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Report to: Wayne Research Files

Subject: Minnie J. (McSpadden) Anderson—Who Are Her Parents?

Note:

- Information found on records is indicated in a fixed format font.
- Comments by the researcher are preceded by **DPW Analysis** to separate it from the information found on the record.
- DNA evidence was considered and is documented in Wayne Research Files, Anderson-McSpadden DNA folder. It is not included in this report as some key matches denied permission to use their results and *Genealogy Standards* prohibits sharing DNA information without the consent of living test takers. In this case, the DNA evidence is only conclusive when these key test takers with their lineages and the shared DNA amounts are identified. However, the parentage is proven to a level that would have been accepted before DNA tests became widely available.
- Citations are left in full note format (except for common abbreviations) so that copying into other reports and articles keeps the entire citation. Citations can then be shortened as needed for publication in other places.

Research Question

Who are the parents of Minnie J., married to Thomas Anderson for nine years, and enumerated in the 1900 US census in Yell County, Arkansas, Ward township, enumeration district 153, dwelling 133?¹

Conclusion (Summary of Findings)

Note: Detailed analysis of the information in these records is found in the "Supporting Research" section of this report below.

Minnie J. Anderson was the daughter of Thomas A. McSpadden and Temperance C. Luster. These parent-child relationships are supported by the following:

1. Seventeen-year-old M. J. McSpadden married T. A. Anderson on 2 July 1891 in Independence County, Arkansas.² This places her birth year about 1874 if her age is correct. This marriage date fits for a couple married nine years in 1900.
2. Six-year-old Minnie J. McSpadden is named as a daughter of Thomas A.

1 1900 US census, Yell County, Arkansas, population schedule (pop. sch.), Ward township, enumeration district (ED) 153, sheet 7B/8A (penned), page 201B/202A (stamped), dwelling (dw.) 133, family (fam.) 142, Thomas Anderson household; National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) T623, roll 80.

2 "Arkansas, County Marriages, 1837-1957," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N9M1-V2G> : 18 March 2019), T A Anderson, 2 Jul 1891; citing Marriage, Independence, Arkansas, United States, county offices, Arkansas; FHL microfilm 1,288,648.

McSpadden on the 1880 census in Independence County.³ This places her birth year about 1874 if her age is correct. This is consistent with her birth date from other records.

3. Minnie Jos. Anderson was born 4 June 1874, died 28 November 1909, was the wife of Thomas Anderson, and is buried in Campground Cemetery.⁴ The death certificate of one child of Thomas Anderson names the mother as Minnie Josephine McSpadden.⁵
4. Eight children of Minnie and Thomas Anderson are identified using the 1900 and 1910 census enumerations of Thomas's household and the discussion on pages 15–16 of this report.⁶
5. Minnie and Thomas Anderson's children inherited Minnie's share of Thomas A. McSpadden's estate in 1924, a share equal to the other children of McSpadden.⁷ This confirms Thomas A. McSpadden as Minnie's father. This is the most reliable of the records located as the information was filed in court documents where the administrator had to make an oath the information was correct. However, Minnie's children's names had to be determined from the canceled checks as they were not named individually in petitions, only collectively as "children of Minnie."
6. Temperance C. Luster was Thomas A. McSpadden's wife when Minnie was born. Temperance married Thomas in 1857,⁸ gave him twelve children, eleven living to adulthood,⁹ then she died in 1876.¹⁰ Other than the marriage record, this is secondary information but is consistent with primary information and deductions made from original sources.
7. Eleven children born between 1858 and 1874 are listed in Thomas A.

3 1880 US census, Independence County, Arkansas, pop. sch., Washington township, ED 124, p. 218A/5, dwelling 38, family 38, Thomas A McSpadden household; NARA T9, roll 47.

4 A. C. McGinnis, "Campground Cemetery," *The Independence County Chronicle* XVI (July 1975): 42; this list was typed in 1975 from pencil notes made during a 1975 cemetery survey.

5 Lubbock County, Texas, death certificate no. 28869 (1953), Harley Emmitt Anderson; Texas Department of Health, Austin.

6 1900 US census, Yell County, Arkansas, population schedule (pop. sch.), Ward township, enumeration district (ED) 153, sheet 7B/8A (penned), page 201B/202A (stamped), dwelling (dw.) 133, family (fam.) 142, Thomas Anderson household; National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) T623, roll 80. 1910 US census, Independence County, Arkansas, pop. sch., Washington township, ED 42, sheet 9B (penned), page 260B (stamped), dw. 161, fam. 164, Thomas A. Anderson household; (NARA T624, roll 52).

7 Independence County, Arkansas, Probate case file (no number), Thomas A. McSpadden (1924); Old Independence Regional Museum, Batesville, Arkansas (<http://www.oirm.org/>), archive repository for older county records.

8 Independence County, Arkansas, Marriage Book B:340, Thomas A. McSpadden to Tennessee C. Luster, 15 January 1857; County Clerk's office, Batesville.

9 A. C. McGinnis, "Bethesda," *The Independence County Chronicle* XVI (July 1975): 14–15.

10 Campground Cemetery (Independence County, Arkansas; on Arkansas State Highway 106 (also named Bethesda Road), west of Batesville in Bethesda, beside Bethesda Campground Church), T. C. McSpadden headstone, photographed by D. P. Wayne, August 2010.

McSpadden's 1870 and 1880 census households.¹¹ Items 5 and 6 considered together (with the absence of any conflicting information) confirm Temperance C. (Luster) McSpadden as Minnie's mother.

Limitations

None, other than the inability to use DNA evidence without the permission required from living test takers.

Background—Known information

1900 US Census

Thomas Anderson is enumerated as a 27-year-old white male, born December 1872 in Arkansas. He has worked for three months that year as a teamster. He and wife Minnie J. Anderson have been married for nine years. Minnie is enumerated as a 25-year-old white female, born June 1874 in Arkansas. She has given birth to six children with five still living. Five children in the household are listed as the children of Thomas, all born in Arkansas: daughter Virgie, age 7, born December 1892; daughter Annie, age 6, born January 1894; daughter Hattie, age 4, born July 1895; son Jessie, age 4, born November 1896; and son Lonnie, age 6 months, born November 1899. The parents of Thomas and Minnie and all of the children are indicated as born in Arkansas. Both Thomas and Minnie can read, write, and speak English. They rent their home in a neighborhood with mixed home ownership and rentals by teamsters, farmers, farm laborers, stone masons, house carpenters, sawmill laborers, day laborers, and a bookkeeper.¹²

DPW Analysis: The census indicates the five children are Thomas's children, Minnie has five living children, the oldest child is age seven, and Thomas and Minnie have been married nine years. All of these facts are consistent with Minnie being the mother of the five children in the household.

1910 US Census

By 1910 Thomas A. Anderson is a widowed 37-year-old white male, living in Independence County, Arkansas, with eight children, all born in Arkansas: daughter Virgie E., age 17; daughter Annie R., age 16; daughter Hattie P., age 15; son Jesse A., age 13; son Lonnie M., age 11; son Owen R., age 8; daughter Winevra C., age 6; and son Harley E., age 4. Thomas is now working as a farmer in a neighborhood full of farmers. Several nearby families carry the Anderson surname. Several neighboring McSpadden families have children with the same

11 1870 US Census, Independence County, Arkansas, pop. sch., Washington township, Batesville PO, sheet 21 & 22 (penned), p. 171A/B (stamped), dw. 142, fam. 147, Thos. A. McSpadden household; NARA M593, roll 55. 1880 US census, Independence County, Arkansas, pop. sch., Washington township, ED 124, p. 218A/5, dwelling 38, family 38, Thomas A McSpadden household; NARA T9, roll 47.

12 1900 US census, Yell County, Arkansas, pop. sch., Ward township, ED 153, sheet 7B/8A (penned), page 201B/202A (stamped), dw. 133, fam. 142, Thomas Anderson household; NARA T623, roll 80.

given names as Thomas's children (Lonnie, Hattie, Harvey/Harley).¹³

DPW Analysis: The first five children in the household have the same names and similar ages to the children listed in the 1900 census enumeration. The three other children were all born after the 1900 census enumeration. This appears to be the same family enumerated in 1900. As Thomas is now widowed, Minnie presumably died before the 15 April 1910 census date. The ages of the three younger children indicate they could be Minnie's children if she died between the 1906 birth of Harley and the 1910 census date. However, it is possible that Minnie died earlier, Thomas remarried, and his second wife gave birth to some or all of the three younger children. More information is needed to determine the mother of the last three children (and is included below).

Supporting Research

Marriage of Minnie and Thomas Anderson

DPW Analysis: A record for a first marriage should list Minnie's maiden name. This would help identify her parents. The 1900 census indicates Thomas and Minnie had been married for nine years by the time Minnie was age 25 and Thomas was 27. That places his age at marriage at about 18 and her age at marriage at about 16 making it likely this was her first marriage. If so, the surname on her marriage record to Thomas should be her maiden name. Calculations with the numbers and dates of the 1900 census enumeration are consistent with Minnie's indicated birthdate of June 1874 and a potential marriage year of 1891.

Thomas and Minnie may have married in Yell County where they lived in 1900 or in another county where they may have been before coming to Yell County. The starting point information indicates two potential counties where the marriage might have occurred: Yell and Independence.

Arkansas Marriage Record Search

Citation for collection searched:

"Arkansas, County Marriages, 1837-1957," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1417439> : 7 May 2020); citing county offices, Arkansas.

Search criteria: This database was searched for any marriage between 1885 to

¹³ 1910 US census, Independence County, Arkansas, pop. sch., Washington township, ED 42, sheet 9B (penned), page 260B (stamped), dw. 161, fam. 164, Thomas A. Anderson household; NARA T624, roll 52.

1900 where the surname of one participant was Anderson and the place was "Arkansas, Yell."

Results: None of the Yell County marriages displayed were for Thomas Anderson and Minnie. A scan of the 172 hits (in Yell and other counties) revealed no entry that could be Minnie and Thomas Anderson.

Search criteria: This database was searched for any marriage between 1885 to 1900 where the name of one participant was Thomas Anderson and the place was "Arkansas, Independence."

Results: Of the 12 hits, two potential matches are found:

Potential match 1:

Name: T A Anderson
Event Type: Marriage
Event Date: 2 Jul 1891
Event Place: Independence, Arkansas, United States
Residence Place: Independence, Arkansas
Gender: Male
Age: 18
Birth Year (Estimated): 1873
Marriage License Date: 1 Jul 1891
Spouse's Name: M J McSpadden
Spouse's Residence Place: Independence, Arkansas
Spouse's Gender: Female
Spouse's Age: 17
Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated): 1874
Page: 122
Record Number: 463¹⁴

DPW Analysis: T. A. Anderson's name and age fits with the age of Thomas in the 1900 census. M. J. McSpadden's beginning initial and age fit with Minnie in the 1900 census. This marriage takes place in Independence County where Thomas lived in 1910 and where many of his neighbor's were named McSpadden and Anderson. This is a strong contender for the marriage record of Thomas and Minnie Anderson.

Potential match 2:

Name: N T Anderson
Event Type: Marriage
Event Date: 26 Jan 1899
Event Place: Marion, Arkansas, United States
Residence Place: Bruno, Marion, Arkansas
Gender: Male

14 "Arkansas, County Marriages, 1837-1957," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N9M1-V2G> : 18 March 2019), T A Anderson, 2 Jul 1891; citing Marriage, Independence, Arkansas, United States, county offices, Arkansas; FHL microfilm 1,288,648.

Age: 23
Birth Year (Estimated): 1876
Marriage License Date: 26 Jan 1899
Spouse's Name: Minnie Burleson
Spouse's Residence Place: Bruno, Marion, Arkansas
Spouse's Gender: Female
Spouse's Age: 16
Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated): 1883
Page: 207
Record Number: 384¹⁵

DPW Analysis: The T in "N T Anderson" could be an abbreviation for Thomas. However, this couple is too young to be the couple with five living children in 1900 ranging in age from seven years to six months. N. T. would have been only 16 when the first child was born, which is possible. But Minnie would have been only 9 years old when the first child was born. This couple can be eliminated as Thomas and Minnie Anderson living in Yell County in 1900 due to the ages and birth years of the Anderson children.

Citation for additional collection searched:

"Arkansas, County Marriages Index, 1837-1957," database, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2548/> : 7 May 2020); citing FamilySearch database "Arkansas County Marriages, 1838-1957."

Search criteria: This database was searched for any marriage between 1886 to 1896 where the name of one participant was T. Anderson with no specific place specified.

Results: A scan of the 32 hits revealed potential match 1 found on FamilySearch but not potential match 2 (described above). The other hits did not match closely enough to be considered. Note: this Ancestry database cites the FamilySearch database as the source, therefore, the same hits would be expected. The different hits might be due to the underlying search parameters each company uses or perhaps Ancestry copied the database and FamilySearch updated it afterwards adding additional records.

Search criteria: This database was also searched for any marriage between 1886 to 1896 where the surname of one participant was Anderson and the spouse's name began with "M" with no specific place specified.

Results: A scan of the first 300 of 1,379 hits revealed no more contender marriages.

15 "Arkansas, County Marriages, 1837-1957," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NMK8-HVW> : 18 March 2019), N T Anderson, 26 Jan 1899; citing Marriage, Marion, Arkansas, United States, county offices, Arkansas; FHL microfilm 1,031,100.

1880 Census Record Search

Thomas A. Anderson, seven-year-old son of James R. Anderson, lived in Independence County, Arkansas. James R. Anderson is enumerated as a 33-year-old white male, farmer, born in Tennessee, with both parents born in Tennessee. His wife Mary A. Anderson is a 33-year-old white female, born in Arkansas, with her father born in Alabama and her mother in North Carolina. Five children of James live in the household, all born in Arkansas: son Andrew J., age 12, who works on a farm; daughter Josie B., age 10; son William M., age 8; son Thomas A., age 7; and daughter Sarah C., age 4. The father of all the children was born in Tennessee and the mother in Arkansas. Also in the household is James's mother-in-law, Susan Dobbs, age 60, born in North Carolina, with both her parents born in North Carolina.¹⁶

Minnie J. McSpadden, six-year-old daughter of Thomas McSpadden, also lived in Independence County, Arkansas. Thomas A. McSpadden is enumerated as a 42-year-old white male, farmer, born in Tennessee, with both parents born in Tennessee. His wife Mary E. McSpadden is a 31-year-old white female, born in Arkansas, with both parents born in Tennessee. Ten children of Thomas live in the household, all born in Arkansas: son Thomas A. Jr, age 17, who works as a farm laborer; son John M., age 16, who works as a farm laborer; daughter Sarah E., age 15; daughter Margaret A., age 13; son George W., age 12, who works as a farm laborer; son David E., age 10; son James K., age 8; daughter Minnie J., age 6; son Moses, age 2; and son Samuel, age 1. The father of all the children was born in Tennessee. The mother of all the children except Moses and Samuel was born in Tennessee. The mother of Moses and Samuel was born in Arkansas.¹⁷

Additional Search Criteria: The 1880 census database was also searched for (1) any other person named M. J. McSpadden in Independence County and (2) any other person named T. A. Anderson in Independence County.¹⁸

Results: All hits in Arkansas were scanned with no additional candidates for the T. A. Anderson and M. J. McSpadden of interest. However, Ancestry searches notoriously provide different hits for the same search done at different times. Additional work may be needed if the current candidates are eliminated as this research progresses.

DPW Analysis: The candidate Thomas A. Anderson and Minnie J. McSpadden lived in the same township within the same county. The families are separated by only ten census pages and 83 households. No other likely candidates were found in Independence County. Minnie's father is indicated to be Thomas A. McSpadden. Minnie's mother is likely an earlier wife of Thomas as his current wife was born in Arkansas while Minnie's mother was born in Tennessee.

16 1880 US census, Independence County, Arkansas, pop. sch., Washington township, ED 124, sheet 14B (penned), page 222B (stamped), dw. 121, fam. 124, James R. Anderson household; NARA T9, roll 47.

17 1880 US census, Independence County, Arkansas, pop. sch., Washington township, ED 124, p. 218A/5, dwelling 38, family 38, Thomas A McSpadden household; NARA T9, roll 47.

18 "1880 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6742/> : 7 May 2020); NARA T9. Search criteria indicated in report narrative.

Neither Thomas A. Anderson nor Minnie J. McSpadden were born early enough to appear on the 1870 census. However, it might contain information about the closeness of the two households or Minnie's mother.

1870 Census Record Search

James R. Anderson is enumerated as a 23-year-old white male, farmer, born in Tennessee. His presumed wife Mary A. Anderson is a 23-year-old white female, born in Arkansas. Two children in the household, born in Arkansas, include: Andrew J., age 3, male; Josephine B., age 4 months, female. Susan Dobbs, age 50, female, born in North Carolina, lives in the household. Also in the household is a 47-year-old white female, Elizabeth Hawkins and 13-year-old white male William H. Hawkins who works on a farm.¹⁹

Thomas A. McSpadden is enumerated as a 33-year-old white male, farmer, born in Tennessee. Presumed wife Temperance McSpadden is a 31-year-old white female, born in Tennessee. Eight children in the household, all born in Arkansas, include: William W., male, age 12; Reuben A., male, age 10; Mary C., female, age 9; Thomas A., male, age 8; John M., male, age 6; Sarah E., female, age 4; Maggie, female, age 3; George W., male age 1. Also in the household is 67-year-old white female Mary Luster, born in Tennessee.²⁰

DPW Analysis: Anderson and McSpadden lived in the same township within the same county. The families are separated by six census pages and 34 households. Each 1870 family makeup is consistent with the 1880 family. Temperance McSpadden may be the earlier wife of Thomas McSpadden who is the likely mother of Minnie J.

Thomas McSpadden Marriages

Thomas A. McSpadden, age 20, married Tennessee C. Luster, age 16, on 15 January 1857 at the residence of Mary Luster. Justice of the Peace Samuel Blair performed the ceremony in Independence County which was the residence of both the bride and groom.²¹

Thomas A. McSpadden, age 39, married Miss Elizabeth Defreese, age 27, on 21 December 1876. Both the bride and groom were residents of Independence County. Minister of the C. P. [Cumberland Presbyterian] Church W. C. [Canon?] performed the ceremony.²²

19 1870 US Census, Independence County, Arkansas, pop. sch., Washington township, Batesville PO, sheet 11 (penned), page 169A (stamped), dw. 108, fam. 113, James Anderson household; NARA M593, roll 55.

20 1870 US Census, Independence County, Arkansas, pop. sch., Washington township, Batesville PO, sheet 21 & 22 (penned), p. 171A/B (stamped), dw. 142, fam. 147, Thos. A. McSpadden household; NARA M593, roll 55.

21 Independence County, Arkansas, Marriage Book B:340, Thomas A. McSpadden to Tennessee C. Luster, 15 January 1857; County Clerk's office, Batesville.

22 "Arkansas, County Marriages, 1837-1957," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NM5Q-X9D> : 18 March 2019), Thomas A McSpadden, 21 Dec 1876; citing Marriage, Independence, Arkansas, United States, county offices, Arkansas; FHL microfilm 1,288,646.

DPW Analysis: Thomas married Tennessee C. (as named on the marriage record) or Temperance (as named on the 1870 census) Luster in 1857. She likely died after the 1870 census and before 1876 when Thomas married Elizabeth Defreeze. Tennessee/Temperance was 16 in January 1857 when she married and 31 by 1 June 1870 on the census date. With 14.5 years between the two dates and the similar sound and spelling of Tennessee and Temperance these are likely to be the same women with one of the documents incorrectly stating her name. Alternately, the name Tennessee could have gotten confused with her birthplace as the marriage record was recorded or she may have used it as a nickname.

The Mary Luster who lived with Thomas and Temperance in 1870 may be Temperance's mother and her residence may have been the home in which they married.

Temperance McSpadden Death and Probate

No probate file was located for Temperance C. Luster McSpadden.²³ A journal of the local historical society and T. C. [Temperance C.] McSpadden's headstone support some of the information documented and deduced above and provides birth and death dates for her.


"Mr. Thomas A. McSpadden ... born January 15, 1837, came to Arkansas in 1851 from Tennessee. His first marriage was to Temperance C. Luster and they had twelve children, all living to adulthood, except the youngest, Joseph C. McSpadden, who died at the age of five months. Temperance died March 14, 1876, and Mr. McSpadden married Mary E. Defriese December 21, 1876.²⁴

DPW Analysis: The 1870 census names eight children in the household of Thomas and Temperance McSpadden, all of an age for Temperance to be the mother: (1) William W., born about 1858; (2) Reuben A., born about 1860; (3) Mary C., born about 1861; (4) Thomas A., born about 1862; (5) John M., born about 1864; (6) Sarah E., born about 1866; (7) Maggie, born about 1867 (8) George W., born about 1869. The 1880 census adds three more that were born

23 The following records were searched without finding a will or probate file for Temperance McSpadden. All are Independence County, Arkansas, records searched on microfilm at Arkansas Historical Commission (AHC): Will Book 1 [first entry dated 1877], Will Book 2 [first entry dated 1903], Will Book C and D [last entry dated 1924], Letters of Administration Book A (1846-1881), Records of Administrators' and Guardian's Bonds Books A, B, C, D (1853-1902), and Probate Records E, F, G, H, I, J (1869-1888).

24 A. C. McGinnis, "Bethesda," *The Independence County Chronicle* XVI (July 1975): 14-15. The basic facts stated here are confirmed in Thomas A. McSpadden, obituary, *Batesville (Arkansas) Guard*, unknown date in 1924; photocopy provided to Debbie Parker Wayne by Minnie's granddaughter, Hazel (Richardson) Richards, November 1992. See attachment 1.

before Temperance died: (9) David E., born about 1870; (10) James K. born about 1872; and (11) Minnie J., born about 1874. Moses and Samuel in the 1880 census were born 1878 or later, after Thomas married Defriese.

<p style="text-align: center;">IN MEMORY OF T C M^c SPADDEN WIFE OF T A M^c SPADDEN SEN. BORN AUGUST 6, 1836 DIED MARCH 14, 1876 AT [unreadable]</p>	 <p>Campground Cemetery (Independence County, Arkansas; on Arkansas State Highway 106 (also named Bethesda Road), west of Batesville in Bethesda, beside Bethesda Campground Church), T. C. McSpadden headstone, photographed by D. P. Wayne, August 2010.</p>
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DPW Analysis: The headstone contains the same death date listed in the journal above and may have been the source for the statement in the journal. The same information is contained in Thomas A. McSpadden's obituary. Arkansas did not mandate death certificates until 1914 so there will not likely be a state record of Temperance's death.²⁵

²⁵ "Death Records," Vital records/Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health (<http://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programsServices/certificatesVitalRecords/Pages/DeathRecords.aspx> : accessed 25 January 2014). As of 7 May 2020, the start date for Arkansas death records is no longer found on the official website of the Arkansas Department of Health (<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/order-death-records>). The *FamilySearch* Research Wiki indicates 1914 was the official start date (https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/How_to_Find_Arkansas_Death_Records). This page includes links to some pre-1914 records in "Arkansas Deaths and Burials, 1882-1929; 1945-1963 at FamilySearch.org" (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1674710>). No hits were found for multiple spellings of the McSpadden surname: mcspadden, mc spadden, mcspaddin, mc spaddin, mcspaden, mc spaden, mcspadin, or mc spadin when searching for death date confirmation for Temperance McSpadden.

Thomas McSpadden Death and Probate

Thomas A. McSpadden was born 4 July 1837 and died 30 January 1924 according to his headstone. This is the same Thomas McSpadden who married Temperance [Luster] McSpadden and Mary E. [DeFriese/Defreese] McSpadden as both women are named on the left and right sides of Thomas's headstone.

THOMAS A. M^C SPADDEN
BORN JULY 4, 1837
DIED JAN 30, 1924
He died as he lived, a Christian.





TEMPERANCE
M^CSPADDEN
BORN
AUG.6,1836
DIED
MAR. 14,1876
[unreadable inscription]

MARY E.
M^CSPADDEN
BORN
JAN.8,1850
DIED
SEPT.4,1913
Tender mother and
faithful [unreadable].

Campground Cemetery (Independence County, Arkansas; on Arkansas State Highway 106 (also named Bethesda Road), west of Batesville in Bethesda, beside Bethesda Campground Church), Thomas A. McSpadden headstone with wives named on sides, photographed by D. P. Wayne, August 2010.

1924 Independence County probate records are not available on microfilm so are not accessible at the Arkansas Historical Commission or at *FamilySearch*. Contact with the county clerk's office in 2010 (through a phone call) indicated the older probate files are archived at the Old Independence Regional Museum (OIRM). A copy of the Thomas A. McSpadden probate file archived there was requested; front and backs of pages with information on both sides were requested (even though they normally

don't copy backs of checks). Copies of 55 pages were received.²⁶

Heirs named in the probate file for Thos. A. McSpadden, who died intestate with an estate valued at \$2400, include the name, post office, and relationship of heirs:

1. W W McSpadden, Bethesda, Ark, son
2. R A McSpadden, Rotan, Tex, son
3. T A McSpadden Jr, O'neal Rt 1, son
4. Sarah Bracy, Batesville, Rt 1, dau
5. Margaret Marshall, Bethesda, Ark, dau
6. G W McSpadden, Bethesda, Ark, son
7. J K McSpadden, O'neal Rt 1, Ark, son
8. M C McSpadden, Batesville Rt 1, son
9. S S McSpadden, Erick, Okla, son
10. H E McSpadden, Paden, Okla, son
11. E E McSpadden, Erick, Okla [cut off], son
12. A A McSpadden, Erick, Okla, son
[one name x'd out] Bethesda, Ark
13. Children of Mary C Leonard, deceased, Bethesda, Ark
14. Children of David McSpadden, deceased, of Stigler, Okla and
Batesville, Ark
15. Children of R D McSpadden, deceased, O'Neal Rt 1
16. Children of Minnie Anderson, deceased, Pittsburg, [Tex, partially
obscured by fold of paper] ²⁷

The estate was distributed as follows to the heirs (distributions to creditors are not listed here as the focus is the split between heirs):

Note: The grandchildren were assigned to speculative parents based on surnames and locations. Only Minnie's children were verified with documentation as she is the focus of this research segment.

1. W W McSpadden, Bethesda, Ark, son = \$130.00 on 4 Feb 1924 [\$5.00 of this was for nursing care for his father according to the "Payments to and debts of heirs to the estate" document]
2. R A McSpadden, Rotan, Tex, son = \$126.00 on 4 Feb 1924 plus \$10.00 on 4 August 1926
3. T A McSpadden Jr, O'neal Rt 1, son = \$155.00 on 4 Feb 1924 [\$30.00 of this was for nursing care for his father according to the "Payments to and debts of heirs to the estate" document]
4. Sarah Bracy, Batesville, Rt 1, dau [no payment was made as this child owed money to the estate according to the "Payments to and debts of heirs to the estate" document]
5. Margaret Marshall, Bethesda, Ark, dau = \$155.00 on 4 Feb 1924 [\$30.00 of this was for nursing care for her father according to the "Payments to and debts of heirs to the estate" document]
6. G W McSpadden, Bethesda, Ark, son = \$155.00 on 4 Feb 1924 [\$30.00 of this was for nursing care for his father according to the "Payments to and

26 Independence County, Arkansas, Probate case file (no number), Thomas A. McSpadden (1924); Old Independence Regional Museum, Batesville, Arkansas (<http://www.oirm.org/>), archive repository for older county records.

27 Independence County, Arkansas, Probate case file (no number), Thomas A. McSpadden (1924), Application for Letters of Administration of estate of Thos. A. McSpadden, 2 February 1924. See attachment 2.

- debts of heirs to the estate" document]
7. J K McSpadden, O'neal Rt 1, Ark, son [no payment was made as this child owed money to the estate according to the "Payments to and debts of heirs to the estate" document]
 8. M C McSpadden, Batesville Rt 1, son = \$10.00 on 4 Feb 1924 [no further payment was made as this child owed money to the estate according to the "Payments to and debts of heirs to the estate" document]
 9. S S McSpadden, Erick, Okla, son = \$125.00 on 4 Feb 1924 plus \$10.00 on 22 July 1926
 10. H E McSpadden, Paden, Okla, son = \$126.00 on 4 Feb 1924 plus \$20.00 on 22 July 1926 with a note that \$10.00 of this amount was for borrowed money
 11. E E McSpadden, Erick, Okla [cut off], son = \$125.00 on 4 Feb 1924 plus \$10.00 on 22 July 1926
 12. A A McSpadden, Erick, Okla, son = \$125.00 on 4 Feb 1924 plus \$10.00 on 21 July 1926
 13. Children of Mary C Leonard, deceased, Bethesda, Ark [10 children at \$12.50 totals \$125.00] [See note above as these children may not be assigned to the correct parent, but they are not the focus of this research segment.]
 - (1) O H Leonard = \$12.50 on 9 Feb 1924
 - (2) Lonnie Leonard = \$12.50 on 9 Feb 1924
 - (3) Rubie Leonard = \$12.50 on 9 Feb 1924
 - (4) W E Leonard = \$12.50 on 9 Feb 1924
 - (5) Allen Leonard = \$12.50 on 9 Feb 1924
 - (6) T F Leonard = \$12.50 on 9 Feb 1924 plus \$1.00 on 22 May 1926
 - (7) G F Marshall = \$12.50 on 9 Feb 1924
 - (8) Rolie Wright = \$12.50 on 9 Feb 1924
 - (9) Etta Robertson = \$12.50 on 9 Feb 1924
 - (10) Leona Harmon = \$12.50 on 9 Feb 1924
 14. Children of David McSpadden, deceased, of Stigler, Okla and Batesville, Ark [See note above as these children may not be assigned to the correct parent, but they are not the focus of this research segment.]
 - (1) D. C. McSpadden = \$62.50 on 4 Feb 1924 plus \$5.00 on 13 July 1926
 - (2) Stella Wilson = \$62.50 on 4 Feb 1924
 15. Children of R D McSpadden, deceased, O'Neal Rt 1 [See note above as these children may not be assigned to the correct parent, but they are not the focus of this research segment.]
 - (1) Thelma & Fern McSpadden = 126.00 4 Feb 1924 plus \$10.00 on 24 June 1926 (signed "Thelma & Fern McSpadden By M C McSpadden Guardian")
 16. Children of Minnie Anderson, deceased, Pittsburg, Tex [8 children at \$16.87 or 16.88 each totals \$135.00]
 - (1) Mrs. E B Carter (first payment) Hattie Carter (2nd payment) = \$15.63 on 22 Feb 1924 plus \$1.25 on 4 August 1926, Kleburg, Texas
 - (2) Virgie Richardson = \$15.62 on 22 Feb 1924 plus \$1.25 on 4 August 1926, Sulphur Springs, Texas
 - (3) Mrs Neal Wood = \$15.63 on 22 Feb 1924 plus \$1.25 on 4 August 1926, Carbon, Texas
 - (4) Jessie Anderson = \$15.62 on 22 Feb 1924 plus \$1.25 on 4 August 1926, Dallas, Texas
 - (5) Lonnie Anderson = \$15.62 on 22 Feb 1924 plus \$1.25 on 4 August 1926, Dallas, Texas
 - (6) Harley Anderson (with first payment to T A Anderson [as Harley may have been just under 18 years of age, he was age 4 on 1910 census]) = \$15.63 on 22 Feb 1924 plus \$1.25 on 4 August 1926

- (7) Annie Colier = \$15.62 on 22 Feb 1924, Texarkana, Texas [no second payment document for Annie is found in the file]
- (8) Owen Anderson = \$15.63 on 22 Feb 1924 plus \$1.26 on 4 August 1926, Sweetwater, Texas²⁸

Minnie's Death Date and Confirmation of Parental Link to Her Children

Minnie Jos. Anderson, was born 4 June 1874, died 28 November 1909, was the wife of Thomas Anderson, and is buried in Campground Cemetery.²⁹

No headstone was found for Minnie Anderson in Campground Cemetery as of August 2010, but many stones are unreadable and some graves are marked only with natural stones with no writing at all. Her burial was confirmed by the cemetery caretaker, but he relies on the list created in 1975 and printed in *The Independence County Chronicles*.³⁰ This list was made many years after Minnie's death, but presumably her headstone was readable at the time the list was made or she would not be included on the list. It is also possible some names came from an earlier list that no longer exists.

DPW Analysis: Eight children were living with the widowed Thomas A. Anderson on the 1910 census in Independence County: daughter Virgie E., born about 1893; daughter Annie R., born about 1894; daughter Hattie P., born about 1895; son Jesse A., born about 1897; son Lonnie M., born about 1899; son Owen R., born about 1902; daughter Winevra C., born about 1904, and son Harley E., born about 1906.

Minnie's death date of 1909 is consistent with all of these being her children and these eight received her share of Thomas A. McSpadden's estate. Marriage records, death records, obituaries, and family interviews confirm the married names of the daughters indicated in the probate file and Minnie as the mother of these eight children (listed below in the same order as listed in Thomas McSpadden's probate file):

28 Independence County, Arkansas, Probate case file (no number), Thomas A. McSpadden (1924), values taken from canceled checks included in the file, "Final settlement report" dated 22 May 1926, and "Administrator's Inventory of estate of T A McSpadden Sr, late of Bethesda." Not attached, see Wayne Research Files, McSpadden-Thomas folder.

29 A. C. McGinnis, "Campground Cemetery," *The Independence County Chronicle* XVI (July 1975): 42; this list was typed in 1975 from pencil notes made during a 1975 cemetery survey.

30 Danny McSpadden, letter to Debbie Parker Wayne, subject "Minnie (McSpadden) Anderson burial at Campground Cemetery," 19 September 2010, copy in Wayne research files. The cemetery caretaker, a McSpadden descendant whose family has long been members of and who still attends Bethesda Campground Church next door to the cemetery, confirmed he has no records on burials prior to the 1980s and no record of a marker for Minnie Anderson other than the list printed in *The Independence County Chronicle*.

1. Miss Hattie Anderson married Alex [Elic B.] Carter, 20 September 1913, Dallas County, Texas³¹; born 8 July 1895 in Bethesda, Arkansas, died 27 December 1975 in Dallas County, Texas, father Thomas A. Anderson, mother Minnie McSpadden³²
2. Virgie Anderson married Quincy A. Richardson, 16 June 1915, Dallas County, Texas³³
3. Winnevary Anderson married Neal Wood, 28 November 1923, Fisher County, Texas³⁴
4. Jessie Aaron Anderson, born 29 November 1896 in Batesville, Arkansas, died 8 November 1970 in Dallas County, Texas, father Thomas Alec Anderson, mother unknown³⁵
5. Lonnie Marion Anderson, born 15 November 1899 in Arkansas, father Elic Anderson, mother Minnie McSpadden³⁶
6. Harley Emmitt Anderson, born 27 October 1906 in Batesville, Arkansas, father Thomas Alec Anderson born in Arkansas, mother Minnie Josephine Anderson born in Arkansas³⁷
7. Annie Anderson married Virgil Collier, about 1920³⁸
8. Owen R. Anderson, born 4 March 1902 in Arkansas, died 6 May 1971 in Tulare County, California³⁹

31 Dallas County, Texas, Marriage Book 1913-17:188, Alex Carter to Hattie Anderson, 20 September 1913; County Clerk's office, Dallas.

32 Dallas County, Texas, death certificate no. 96705 (1975), Hattie Pearl Carter; Texas Department of Health, Austin. Also Jessie A. Anderson obituary, *Dallas (Texas) Morning News*, 10 November 1970, page 4, column 1; names sisters Virgie Richardson of Dallas; Annie Collier of Carlsbad, New Mexico; Wenetary [sic] Wood of Colton, California; and Mrs. Hattie Carter of Brownfield, Texas (see attachment 3). Also, 1920 US census, Ellis County, Texas, pop. sch., JP 2, ED 124, sheet/page 26A (penned and stamped), dw. 543, fam. 568, Elick C. Carter; NARA T625, roll 1800.

33 Marriage record not yet located; date and place confirmed by daughter Hazel (Richardson) Richards, interview by Debbie Parker Wayne, November 1992, notes held by Wayne. The two are also listed as parents on the death certificate of a child: Dallas County, Texas, death certificate no. 27015 (1978), Arlin Spencer Richardson; Texas Department of Health, Austin. Arlin was born in Sulphur Springs, Texas, where Virgie lived at the time of Thomas McSpadden's estate settlement. Also Jessie A. Anderson obituary, *Dallas (Texas) Morning News*, 10 November 1970, page 4, column 1; names his sisters.

34 "Texas, Select County Marriage Index, 1837-1965," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60183/> : 7 May 2020), entry for Neal M. Wood and Winnevary Anderson; citing FHL file 1298852. Original record to be obtained once the courthouse reopens after COVID-19 closures, however, information on this document is unlikely to overturn the conclusion. Also Jessie A. Anderson obituary, *Dallas (Texas) Morning News*, 10 November 1970, page 4, column 1; names his sisters.

35 Dallas County, Texas, death certificate no. 78867 (1970), Jessie Aaron Anderson; Texas Department of Health, Austin. Also, Jessie A. Anderson obituary, *Dallas (Texas) Morning News*, 10 November 1970, page 4, column 1.

36 Cochran County, Texas, death certificate no. 36298 (1970), Lonnie Marion Anderson; Texas Department of Health, Austin.

37 Lubbock County, Texas, death certificate no. 28869 (1953), Harley Emmitt Anderson; Texas Department of Health, Austin. See attachment 4.

38 Hazel (Richardson) Richards, granddaughter of Minnie, daughter of Virgie (Anderson) Richardson, interview by Debbie Parker Wayne, November 1992, notes held by Wayne. Also Jessie A. Anderson obituary, *Dallas (Texas) Morning News*, 10 November 1970, page 4, column 1; names his sisters.

39 "California Death Index, 1940-1997," database, *FamilySearch*

Documents and Resources Used

Only a few documents are attached as most are easily found online and/or the information is adequately described in the report. The complete Thomas A. McSpadden probate file is in Wayne Research Files, McSpadden-Thomas folder. Citations below are in footnote format, not bibliography format, but sorted alphabetically. This is to keep all pertinent record details easily accessible.

There are additional Anderson and McSpadden sources in Wayne Research Files, but the ones in this report are sufficient to reach a reliable conclusion on Minnie Anderson's parentage. No conflicts are found in these other sources located as of May 2020: all census enumerations through 1940 during the life of Thomas A. McSpadden, Thomas A. Anderson, Minnie J. (McSpadden) Anderson Temperance (Luster) McSpadden; Thomas A. McSpadden's 1924 Arkansas death certificate; extant issues of the McSpadden Family Newsletter (Mountain View, Arkansas) edited by Lynn McSpadden who supplied copies; and Thomas McSpodolen [McSpadden], compiled service record (private, Company D, Dobbin's 1st Arkansas, Cavalry), Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers ... Arkansas, NARA M317, roll 3. No Civil War pension file has been found for Thomas A. McSpadden, but he likely had too much wealth to qualify for a pension.

Census

"1880 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry*

(<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6742/> : 7 May 2020); NARA T9.

1870 US Census, Independence County, Arkansas, pop. sch., Washington township, Batesville PO, sheet 11 (penned), page 169A (stamped), dw. 108, fam. 113, James Anderson household; NARA M593, roll 55.

1870 US Census, Independence County, Arkansas, pop. sch., Washington township, Batesville PO, sheet 21 & 22 (penned), p. 171A/B (stamped), dw. 142, fam. 147, Thos. A. McSpadden household; NARA M593, roll 55.

1880 US census, Independence County, Arkansas, pop. sch., Washington township, ED 124, sheet 14B (penned), page 222B (stamped), dw. 121, fam. 124, James R. Anderson household; NARA T9, roll 47.

1880 US census, Independence County, Arkansas, pop. sch., Washington township, ED 124, p. 218A/5, dwelling 38, family 38, Thomas A McSpadden household; NARA T9, roll 47.

1900 US census, Yell County, Arkansas, pop. sch., Ward township, ED 153, sheet 7B/8A (penned), page 201B/202A (stamped), dw. 133, fam. 142, Thomas Anderson household; NARA T623, roll 80.

1910 US census, Independence County, Arkansas, pop. sch., Washington township, ED 42, sheet 9B (penned), page 260B (stamped), dw. 161, fam. 164, Thomas A. Anderson

(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VPHD-C93> : 26 November 2014), Owen R. Anderson, 6 May 1971; Department of Public Health Services, Sacramento. Original record ordered but not yet received and is unlikely to contain information that would overturn the conclusion.

household; NARA T624, roll 52.

1920 US census, Ellis County, Texas, pop. sch., JP 2, ED 124, sheet/page 26A (penned and stamped), dw. 543, fam. 568, Elick C. Carter; NARA T625, roll 1800.

Marriages

"Arkansas, County Marriages Index, 1837-1957," database, *Ancestry*

(<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2548/> : 18 March 2019); citing *FamilySearch* database "Arkansas County Marriages, 1838-1957."

"Arkansas, County Marriages, 1837-1957," database with images, *FamilySearch*

(<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1417439> : 18 March 2019); citing county offices, Arkansas.

"Arkansas, County Marriages, 1837-1957," database with images, *FamilySearch*

(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NMK8-HVW> : 18 March 2019), N T Anderson, 26 Jan 1899; citing Marriage, Marion, Arkansas, United States, county offices, Arkansas; FHL microfilm 1,031,100.

"Arkansas, County Marriages, 1837-1957," database with images, *FamilySearch*

(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N9M1-V2G> : 18 March 2019), T A Anderson, 2 Jul 1891; citing Marriage, Independence, Arkansas, United States, county offices, Arkansas; FHL microfilm 1,288,648.

"Arkansas, County Marriages, 1837-1957," database with images, *FamilySearch*

(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NM5Q-X9D> : 18 March 2019), Thomas A McSpadden, 21 Dec 1876; citing Marriage, Independence, Arkansas, United States, county offices, Arkansas; FHL microfilm 1,288,646.

Dallas County, Texas, Marriage Book 1913-17:188, Alex Carter to Hattie Anderson, 20 September 1913; County Clerk's office, Dallas.

Independence County, Arkansas, Marriage Book B:340, Thomas A. McSpadden to

Tennessee C. Luster, 15 January 1857; County Clerk's office, Batesville.

Texas, Select County Marriage Index, 1837-1965," *Ancestry*

(<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60183/> : 7 May 2020), entry for Neal M. Wood and Winnewary Anderson; citing FHL file 1298852.

Probate Records

Independence County, Arkansas, Probate case file (no number), Thomas A. McSpadden

(1924); Old Independence Regional Museum, Batesville, Arkansas

(<http://www.oirm.org/>), archive repository for older county records.

Independence County, Arkansas, records searched on microfilm at Arkansas Historical Commission (AHC): Will Book 1 [first entry dated 1877], Will Book 2 [first entry dated 1903], Will Book C and D [last entry dated 1924], Letters of Administration Book A (1846-1881), Records of Administrators' and Guardian's Bonds Books A, B, C, D (1853-1902), and Probate Records E, F, G, H, I, J (1869-1888). These records were searched without finding a will or probate file for Temperance McSpadden.

Death Records

"Arkansas Deaths and Burials, 1882-1929; 1945-1963," *FamilySearch*

(<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1674710>).

"California Death Index, 1940-1997," database, *FamilySearch*

(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VPHD-C93> : 3 February 2020), Owen R Anderson, 06 May 1971; Department of Public Health Services, Sacramento.

Cochran County, Texas, death certificate no. 36298 (1970), Lonnie Marion Anderson; Texas Department of Health, Austin.

Dallas County, Texas, death certificate no. 27015 (1978), Arlin Spencer Richardson; Texas Department of Health, Austin.

Dallas County, Texas, death certificate no. 78867 (1970), Jessie Aaron Anderson; Texas Department of Health, Austin.

Dallas County, Texas, death certificate no. 96705 (1975), Hattie Pearl Carter; Texas Department of Health, Austin.

"Death Records," Vital records/Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health

(<http://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programsServices/certificatesVitalRecords/Pages/DeathRecords.aspx> : 3 February 2020).

"How to Find Arkansas Death Records," *FamilySearch Research Wiki*

(https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/How_to_Find_Arkansas_Death_Records : 3 February 2020).

Lubbock County, Texas, death certificate no. 28869 (1953), Harley Emmitt Anderson; Texas Department of Health, Austin.

Obituaries

Jessie A. Anderson obituary, *Dallas (Texas) Morning News*, 10 November 1970, page 4, column 1.

Thomas A. McSpadden, obituary, *Batesville (Arkansas) Guard*, unknown date in 1924; photocopy provided to Debbie Parker Wayne by Minnie's granddaughter Hazel (Richardson) Richards, November 1992.

Cemetery Records and Headstones

Campground Cemetery (Independence County, Arkansas; on Arkansas State Highway 106 (also named Bethesda Road), west of Batesville in Bethesda, beside Bethesda Campground Church), T. C. McSpadden headstone, photographed by D. P. Wayne, August 2010.

Campground Cemetery (Independence County, Arkansas; on Arkansas State Highway 106 (also named Bethesda Road), west of Batesville in Bethesda, beside Bethesda Campground Church), Thomas A. McSpadden headstone with wives named on sides, photographed by D. P. Wayne, August 2010.

Interviews and Letters

Hazel (Richardson) Richards, granddaughter of Minnie J. (McSpadden) Anderson, daughter of Virgie (Anderson) Richardson, interview by Debbie Parker Wayne, November 1992, notes held by Wayne.

Danny McSpadden, letter to Debbie Parker Wayne, subject "Minnie (McSpadden) Anderson burial at Campground Cemetery," 19 September 2010, copy in Wayne Research Files.

Authored Sources

A. C. McGinnis, "Campground Cemetery," *The Independence County Chronicle* XVI (July 1975).

Attachment 1

Thomas A. McSpadden, obituary, *Batesville (Arkansas) Guard*, unknown date in 1924; photocopy provided to Debbie Parker Wayne by Minnie's granddaughter Hazel (Richardson) Richards, November 1992.

<p style="text-align: center;">OBITUARY</p> <p>On Wednesday morning, January 30, 1924, the Grim Reaper, Death, visited our home and claimed dear Papa—one of the county's oldest and most highly respected citizens.</p> <p>He was born in Warren county, Tennessee, July 4, 1837; moved to Independence county, Arkansas, with his parents in the fall of 1851. His father settled on a farm 10 miles west of Batesville, where papa grew to manhood.</p> <p>Grand-pa moved with his family to Barren Fork, Izard county, some four or five years later, probably in the fall of 1854 or 1855, where he raised a large family of fourteen, all of whom preceded papa to the beyond except two brothers, Euclat C. McSpadden of Teague, Tex., and Robert H. McSpadden of Calico Rock, Ark.</p> <p>His first marriage was to Temperance Carolene Luster, January 15th, 1857. Soon the war came on. He enlisted in Company C, First Arkansas Calvary, under Capt. Geo. W. Rutherford, Col. Dobbins' Regiment, where he saw service until the close of hostilities. He took part in several battles. Once he came out with two bullet holes through the left side of his shirt and one through the crown of his hat, yet the skin was not broken. He always said special providence saved him.</p> <p>After the war, he returned home and took up his life's work.</p> <p>To the first marriage, 12 children were born. Seven survive. First wife's death occurred March 14, 1876.</p> <p>His second marriage was to Mary Elizabeth Defriese, December 21, 1876. To this union, nine children were born, five survive. Mother's death occurred September 4, 1913. Since then, papa has had his home with some of the children. The last four years of his life, he made his home with us. It was a great benediction to be with him and listen to his saintly advice, more sublime and heavenly as the decline-marked time for him. Earthly things began to drop out of sight several years ago. He began to arrange for the change, saying, "It won't be long until I'll finish my life's work," and then he would rejoice, saying, "The Lord has been good to me. I'll soon be with the redeemed hosts of loved ones long since gone."</p> <p>He professed religion in young manhood; lived a devoted Christian life; was ruling elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at death.</p> <p>His mind was bright and active up until the last 48 hours before death.</p> <p>He sat up on Saturday evening before passing on the following Wednesday and sang two old favorite hymns, one "Hark From the Tomb," the other "Why Do We Mourn Departed Friends?"</p> <p>Bro. J. E. Snell conducted burial services. His body was laid to rest between the sleeping dust of his two companions at Old Bethesda Camp Ground, to await the trumpet call.</p> <p>He leaves ten sons and two daughters, 130 grand-children, 134 great grand-children and two great great grand-children, and a vast number of friends to mourn his departure.</p> <p>I thank God for his noble Christian life. Let's strive to meet him on the sunny slopes of eternity.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">His loving son, M. C. McSPADDEN</p>	<p>Ground, to await the trumpet call. He leaves ten sons and two daughters, 130 grand-children, 134 great grand-children and two great great grand-children, and a vast number of friends to mourn his departure. I thank God for his noble Christian life. Let's strive to meet him on the sunny slopes of eternity.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">His loving son, M. C. McSPADDEN</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">"Obituary" [Thomas A. McSpadden], <i>Batesville (Arkansas) Guard</i>, unknown date 1924.</p>
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Attachment 2

Independence County, Arkansas, Probate case file (no number), Thomas A. McSpadden (1924), Application for Letters of Administration of estate of Thos. A. McSpadden, 2 February 1924.

Standard Arkansas Form Co. 66 Legal LightSM FORM No. 550
 LITTLE ROCK TRADE MARK COPYRIGHTED 1905 SIZE NO. 4

APPLICATION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF ARKANSAS, }
 County of INDEPENDENCE } ss.

In the Probate Court _____ A. D. 191__

I, M. C. McSpadden, now making application for Letters of Administration on the estate of Thos. A. McSpadden Sr., who died intestate about Jan. 30 1924, do solemnly swear, that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the value of the estate of Thos. A. McSpadden late of Bethesda, in the County aforesaid, deceased, is about Twenty-four Hundred Dollars; that the names and residence of the heirs of the deceased, as far as known, are as follows, viz:

Name	Post Office,	Relation.
W.W. McSpadden	Bethesda, Ark.	Son.
R.A. McSpadden	Rotan, Tex.	"
T.A. McSpadden, Jr.	O'Neal, Rt. 1.	"
Sarah Bracy	Batesville, Rt. 1	Daughter.
Margaret Marshall	Bethesda, Ark.	"
G.W. McSpadden	Bethesda, Ark.	Son
J.K. McSpadden	O'Neal Rt. 1. Ark.	"
M.C. McSpadden	Batesville, Rt. 1.	"
S.S. McSpadden	Erick, Okla.	"
H.E. McSpadden	Paden, Okla.	"
E.E. McSpadden	Erick, Okla.	"
A.A. McSpadden	Erick, Okla.	"
XXXXXXXXXXXX	Bethesda, Ark.	
Children of Mary C. Leonard, deceased, Bethesda, Ark.		
Children of David McSpadden, deceased, of Stigler, Okla, and Batesville, Ark.		
Children of R.D. McSpadden, deceased, O'Neal, Rt. 1.		
Children of Minnie Anderson, deceased, Pittsburg		

Attachment 3

Jessie A. Anderson obituary, *Dallas (Texas) Morning News*, 10 November 1970, page 4, column 1.

DEATHS

<p>ANDERSON Jessie A., 4300 Sycamore, Survived by daughters, Mrs. Lillian Juanita Priest, Mrs. Minnie Lou Bailey; sons, J. B. Anderson, B. B. Anderson, all of Dallas; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Virgie Richardson, Dallas, Mrs. Annie Collier, Carlsbad, N.M., Mrs. Wenetary Wood, Colton, Calif., Mrs. Hattie Carter, Brownfield, Texas; brother, Owen Anderson, Visola, Calif.; half-brother, Carman Anderson, U.S.A.F. Services 2 p.m. Tuesday, RESTLAND'S WILDWOOD CHAPEL, Rev. Charles Thomas officiating. Interment Restland. Pallbearers: Clint Wilson, Dwyht Halbert, R. R. Conner, Tom Dunphy, Tommy Cooksy, Learnerd Fulbright. RESTLAND-LAUREL LAND FUNERAL HOMES Greenville at Restland Rd. AD5-7111</p>	<p>DOUGLAS Rufus R., R. Survived by v daughter, M children, Joh al nieces an a.m. Wednes Tommy Pric bon Cemetery Delaware, Ir CHISM & 129 S. O'Con</p> <hr/> <p>ENGLAND Gray Lynn, forwarded to interment. SPAR 2115 Ross Ave</p>
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Who are the Parents of Minnie J., wife of Thomas Anderson ...?

Attachment 4

Lubbock County, Texas, death certificate no. 28869 (1953), Harley Emmitt Anderson; Texas Department of Health, Austin.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
STATE OF TEXAS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

E 903.0 48. ✓
STATE FILE NO. 28869

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <u>COCHRAN</u>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission). a. STATE <u>TEXAS</u> b. COUNTY <u>HOCKLEY</u>	
b. CITY OR TOWN <u>Emmott</u>		c. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give precinct no.) <u>Sanborn</u>	
d. FULL NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <u>Cochran Co. Hospital</u>		d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <u>City - Ruidisford</u>	
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or Print) a. (First) <u>HARLEY</u> b. (Middle) <u>EMMITT</u> c. (Last) <u>ANDERSON</u>		4. DATE OF DEATH <u>4-10-53</u>	
5. SEX <u>MALE</u>	6. COLOR OR RACE <u>WHITE</u>	7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) <u>MARRIED</u>	8. DATE OF BIRTH <u>October 27, 1906</u>
9. AGE YEARS <u>46</u> MONTHS <u>5</u> DAYS <u>17</u>		10. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <u>mechanic</u>	
10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <u>GARAGE</u>		11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <u>Batesville, Arkansas</u>	
12. FATHER'S NAME <u>Thomas Alec Anderson</u>		13. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <u>Minnie Josephine Anderson</u>	
14. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, unknown) (If yes, give war or dates of service) <u>No</u>		15. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <u>8-2-14-26</u>	
16. INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE <u>Mrs. Eva Mae Anderson</u>		16. INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE <u>Wife</u>	
17. CAUSE OF DEATH Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c) I. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH* (a) <u>Shock</u> *This does not mean the mode of dying, such as heart failure, asthma, etc. It means the disease, injury, or complication which caused death. ANTECEDENT CAUSES Morbid conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause (a) stating the underlying cause last. DUE TO (b) <u>Respiratory Distress - Control 2 hrs.</u> DUE TO (c) <u>Cerebral Circulation</u> 9 hrs. II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS Conditions contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing death. <u>Pulmonary Hemorrhage</u> 9 hrs.			
18a. DATE OF OPERATION		18b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION	
19a. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		20b. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.) <u>Home</u>	
20c. CITY, TOWN, OR PRECINCT NO. <u>Marlin</u>		20d. COUNTY <u>Wichita</u>	
20e. TIME OF INJURY (Month) (Day) (Year) <u>April 10 1953 9:30</u>		20f. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT <input type="checkbox"/> NOT WHILE WORK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/>	
20g. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR? <u>PT. Fell off Roof Landing on head</u>			
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <u>4-10</u> , 19 <u>53</u> , to <u>4-10</u> , 19 <u>53</u> , that I last saw the deceased alive on <u>4-10</u> , 19 <u>53</u> , and that death occurred at <u>7:00 P.M.</u> , from the causes and on the date stated above.			
22a. SIGNATURE <u>Don M. Gunn</u>		22b. ADDRESS <u>Marlin Texas</u>	
22c. DATE SIGNED <u>4-10-53</u>			
23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <u>REMOVAL</u>		23b. DATE <u>April 10, 1953</u>	
23c. LOCATION (City, town, or county) <u>Lubbock</u>		23d. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <u>Tech Memorial Park</u>	
23e. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <u>W.C. Price</u>		23f. FUNERAL HOME <u>Price Funeral Home Co. P.O. White</u>	
24a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. <u>8</u>		24b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR <u>4-10-53</u>	
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NOTE THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR ON THE REVERSE SIDE