

The Family of James M. Anderson and Hulda Cloud Anderson

James Madison "Jim" Anderson was born Jan. 28, 1848, Boone Co., Ark., died Jan 12, 1931, Boise, Ada, Idaho. His parents being Matthew Anderson and Hettie *Bircham* Anderson. Some family trees on ancestry.com have Matthew as being born in Kentucky in 1805, others have him born in 1810. No information on date and location of death for him. Hettie came out west in a wagon train with her grown and married children, they arrived in the Boise Valley in 1876, some are quoted as saying it was 1877. Hettie was born Feb. 20, 1820, Tennessee, died March 21, 1905, buried Star Cem., Star, Ada, Idaho.

James Anderson married Hulda Cloud March 25, 1869, Boone Co., Arkansas. They celebrated their 50th and 60th wedding anniversaries. Newspaper articles enclosed with family file.

Hulda was born March 23, 1853, Springfield, Greene, Missouri, died April 13, 1932, Boise, Ada, Idaho. Her father is Joseph Cloud, no information on birth or death for and no name or information on her mother.

James and Hulda are buried in the James M. Anderson family plot, Morris Hill Cem. Boise, Ada, Idaho. Their newspaper obituaries are enclosed with this family file.



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Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Anderson of Meridian. Mrs. Anderson was Hulda Cloud, a southern lassie, back in 1868, when she became the bride of the "northerner" March 25, 1868.

They had eight children, Bertha Nora, William Matthew/Mathew, Mary Lula, Joseph Walter, Bessie Margaret, Elizabeth Leona "Lizzie", Julia Isabelle and Frank James. See children on another sheet.

James M. "Jim" Anderson a pioneer and owner of Anderson addition, home-seekers may find it worth while to meet Jim Anderson of Meridian and perhaps might find it to their subsequent advantage and profit to communicate with him before coming to this section, as he is a mine of trustworthy information about the capabilities of its soil. climate and general resources and he will impart all coveted information, which can be relied on, as he is a man true to his word, and among other positions of trust he has been invested with at home was his election twice as treasurer of Ada county. He has lived in this county 27 years, and he is honored and respected by all who know him. Mr. Anderson owns an orchard, which yields prolifically and profitably. He is the owner of Anderson's addition, a rare tract in the heart of the town, on the main street and but one block from the new Schoolhouse, and both gilt-edged business and residence lots are to be had at present at a bargain. Mr. Anderson is Meridian's leading contractor and builder, and now few architectural structures here testify to his skill. He is a member of the school board and the superb new public school soon to be erected was made possible by just such public spirited citizens as he.

Children:

(1) Bertha Nora was born April 10, 1872, Arkansas, died Oct. 30, 1946 at her home, Meridian, Ada, Idaho. Nora married William Alston Palmer, Dec. 7, 1890, Ada Co., Idaho. William was born Oct. 15, 1867 in Star, Ada, Idaho, died Feb. 23, 1952, Boise, Ada, Idaho.

Bertha Nora and William are buried side/side in Meridian Cem., Meridian, Ada, Idaho. William was a native Idaho stockman of the Boise Valley.

Bertha Nora came to Idaho at age 4 with her parents riding in a covered wagon in 1876. In Dec. 1946 Nora and William would have celebrated 56 years of marriage.

(2) William Matthew/Mathew was born Sept. 26, 1874, Harrison, Boone, Arkansas, died May 12, 1942, La Jolia, San Diego, Calif. (no burial location), William married Julia Estelle Gilbert, Jan. 9, 1898, Meridian, Ada, Idaho. They had 3 children and then divorced. No other information on Julia.

(3) Mary Lula was born Jan. 28, 1877, near Star, Ada, Idaho, died June 11, 1920 at her home, on the middle fork of Salmon River. Her younger days were spent in teaching music. She married Albert Kurry, May 2, 1904, Grangeville, Idaho, Idaho. Since then she has lived the greater part of time on ranches in the fastness of the Salmon river country where her home was reached by

wagon trail and packhorse. When Lula died at the ranch, there was no telephone service, and no airplanes that could get into the Middle Fork. Albert wanted to take her to Boise to bury her, so we packed her body twenty miles on a pack horse to the end of the road, and from there to Salmon by wagon and team to the railroad. The train went from Salmon to Armstead, Mont., then south to Pocatello and Boise. Lula is buried in the James M. Anderson family plot in Morris Hill Cem., Boise, Ada, Idaho. (Lula was born a hunchback, was very bent over, yet was a pioneer woman in rugged Salmon river country)

Albert Kurry was born Oct. 8, 1882, Boise, Ada, Idaho, died March 2, 1961, Meridian, Ada, Idaho.

After Lula died Albert married Esther Faith Riddle May 1927. Esther died Sept. 10, 1952. She and Albert are buried together in Meridian Cem., Meridian, Ada, Idaho. On Idaho Fed. Census records, Albert is listed as a farmer and a stock raiser.

(4) Joseph Walter was born May 1879, in Idaho, died Nov. 5, 1880, Ada Co., Idaho. This appeared in the Idaho Statesman, Nov. 8, 1880, Boise, Ada, Idaho -- In this city , Friday evening, Nov. 5, 1880, Joseph Walter, infant son of James M. and Hulda Anderson died; aged 1 yr, 5 mo. and 15 days. Buried in Pioneer Cem., Boise, Ada, Idaho.

(5) Bessie Margaret was born June 21, 1881, Boise, Ada, Idaho, died Jan.16, 1964, Boise, Ada, Idaho. Bessie married James Emmitt Pfof Aug. 4, 1897, Meridian, Ada, Idaho. Emmitt was born Dec. 25, 1872, Bates Co., Missouri, died Jan. 21, 1946 at his home, Eagle, Ada, Idaho. Emmitt was an Ada county sheriff for ten years and a state department of law enforcement commissioner.

After Emmitt died Bessie took training and received a license as a practical nurse. She worked for several years at the Elks Rehabilitation Center and also later on she took private cases. Bessie and Emmitt are buried in the James M. Anderson family plot, Morris Hill Cem., Boise, Ada, Idaho.

(6) Elizabeth Leona "Lizzie" was born April 1, 1883, Boise, Ada, Idaho, died Oct. 14, 1945, at St. Anthony, Fremont, Idaho hospital. Lizzie first married Frank Long, they divorced. she then Elizabeth Long married Edgar B. Norris Jan. 15, 1920, Spokane, Spokane, Wash. Edgar Brightwell Norris was born July 13, 1891, Salinas, Kan., died Nov. 17, 1962 at his home in Pocatello, Bannock, Idaho. Edgar was a retired Idaho State College professor that had been on the faculty from 1941 until his retirement in 1955. Lizzie and Edgar are buried in the James. M. Anderson family plot, Morris Hill Cem., Boise, Ada, Idaho.

(7) Julia Isabelle was born Dec. 24, 1885, Boise, Ada, Idaho, died Aug. 7, 1978 in a Boise, Ida. nursing home. Julia married Marshall Lewis Aug. 23, 1903, Meridian, Ada, Idaho. Marshall was born Aug. 24, 1881, Danville, Indiana. He moved to Meridian in 1903 and was a long-time resident of Idaho and proprietor of the Lewis Fuel and Feed company that he established in 1929. He died Aug. 7, 1956 in a Boise hospital after a brief illness. Julia was a charter member of the

Sons and Daughters Of Idaho Pioneers. Marshall and Julia are buried in Morris Hill Cem., Boise, Ada, Idaho.

(8) Frank James "Duke" was born Jan. 26, 1888, died April 19, 1951 at the Elks temple where he had resided for the past five years. Frank married Nettie Eaton Sept. 10, 1908, Meridian, Ada, Idaho. Nettie was born June 22, 1889, Nebraska, died May 6, 1969, Salt Lake, Salt Lake, Utah, is buried along with her parents, John and Mary Jane Eaton in the Meridian Cem., Meridian, Ada, Idaho. Frank was a World War I Veteran, and was employed by the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Co. for 40 years as a right-of-way engineer. Even tho Frank preceded Nettie in death, she isn't mentioned in his obituary, just a daughter is named.

FIFTY YEARS OF WEDDED LIFE

Fifty years of wedded life, 42 of which were spent in the Boise valley, in Idaho, with happiness and contentment, as the slowly descending sun of life brightens their faces and the love of children and friends gladdens their souls—such is the portion of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Anderson, who celebrated their wedding anniversary Tuesday, March 25th 1919, at the Community hall in Meridian.

With them were present their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, numbering 60 in all.

Mr. Anderson is 70 and his wife is in her 66th year. They were married in Boone county, Arkansas, March 25th, 1869. On May 5, 1876, with two children, they started for Idaho, traveling overland, driving an ox team, with an emigrant train. After various adventures, and several thrilling times with roving bands of unfriendly Indians they arrived at Boise Oct. 5 of the same year. After residing there eleven years and two years at Star, they came to Meridian in 1889, and have since made this their home

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have been prominent in all public and social work of Meridian, and have owned considerable of what is now the town. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are both active in business, owning a furniture and millinery store.

There were born to them eight children, seven of whom grew to manhood and womanhood. They are: Mrs. Nora Palmer, of Meridian; Mrs. Lula Kurry, of Salmon, Idaho; Mrs. Lizzie Long, of Boise (Idaho); Mrs. Bessie Pfof, of Boise; Mrs. Julia Lewis, of Caldwell (Idaho); Will Anderson, of Meridian; Frank Anderson, of Caldwell. Their son, Frank, has just returned from the training camp at Camp Mills, and their grandson, Chester Palmer, having been in France, reached home the day before this anniversary celebration. Walter Palmer, another grandson, is at Camp Lewis, and was not able to be present. The great-grandchildren, Edna and Ardis, are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Simpson, living several miles west of Meridian.

At the hall where the wedding celebration was held a bountiful dinner was prepared by the daughters of the couple and the dinner was served by the grandchildren. The tables were beautifully decorated with flowers and a large wedding cake was cut with much merriment. After dinner an interesting program of readings and music was given.

The members of the family, with their children, present at this interesting gathering were: Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Anderson; Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Anderson; Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Palmer; Mr. & Mrs. Will Anderson; Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Pfof; Mr. & Mrs. Frank Long; Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Lewis; Mr. & Mrs. Nick Villeneuve; Mr. & Mrs. Clyde E. Simpson; Mr. & Mrs. Edward Baldwin; Mr. & Mrs. Harry Anderson; Mr. & Mrs. Tom Rader; Mrs. Lula Kurry; Mrs. Martha Villeneuve; Mrs. Bessie Evans.

Chester Palmer; Cassie Palmer; Ralph Palmer; Berle Palmer; Berlyce Anderson; Emily Anderson; Maurice Anderson; Lanelta Pfof; Cecil Pfof; Ernest Pfof; Alene Long; Eva Lewis; Athel Lewis; Dorothy Lewis; Edna Simpson; Ardis Simpson; Mary Villeneuve; Treasa Villeneuve; Phileda Evans, Betty Evans, Charles Evans; Lee Baldwin; Evelyn Baldwin; Mary Baldwin; Paul Baldwin; Catherine Anderson; Tom Rader; Richard Rader; Beatrice Rader.

MARRIED FOR 60 YEARS

Happily married for 60 years is the record of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Anderson of Meridian, who will celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary on Monday of this week with a family party at the home of a daughter in Boise.

The following interesting article from the pen of Mrs. Eva Hunt Dockery, will be read with pleasure by Meridian folks. Mrs. Dockery is the 'Pioneer Department' editor of the Statesman and this department is the leading contributor to the priceless historical record of the early days of Idaho's history.

"The Anderson's were married in Missouri and they tell an interesting little story of their first meeting, when she, aged 6, was going south to Arkansas with a caravan of rebels and he, aged 12, was going north to Missouri. The two caravans met and the northern one was captured by the southern one. The boy, who adored his fiddle, hid in the bushes and watched with anxious eyes, to see whether his fiddle would be confiscated with other articles in the caravan. One of the southerners took it, and then threw it back, and the hidden boy breathed a prayer of thanksgiving. For years he treasured that fiddle and while it is not now in his possession Anderson has another one which has replaced it for many years and he can still scrape out "Arkansas Traveler" "Turkey in the Straw" and other old time favorites, in fact he played some special music Monday.

"The boy and girl each had a glimpse of each other at this time and later met in Missouri where acquaintance soon ripened into love and marriage.

"As a girl, Hulda Cloud was very beautiful, and time has not changed this impression. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson started west in 1876 with Mr. Anderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Anderson en route for Oregon. When they reached the point where Star (Idaho) is located, young Martha Anderson (now Mrs. Villeneuve) became seriously ill and the caravan halted. Some liking the valley so well decided to remain, including the Andersons while others pushed on later.

"Mr. Anderson took up a homestead and remained at Star for some time, later locating in Meridian, where he has remained ever since. For many years he conducted a furniture business here.

"Mr. Anderson served as treasurer of Ada county for two terms, from 1892-96. He was a Republican and later joined the silver wing of that party.

"The following children helped in the anniversary dinner given Monday: William Anderson of California, Mrs. William Palmer, Mrs. Emmitt Pfost, Mrs. Ed Norris, Mrs. Marshall Lewis, all of Boise (Idaho) and Frank Anderson of Burley (Idaho).

"On the occasion of the Anderson's fiftieth wedding anniversary held at the old I.O.O.F. hall in Meridian, 50 relatives were present."

"It is to be hoped that these valued citizens will live to celebrate many more anniversaries among the many friends in this place and in Boise."

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DEATH OF JAMES M. ANDERSON

James M. Anderson Dies in Boise at Age of 81 Years

James Mathew (?) Anderson, Boise valley pioneer who crossed the plains with ox teams 54 years ago, coming from Missouri direct to the basin, died Monday night at his home at 309 North Fifteenth street. He was 81 years old.

Mr. Anderson was a continuous resident of Boise valley for 54 years. Arriving here in 1877, he settled on a farm near Meridian and was active in agricultural circles until several years ago. Forty years ago he served as Ada county treasurer for two terms. He took a prominent part in early-day politics.

No man in the history of Meridian was more honored and respected. Up until the time he removed to Boise a few years ago to be near the children, his advice and counsel was asked for by the people of this community. He always had abundant faith in Meridian and several civic monuments to his good business judgment remain as pleasant reminders of his terms as mayor and village trustee. One of these was a splendid waterworks system, built 20 years ago when typhoid fever was prevalent on account of the use of ditch water. To one critic who opposed a waterworks system on account of the expense, he declared that the life of one little child was worth more than any cost that might be incurred. As chairman of the board he managed the letting of contracts that gave us the present pure water supply and the system was built at a very reasonable price.

Mr. Anderson is called the father of Meridian for another reason. He helped to lay out the townsite and platted the first residence addition to the town. The Anderson home, still owned by the family, is one of the land marks of the town. It was on the interurban right-of-way and for a time this was the terminal and Meridian headquarters for the traction line. Here much of the early history of the town was recorded. Mr. Anderson had a furniture store here for many years.

Mr. Anderson's widow, Hulda Cloud Anderson, whom he married 61 years ago in Arkansas, survives him, with six children. The couple crossed the plains together. Two sisters also survive.

The children are: Mrs. Nora Palmer, Mrs. Emmitt Pfost, Mrs. Edgar Norris, Mrs. Marshall Lewis, Boise (Idaho); Frank Anderson, Burley (Idaho), and William M. Anderson, La Jolla, Calif. The sisters are Mrs. Charles Villeneuve, Boise, and Mrs. M. A. Reeves, Albee, Ore.

Eight children were born to the couple, including Mrs. Lulu Curry, who died in 1920, and Walter, who died in infancy.

The children were home for the father's funeral Wednesday, except Will, who resides at La Jolla, Calif.

The funeral was held at 2:30 Wednesday at the the First Christian church, at Ninth and Franklin streets in Boise. Rev. C. E. Burgess had charge of the services. Interment was in the family plot in Morris Hill cemetery (Boise, Idaho)

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Front page**

DEATH OF Mrs. HULDA ANDERSON

Mrs. Hulda Anderson died Wednesday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Will Palmer, 402 West Jefferson St, in Boise (Idaho). She was the widow of the late James M. Anderson who died Jan 12, 1931. The family came across the plains with oxen to the Boise valley In 1876. For many years they lived at Meridian. She was a member of the First Christian church in Boise.

Surviving are six children, Mrs. Will Palmer, Mrs. Emmitt Pfost, Mrs. Edgar B. Norris and Mrs. Marshall Lewis of Boise (Idaho); Frank Anderson, Burley (Idaho) and William Anderson, La Jolla, Calif. Also 18 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held from the First Christian church in Boise (Idaho) at 2:30 Saturday afternoon. The family will all be present, the arrival of the son Will being expected today.

Hulda A. (Cloud) Anderson is buried in the J. M. Anderson family plot located in Morris Hill Cemetery, 317 North Latah St., Boise, Ada Co., Idaho