

# The Anderson Record (1699-1896)

by Sophia Rowe [1830-1912]

Benjamin Anderson was born at Bush Mills, County Antrim, Ireland, in the year 1699. He emigrated to America in 1720, and was engaged in the fishing trade until 1735, when he married Hannah Wilson, a native of County Down, Ireland, who was born 1709. After their marriage they settled on a farm near Boston. In 1786 they came to Cornwall, Upper Canada, and resided with their son, Samuel. Benjamin Anderson died 8<sup>th</sup> September, 1792; his wife died in December, 1793.

The children of Benjamin and Hannah Anderson were

Sarah- b. 1736 - d. 1829

Samuel- b. 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1739 - d. June 1836

Joseph- b. 6<sup>th</sup> May, 1741 - d.

Abraham- b. June 1745 - d.

Mary- b. August, 1749 - d.

Samuel, eldest son of Benjamin & Hannah Anderson -

In 1761 married Deliverance Bates, who was born, 1743 and died in 1824.

The children of Samuel and Deliverance were

Joseph- b. 25<sup>th</sup> November, 1762 - 19<sup>th</sup> July, 1853

Ebenazar- b. 4<sup>th</sup> April, 1764. In 1790 he was ordered to a milder climate and never returned.

Elisha- b. March, 1766 - d. 20<sup>th</sup> May, 1818

Cyrus- b. July, 1769 - d. May, 1829

James- b. 18<sup>th</sup> September, 1771 - d. 15<sup>th</sup> December, 1851

Mary- b. 19<sup>th</sup> December, 1773 - d. 6<sup>th</sup> September, 1840

Nancy- b. 18<sup>th</sup> December, 1775 - d. 8<sup>th</sup> March, 1847

Thomas Gummingsall- b. 12<sup>th</sup> November, 1779 - d. 16<sup>th</sup> February, 1875

John- b. 7<sup>th</sup> March, 1784. Lost with all on board schooner "*Speedy*", 18<sup>th</sup> October, 1804.

Joseph Anderson, eldest son of Samuel Anderson, came to Canada with his mother early in 1778, and joined his father at Sorel. He got a commission as ensign in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the Royal Yorkers, and was afterwards promoted to a lieutenancy. He served with the regiment until it was disbanded in 1784, when he settled on his land, lot 18, and west half of 17 in the first and second concessions of the township of Cornwall. He built his house on lot 18 in the first. He married Johanna Farrand. He was a Justice of the Peace from 1793 until his death; Registrar of the Surrogate Court from 1800 to 1811; Major and subsequently Colonel of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of Stormont Militia, and served in the War of 1812. He was appointed a trustee under the Public School Act of 1807, and was one of the commissioners for holding the Courts of Request in Cornwall from 1838 to 1841. He drew half pay as a lieutenant from 1784 until his death in 1853. Like his father, his death was caused by a broken hip joint. His children were

Robert Isaac De Gray- b. 1792 - d. 16<sup>th</sup> April, 1874

Ann Margaret- b. 19<sup>th</sup> April, 1796. Married James Pringle 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 1814, and died August, 1870.

Delia- b. 1800 - d. in the spring of 1882. She married James Clewes.

Ebenezar was an ensign in the same company as brother Joseph, and put on half pay in 1783. In 1790 he was recommended to a warmer climate for his health, and went to the West Indies; he has never since been heard of.

Cyrus, fourth son of Samuel Anderson studied under Dr. Blake; served as assistant surgeon in the Canadian Volunteers until their reduction; then settled in Cornwall as a medical practitioner.

Thomas Gummingsall, eighth child and sixth son of Samuel Anderson, was called after an officer in his father's regiment. Married in 1820 on February 26<sup>th</sup>, Elizabeth Ann, eldest daughter of Captain James Matthew Hamilton. of H.M. 5<sup>th</sup> Foot and 7<sup>th</sup> Dragoons. They were married at Drummond's Island by Dr. David Mitchell, Surgeon-General to the Indian Department, who was a magistrate, there being no ministers of any denomination in that part of the country in those early days.

George Singleton, ninth child and seventh son of Samuel Anderson, was like his brother, Thomas, called after a military friend of his father's. He married Mary (Polly), sister of the late Hon. Philip Vankoughnet. The children were

Anne Eva, Samuel, Isaac Brock (so called because he was born on the day Sir Isaac Brock was killed, and always called Brock), Michael Vankoughnet and Louisa Harriet. I know nothing of the dates and deaths of this family.

Thomas Gummingsall married Maria Shearer, and lived in the old homestead until his death in, I think, 1900. His son William now owns the old place.

The children of Captain Thomas G. Anderson and his wife were

William Samuel James- b. at Drummonds Island July 28<sup>th</sup>, 1821 - d. at Penetanguishene, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 1829.

Louisa Wood- b. August 28<sup>th</sup>, 1823 - d. August 16<sup>th</sup>, 1824, at Drummonds Island.

Gustavus Alexander- b. 5<sup>th</sup> July, 1825, at Drummonds Island - d. March 12<sup>th</sup>, 1896, in the Mohawk Parsonage, Thyendingaga, Bay of Quinte. Gustavus married on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 1850, Mary, daughter of William Clouston of the Hudson's Bay Co., and granddaughter of John Dougal Cameron, formerly of the Hudson's Bay Co., then residing at Grafton near Cobourg. Their children were

William Cameron- b. 12<sup>th</sup> March, 1851 - d. in the South, 1888.

Mary Elizabeth- still living.

Thomas Gummingsall- died in infancy.

Gustavus Alexander- died February, 1896.

Helen Maude- still living in the United States.

Janet Cameron died in infancy.

Sophia Louise Frances died in 1895.

Francis Hamilton Anderson- b. February 26<sup>th</sup> 1828 at Drummonds Island - d. in Toronto, 16<sup>th</sup> April, 1858. On 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1847, he married Elizabeth Ann (Bessie), daughter of Mr. Robert Pearson, an Irish gentleman from County Wexford. Only one of their children remains, F.H. Anderson, who resides in Toronto.

Sophia- b. 18<sup>th</sup> February, 1830, at Penetanguishene; married on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 1852, at Cobourg, William Harvey Rowe, eldest son of Captain James Rowe, R.N. Wm. H. Rowe died suddenly, the result of an accident 31<sup>st</sup> August, 1864, age 41 years.

Eliza- born at Coldwater, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 1832 - d. at the same place, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 1835.

Martha Catherine- b. September 17<sup>th</sup>, 1836, at Clayfields near Coldwater. Married Henry Daniel Rowe, second son of Captain James Rowe, Royal Navy, 1<sup>st</sup> September 1859.

Elizabeth Ann, wife of Captain T.G. Anderson, died at Cobourg, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1858, in the 62<sup>nd</sup> year of her age.

Additional discoveries re the Anderson family. In the "History of the Queen's Own Rifles", page 16, I found the following names:

Robert Anderson, Lieutenant.

James Anderson, Surgeon.

Cyrus Anderson, Assistant Surgeon.

Robert was the son of Colonel Joseph Anderson, who served in the revolutionary war; James and Cyrus were younger brothers of Colonel Joseph; all served in the war of 1812.

Captain Thomas Gummersall Anderson died at Port Hope, 16<sup>th</sup> February, 1875, aged 96 years and 4 months. A shock of corn, fully ripe, gathered into the Heavenly Garner.

Gustavus Alexander Anderson died 12<sup>th</sup> March, 1896, at Mohawk Parsonage, Thyendingaga; aged 71 years; leaving a widow and a daughter at home.

Mrs. Benjamin Anderson, Captain Samuel Anderson and Colonel Joseph Anderson all died from broken hip joints, and Mrs. Samuel Anderson from broken ankles. There were five in all who died in extreme old age from this cause, but I cannot find the name of the fifth.

I find that Cyrus Anderson, assistant surgeon in the Canadian Volunteers, died from the effects of a broken leg. His sister Ann or Nancy also died from the same cause. There were seven Andersons, or their wives, who died from the effects of broken bones.

A lady friend of mine, residing in Port Hope, visited New York a few years since, and in wandering about the yard of Old Trinity Church (I think it was) she came upon the grave of Daniel Bates, with an old gray, moss-grown stone at the head, the quaint carving almost obliterated. She thought of and wished for me to perhaps find others of my kith and kin quietly waiting there till "the day dawns and the shadows flee away".