

Civil War Soldiers of Coffee County, Tennessee

Informational Form on Andrew Jackson Anderson

Name of Soldier: Andrew Jackson ANDERSON

His Company and Regiment: Corporal, Co. K, 24th Infantry, CSA.

Enlisted 31 July 1861 at Camp Anderson (also shown 24 Aug at Camp Trousdale) in Capt. T. C. Goodner's Co., 24th Regt. TN Inf. for a period of ten months. He was shown present on muster rolls until he was captured near Nashville 16 Dec 1864. He was held prisoner of war until 24 December 1864, when he was transferred to Camp Douglas, Illinois, where he spent the remainder of the war. Andrew was released 16 June 1865 on taking the oath of allegiance.

[image-man with a beard, presumably Andrew Anderson]

The 24th regiment was originally composed of 11 companies which had been organized in June, July and August 1861. They assembled at Camp Trousdale, where they were organized into a regiment, and mustered into Confederate service. They served in Col. Patrick Cleburne's brigade and engaged at the Battle of Shiloh. The brigade reported 1032 casualties out of 2750 engaged.

On July 8, 1862 the regiment was placed in Major General Benjamin F. Cheatham's Division, Brigadier General Alexander P. Stewart's Brigade, composed of various Tennessee Infantry Regiments, and Stanford's Mississippi Battery. These five regiments remained together for the duration of the war. As part of this brigade the regiment participated in General Bragg's invasion of Kentucky, and was engaged at the Battle of Perryville October 8, 1862, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel H. L. W. Bratton. Here it suffered 68 casualties. The regiment was engaged at the Battle of Murfreesboro, December 31, 1862, where the 19th Tennessee Infantry Regiment was included in Stewart's Brigade. Here the regiment suffered 79 casualties out of 344 engaged. Colonel Bratton was mortally wounded. Lieutenant Colonel Wilson was wounded, and Major S. E. Shannon took command of the regiment. They were engaged at the Battle of Shiloh in Cleburne's Brigade, where the brigade reported 1,031 casualties out of 2,750 engaged. They participated in the battles of Franklin, Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge. They were finally paroled at Greensboro, NC, on 1 May 1865.

Date and Place of Birth: 14 June 1840, Coffee County TN

Date and Place of Death and Burial: 22 December 1913 in Beech Grove, Coffee Co., TN. Buried Stephenson Family Cemetery located on Puncheon Camp Road, Bedford County, TN.

Occupation before the War: Farmer

Approximate date of family's settlement in Coffee County area: Before 1820

Parents' names, with birth and death and marriage dates and places, if known:

Father: Jordan Anderson, born 13 Mar 1796 (census records show born in Tennessee)
Died 11 Nov 1847 in Coffee County TN

Mother: Hannah Cates, born 12 Sep 1800, North Carolina
Died 17 Nov 1877, Coffee County, TN

Marriage: 8 June 1819

Brothers and sisters of Soldier, with birth and death dates:

James Anderson, born 23 Mar 1820, died 8 Dec 1839

Thomas Anderson, born 16 June 1821, died 7 Jan 1891 at Belmont, Coffee Co. TN

William Anderson, born 9 Oct 1823, died 1888 in Henry County TN

Susannah Anderson, born 11 Jan 1825, died 8 Feb 1856

Mary (Polly) Anderson, born 16 Dec 1827 in TN, no death date, married a Mr. Sain

John Anderson, born 23 Dec 1829 TN, died 1 Aug 1898 at Belmont, Coffee Co. TN

Henry Houston Anderson, born 24 April 1832 Belmont, TN, died 24 July 1912, Belmont TN

Marion Anderson, 16 June 1834 TN, died 24 May 1912 in Beech Grove, Coffee Co., TN

Elizabeth "Bettie" Anderson, 24 Aug 1837, died 1915

Name(s) of spouse(s), with birth and death dates and places, and date and place of each marriage:

(1) Sarah Jane Stephenson, born 1845, m. 15 Mar 1866 in Bedford Co. TN; died 31 December 1876 in childbirth of twins. Buried Stephenson Cemetery, Puncheon Camp Road, Bedford County, TN. The midwife was Anna Seagraves Hamilton, mother of Eliza E. Hamilton.

(2) Eliza Ellen Hamilton, born 25 Dec 1852 in Rutherford Co., TN. Died 10 May 1929 in Bedford County TN. Buried at Chadwick Cemetery, Beech Grove, TN. Married 10 October 1877, Rutherford Co. TN.

Children's names, with personal details:

Andrew and Sarah Jane had six children:

Mary Hannah, born 11 Oct 1867, died 27 Aug 1950.

George Thomas, born 6 Jul 1869, died 15 Mar 1939.

Samuel Jordan, born 12 Oct 1871, died 1 June 1951.

Andrew Franklin, born 20 May 1874, died 30 Oct 1963.

William Dee (twin), born 31 Dec 1876, died 23 Oct 1953.

Lee (twin), born 31 Dec 1876, death date unknown.

Andrew and Eliza had ten children:

Marion Eldridge, born 22 Dec 1879 in TN, died 5 July 1953

John Wiley, born May 1881 in TN, no death date

William (Bill) Henry Houston, born 23 Feb 1882 in TN, died 2 April, 1961, m. Oatie Crosslin (1887-1960) 18 Aug 1901

Naomi Mattie Marcella, born 7 Mar 1885, died 10 Nov 1961. m. Drury Clair Teal in 1902.

Watson Laurence (Watt), born May 1886, no death date, m. Liza [missing]

James Robert, born 28 Jan 1888, died 11 June 1970, m. Imogene Smalley, (WWI Veteran)

Anna Belle, born 15 July 1889, died 3 Dec 1917, m. Tom O'Neal

Ode Thurman, born 23 June 1891, died 27 Aug 1966, (WWI Veteran)

Bettie Jane Ellen, born Apr 1895, no death date, m. Cyrus Throneberry

Carl Vincent, born 23 July 1897, died 29 Feb 1992, m. Lois [missing]

Other Information: Andrew's pension application in 1905 indicates he was suffering from bad kidney trouble and neurasthenia, which rendered him unable to do any kind of manual labor. Testimonials from other soldiers in support of his application stated he was a "good soldier until captured." At the time, he owned a farm of 80 acres estimated at \$400 value. Wife Eliza filed a widow's pension in 1914.

Sources used: 1860, 1870, 1880 census of Coffee County, War Dept. records, family history, Ancestry.com, pension applications, marriage license, photo