

Conjectured location of "Rural Felicity" property.

## THE ALTOONA MIRROR—THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.

### JAMES C. ANDERSON DIES.

**MOUNT UNION, Sept. 19.**—James C. Anderson, woodworker and carpenter, who was well known throughout this section, died in the Lewistown hospital yesterday after a short illness. Born in Fulton county on Oct. 17, 1869, he was the son of Septimus and Jane (Mort) Anderson. He was twice married. On Aug. 5, 1885, the first union was with Mary Jane Wagner, who died in 1907. They established their home in Robertsdale where

they remained fifteen years, later moving to Rockhill Furnace where they lived and later to Mount Union. Mrs. Anderson died while living in Mount Union. The second marriage was with Gladys Wolf, who survives. Surviving are the following children to the first union: Mrs. William Sheaffer of Mill Creek, Robert Anderson of Baltimore, Arthur, Stanley and Paul Anderson of Youngstown, O., Mrs. Carl Newingham of Huntingdon and Miss Mabel Anderson, address unknown. The widow sur-

vives with one step-son, Milan E. Snyder of Mount Union. There are one brother, Samuel Anderson of Robertsdale, and one sister, Mrs. Mary Everhart of Six Mile Run.

### VETERAN IS 93.

**MOUNT UNION, Sept. 18.**—Edward F. Brown, Mount Union's only Civil war veteran, celebrated his 93rd birthday yesterday at his West Shirley street home. The day was quietly observed for Daddy Brown, as he is known to many



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# From The Foster Scrapbook

## William Anderson, Broad Top Pioneer

This chapter, written in 1887 by historian D. I. Foster, concerns the Andersons, who were among Broad Top Mountain's earliest settlers. The Andersons settled in Broad Top Township, near Six Mile Run, where they took up farming.

Anderson has left descendants in this region, but unfortunately by the present year (1977) there are none that bear the last name Anderson that we know of.

The town of Fairplay is what we now call Coaldale Borough. This community has been known by many colorful names through the years, among them Coaldale, Fairplay, Six Mile Run, and Rommell.

### CHAPTER LXIV WILLIAM ANDERSON

He was born in Md. on Dec. 22, 1765 and at the age of 19 years was married to Elizabeth Willet and when their second child was two years old they came to Broadtop on pack-horses, this was in the year 1789. How great his success was in this new settlement is plainly seen when we remember that counties and townships are named after his descendants -- they are scattered from Me. to California and from the Gulf to the Lakes. In Seward County in the State of Nebraska we find over one hundred of his descendants. He came of one of the proudest of Southern families and one of the oldest. In the late Civil War while some 40 of his grand and great-grandsons were battling for the Federal cause fall as many of their cousins were trying to defend their southern hearths, and some of them wore stars

on their shoulders, too. But we must not forget our subject: He improved a farm on the mountain and at this late day not less than six different places are called the "Anderson places." Though but one family now remain on Broadtop, that one is A. H. Anderson, there are quite a number in Huntingdon County. To show how the children of the family of the early settlers married together we will give you the births of this family and the names of their wedded mates, vis:

Samuel, born Oct. 6, 1785 married Sarah Shreeves.

Thomas, born June 13, 1787 married Elizabeth Edwards.

William, born July 2, 1790 married Elizabeth Horton.

Sarah, born July 2, 1790 married Edward Shreeves.

Elizabeth, born Nov. 20, 1792 married Ephraim Foster.

Mary, born Nov. 6, 1794 married Dennis Carrick.

James, born Nov. 17, 1796 married Mary Horton.

Edward, born Oct. 6, 1798 married Susan Horton.

Susan, born May 6, 1801 married Jesse Horton.

Jemima, born May 20, 1803 married Samuel Horton.

Jonathan, born March 6, 1805 married Becca Horton.

Thus we see that in a period of less than 20 years there were born to these parents 11 children all of which grew up to manhood and womanhood and raised families. They did not, however, have their children in so short a space of time as we find the first one was born as early as April 8, 1909 and the last one not until 1851 and there were

over 50 of them living at the time of the old gentlemans death, which occurred on the 21st of Dec., 1842, lacking one day of being 77 years of age. Some of his children lived to be very old people. The one that died last lived to the greatest age, he died at the age of 84 years, 7 months and 6 days, - that one was James Anderson of Clear Ridge, Fulton Co., Pa., he died on the 23rd day of June, 1881. He was the father of a large family, most of which are still living, among the number we find Mrs. Sarah Figard, the clever and accomodating landlady of the Hotel in Fairplay for the past 22 years, and also the late lamented Col. E. F. Anderson of Washington, D.C. who won such green laurels on different battle fields and proved himself an orator as well as a soldier. Though he earned it all dear enough, as he died in Florida a short time ago from wounds received in the army. We will mention another of our subjects children, Elizabeth, wife of the late Ephraim Foster, who died in May, 1878 in her 84th year, in Wells Valley, Fulton Co., Pa. who lived to see more than a dozen great-grandchildren grow up two of wich have reached the height of 6 feet 6 inches and 6 feet 7-1/2 inches respectively, they are about 23 and 25 years of age, their names are Joseph and Simon Ritchey. But we must go to our worthy subject His character for honesty was as good as any persons that ever lived on Broadtop and it is said of him that he never owed anyone overnight. If he had any way to pay as he went. He was a poor scholar but a deep Bible

thinker and a profound Christian. We have frequently seen his Bible, it is now in the care of William Foster of Broadtop, and belongs to the Oxford edition of 1750, but it is entire yet. To give some idea as to what

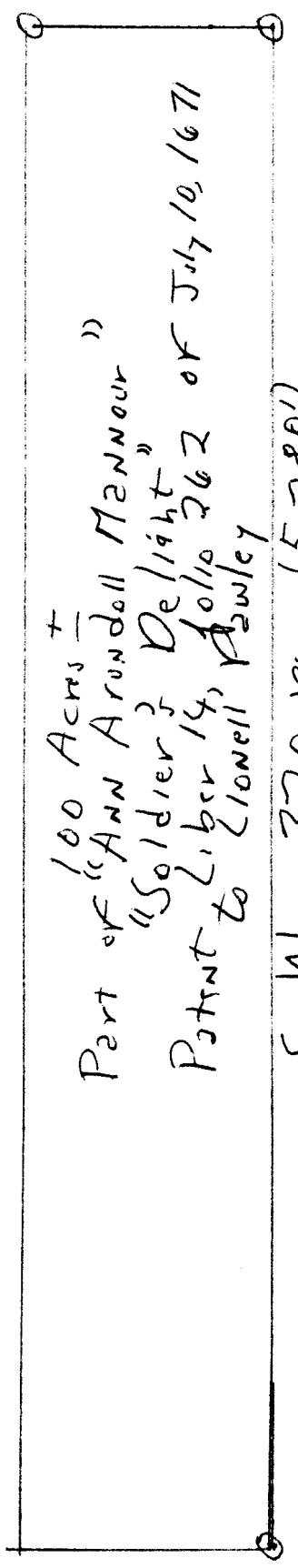
kind of place the early settlement was, and inconveniences to which the early settlers were put to in case of a death of one of their number. The second white person that died in the settlement was a daughter of Mary Foster, about the year 1792. Dr. Jerry Duvall was attending the little girl when she died and he suggested that they send for Wm. Anderson, the neighbor came and they told him that they wanted him to make a box for the child's body. He said there were no boards nearer than 30 miles and that the child's half-brother, R. L. Foster, had split up boards and made a negro's coffin, one Basil Berry who had died at this place when they first came up from Md., and that he was the best workman in the settlement, and as "necessity is the mother of invention" he again went to the woods, cut a chestnut tree, marked and split his boards, hewed plank and polished them, then pinned them together and made a coffin, (that though made 90 years ago is as sound as those made a few years ago) they carried her to the Duvall graveyard, being the second person laid to rest on that hill, her father being the first about a year be-

fore, and now the graveyard has been enlarged already the second time and there have been over 100 buried outside of the present yard since 1872 though there are not less than seven other graveyards in the Township.

1" = 600'

"Goury Banks"

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S 50 RS (825')



Part of 100 Acres +  
 of "ANN ARUNDOLL MANNOUR"  
 "Soldier's Delight"  
 Patent of Liber 14, Folio 262 of July 10, 1671  
 to Howell Pawley  
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