

ANDERSON CLAN NEWS

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Next Anderson Clan Reunion

Date: July 16-18, 2010
Location: Forest Grove Senior Center
Forest Grove, Oregon
Please reserve that date and plan to attend!

Note from the Editor

In order to continue with a viable newsletter, it is very important that all members of the clan participate by providing information for the Clan News. This information would continue to include family news, family stories and family history research. It would also include upcoming events such as the Clan Reunion and reporting on these events. Family photographs, particularly old photos, would be very useful for inclusion in the Clan News.

The Clan News is issued three times a year, in January, May and September, as long as there is sufficient input from the clan to do so. The Anderson Clan News is issued as an e-newsletter for those that are interested and have access to the Internet. The subscription for the e-newsletter is free and perpetual. An identical hard-copy version is mailed to those who prefer it that way. The subscription for the hard-

copy version is presently set at \$20.00 US and \$21.00 Canadian. If you currently receive the Clan News by mail and would prefer to receive it by email, please let me know.

There are a couple of methods which can be used to submit information for inclusion in the Clan News. For those of you who have access to email, this is the quickest and cheapest method. The submitted information can either be included in the body of the email or attached to the email. Photos and other images can be attached as well. The alternative method is through the mail.

Your Anderson Clan News submission should be sent to the email address or address shown above.

Anderson Clan Photo Share

In order to facilitate the sharing of photos within the Anderson Clan, I have setup a free photo share account at:

<http://andersonclan.myphotoalbum.com/>

I have created an Anderson Clan Album and have uploaded some old photos. As a visitor to the website, you are able to view the photos individually or as a slideshow. I would encourage you to visit the above website and have a look at and comment on the photos there. If you have old photos of the Anderson Clan, send them to me by email or by mail so that I can post them to the website. If you don't have scanning capability, take your old photos to a service that will scan them and store them on a CD-ROM and mail it and your comments to me. I will post all photos.



Featured Mystery Photo
Who are we?

Anderson Clan Family News

Note from Dorothy Stai

We don't venture far anymore, but we did get to Texas last September to visit our son Harlan and wife Dian at Fredericksburg. Also attended Conrad's brother George's Navy Reunion at the Museum. We had a great time.

Now our daughter Dee, who has lived most of her life in California, is moving back to Montevideo for her retirement years — so we finally will have one of our family close-by.

Our grandson Aaron and wife Sarah look for boy/girl twins this month. He is son to Harlan. When Aaron was a baby, Harlan wrote that "he couldn't wipe the smile off his face". So I'm sure he'll be more than proud of his new grandbabies!

Note from Archie Nunn

Archie and Betty Nunn are currently

living in Helena, Montana. Archie is a son of Omar L. Nunn and Emma Grace Anderson Nunn. He is a retired Master Electrician and Betty does volunteer work for RMDC, a senior citizens retirement plan.

We have one daughter living in California, six grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Only two grandchildren have remained in Montana, the rest are scattered from Massachusetts to California.

We traveled to California for the Christmas holiday. We have two granddaughters living in Lodi, plus their three children. A grandson from Council Bluffs, Iowa came with his family to be with everyone. That made a big family get-together for the holidays. We did not enjoy the weather, rain, fog, and cold. But we did miss some bad storms that hit Montana during our absence.

We are planning to move south this fall, to miss the bad winter that usually comes. Does Sun City sound good? We think so. We probably will miss the snow and change of seasons.

Note from Beverly Selfridge

Gen Phelps, Dea Clary, Lila Crownover and I so enjoyed the reunion at Vanscoy. We are looking forward to next summer here in Forest Grove.

Gen, Dea and I have always wanted to go back to Bemidji where we grew up to spend some time on one of the lakes in the fall when its especially beautiful. So in September last year we did just that. We stayed for ten days at Rutgers Resort on Lake Bemidji. It used to be called Birchmont before it was sold. The weather was perfect and the trees just beautiful. We visited old friends and went and saw my only cousin that have left on my dad's side. Hadn't seen her for 50 years. We had a very nice visit.

We had a lot of snow in December from the middle through Christmas. It was beautiful, but hard to get out and Christmas shop.

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Dea, Gen, Gen's friend and I went to Palm Springs, California March first. Palm Springs is a resort area in the southern part of California. Dea and I stayed two weeks. Gen and her friend Donna stayed another two weeks. We had a very relaxing time.

I believe my mom would be the oldest one on the Anderson side living. She was 94 on February 12, 2009. She was Edna Grace Anderson. Her parents were Ross and Bertha Anderson.

She married my dad John (Jack) Benson in 1932. Dad died in 1960. Mom mar-

ried Henry (Pete) Ridling in 1965. He died in 1991. Mom lives alone in an apartment here in Forest Grove. She has been doing well until lately. We are getting concerned as she has fallen a couple of times. She fell Monday and hurt her arm. We may have to start considering on moving her to a care center. I have three brothers who live close to help me care for her. Bert Benson and Dick Benson live here in town and Larry Benson lives in Hillsboro, about six miles from here.

I would like to know if she is the oldest family member. Maybe someone knows.

Myron & Olive Anderson

by Laura (Anderson) Bowerman



**Myron and Olive Anderson
Wedding Day — 1887**

My father Myron Anderson was born in Manti, Iowa in 1861. My mother, Olive Burnhardt was born in Clinton Falls, Min-

nesota in 1867. My parents were married, December 1887, in Clinton Falls, Minnesota. They moved to Lebeck, Missouri the following year. Four of their children were born there — Maurice, Elmer, Laura and Goldie.

In June 1898, they, with their father's brothers — Edwin, Richard, Freeman and their families and other relatives moved by wagon train to Minnesota. There were fifteen wagons. Each family had one or two cows. We crossed the Missouri River on the ferry which was exciting for the children. The older boys took turns driving the cattle, progress was very slow.

At night the wagons were drawn into a circle. The pole of each wagon was fastened to the wagon ahead — making a corral for the cattle at night. The horses were hobbled.

Water barrels were fastened to the sides of each wagon. These were filled from wells as we found them. The water was kept for camp use. I am sure the big problem would be to find water for the stock.

There were many hardships but I was only four years of age so I did not realize the cares and worries that my parents must

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have had.

There were a lot of cousins and we had fun exploring campsites. We played games during the evenings. I do remember the washing and bathing that went on whenever we came to a lake or stream.

Bread was mixed in the morning and it was ready to bake when we camped at night. Small kerosene stoves were used and a small oven was placed on the burners. Bonfires were necessary when bread was baking. The morning milk was put into covered pails and hung on the wagon reach where it jiggled along all day in the shade — by nightfall there were lumps of butter.

Sunday was rest day. Church services were held in the forenoon. The afternoons were used for resting and/or visiting.

Bed springs were laid in the back of the wagon box. The women and children slept on them and the men and boys slept under the wagon (I don't know how they managed in wet weather). The smaller children sat on the beds while traveling.

I do not remember any serious accidents, however, I do recall my father being very ill for several days. Mother drove our team and an older cousin drove our second team.

There were several older cousins who were good shots and good hunters so I am sure there was fresh meat for all most of the time.

It was the fall of 1898, when we arrived in Otter Tail Lake, Minnesota where my mother's people lived. It was a very exciting time for the children as sugar cane was being made into molasses. Huge pots were hung over bonfires where the juice was cooked.

We stayed until the following fall of 1899 and then moved up to Bemidji, where other relatives had settled. My father had forty acres of jack pine. Later he hired men to make ties for the railroad.

My little brother, Harvey was born



Laura Anderson
Age 3 or 4

the first winter in Bemidji. In 1901, our sister, Mabel was born but the same year, Elmer was accidentally killed while cleaning a gun. These were sad times, only parents know the deep sorrow and loneliness in the loss of a child.

One very dark rainy night, there was a tapping on the door. Father opened it and there stood an Indian and his wife, clothing soaked through. He invited them in and mother found clothing for both of them. Theirs was hung around the stove to dry. There were no extra beds so father sat with them beside the stove. After breakfast, when they were leaving, he thanked us and introduced himself as Chief Black Hawk. We were honored to have them in our house. I do not know what tribe he represented.

I started school when I was six years old. I walked with my two brothers on the path through the big jack pines (we were always scared of meeting bears). A small table and one chair were occupied by the teacher. The children sat on a bench and they held their slates on their laps (not too comfortable when one's feet didn't reach the floor). One year later a schoolhouse was built about two miles from our home.

In 1903, much was being said about free land in Canada. Some of the older cousins went to Saskatchewan and took land near Vanscoy, about twenty-five miles west of Saskatoon. In 1904, father's two brothers, Edwin and Richard and their families moved to Vanscoy where their sons had filed on land.

The spring of 1905, father loaded a box car with household effects, one team,

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two cows and some chickens. He rode in the box car. Mother and the four children (Maurice, Laura, Goldie and Harvey) went by train. We were met by Uncle Richard in Saskatoon and we were taken to his home where we stayed until our dad arrived on June 5th. We moved into our cousin's bachelor shack until our house was ready.

The winters were long and very cold, roads drifted under and many times our school rig broke trail to the schoolhouse. Our sod barn was low and it would drift under in a blizzard.

Our youngest brother, Elbert was born in February 1908 and our elder brother, Maurice died in 1910 from acute appendicitis.

During the flu epidemic of 1914, our little brother, Elbert contacted it and for weeks lay on death bed with double pneumonia. He lives with the effects of that illness today in a nursing home in Regina.

In 1919, my parents sold their farm at Vanscoy and moved to Glasgow, Montana. Two sisters, Goldie and Mabel and two younger brothers — Harvey and Elbert went with them. Later they went to Wash-

ington and Idaho, where they lived for several years. Goldie, Mabel and Harvey were married there and they have remained in the U.S.A.

Father and mother, with Elbert, returned to Saskatchewan. They first came to the Rayside district in 1926. They stayed at our home during that time. We were living on the McLennan farm. They returned to the U.S.A. and came back to Saskatchewan in 1929. They went to live in the Dry Creek district — the Peterson place (SW 3-51-3-3).

Mother's health had been poor for many years and by now she was primarily bedfast. Elbert required constant care and supervision, so my father's time was taken up caring for mother and son.

After a final trip back to Washington for approximately one year, they returned to Saskatchewan to reside firstly on NE ¼ of 25-50-3-3, and lastly on the old Albert Sims place.

Father passed away in May 1940 and mother in June the same year. Elbert lived with us until it was necessary to place him in a nursing home.

Where was Lydia Anderson buried?

by Perry Exley

Most family history researchers agree that Buckley's mother Lydia (Kellogg) Anderson died May 27, 1876 near Audubon, Becker County, Minnesota. However, the location of her grave has not been identified.

After Alpheus Cutler's death in the summer of 1864, many of his followers moved north from Manti in Iowa to Otter Tail County in Minnesota.

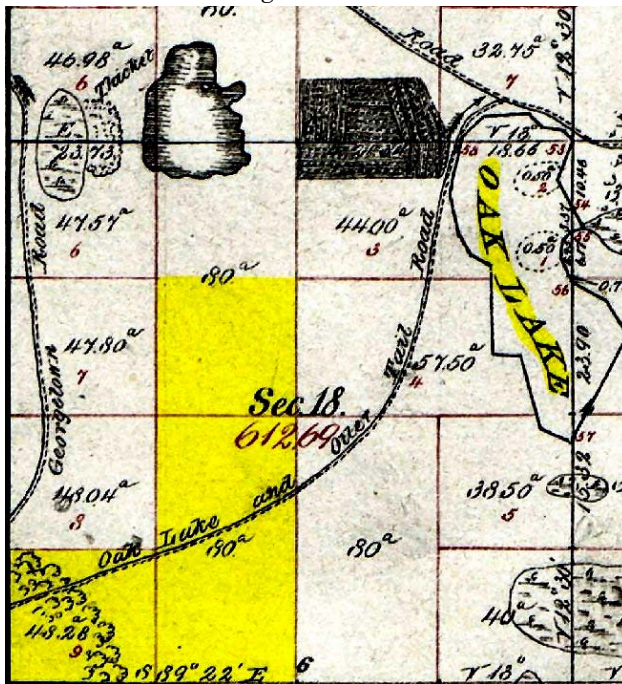
Buckley Burnham Anderson's family remained in Manti for a few years after Alpheus' death. Lydia also remained in the Manti area living with her son William Wallace Anderson and his family, and her son Henry Morton Anderson.

Buckley B. Anderson moved to Becker County, Minnesota, arriving on September 6, 1869, in Audubon Township with his wife and family of six children (Jedediah, Richard, Freeman, Elva, Myron and Adney), and settled on what became Sections 17 and 20. Buckley's oldest daughter Zina, who was the wife of Jackson Burdick came with her husband and three children in the same party with the Andersons. Burdick took his land also on Section 17 and 20.

After residing in Otter Tail County for three years, Almon W. Sherman came to Becker County, arriving on Section 18 in Detroit Township on June 28, 1868. Almon

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Survey of Section 18 of Detroit Township
Becker County, Minnesota
(Lois Cutler's Estate Land Highlighted)

Sherman built a house and wintered with his family during the winter of 1868 and 1869 at Oak Lake, with no neighbors nearer than White Earth in one direction and the Otter Tail River in the other. Almon died at Oak Lake, on December 30, 1869.

Lois Cutler, Alpheus' widow, came into Becker County with her son-in-law, Almon Sherman in the year 1868. Cutler Alma Sherman, son of Almon and Lois Sherman, came with his parents to Detroit Township. He resided on the shores of Oak Lake. He took for his claim the east half of the northwest quarter, and the west half of the northeast quarter of Section 19.

In 1870, Lydia Anderson was residing with Erastus Cutler (grandson of Alpheus) and his family in Scott Township, Fremont County, Iowa. In the early 1870s, Lydia Anderson moved to Becker County to reside with her son Buckley, and his family.

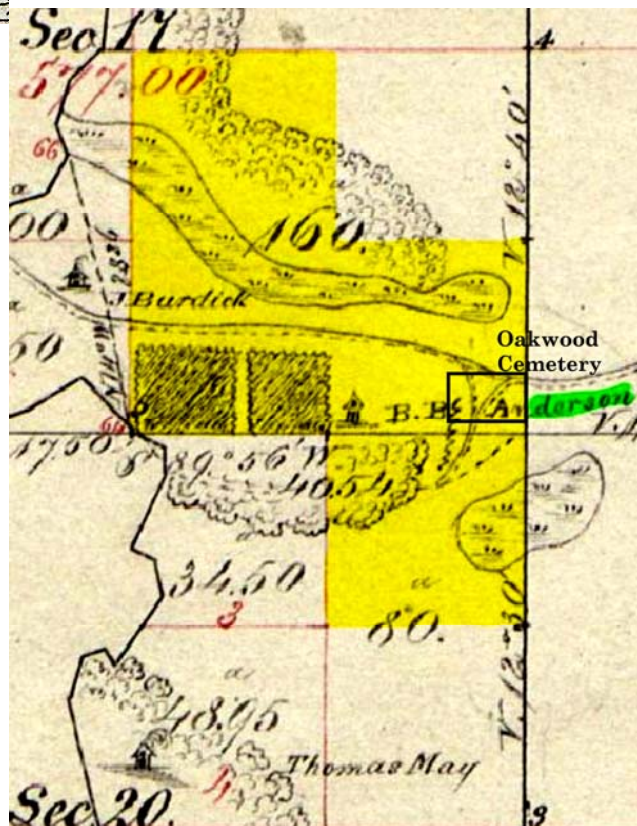
A certificate was filed with the Registrar of Becker County, Minnesota dated March 15, 1876 for the purchase of public

lands (160 acres) by Buckley and Sally Anderson:

1. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20 in Township 139N 42W (40 acres);
2. S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17 in Township 139N 42W (80 acres);
3. and, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17 in Township 139N 42W (40 acres).

Lydia Anderson died May 27, 1876 in Audubon Township, Becker County. In 1876, when Lydia died, no cemeteries had been established in Audubon Township. Cemeteries did exist in the town of Detroit and in Lake Park Township.

In a Warranty Deed dated on October 26, 1977, Buckley B & Sally M Anderson sold to the Oakwood Cemetery Association for the sum of \$40.00 the following land: "commencing at a stake five rods north of



Partial Survey of Sections 17 & 20, Audubon
Township, Becker County, Minnesota
(Buckley's homestead is highlighted)
(note location of Oakwood Cemetery)

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the south east corner of section 17 in the township 139 of range 42 running, thence west 32 rods thence north 20 rods thence east 32 rods and thence south 20 rods to place of beginning and containing four acres of land”.

Lois Cutler died at the home of her grandson, C. A. Sherman, at Oak Lake, on March 23, 1878. Lois Cutler was buried in the Oakwood Cemetery in 1878.

In a Deed filed July 19, 1882; Buckley B Anderson the appointed Administrator of Lois Cutler’s estate on July 1, 1882 sold to Cutler A. Sherman for the sum of \$841.40 the following land: SE ¼ of NW ¼ and E ½ of SW ¼ and lot number nine Section 18 Township 139N Range 41W.

It can be concluded that when Lydia Anderson died in 1876, Buckley and Sally had to decide where to bury her. The nearest cemetery was located in the Town of Detroit, about ten miles away. Given the distance and time it would have taken to make arrangements in Detroit, it is very likely that they would choose a place much closer to their home for her burial.

Buckley and Sally had just taken own-

ership of their homestead in Audubon Township. This would make it possible to bury Lydia close to where they lived and later establish a cemetery on their land. While there is no specific record or gravestone to confirm the location of her grave, Buckley and Sally’s subsequent actions clearly suggest where they buried her. The year after she died, they established the Oakwood Cemetery, which still exists today under the name Felker Cemetery. The map shows its location centered on the triangle in the road near the “A” in Anderson.

Since Lois Cutler died in 1878 at Oak Lake, where she lived with her grandson, it is unlikely they established this cemetery for her, but rather used it as a burial location. I believe that it would be reasonable to conclude that Lydia Anderson is buried beside Lois Cutler at Oakwood Cemetery. Lois Cutler’s grave likely has a gravestone because of the size of her estate.

Buckley and Sally’s youngest child Adney Bordeen died the next year on January 14, 1879 at age 14. He was likely buried along side his two grandmothers at Oakwood Cemetery.

Buckley Burnham and Sally Marie Anderson

(Subtitled: Where, Oh, Where Did the People Back in Lebeck, Missouri, Bury You???)

by *Donnie Bowerman*, Council Bluffs, Iowa

Well, Cousins, it’s mystery time again. Last time I wrote an article for our wonderful little clan newsletter, I was consumed with solving the unanswered question that had festered over the years surrounding the disparity in death dates for old Alpheus Cutler, grandfather to most of us. I gave you my assessment of the situation, together with my solution, and declared that I could now sleep better knowing I had solved the \$64,000 question. Well, it would appear that Perry and I and a lady I shall introduce shortly have stumbled upon an even more intriguing mystery. Yes, ladies and gents, it appears we have lost a couple of

our ancestors and we may never know exactly where they are buried, but I can assure you that the only three cemeteries in which they could now be resting (of course, they have been in unmarked graves for decades) are all within 1.25 miles of each other, so it wouldn’t be like digging up half of Egypt to find King Tut...should we ever think it absolutely necessary to solve this family riddle. Well, let’s begin with a little background information...

Buckley B and Sally M, she being a daughter of Alpheus and Lois Cutler, were married in 1837 in Richmond, Missouri. To

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Buckley and Sally Anderson—c1889

this union they brought thirteen children: I descended from Number 12, Myron Morrell; Perry descended from Number 6, Edwin Buckley; and the lady I said I'd introduce, Susan Frisbey, married a man who descended from Number 4, Jedediah Richmond. Okay, now that we have that established, let me tell my version of the mystery first. Sally Marie, sometimes referred to as Sarah Maria by Mormon genealogists, lived in Lebeck (pronounced Lee-Beck), Cedar County, Missouri, for at least a couple of years prior to her death on 27 November 1890. Lebeck, for those of you with Mapquest capabilities, was pretty much centered around the junction of modern day Cedar County East 50 Road and Cedar County DD Highway. On March 19, 1889, Sally and Buckley purchased lots 3, 4, 8, 9 and 10 in Block One in the town of Lebeck. On January 20, 1892, Buckley sold these

same lots to his son, Myron. Two years later in the cabin in which Myron and his family lived, my grandmother, Laura Rosalee Anderson Bowerman, was born. That will prove important shortly. Buckley followed his wife in death five years later on 04 July 1895. Undoubtedly, he was buried beside his wife...but where? Here is what I know: at the time of their deaths, Buckley and Sally were living in Lebeck. Lebeck, even as small as it was, had two cemeteries – one which is now known as the Lebeck Cemetery, a pretty fair-sized country graveyard, and another that is now known as the Preston Cemetery, a plot not much bigger than fifty feet by fifty feet...the latter of which is in a very, very neglected state. The Lebeck Cemetery lies about a half city block west of the aforementioned junction, on the south side of the road. Today, it is well kept and still in use. The Preston Cemetery lies on the north side of DD Highway, about halfway between the aforementioned junction and the intersection of DD Highway and Cedar County 851 Road. Okay, everyone with me so far? Local old-timers told me back in 1981, when I took my grandmother to visit her sister, Mabel Newby, in nearby Schell City, that another cemetery (without a doubt referring to the Preston Cemetery) was the first city cemetery, but it gave way to the other one and then it became more of a family plot for Prestons and a couple of other families. BTW, both Perry and I are diligently trying to find out where the land plots were in Lebeck that Buckley bought and then sold to my great-grandfather because it is crucial to the solution I have to this mystery. You see, folks, my grandmother told me on a number of occasions over the years that she vividly remembered watching a funeral procession for some family member who was being carried from their home, across the road to the cemetery, where she says this family member was buried with other family members which included her grandpar-

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ANDERSON.—At Lebeck, Mo., November 27th, 1890, at eight a. m. of dropsy, Sr. Sally M. Anderson, beloved wife of Bro. B. B. Anderson, aged 72 years, 2 months, 18 days. She was born September 9th, 1818, in Broome county, N. Y.; moved in the spring of 1834 to Kirtland, Ohio, and was present at the dedication of the temple; moved with her parents to Ray county, Missouri, in 1836; December 31st, 1837, married Bro. B. B. Anderson; passed through the trials and persecutions in Missouri in 1838-9; in the spring of 1839 moved to Illinois; the winter of 1840 went to Nauvoo; in the summer of 1846 moved to Winter Quarters; moved to Iowa in 1849; united with the Reorganized church in 1863, being baptized by Bro. W. W. Blair. She was the mother of thirteen children, six of whom have crossed the river, leaving five sons and two daughters, 31 grand-children and 5 great-grand-children to mourn her loss. Through all the trials and persecutions of the church in its early days her faith was strengthened and her spirit purified by them, and now she has gone to her reward. Truly a mother in Israel is gone. I have known her for over 15 years, and when examining the claims of the Latter Day Saints she gave me much valuable knowledge and has strengthened my faith in the truth. Her hand was ever outstretched to help the weak and sorrowing and to bring back the erring. Her home was always open to the Saints, and the wants of the traveling Elders were supplied.

T. J. MARTIN.

Sally Marie Anderson's Obituary

ents, Buckley and Sally. Now, if she and her family lived in Lebeck, and we know they did, then the cemetery in question would have to have been one of the two cemeteries I just mentioned. On that trip I mentioned earlier, my grandmother and I stood on the road in front of the newer and larger Lebeck Cemetery and I asked her if it looked familiar. In all honesty, she said it didn't quite look like she remembered it (gee whiz, it was only eighty-some years earlier, mind you), *BUT* she went on to describe the family cabin/home and how it was across the road from the cemetery (that she vividly remembered) and the home had a well beside it, something she said was really nice because they didn't have to go far for water. While she stood in the road contemplating things, I jumped a fence on the north side of the road and ambled into a

large bushy area in a plowed field about twenty or thirty yards north of the road. Once inside this briar patch, I clearly saw a pile of bricks, lying in an easily distinguishable circular pattern. A former well, you tell me? Just this past fall, my wife and I finally located the original Preston Cemetery and I was able to take some photos of its unbelievably sad condition. Is that the spot where a bunch of Andersons lie sleeping? If Perry or I can discover the whereabouts of the plots of land I mentioned, then I believe the answer to the mystery will be solved.

However, now enters the picture one Susan Frisbey, the wife of a descendant of Jedediah Anderson, Number 4 child of Buckley and Sally. Susan has posted on www.findagrave.com that Buckley and Sally were/are buried in the cemetery that was located, as she states it, "near the church," one Coal Hill Cemetery. She says Jedediah was buried with his parents and that was, again as she puts it, in a cemetery "near the church." Well, folks, the church in question is without any doubt the Coal Hill Branch of the former RLDS Church. The branch was officially organized 1882, though a permanent building was not erected until about 1902. I know because I and other family members traveled to it from Independence where we lived to help the church folks there celebrate their Centennial Anniversary. I was looking forward to some sort of genealogy goldmine, but when I mentioned to the church folks who I was related to and why I was there, all I got was this "deer in the headlights look." Still, Susan's "proof" is pretty much about the same as mine – stories passed down from generation to generation. Now, in defense of her story, I can say with all certainty that my great-great grandfather Buckley would have been intimately involved with the Coal Hill Branch. He was the first pastor of the RLDS Branch in Clitherall, Minnesota, a place very important to Andersons

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DIED.

ANDERSON.—At Lebeck, Missouri, July 4, 1895, Elder Buckley B. Anderson, aged 76 years, 5 months, and 20 days. Deceased was born in Huron county, Ohio. Was married to Sallie M. Cutler in 1838. He became identified with the Saints in an early day and resided in Clay county, Missouri, when the exterminating order was issued by Gov. Boggs. He went with the church to Nauvoo and was one of the mechanics who built the Nauvoo Temple. At the death of Joseph Smith he followed the branch of the church under Alpheus Cutler, and in due time united with the Reorganization. Seven children mourn his loss, as well as several grandchildren. His companion had preceded him to the other bright shore. Thus one by one pass away, the old veterans who endured faithful through the "dark and cloudy day." Funeral sermon by Elder C. R. Duncan.

Buckley B. Anderson's Obituary

and Cutlers, as you all know. It goes without saying that he would have played a prominent role in this new congregation in Cedar County. There definitely was no RLDS church in Lebeck, and the town of Coal Hill was just a little over a mile by buggy to the west on Cedar County East 50 Road to the junction of Cedar County South 701 Road and then south a piece...those of you with your Mapquest still in front of you will see what I mean. Now, as to Susan's assertion that Buckley and Sally were/are buried in Coal Hill, I would simply say it is possible only, and I repeat only, because it was and still is a cemetery "near the church." But the Lebeck Cemetery could almost be seen from Coal Hill, so "near the church" now becomes somewhat relative. But her answer neglects to take into account my grandmother's vivid recollection of living directly across the road from a cemetery where the Andersons had been and were continuing to be buried while she live in Lebeck as a girl. And therein, lies

the mystery, Cousins. What Cedar County burial records I have read for the cemeteries in question list only one "S. Anderson" buried in Coal Hill. There are some Andes, who are more of Susan Frisbey's in-law relatives, but only one Anderson. Remember, my grandmother (and my grandfather, Edward L. Bowerman, who was the first real genealogist in our family) told me that they knew Buckley and Sally's graves were unmarked and had been for many decades, perhaps even from Day One. So, seeing no more Andersons listed in Cedar County cemetery records is understandable. Oh, BTW, I have also listed Buckley and Sally's final resting place on www.findagrave.com as the Preston Cemetery, but, if you want to know the truth, I can't prove it until I find out where those plots of land existed that my great grandfather Myron bought from his Pop.

So until then, I shall leave it exactly where I started: with a couple of different family stories that are the meat of what makes genealogy so much fun and so frustrating, as well. The stories are great to listen to when one is a child at the knee of a grandparent who was born in the nineteenth century and who could tell those stories in such a way so as to transport the listener (*Moi*) back in time as if I were there. I am sure Susan would say the exact same thing. One thing is for sure: Buckley and Sally are not losing any sleep over this dilemma concerning their unknown present whereabouts and I reckon I won't this time, either.

P.S. Lebeck has not existed for decades - not a single building is left, and Coal Hill consists only of the church, the cemetery, and an old, unused schoolhouse. I am currently in negotiations with the Coal Hill pastor whom I have "deputized" to help us see if we can solve this burning question. As we speak, he is hot on the trail of a couple of leads we discussed that may lead us to an answer, once and for all!