

WILLIAM R ANDERSON

(Note: Researchers are referred to the website of Charles Dobie where the entries in a bible, apparently that of William R. Anderson, are displayed. The information there include, among other items, the places of birth and the marriage of William and Elizabeth and the dates of birth of their children)

On page 13 of Kemptonville Past and Present, J. Carr Anderson, 1903, appears this item in a summary of "Business Men of the 40's":

"William R. Anderson came here early in 1847 and opened a tailor shop. His place of business was near the Anglican Church on North Main street. He remained there several years and then moved to the large frame building on Clothier street, almost opposite West street, where he conducted one of the most fashionable merchant tailoring establishments in Kemptonville until his death. He was Village Clerk for a number of years and member of the School Board and a prominent member of the Masonic Order. He died 1875."

On page 27, in a summary of "Kemptonville in 1866", was listed:

"Anderson, William R., merchant tailor, town clerk, commissioner in B. R., etc., Clothier street".

And on page 140, in a summary of "Business Men of 1903" was listed:

"William H. Anderson, real estate. Born in Kemptonville in 1850. Took up the tailoring business with his father the late William R. Anderson, and later conducted the business. In 1889 he gave up tailoring and embarked in real estate. Is also a Notary Public. Has a very fine residence on Prescott street."

Because William R. Anderson died before the Kemptonville Weekly Advance began to publish, an obituary is not available but upon his wife's death this obituary appeared in the issue of June 10, 1897:

"Passed Over the River.

By the unexpected demise of Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson, widow of the late W.R. Anderson, which sad event occurred on Friday last, Kemptonville loses another well known resident. Notwithstanding her advance in years, she generally enjoyed very good health and was ill only a few days prior to her death. Mrs. Anderson came to Kemptonville from Ottawa in the fall of '48. Her social, charitable and christian-like character had been a source of good that was felt by many during her long residence of nearly 49 years here. She was a prominent member of the Church of England and always endeavored to be faithful to the cause she espoused. Deceased had been a widow for about 21 years. She leaves 3 sons and 3 daughters besides a number of grandchildren and a very large number of warm friends who mourn her loss."

According to local censuses, the children of William R. and Elizabeth were

		<u>1851</u>	<u>1861</u>	<u>1871</u>	<u>1881</u>	<u>1891</u>	<u>1901</u>
Janet		7	16				
Hannah	5	14					
Daniel		4	12	23			
William H		2	10		31		
Catherine			8	17			
Peter			6	15			
Jane				9	19		
Harriet				7	17		

Local censuses report that both William R. Anderson and his wife were born in Scotland. The inscriptions on their gravestones in St. James Anglican cemetery in Kemptville are as follows:

William Anderson , d. May 31, 1875, ae 52 yr., 1 mo.

Elizabeth Anderson, d. June 4, 1897, age 72 yr. 10 ms. & 15 dys.

On the adjacent gravestone is this inscription:

Janet Ann Anderson wife of Rev. A. MacLennan, d. Mar. 8, 1881, age 36 yrs.

Daniel Anderson, d. June 9, 1882, ae 85 yrs.

In the Kemptville Weekly Advance of March 11, 1881, appeared this obituary:

It is with deep regret that we are called upon this week to announce the death of Mrs. MacLennan, widow of the late Rev. W. MacLennan, for some time before his death pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Amherst Island, and daughter of the late W.R. Anderson, Esq. The deceased lady had been ailing for some time past, but it was only on Sunday morning that her condition became so serious as to preclude any possibility of her ultimate recovery. The physician in attendance, Dr. Potter, did everything in his power but all to no purpose, and after lingering until Tuesday morning, her spirit took it's departure. Mrs. MacLennan possessed the highest qualities of heart and mind and enjoyed the respect and esteem of the entire community and of every person outside, with whom she had ever come in contact. The remains were conveyed from her mother's residence to the Church of England Burial Ground on Wednesday afternoon, and were followed to their last resting place by a large concourse of citizens.

The sorrowing friends have the sympathy of the entire community in their deep affliction. The full text of the funeral sermon preached by Rev. Arch-Deacon Parnell was published in the March 18 issue.

Daniel Anderson , a son of William R. and Elizabeth, was 4, 12 and 23 years of age in the 1851, 1861 and 1871 censuses. He has not been located in the 1881 census but he would have been about 34/35 years of age in 1882. In the over-100 years since the gravestone was placed, the inscription has been eroded and it is likely that a '35' has been transcribed as '85'.

In the Kemptville Weekly Advance of May 20, 1920 appeared this obituary:

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Anderson received news last week that Mr. Anderson's brother, Peter, had been injured by an automobile in Detroit and they left immediately for that city. There they found Mr. Anderson in a hospital, suffering from injuries from being struck by a motor car. It seems he was about to cross the street and as he stepped off the curb to pass behind a car, the driver suddenly backed the car at a rapid pace and Mr. Anderson was knocked down and run over. He was, at once, conveyed to a hospital where every attention was given him. He was conscious when visited by Mr. and Mrs. Anderson on Saturday evening and talked with them and it was hoped that he would survive. On Sunday a change took place and he gradually grew weaker until the end came on Sunday evening. The remains arrived in Kemptville on the afternoon train and were taken to St. James' church where service was held, after which interment was made in St. James' Cemetery. The late Peter Anderson was a son of the late W.R. Anderson and as he left Kemptville about 35 years ago he will be remembered only by the older residents. Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Anderson have the sympathy of friends in their bereavement.

In the Kemptville Weekly Advance of May 13, 1909, appeared this obituary:

Mrs. Catherine Bascom is dead. Her condition, reported from week to week in these columns, continued to grow gradually worse until release came on Sunday, May 9th. Her death was not an unexpected blow for dissolution had been postponed by a strong will and sound physical constitution which waged a brave but hopeless battle against disease. Her immediate relatives and most intimate friends were with her, in her last illness; but the best of care and attention could not avail to win the battle against disease. The late Catherine Bascom, nee Anderson, was born February 22nd, 1852 and has lived in this district all her life. Here she was married to Mr. Oliver Bascom on October 24th, 1874, in old St. James' church by Rev. John Stannage and Rev. Albert Spencer. They resided for a time at the corner of Oxford and West Streets, removing thence to Joseph Street where they lived continuously since. Mr. Bascom, who was a druggist, disposed of his business in 1897 to Mr. A.D. Maclellan continuing however to take an active part in public affairs here until the time of his death in 1904. Since her husband's decease, Mrs. Bascom has never been really well for any lengthy period though this last winter's illness was her first serious one and to it she succumbed. The funeral service was held yesterday morning at 10:30 in St. James' Church, the attendance from Kemptville and outside points being very large. The body was laid at rest in the churchyard. The late Mrs. Bascom is survived by two sisters and two brothers: Mrs. (Rev) J.F.Gorman, Ottawa; Mrs. Moffatt, Hamilton; Mr. W.H. Anderson, Kemptville; Mr. Peter Anderson, Denver, Col.

In the Kemptville Weekly Advance of November 6, 1919 appeared this obituary:

Hundreds at Service of Late Mrs. Gorman.
Funeral of Local Minister's Wife Held at Kemptville.
(Ottawa Journal),

The funeral service of the late Mrs. Rev. J.F. Gorman whose death occurred early Saturday morning at the rectory, 172 MacLaren street, was held last night in St. John Anglican church, Bishop C. Roper officiating. Upwards of one thousand friends of the family and members of St. John's church, were present and the choir was banked with flowers, tributes to the gentle woman who had labored for the welfare of the church and her fellow men and women in Ottawa for the past thirty years. The full choir rendered Mrs. Gorman's favourite hymns, among them "On the Resurrection Morn", "By Cool Siloam's Shady Hills" and "Peace, Perfect Peace". In addition, there was rendered on the organ, Chopin's Marche Funebre, Beethoven's Marche Funebre D'un Pro, and Handel's Dead March in Saul. Since the death of her elder son, Charles Frederick Oliver Germain, at the battle of Vimy Ridge in April 1917, the late Mrs. Gorman had been in failing health, her frail body never recovering from the shock. Mrs. Gorman will always be remembered in Ottawa as one of the city's best known and best loved women. Although in delicate health she was one of the most indefatigable but unobtrusive workers in her husband's church. Perhaps the best testimony to her great worth was given by Bishop Roper when he said "She difused love wherever she went". With her death the poor and needy and those in trouble lost one of their greatest friends. The late Mrs. Gorman was born in Kemptville 57 years ago, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson. Even as a child she was known as an ardent church worker and under Rev. C.P. Emery was prominent in church life as a Sunday school teacher, member of the choir, and in connection with other work. While thus engaged she became acquainted with Rev. J.F. Gorman who had just arrived in Canada from England and was curate at North Gower. They were married within a year and soon after Mr. Gorman was appointed to the parish of Manotick where he remained for two years. He was later sent to Renfrew and remained there till appointed to Grace church, Ottawa, as rector. Any success that has attended his administration during the past thirty years Mr. Gorman attributes in a large degree to his partner in life. During the early part of the war her strength of character was evinced by her gift of her two sons to the Empire, one of whom laid down his life. Beside her husband, one daughter, Grace Marion, and one son, Eric Finch of the Labor Department, survive. Two brothers, William Anderson, Kemptville, and Peter Anderson, Detroit, are also living.

In the December 20, 1917 issue of the Kemptville Weekly Advance was this news item:

Mr. W.H. Anderson (notary) returned Tuesday from Hamilton where he had been attending the funeral of his sister, Mrs. William Moffatt, who died in the hospital there after an operation on the 14th of December. Mrs. Moffatt (nee Hattie Anderson) was born in Kemptville and will be remembered by the older residents. She leaves one son to mourn her demise.