

COFFLAND, Lotitia

Alice Lincoln (September 30, 1866 - January 17, 1946)  
married Simeon Keck on November 14, 1893.

Robert H. (December 20, 1871 - January 15, 1949)  
married Katherine Keck on May 10, 1896. He died in Reno,  
Nevada.

The father, John Anderson, with his son Abraham and daughter Barbara are buried in the Elkhart Cemetery. When Isaac died, the family was living about seven miles south of Mt. Pulaski and the roads were almost impassible so he was buried in Steenbergen Cemetery. Later at the mother's request, she was buried there also, "then you pappy will have some of you and I'll have some of you". She "has" sons Isaac and John, and daughters Ellen and Alice. Letitia is also buried in Steenbergen.

The Anderson family moved from Kentucky in 1863 at the height of the Civil War, an unlikely time for so major an undertaking. There is a family story that the reason for the moving was the unfriendliness of neighbors when it became known that he was the only man in his precinct to have voted for Lincoln in 1860. Certainly, there was family animosity as well, since two of John's nephews, sons of his brother Abraham, fought for the Confederacy. They were John "Boss" and William "Billy" Anderson who joined the army of Tennessee and were captured at Island #10 on the Mississippi on April 8, 1862. They were interned at Camp Butler, died within a few months and are buried in the Confederate part of the cemetery there.

Mary Ann McAllister Anderson's grandmother was Martha Head Brawner, first cousin once removed of Reverend Jesse Head who married Thomas and Nancy Lincoln.

The youngest daughter was originally named Nancy Lincoln but her name was later changed to Alice Lincoln.

Submitted by J. Dalen Shellhammer

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	Birth	Marriage	Death
William Anderson	1821		Dec. 18, 1878
Millie (Weatherford) Anderson	Feb. 4, 1820		Dec 21, 1878
	Jan. 18, 1845		Jan 6, 1902
Lut. Stina Anderson	Aug 10, 1846		—
Paralee Anderson	March 26, 1849		Jan 14, 1893
Mary Jane Anderson	Sept. 22, 1851	Oct 29, 1872	July 23 1899
Benjamin Franklin Anderson	Feb 14, 1854	Jan 20 1870	
Millie Anderson	April 2, 1857	Oct 30, 1872	
Paulina Anderson	Feb. 2, 1859	Nov 10, 1874	
Lucinda Martha Anderson	March 26 1863	Oct, 1889	
William Anderson Jr			

Alta (Anderson) Weatherford  
August 25, 1902



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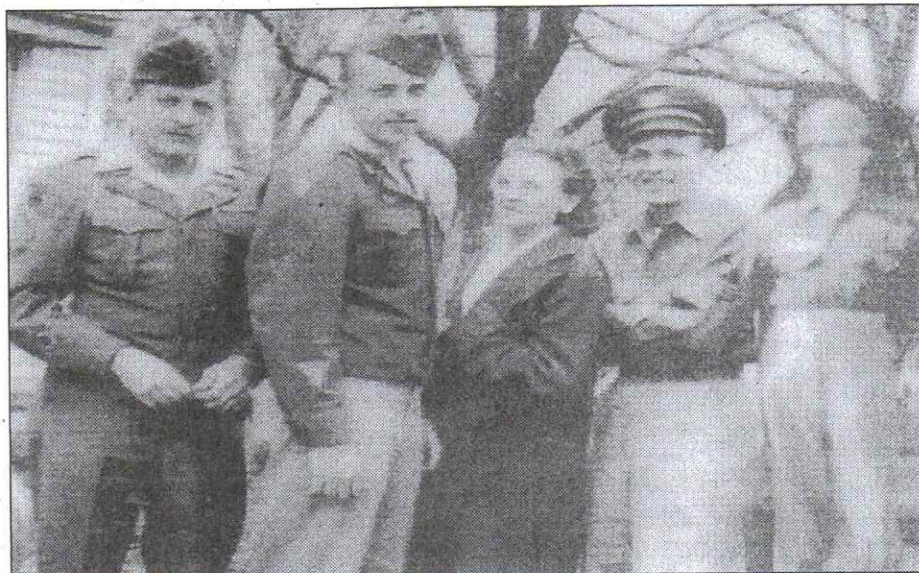
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I walked back over to the depot and was told that the train was on a six-hour delay, so I went back to my pallet on the floor and slept until around noon.

When I checked back at the station this time, we started another series of one-hour delays, every hour on the hour. But finally the train did arrive and all passengers managed to get on board and find seats. We arrived in Lexington early Tuesday morning and found out that classes had been cancelled on Monday.

I have lived through five locust years, and I may live to see another one, but I don't expect that I will ever see a repeat of "The Great Thanksgiving Snowstorm of 1950."

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## The Mountains Of Eastern Kentucky

Growing up in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky was hard. We never had electricity until 1950. We had coal oil lamps for lights. We had to raise most all of our food. We had hogs to kill for our meat, cows for our milk, and chickens for our eggs. We had horses to plow the fields, so we could raise corn to take to the mill. We also raised plenty of potatoes and other vegetables. We would can them for the winter. We would cut our squash and cushaw and dry it behind the cookstove or tie it above the fireplace until it got dry. It would keep all winter.

We worked in the fields from sunup until sundown. We would hoe the corn. We also raised cane to make molasses. We usually had plenty to sell. We got our coal from the coal banks. We would have to dig it by hand. We never had washing machines. We used a wrin-

ger washer and washboards. We made our own soap for the clothes and to wash with. We did our cooking on a wood cookstove.

I went to school in a one-room schoolhouse that taught all eight grades. There was usually only one teacher. We never had hot lunches. We had to pack our lunches in a four-pound lard bucket, and it usually consisted of milk and bread, biscuits and meat, or apples. We had to walk to school, because there were no buses until I got into high school. I still had to walk two-and-one-half miles to catch the bus. I had to ride it 35 miles to Hyden, Kentucky. Sometimes, if it rained a lot, there would be a flood, and I couldn't get home and had to stay all night with friends or relatives.

Life was hard, but we always had plenty to eat, a clean bed to sleep on, and plenty of chores to keep us busy. When our chores were done, we could go swimming. We also liked to play hide-

and-seek and "Annie-over." Sometimes we would make up games. Things sure have changed since growing up on Trace Fork in Leslie County.

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## The One-Room School

I attended three different one-room schools, in two different states. My first school was Cedar Hill School in Simpson County, near the village of Hillsdale. It had the right name, for it was located at the foot of a hill that was covered with mostly cedar trees. It was the only one I attended that didn't have a toilet, or what we called a privy. Us kids asked permission to go to the woods when nature called. The boys went one direction and the girls went another.

The school was located on Jakes Branch. It originated at the Caldwell Spring, where we got our drinking water. It was always a treat to be asked to go to the spring for a bucket of water. The water bucket sat on a shelf by the door, and most of us drank from the same dipper. Some had folding, tin drinking cups. They had to use the dipper to fill the cups.

We played many games at recess, such as "London Bridge" and "Drop the Handkerchief." We also played a game called "Black Man," which was a game where we had two piles of sticks, and each side would try to break through the other line and steal their sticks. If the other side managed to touch them before they could get a stick they would have to join their side, but if they got a stick then they could go back free.

We also played cat ball, with a homemade ball, generally made from rags or string. Our bats were any kind of stick or board we could find.

We all went barefooted until cold weather came. A few still came to school barefooted after it snowed, because their parents didn't have money to buy them shoes, until their tobacco crops were sold.



Leland R. Anderson, 1760 Whitfield Court, Crofton, MD 21114; 410/721-0168, shares this photo of himself, his brothers, and their mother; taken in October 1945 in Bradfordsville, Marion County, Kentucky. L-R: Lester, Stanley, Ellen, Leland, and Allen.

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## ■ EARLY FILES

### 130 years ago January 22, 1879

#### Oldest citizen in this end

Mr. John Ray, one of the oldest citizens in this end of the county, died on the 11st inst., and his remains were interred next day at St. Matthew Church, making the second interment at that place. He was eighty-odd years old and was extensively connected. He bore a good name and died at peace with his fellow man.

#### Richard Scott sold farm

Mr. Richard Scott, of Scott's Ridge, has sold his farm, "The old George Scott place" to Mr. John Thompson, for \$1,200.

It contains some 300 acres, a great portion of which is covered by as fine oak and popular timber as nods to the breezes of this latitude.

#### Becomes land owner

Judge J.M. Malone has also become a real estate owner in the purchase of the Isadore Bickett farm from "Uncle" Tine Downs. The trade was closed last week at the price of \$1,600, \$1,000 of which is to be paid now and the remaining \$600 in two years from date without interest. This farm contains 196 acres, and is two miles from where I write, on the portion of the Warwick and Lebanon road.

#### Thompson moved

James A. Thompson has moved to the Dr. Cardwell farm, which he bought some time ago, and Richard Carrico has moved to Mrs. Julia Thompson's farm.

#### To be married

Mr. Christopher Boone and Miss Annie McIntire, daughter of Judge McIntire, of Washington County, will be married next Thursday. Also Mr. Hamilton, Jr., and Miss Permelia Medley, of Washington, will marry this week. Hurry up, boys. Lent

from a skylight. Two other alarms were turned in about the same time by Joe Blair, who lives in the Knights of Columbus house, and by a guest at the Hardesty Hotel, across the street.

Grinstead's loss includes about \$8,000 worth of dressed poultry in the refrigerators, 10,000 live chickens, and around \$1,5000 worth of feathers, in addition to the building it occupied and the one occupied by the grocery. S.H. Grinstead is president of the firm, the stock of which is owned by Joe E. Graham, J.M., Z.T. and Miss Alice Millen, Charles, Hal and J.W. Durham and E.N. Hobson. Mr. Powell's loss is between \$6,000 and \$7,000. Grinstead has opened temporary quarters in the Dr. J.M. Sea building in the same block, and Collins has moved to a room under the opera house.

#### Open insurance firm

B.J. Madden, who recently was discharged from the military service, and John E. Newton have formed a partnership and will engage in the insurance business.

### 75 years ago January 19, 1934

#### County agent retained

J.E. Summers, county agent here for the past six years, last Friday night was re-employed for another three-year period by the Marion County Fiscal Court. The court voted an appropriation of \$700 as salary and \$600 for office and travel expense. A similar amount will be provided by the federal government. A number of farmers went before the court to ask that the agent be retained.

#### Wins spelling crown

Dorothy Cowherd, 12-year-old eighth-grade pupil at Hamilton School, defeated 24 other contestants to win the county championship in

#### Locker plant in use

Locker boxes for use in Lebanon's new frozen locker plant have arrived and are being installed. Refrigeration machinery has been in operation nearly two weeks and already several thousand pounds of meat have been brought in by subscribers, according to manager Ray Bowman. Of the 413 individual locker units, practically all have been rented. Meat is being stored temporarily in a chill room until the locker boxes are ready.

#### Cops spelling title

Billy James Wilson, 12-year-old eighth-grader at Bradfordsville School, a son of Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Wilson, was winner of the annual Marion County spelling bee held last Friday at the Court House. He defeated 17 competitors, finally downing the runner-up, Mary Jane Abell, 13, of Calvary School, who stumbled on the word "opinion."

#### Minister resigns

The Rev. Olof Anderson, Jr., pastor of Lebanon United Presbyterian Church since April, 1936, has notified the church that he will submit his resignation Sunday in order to accept a call to the pastorate of First Presbyterian Church, Richmond.

### 50 years ago January 23, 1959

#### Named top young farmer

The Junior Chamber of Commerce has named Edward Hill as "Marion County's Outstanding Young Farmer of 1959."

The 33-year-old award winner owns and operates a 117-acre farm, and also operates a 248-acre farm owned by Fred Bowles. Both are located on the St. Rose Pike.

#### Windstorm damage

A Wednesday afternoon

reached yesterday by the County Board of Education for dealing with Marion Fiscal Court's refusal to advertise for bids on a consolidated county high school.

#### Virgil Sanders dies at 82

Virgil Sanders, Marion County farmer and businessman who long was associated with the local livestock and tobacco marketing industries, died at 1:10 a.m. Saturday at his home on the Miller Pike after only a few days illness. He would have been 83 on Monday.

#### Merchant sells store

R.O. Harmon, owner and operator of Harmon's General Store at Gravel Switch for more than 55 years, this week sold the business to Frank Orberson, Gravel Switch farmer and skating-rink operator.

Orberson, who will retain his other business interests, said the store now will be known as Orberson's General Merchandise & Hardware.

### 40 years ago January 23, 1969

#### Little opposition to tax

Only token opposition to the proposed utility gross receipts tax was voiced at a public hearing held last Thursday afternoon at the Marion County Board of Education offices in Lebanon.

Although several of those attending the meeting opposed this means of taxation to help finance the new central high school in Marion County an equal number said they thought the utility tax was the fairest means of gaining the necessary revenue.

#### Loretto to receive grant

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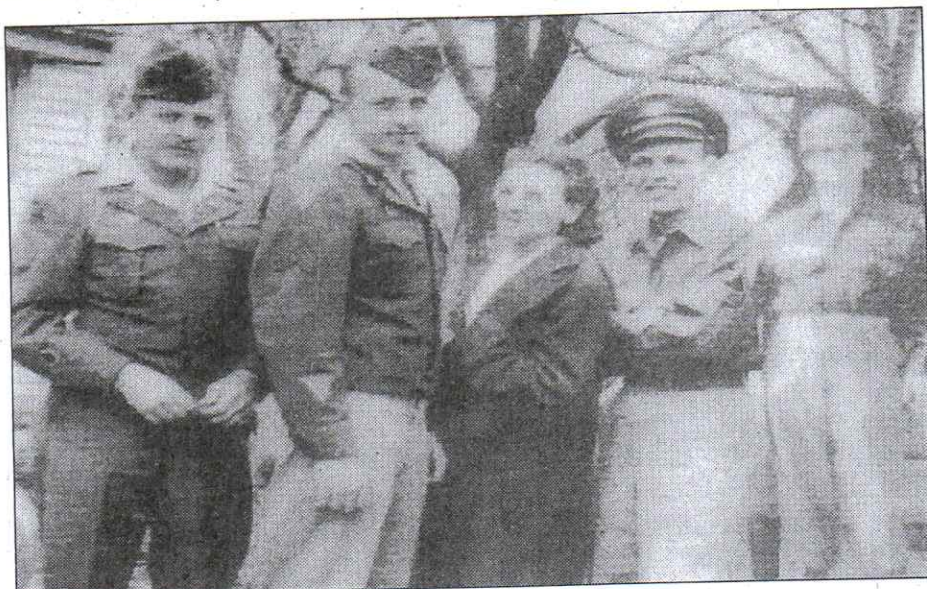
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**NATIVE OF THIS COUNTY**

Death came to J. C. Anderson at his home near Mitchellburg last Tuesday night, just one month before he would have celebrated his 102nd birthday. He had been an unusually strong man, never being sufficiently ill to require the services of a physician. He had taken a dose of medicine only shortly before he died. His death was due to the infirmities of age. He was one of the oldest, if not the oldest citizen in Central Kentucky.

A native of Marion county, Mr. Anderson was born on December 8, 1823. He was one of the thirteen children of James Anderson, all of whom are now dead except one, Milton Anderson, of Louisville. All of Mr. Anderson's long and useful life was spent in this section, either in Casey or in Marion county. His wife, who was Miss Nancy Weatherford, preceded him to the grave about sixteen years ago. He is survived by his brother, and by four children, two sons, J. C. Anderson of this city, and Robert Anderson of Casey county, and two daughters, Mrs. Charles E. and Mrs. James Spierland, both of Casey county.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Charles Pitt at the residence at Yorkland on Friday evening at ten o'clock, and burial was by the side of his wife in the Weatherford burying ground on Little South Casey county.