadkin Co. in 1785 and then moved with family to Surry Co.

He returned to Buncombe Co. to establish his own residence, and four years after his marriage he was able to buy land. On 5 Oct. 1811, Nathan purchased 100 acres on the waters of Little Ivy Creek from Joseph Walker. He probably also inherited land from his father who left a will in the Buncombe Co. court records but, unfortunately, these early records are no longer in existence. An old record found in Yancey Co. dated 5 Dec. 1835, contains the information that John, William and Nathan Anderson sold to James Ray, Jr., their part of four tracts of land devised to the aforesaid by the last will and testament of

For his home, he selected a site on a rise about 300 yards northeast of the convergence of Wittemore Branch with the Big Ivy River. Here he built a large two story log home which afforded him an unobstructed view of the areas to the north and west. A panoramic view of the present town of Barnardsville, not then in existence, can be seen from this rather impressive location, although the house was torn down several generations ago.

The census of 1830 contains the details of Billy and his family as they were enumerated at their home on Big Ivy. He was living with his wife Patty, one son, and five daughters. One of the daughters was married and living in her own home by this time. In 1850, the Federal count reported Billy and his wife Patty and one daughter, Cate, as still living at the homeplace. All of the other children had married by this time and left home.

William M. Anderson was a successful row crop farmer and livestock raiser on his rather extensive land holdings. He was a respected neighbor and had many friends in the Big Ivy area. His home was the center of many religious, civic, and social meetings, and friends were always welcome there.

In 1852, he donated land and other advancements for the erection of a church to be located at the mouth of Wittemore Branch. His deed of gift specified the following regulations--- "for the purpose and no other, for a place of public worship for all Christian denominations of people with the conditions that the Baptists have the preference of their set or monthly days of worship and also that the Protestants of the Methodists denomination have their set days of worship without molestation." The church was built and used by several denominations for a number of generations. This old church has now been torn down and the Church of God denomination has, in recent years, constructed a church which is experiencing numerous activities at this time.

The Ashville newspaper reported that William Anderson, age 69, had died on 20 June 1856, at his residence on Big Ivy in Buncombe Co. His wife Martha "Patty" Elkins Anderson died in 1877, and they were both buried in the small family cemetery located on the southwest corner of his farm. This cemetery can be found by going about 50 yards east of the old church property on Wittemore Branch. The photo below was taken of Martha Elkins Anderson not long before her death.



James Anderson, Sr., deceased, lands on the Paint Fork of Little Ivy near an old Indian path.

Nathan was a successful farmer and active in civic and community activities. He held the office of Justice of the Peace for many years, was deputy sheriff of Buncombe Co., and was a constable in Buncombe and Yancey Counties as his home place was in three different counties during his life time, although, he never moved.

The unenviable job of road commissioner was assigned sooner or later to all capable and responsible people of the county in which they lived. The County Court of Buncombe Co. saved the taxpayers money by requiring that all able-bodied citizens work on the public roads during certain assigned periods. This service was required by law and no one was paid for this necessity. The prominent members of the community were appointed the duties of supervisor, commonly called road commissioner, and the court records show that Nathan served in this capacity many times during his working years. Other residents of the community were provided to the commissioner as work hands. The roads that were required to be kept in good condition were those in the immediate vicinity of the homes of the individuals who worked on them.

On 18 March 1853, Nathan was experiencing feeble health, but while still of sound mind and perfect memory he decided to have his will drawn up. He introduced this document by recalling to mind the mortality of the body and the fact that 'all men are appointed once to die'. He then stated very emphatically that he was giving his soul into the hand of Almighty God who had given it to him and his body to the earth from whence it came to be buried in a decent form. He also expressed his conviction that he would be reunited with this same body at the general resurrection by the same Almighty power.

The provisions of the will devised all of his worldly goods that God had blessed him with as follows: "First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah Anderson all and singular thing or things all my Personal Estate consisting of all my Slaves to wit Nice and her four Children, and my horses, cattle, hogs and sheep and all my Household and Kitchen furniture farming utensils and all and every other thing I possess, and all my Real Estate except herein after mentioned, that is to say the tract of land whereon my son John Anderson now lives and the tract of land whereon my son Nathan M. Anderson now lives and my John Barrett tracts are excepted."

This will explains in detail that Sarah was to have all of his possessions until her death with the exception of the three tracts of land, and then these possessions were to be equally divided among all of his children or their legal representatives. His two sons John and Nathan M. were to have the farms on which they were living and if their values were worth more than their share of their father's legacy, they were to repay to the other legatees the appropriate amount. The John Barrett tracts that Nathan M., Sr., had bought were located on Paint Fork of Little Ivy and were to go to his single son Raiburn Anderson for life and then these tracts were to be equally divided among all of his children or their legal representatives.

His sons Pinkney and Nathan M. Anderson, Jr., were to serve as his executors. This will was recorded in the courthouse in Madison Co., N.C. that was formed from Yancey and Buncombe Counties in 1851. Nathan's land had ended up being in Madison Co. after having been in Yancey Co. and Buncombe Co. during its earlier history.

Nathan Malet Anderson, Sr., died at his home at Paint Fork on Little Ivy during the year of 1856, although the exact date has not been determined. He and his wife Sarah are

buried near the homeplace on Paint Fork. Sarah's date of death is uncertain but she was living when her husband wrote his will, but was not included on the census of 1860 for Madison Co., so she probably died in the middle or late 1850's.

Children of Nathan Malet Anderson and wife Sarah Elizabeth Burch:

18. i. William Burch Anderson.
19. ii. Pinkney Anderson.
20. iii. John Anderson.
21. iv. Jesse Woodson Anderson.
22. v. Nathan Malet Anderson, Jr.

vi. James Rabin (Raiburn ?) Anderson was born ca. 1828 in Buncombe Co. at the homeplace of Nathan and Sarah Anderson located on Paint Fork of Little Ivy. He was the original Superior Court clerk of Madison Co. when it was formed from Yancey Co. in 1851. He held this position until 1854. Raiburn never married and was living with his brother Nathan M., Jr., when the Federal census was enumerated in 1860. He is not found on the census from 1870 on. He inherited land from his father as stated in the extant will.

vii. Sarah Evaline Anderson was born 23 January 1829, and married James Marion Ray. Evaline inherited a one eighth share of her father's estate. She died in 1891.

viii. Nancy Anderson, born 1817, married a man named Cole and they were the parents of nine children. Nancy had only one child of her own named Marcina Cole who married David Humphries and moved out of state. Marcina was raised by Jesse Woodson Anderson, brother of Nancy. Nancy Anderson Cole died after 1850.

ix. Kiziah Anderson, born 1822, married James Greenwood, and they moved from Madison Co. to Georgia. Their children were A. J. and Madison Greenwood.

8. William Mallett Anderson(2), son of James, number 1, and wife Patty Anderson, was born 1 March 1784, in Delaware and grew up in North Carolina. He lived in Surry Co. and then Buncombe Co. His family lived on Gabriels Creek from about 1794 to 1797. When he was about 13 years of age, his family moved to Paint Fork of Little Ivy River which was in the portion of Buncombe Co. which became Yancey Co. in 1833 and Madison Co. in 1851.

William M. "Billy" Anderson grew to manhood on the James Anderson, Sr., homeplace, and in 1806, he and Martha "Patty" Elkins, the daughter of Gabriel and Stacy Dillard Elkins, were married. Patty had been born 8 Sept. 1787, in Washington Co., Tennessee, now Unicoi Co., Tennessee. Washington Co. once covered the entire state of Tennessee and even parts of North Carolina.

Billy Anderson lived at home with his parents and new bride after his marriage. When his father died, about 1814, he inherited the homestead of his parents on Paint Fork of Little Ivy. He lived there until 1817, at which time his brother George Washington Anderson sold him his 169 acre farm on Big Ivy River in Buncombe Co. and moved to White Co., Tennessee.

Billy made his brother's old farm his new residence and also bought 75 adjoining acres on Big Ivy on 28 Sept. 1824, from Garrett Dewees as recorded in D.B. 20, page 229. His farm was located just west of what is the present day town of Barnardsville, and it remained in Buncombe Co. when Madison Co. was split from Buncombe Co. This land extended to the west of Whittemore Branch and to the north of Big Ivy River.

followed the profession of a physician and was addressed as Dr. John G. Anderson in all extant records. He married Mary E. "Polly" Ray, born 1838, on 25 July 1857 and they were living in their home on Paint Fork near his parents when the census of 1860 was recorded. They had no children at this time, but their only child, a daughter was born in 1866, after John returned home from serving as a doctor for the Confederacy in the Civil War. The 1870 census shows John and Polly and their child Margaret N., as still living in Madison Co. His wife, daughter of Maj. T. W. Ray, died not long after this and he married her sister, Alice P. Ray. John then moved to Georgia where he lived out the remainder of his life. No details are known concerning his final years.

iii. Jasper Newton "Newt" Anderson was born in 1836, and never married.

iv. Mary "Polly" Anderson, born 1838, married Burgess Wilson, and they had a daughter Dorcas Wilson who married a man named Newton.

v. Dorcas Anderson was born in 1840 and taught school in the Big Ivy Valley near what would later become the town of Barnardsville. She married Moore Ray, and moved to Cocke Co., Tennessee. They were the parents of at least four children. Known children were Dick, Flynn, Alice, and Maude Lillian.

vi. Lucinda Jane Anderson, born ca. 1842, married on 4 Sept. 1864, Thomas W. Keith and moved to Arkansas.

vii. Sarah E. Anderson was born 29 Sept. 1846, and married John Franklin Carter, son of Edward Carter of Ivy and Rebecca Burleson. They lived on California Creek in Madison Co. and known children were a daughter Viola who married Green Young and another daughter Lula who married Sheridan Briggs. Lula and Sheridan's daughter Nelle Briggs married Bob Wilson. Sarah Anderson Carter died 1 March 1936.

viii. Beulow "Burbon" Anderson was born in Madison Co. in 1849, and married on 27 September 1868, Rebecca Tilson, born 1851 in Tennessee. In the 1860 census of Madison Co., Burbon was living at Paint Fork with his parents and six brothers and sisters. By the 1870 census he was still living in the same area with his wife Rebecca, but they had no children at this time. Their only known child was a son named John. Burbon and his family moved to Polk Co., Tennessee near the towns of Copperhill and Ducktown. These towns are very close to the Georgia border and only a few miles from the Tennessee-North Carolina intersection. Bourbon died in this area, but the date of his death is not known.

ix. Dora Thadrick Anderson, the last child in this family, was born in Madison Co. in 1853, and was reported as still living at home on the Paint Fork in the 1860 census count. She married William Willis Marchbanks who was the son of Francis Marion Marchbanks and wife Martha Ann Salmon. The date of the marriage was some time after 1870, as Dora was living with her parents Pinkney and Nancy in the Mars Hill area when the census of 1870 was recorded.

* 20. John Anderson(3), son of Nathan Malet Anderson, number 7, and wife Sarah Elizabeth Burch, born 1813, grew up on the family farm in the Paint Fork of Little Ivy neighborhood. He married Mary Emaline "Pollie" Bailey, born 1824, ca. 1842, and their first child was born in Yancey Co. This area on Walker Branch Rd. would be located in Madison Co. when it was formed from Yancey Co. in 1851. The Federal census of 1860 reports John, Pollie, and their children living in the same area near brothers and other relatives of his. Probate records of Madison Co. prove that John died in the month of

of his will which was probated after his death that occurred in either 1856 or 1857. In a petition of Madison Co. of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the August term, 1866, Hester is named as the wife of S. T. Crawford. She and her family remained in Madison Co., although nothing has been learned about her descendants.

iv. Sarah Jane Anderson was born in Yancey Co. in Feb. 1850. She grew up on the Paint Fork farm of her father John Anderson. Sarah Jane was living at home with her parents during the 1860 census and was single and still at home with her widowed mother, three sisters, and a brother in 1870. She married Levi Radford and they were the parents of Milton and Ruburga. This family remained in the Madison Co. vicinity.

v. Mardonas D. Anderson, born in Madison Co. in 1852, grew up in the Paint Fork of Little Ivy area in what is today the Paint Fork Rd. and Walker Branch intersection. He married Mary, maiden name unknown, born 1848, and their first child was Themistocles who was born in Madison Co. in 1869 on the home place in a house next door to his grandmother, Mary Emaline "Polly" Anderson. Nothing has been learned of the later life of Mardonas.

vi. Vashti C. Anderson, known by all as "Vestie", was born in 1854 at the John Anderson home place and married John Gardner on 15 Aug. 1872. John and Vestie lived in the Paint Fork area of Madison Co. and were the parents of Sue, John, Garrett, Carl, Lillian, Cora, Lizzie, Hubert, Cleveland, and Gay. Nothing is known about the deaths of Vestie or her husband.

vii. Plutina Anderson was born in 1856, and during the 1860 and 1870 census enumerations of Madison Co., she was living with her family on the family farm. She was called "Tiny" and married Elbert Radford. Their children were Curtis, Minnie, Trissie, and Martha who married D. Gardner. She and her husband lived their entire lives in the area of their births.

* 27. viii. D. Nelson Anderson.

ix. Martha Matilda Anderson was born in Madison Co. in the Paint Fork of Little Ivy section on the family farm in the year 1859. She was the last child in the family and was only six years old when her father died. She married Decatur Gardner after growing up in the home of her widowed mother and resided in the same area during her lifetime. No information has been learned about her descendants.

21. Jesse Woodson Anderson(3), son of Nathan Malet Anderson, number 7, and wife Sarah Elizabeth Burch, was born on Paint Fork of Little Ivy on 19 January 1818, which was in Buncombe Co. at the time. Jesse Woodson married Elizabeth Caroline Carter, born 1826, a daughter of Daniel and Margaret Jennings Carter. Margaret Jennings Carter was the daughter of James Jennings who fought in the Revolutionary War and crossed the Delaware with George Washington. When Madison Co. was formed from Yancey Co. in 1851, he was elected the first clerk of the court of this new county. When the war started in 1861, Woodson served with valor and bravery as a soldier in the Confederate army.

Prior to the war, Woodson became a Baptist minister and was the second pastor of the Big Ivy Baptist Church which was organized in 1821. The original Charter of Mars Hill College, (first called "The French Broad Baptist Institute," founded in 1856) contains the name of Jesse Woodson Anderson as one of the founding trustees. The institution

Katherine Bryan; George Lee, married Helen Fenney and they were the parents of George Lee, Jr., John, Barry, and James; and Ruth Anderson, born 1 April 1910. John Wilson Anderson died 24 Feb. 1948.

vi. James Pinkney Anderson was born 7 June 1868, and grew up in the Mars Hill area. He was mentioned in a petition of Madison Co. which was dated about 1887 or 1888 in which he was described as a minor and without a guardian. This petition was requesting the division of the estate of Nathan Malet Anderson, great-grandfather of James Pinkney Anderson. For some unknown reason, part of the land that had been left by Nathan M. had never been legally passed on to his heirs. Also mentioned in this petition as minors without a guardian were the brother and sister of James P., Eather and Ovid Jerome.

James Pinkney Anderson married Bertha Creola Dillingham on 14 Feb. 1904. Bertha, the daughter of Thomas and Nancy Carter Dillingham of Buncombe Co., N. C., was born 10 Sept. 1881, and died in 1976. James Pinkney died 14 August 1935. The children of James P. and Bertha C. were Gladys Eloise, had a son David Elliott Anderson who married Janet McGurrin and they had Sheri, Lora, and Michael; Fred, married Lucille Freeman and their son Frederick F. married Ruby Cartner which union produced Michael, Jeffrey, Kenneth; Nancy, born 19 Oct. 1908, and never married; Esther married Adam Dycus and they had six children; James Raymond, born 21 Sept. 1915, married 30 April 1949, Lucille Penland; Ada May, married James J. Wooten and their progeny consisted of three girls; and Charles, married Patsy Dycus and their daughters were Elizabeth and Joyce.

vii. Esther Anderson, born 10 Sept. 1870- died 3 March 1935, married 18 July 1889, William L. Runion who was born 26 Jan. 1863, and died 21 July 1921. Their sons were Nathan and William.

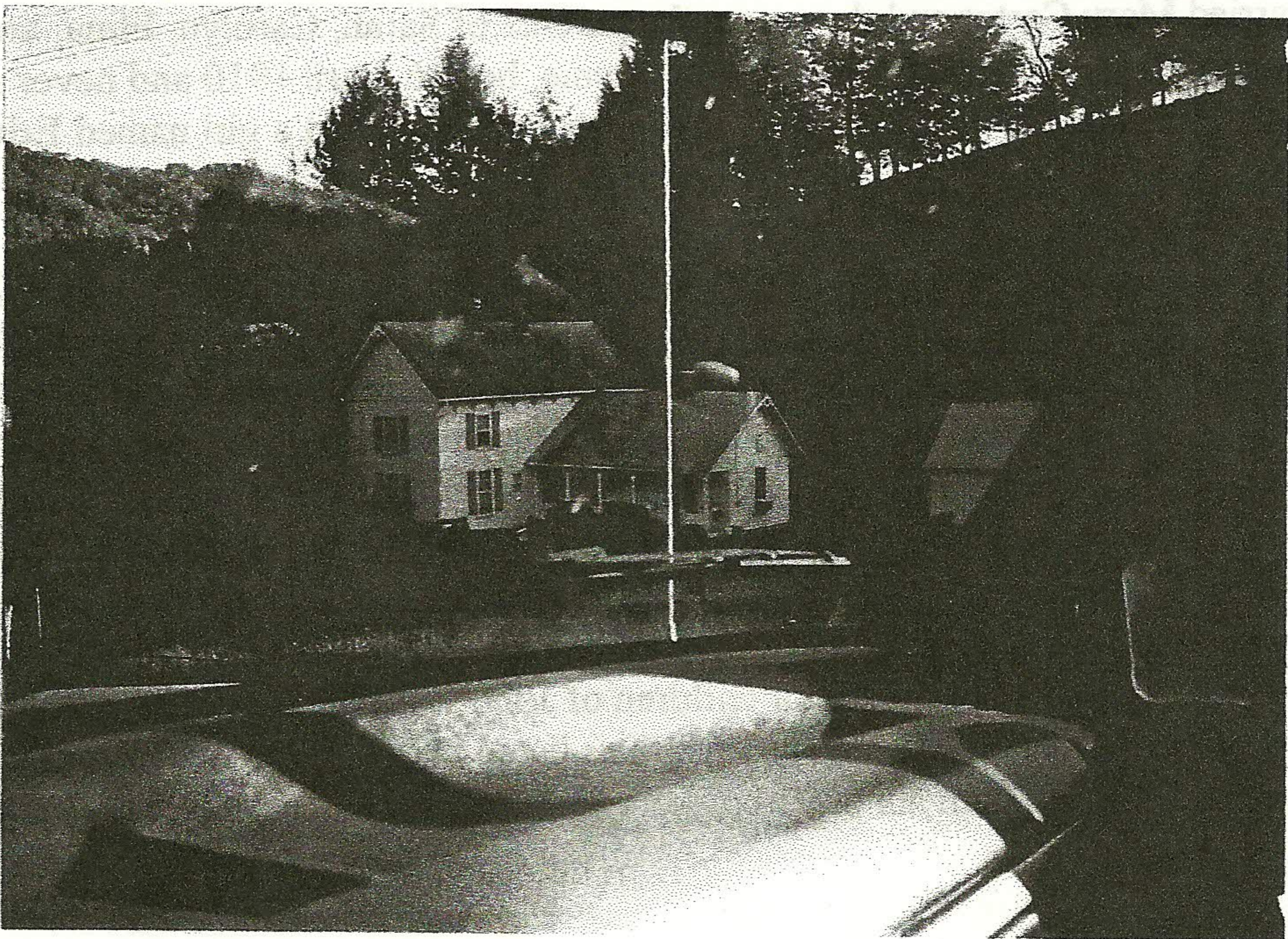
viii. Ovid Jerome Anderson was born 26 March 1873, married 9 Feb. 1902, Sue Carter, born 18 Aug. 1873, died 23 May 1959, daughter of Daniel and Mary Carter and granddaughter of Solomon and Alvia Hopper Carter. Ovid died 15 July 1954. He and his wife Sue had issue as follows: Elmer, born 24 Dec. 1902, died 19 Oct. 1904; Ralph, married Mary Carter and they were the parents of Sarah, Carolyn, Elma, and Ralph; Mary, born 18 Dec. 1908-died 19 Feb. 1909; Jamie, born 6 April 1910 and never married; Jerome, married Evelyn Crawford, and they had a boy and a girl named Edwin Jerome and Betty Jane.

27. D. Nelson Anderson (4), son of John Anderson, number 20, and wife Mary Emaline "Pollie" Bailey, born on Paint Fork of Little Ivy in 1857, was living with his parents and seven brothers and sisters when the Federal census of 1860 was reported. He lived in the Paint Fork area near his uncles, cousins, etc., which is today near the intersection of Paint Fork Rd. and Walker Branch. When the next census was taken in 1870, Nelson's mother was a widow who was still living on the family farm with her five youngest children who were Sarah Jane, age 20; Vestie, age 16; Plutina, age 14; Nelson, age 12; and Martha, age 10.

Nelson was one of the minor children of John and Pollie Emaline Anderson after his father died January 1865, and as such, was listed on the petition of guardianship, dated 20 Aug. 1866, along with six other brothers and sisters. This petition was initiated by his

mother and her attorney, J. S. McElroy. She also applied for a petition about this same time, which requested that she be legally granted her dower, and Nelson was listed as one of her husband's heirs.

The marriage between D. Nelson Anderson and Minerva J. Gardner, born 1853, took place in the Paint Fork area with the date believed to be in the 1880's, but the exact time has yet to be determined. Nelson inherited some of his father's estate and seems to have acquired more of the family farm from some of his brothers and sisters. He and his wife started out in the home of his mother, but Nelson soon built a very nice two-story home near the locations of his parents house. Family tradition states that he did a remarkable job in building this house as he only had one arm. How he lost one of his arms is not presently know.



The second photo on the previous page gives us a view of the house from Walker Branch just west of the Paint Fork Rd. intersection. The old house which was located between this two story house and Walker Branch Rd. was the home of Nelson's parents and may have also been the home of his grandparents. It was torn down when the latest home was built.



About one hundred feet southeast of the present day Anderson home is the old log house which could very possibly have been the home of James and Lydia Malet Anderson. This close up of the old structure in the above photo will give you a better concept of the doors made in pioneer days. A safe has also been discovered by Oscar Anderson, Jr., which was carved in the log walls of this old log home. These very sturdy logs were of either poplar or chestnut.

After Nelson and Minerva moved into their new home, all eight of their children were born there. This area can be found by traveling north on Highways 19 and 23 from Mars Hill until Highway 19 separates from 23. Then follow Hwy. 19 for several miles, and turn right on Beech Glen Rd. until you come to Paint Fork Rd. A left on Paint Fork Rd. will eventually lead to the juncture with Walker Branch Rd. It is at this connection of the two roads that the Anderson home will be found. About a half mile around the curve past the Anderson home place is the location of the Paint Fork Baptist Church. It was here that several different generations of Anderson family members attended worship services.

Nelson and Minerva lived the course of their married life on their farm where they raised corn, tobacco, and cattle. Nelson died in 1920, and his wife died in 1929. They were both buried on the hill just west of the family home in Anderson Cemetery.

Children of D. Nelson Anderson and wife Minerva J. Gardner:

i. Lenore Tennessee "Tennis" Anderson Married Charles Whitt Gaskins, and they had four children. The first three were Robert "Bob", Charles, and Lucille. Their fourth child, Dorothy Lenore Gaskins, married William James Peeke and she was the mother of Dorothy; Linda; Williams James, Jr., whose children were James Eugene and Katie; and Carol Jean Peeke who married Pat Starnes and their daughter Shannon Starnes married Ben Arrowwood.

ii. Pansy Anderson married R. Clifton Shelton and they were the parents of Vierda Dean, Sarah Louise, and Clifton Shelton, Jr., who married Marie Blue. Pansy died in 1979.

iii. Ida Anderson married J. Ellis Robinson and their two children were Lochinvar Robinson, who married Eula, maiden name unknown, and Minerva Robinson who married Bill Metcalf, and they were the parents of a son McKinley, and a daughter, name unknown.

iv. John Bascombe Anderson Married Sarah Lynn, and he was a lawyer.

v. James Garrett Anderson was the husband of Lottie Alexander, and they had five children. Garrett was a doctor in Ashville where he practiced during his entire professional career and died there. Their issue were as follows: John Bascombe; Garrett; Margaret; Arthur A. Anderson, born 1926, who married Dorothy, maiden name unknown, and their children were Donald, born 1947, Arthur, Jr., born 1952, who married Darlene and had a daughter Chelsea, David Gordon, born 1954, and married Rita who had children Nicholas A., Garrett P., and Benjamin D., Charles Garrett, born 1955, and Dorothy Louise, born 1961, who married Randy Hayes, and their son was Paul James Hayes; and Glenn Elwood Anderson, born 1914-died 1998, married Grace Curtis, and they were the progenitors of Charlotte and Glenn E. Jr., who married Judy, maiden name not known, and they had sons Christopher C. and Kevin T. who married Perri who had issue of Sarah T. and Garrett T.

vi. Agnes Augusta "Gustie" Angeline Anderson became the wife of William Theophilus Martin, born 1886-1975, and their two children were William T. Martin, Jr. and Dan Anderson Martin, born 1926. Their first son W. T., Jr., married Francis Louise McKay, and their three offspring were Don Nelson, Chellie Montcastle, and Elizabeth Martin. Their second son, Dan Anderson Martin, wed Gladys Ione Chambers, born 1926, and were the parents of Nina Chambers Martin, born 1960, Dan Anderson Martin, born 1952, Joel William Martin, born 1955, and Paul Dwight Martin, born 1958. Joel William married Susan Binger and they had Alexandra Marion and Paul Daniel Martin. Paul Dwight married Dana Malm and their children were Lauren Elizabeth, Joseph Chambers, and Andrew William Martin.

29. vii. Oscar Emerson Anderson, Sr.

30. viii. William Kenneth Anderson.

28. William Clingman Anderson (5), son of Nathan Wilson Anderson, number 26, and wife Elizabeth C. Peek, was born in the Mars Hill area on 5 July 1856, according to the birth date given on his death certificate dated 16 Nov. 1931. He was listed on the Federal census of 1860 as two years of age and living with his parents in the Mars Hill area.

Good description of a typical, successful farm in 1880 - 1930 period when W.C. was 24 - 50 yrs old. in Mars Hill area.

Doris Anderson Riddick, a granddaughter of W. C. Anderson, lives in Mt. View, Arkansas and has related some of her remembrances to me concerning her visits to the farm of her grandfather when she was about four or five years old.

"My grandfather, a tall, big man with lots of white hair, always wore bib overalls, but the thing that stands out most in my memory was his wide handlebar mustache. It was the most magnificent trademark that a grandfather could have had emanating from his countenance, and I, as an idolizing five-year-old grandchild of my paternal grandsire, just knew that he retained this phenomenal feature for my enchantment alone.

I loved to walk with him down to the sturdy, roughhewn barn which stood behind the large rustic farmhouse and was surrounded by 200 acres of pasture and farm land. With its lofty front elevation, tobacco drying room, corncrib, and other areas for sheltering cattle or storing their feed, it remains vividly imprinted on my childhood remembrance. In fact, this structure still stands on its original site, although the old home was torn down many years ago to make way for a new subdivision. He always took me to the corn crib and helped me hull the grains of corn from the cob by jamming it down into the mouth of the mechanical corn sheller and then letting me attempt to turn the handle which took all of the force that I could muster. Even then, I was never able to move it more than a few inches. One day we traded places, and the ungrateful monster tried to shuck a fingernail from one of my fingers. It took a lot of loving care by my father and grandfather in the laurel root bench on the front porch, along with a pint of kerosene, to nurse me back to health. Even today, it is gratifying to think that I was such an integral part in my grandpa's rather progressive farming operations. I have managed to preserve for posterity one of the two laurel root benches, which occupied such a prominent place on the front porch of my grandparent's home. The other one was donated to Mars Hill College and can be seen in their antiquities department.

My grandparents house was a two story, unpainted, practical building with very few decorative frills, although it did have latticework for underpinning which probably served to keep animals from venturing under the house. I still remember clearly the entrance hall with the large dining room adjoining it on the left. My real grandmother, Mollie Morgan Anderson, the first wife of William Clingman Anderson and the mother of my father, died 27 years before I was born, so the grandmother that I remember was Carrie Jones Anderson, the second wife of W. C. and my father's stepmother. She was a wonderful person who did a vast amount of home cooking for the frequent family get-togethers. It took much preparation in her large country kitchen located behind the dining area to satisfy the fifteen or sixteen adults who could be seated at the huge banquet like dining room table. There was a spring in back of the house where grandma's perishables items such as milk, butter, etc. were kept. In those days, the refrigerator was still in the future.

The parlor, across the hall from the dining room, was the place where the reception and most of the entertaining of relatives and other guests occurred. This term has now gone out of use and has been replaced by either living room or family room. Nothing will, however, replace the lingering sentiments that I have regarding the life shaping situations of our family that took place or were discussed in the parlor."