

ANDERSON FAMILY
of
Goulbourne Township, Carleton County, Ontario

This summary deals primarily with the Andersons who were related by marriage to the McCurdys of Marlborough township, Carleton county, Ontario. The early story is drawn (briefly) from a summary prepared by Rev. Russell Anderson who was, in 1980, the pastor of a Presbyterian Church in Toronto. His place in the family is as follows:

John Anderson (c1764-1868) (b.Scotland)

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Donald Anderson (c1800-1884) (b.Scotland).

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James Anderson (1833-1916) (b.Canada)

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Daniel Anderson (1863-1946)

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Russell Anderson (1895-

Later information is drawn largely from contacts with the several branches of the family and from archival sources. For Rev. Anderson's story refer to P.A.C. MG25-G3, a summary of the Anderson Family prepared in 1957 by Rev. F.R.McKay Anderson.

Early Years

These Andersons were of Fifeshire, Scotland, a district on the east coast, between the Firths of Tay and Forth. The specific area lies in the vicinity of the town of Kingskettle, a few miles east of the town of Falkland. There were many Andersons in Fifeshire but the earliest known ancestor was John, born about 1764. He is said to have married twice in Scotland. There were two children of the first wife, Hugh and Donald. Her name is unknown and she and Hugh died in Scotland. John remarried and his second wife is thought to have been a Christie. There were at least three sons of the marriage and this wife may well have died in Scotland also. The children who are known were Peter, Robert and James. John is said to have died in Canada in 1868.

The 1842 census of Goulbourne township listed Peter, Donald, James and Robert Anderson. All were recorded as having been at that time residents of Ontario for 23 years. There was no mention of John Anderson but the 1842 census was of heads-of-families only and, since he was old, it would have been his sons who were listed and not him.

The 1848 census of Goulbourne has not survived but in the nominal census of 1851, John's name appeared. The families of Robert and James were listed on one page and of Donald (as was frequently the case, he was recorded as Daniel) on the next page. John's name appeared on the following page, a widower, age 80. He was listed with a group which consisted of Anne Upton, a widow, a group of Tomlinsons and a group of Newhouses, 16 in all in the house. Tomlinsons and Uptons married into the Anderson family at several points. Other than these Andersons there was only an Elizabeth Anderson, age 79, listed in Goulbourne in the 1851 census but her name was not with theirs and, since John was listed as a widower, there is no reason to suspect that she was his wife. On the other hand, her name seems to have been entered in a different hand at the end of a page as though to fill a space. The listing for the family of each of James and Donald Anderson ended at the bottom of a page and although she may not have been John's wife, she may have been a member of one of those families (perhaps a sister of the Anderson brothers) and her name entered out of place in order to use up a otherwise empty line.

As to the sons of John Anderson:

James (c.1836-1916) settled on lot 5, concession 4. His name appears on that lot on the 1863 map of the township and in the list of patrons to the 1879 edition, his name appears with the notation that, a native of Scotland, he settled in the township in 1819. This squares away well with the 1842 census which indicated that the brothers had, by that time, been resident in Ontario for 23 years (i.e. since 1819). His wife's name was Mary McRorie. From census summaries, the family group seems to have been:

	<u>1842</u>	<u>1851</u>	<u>1861</u>	<u>1871</u>	<u>1881</u>	<u>1891</u>
James	**	40	48	60	68	
Martha		26	36	47		
David		5	13	24		(b.04/04/47)
Peter		3	11	21		(b.09/28/49)
Mary			9	18	27	(b.05/25/52)
Isabella			7	16		(b.05/28/54)
Robert			5	14	24	32 (b.09/22/56)
James (John?)			2	12	21	
Joseph				9	16	
Alexander				5	16	
Isaac				5		25

Notes:

- 1) Robert took over the family farm on lot 5, concession 4, and in 1891 was married to Mary Simpson. There were then three children.
- 2) Isaac lived with Robert on the family farm in 1891.

Robert and his wife, Margaret, appeared only in the 1851 census. He was 30 years old, she 38. There is a remote possibility that his age was 39 but the figure is very like a "0".

Their children were:

Isabella	10	
Mary	8	
John	6	(b.12/26/46)
Peter	3	(b.10/24/49)

The family did not appear in the Goulbourne census thereafter. In 1868 it was said that "...Robert Anderson had proceeded to Lambton County some 12-15 years earlier and was well established". That is, he must have left Goulbourne about the mid-1850's.

Peter may also have moved to Lambton County since when Donald's son James moved there in 1868, "...some of his uncles were already there." One of those was Robert but another may have been Peter since the elder James remained in Goulbourne. Still, Peter did not appear in the 1851 census of Goulbourne but, since there was a Peter Anderson in Beckwith, perhaps he was there. The early municipal records of Beckwith disclose these Andersons:

	<u>1820</u>	<u>1821</u>	<u>1822</u>	<u>Location 1821</u>		
				<u>Lot</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Acr</u>
Duncan	X			22	10	98
John	X	X		10	7	95
Peter	X	X	X	8	6	96
Deene(Duncan?)		X				
Donald		X	X	11	6	96
Alexander			X			

In Goulbourne, the Andersons in those years were:

	<u>Feb. May.</u>			
	<u>1820</u>	<u>1821</u>	<u>1821</u>	<u>1822</u>
John		X	X	X
Donald			X	X

Accordingly, although it is evident that the "John" and "Donald" in Beckwith were not of the Goulbourne branch there is a (remote) possibility that Peter was. That is, he was in Goulbourne in 1842 but has not been located in any other township thereafter. It is more likely that the Beckwith Andersons were of the groups which arrived in 1819 under the direction of John Robertson of Breadalbane (see Jean McGill, page 32). On the other hand, perhaps the Goulbourne Andersons were also of that group. After all, they settled at the Beckwith/ Goulbourne line.

Donald (c.1800-1884) married Mary Upton (c.1810-1883). He had emigrated from Scotland about 1820 with his brother Peter to "...prepare the way for his father and the rest of the family." John (the father) settled on the west half of lot 2, concession 4, of Goulbourne township, Donald on the east half. Census records list these ages for the members of Donald Anderson's family:

	<u>1842</u>	<u>1851</u>	<u>1861</u>	<u>1871</u>	<u>1881</u>	<u>1891</u>	
John (elder)		80	88				(d.1868)
Donald	**	50	55	67	81		(d.1884)
Mary		50	55	67	77		(d.1884)
Thomas		19	27				(d.1869)
James		16					(1)
John		14	22				(2)
Anne		12	19				(m.1868)
Robert		10	16				(d.1867)
Hugh		8	15	25			(3)
David		4	12	21	32		(4)

Notes:

(dates are often approximations)

(** H/F census, age not given.)

1) to Lambton County c.1868

2) no info', perhaps lived near Barrie/Gravenhurst

3) see later: (b.14/11/44)

4) see later: (b.28/07/47).

The Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Register lists the family as "Andrews" but the 1851 census does not list an Andrews in the township and so it is likely an entry error. The entry was for two children born the same day, a boy (David) and a girl (Mary).

Children of Donald and Mary Anderson

Thomas was the oldest of the family, born about 1832. He married Jane Tomlinson, apparently a daughter of John and Mary Tomlinson, residents of the area, possibly lot 1, concession 6. John is said to have died in the late 1860's as a result of being kicked by a horse. The census records the following family members:

	<u>1851</u>	<u>1861</u>	<u>1871</u>	<u>1881</u>	<u>1891</u>
Thomas	19	27			
Jane		25	36		
Daniel		6	16		
William (Henry?)		4	13		
Adeline (Annie?)		1	10		

Rev. Anderson recorded only three children of Thomas and Jane, Daniel who probably never married and is said to have been shot somewhere in the west, Elizabeth who married a Stewart and who died without children in Vancouver, and Mary Jean who married a Neilson.

From a granddaughter:

"....After Thomas' death, which must have occurred in the late 60's or 70's (we do not know where he was buried) our grandmother moved to Prospect and Mother, Mary Jean (Jennie) was sent to Almonte to live with an aunt and uncle on the Tomlinson side. There she grew up and met father and from there went as a bride to Vancouver. In the early 1890's grandmother and her other daughter Elizabeth moved to B.C. also. But after father's death in 1899 mother returned east in the interests of our education. Such separations had the inevitable results and we grew up, as mother had grown up, not knowing the Andersons".

James was born on October 26, 1835 (First Presbyterian Church, Perth). He married Mary McRorie, a daughter of a local family. James left Goulbourne for Lambton County, near Warwick, in 1868. The family group seems to have been:

Daniel	m.	Jane McKay (Rev. Anderson's parents)
Robert	m.	Bella Goudie
Jennie	m.	John Reid
Annie	m.	Silas Park
Mary	m.	Charles Clarke

John was born about 1837. He married but there is no record of his wife's name. The family may have lived in the Gravenhurst/Barrie area. The children are remembered as Thomas, Hugh, Robert, James and sister.

Anne was born about 1838 (1835 according to her gravestone). She married William Weir on April 17, 1868. The census records their children as Jemima, William and James. William seems to have been very close to the John/Jane Brady family.

The family group was recorded as:

	<u>1851</u>	<u>1861</u>	<u>1871</u>	<u>1881</u>	<u>1891</u>
Brady, William	60				
Brady, John	28	40	50		
Brady, Jane	26	36	44	57	68
Brady, William	9				
Weir, William		18	28	38	49
Weir, Ann			30	40*	50*
Weir, Jemima			2	10	
Weir, William			1		
Weir, James				8	20
Weir, Sarah Jane				8*	

Notes:

- 1) (*) indicates that Ann and Sarah Jane were living separately from the family in these years.
- 2) Jane Brady may not have been the wife of John. She was a widow in 3 of the 5 years and was recorded as a "Weir" in 1881. Alternatively, she may have been a Weir before her marriage to John Brady (if he was her husband) and reverted to a Weir after his death.
- 3) Mel Brady was the son of Jemima who married a Brady and thereafter a Switzer.
- 4) **bold type** indicates a widow/widower.

Ann's daughter Sarah Jane married Thomas Whitelaw on February 22, 1899. Ann died in 1920 and was buried in the Whitelaw plot in the Richmond United Church cemetery.

Robert was born about 1842. He was a teacher, teaching from 1865 to 1868 at S.S.#4 Goulbourne, at an initial annual salary of £35. He apparently did not marry and probably died young, perhaps with lung trouble or (the Whitelaws said) thrown by a horse.

Hugh was born on November 14, 1844. He married Sarah McCurdy, a daughter of David McCurdy and Sarah Montgomery, residents of Marlborough Township, living at Malakoff. In 1880 the family moved to Morris, Manitoba, then to Winnipeg around 1900.

David was born on July 28, 1847, perhaps a twin of Mary. The Wesleyan Methodist Register which recorded the baptism records the name as "Andrews" rather than Anderson but no Andrews were found in the 1851 census, the date is appropriate and the parents were Daniel and Mary. Donald Anderson was consistently

"Daniel" in the early years. David married Jane McCurdy, a sister of Sarah McCurdy. There were two children of the marriage (Thomas and Sarah Alice) and Jane died in 1879. David remarried, to Unity (Unita?) Milicy (Melissa?) Warner of Nepean. The family moved west, first to Manitoba, then to Alberta. In Deloraine Scans a Century, 1880-1980, at page 138, in the context of Flossie School District No. 1265, there is a note that the first secretary of the school which began in 1904, was D. Anderson and the first teacher was H. E. Montgomery. At page 302, in the series of maps which disclose the original owners and the present owners of the lots in the townships around Deloraine, is the map of Township 1, Range 23, West of the Principal Meridian. On NW 1/4, 28-1-23, is the name of T.H. Anderson (Homesteader), and on SW 1/4 of the same lot is the name of D. Anderson (Homesteader). That is, David and his son Thomas H. had homesteaded adjacent quarter sections of the same lot. The location was less than a mile from Flossie Lake and the school house was on lot 28.