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DR. BENJAMIN SMITH ANDERSON (1821-1894) AND FAMILY

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Dr. **ISAAC ANDERSON**, son of Hon. Isaac and Mary (Lane) Anderson, was born in Schuylkill township, Chester county, Pennsylvania, died in Norristown, Pennsylvania, aged over seventy years. He was a practicing physician, eminent in his profession and a man of high standing in his community. He married Mary Smith, born in Haverford township, Chester county, daughter of Benjamin and Margaret (Dunn) Smith. Benjamin Smith, a farmer, was of a prominent early Chester county family. Children of Dr. Isaac Anderson:

1. Benjamin Smith Anderson, of whom further;
2. Elizabeth Anderson, now residing in Westchester, married (first) Washington Baldwin, (second) William Fisher, also deceased;
3. Charlotte Anderson, died unmarried;
4. Samuel Lane Anderson, died in Bryn Mawr in 1907.

Dr. **BENJAMIN SMITH ANDERSON**, eldest son of Dr. Isaac Anderson and Mary (Smith) Anderson, was born on the farm now a part of West Philadelphia, in 1821, died in Marple township, Delaware County, in 1894. He was an eminent physician of Delaware county, practicing in Upper Darby, Haverford and Marple townships until his death. He married Julia Scofield, daughter of Lane Scofield, of Chester county, at one time commissioner of Philadelphia. Mrs. Anderson survives her husband and resides with her children, who all reside in Delaware, Dauphin and Chester counties; Children:

1. Elizabeth H. Anderson, resides in West Chester.
2. Edward Lane Anderson, M. D., born in 1857, died in December, 1887.
3. Julia Anderson, married Jacob Stauffer, for the past twenty years a resident of Harrisburg, where he holds a state position.
4. Mary F. Anderson, married George R. North, a farmer of Lyndell, Chester county.
5. B. Hayes S. Anderson, [August 20, 1861-October 9, 1928] now a real estate agent of Philadelphia, but a resident of Haverford township, Delaware county. He was the owner of the old mill property in Haverford that had been in the family since 1682, but had been sold and out of the family for many years, until purchased by Mr. Anderson, who later sold it to the Springfield Water Company, but retained part of the original acres.
6. Virginia D. Anderson, resides in West Chester.
7. S. Lane Anderson, M. D., a practicing physician of Nottingham, Chester county, was born October 12, 1864, and in his youth attended the public school of Marple township and Hillcroft Academy. After a year in Nebraska he returned to Delaware county and began the study of medicine at the Medico Chirurgical Hospital, whence he was graduated M. D. in 1892. After an association with that hospital and St. Clement's in Philadelphia, he located at Chadds Ford, where he was in successful practice for several

years, later moving to his present location. He married, October 6, 1898, Julia, daughter of William T. Porter and Sophia (Simmons) Porter, of Wilmington, Delaware. Children: S. Lane Anderson (2d), born December 1, 1902; Sophia Simmons Anderson, born May 18, 1904.

8. Nathan Garrett Anderson, of whom further.

9. Josephine W. Anderson, married Dr. R. Knip, of Norristown.

NATHAN GARRETT ANDERSON, son of Dr. Benjamin Smith Anderson and Julia (Scotfield) Anderson, was born in Haverford township, Delaware county, October 24, 1866. He attended the public schools in Upper Darby until fourteen years of age, then began farming, working at that occupation until 1891. Since that date he has been successfully engaged in the lumber business, residing since 1895 at Ridley Park. He is a Republican in politics and has served as auditor of Ridley township. Mr. Anderson married, March 21, 1888, in Media, Pennsylvania, Annie Harrison Hill, born in Marple township, Delaware county, daughter of Peter Hill and Elizabeth (Davis) Hill, both deceased. Peter Hill was a farmer and mill owner of Ridley township. Children:

1. Esther Garrett Anderson, born in Upper Darby Township, February 10, 1889, a graduate of Ridley High School;

2. Beulah Bartleson Anderson, born in Springfield township, November 14, 1893.

BENJAMIN HAYES SMITH ANDERSON, son of Dr. Benjamin S. Anderson and Julia (Scotfield) Anderson, was born in Haverford township, Delaware county, Pennsylvania, August 20, 1861 [died October 9, 1928]. For a period of three years he was a pupil in the public schools of Marple township, then completed his education in a private school conducted in Broomall township, Delaware county, Pennsylvania, by the Misses Hotchkins, and known as Mann's Seminary. He was graduated from this institution in 1892, and from that time was engaged in the milling business in Haverford township until 1904. In that year he established himself in the real estate business in the city of Philadelphia, and has been successfully identified with it since that time. He has, however, continued to reside in his beautiful home at Llanerch, Haverford township.

Mr. Anderson married, in 1887, Mary A. Leedom, daughter of Maris W. Leedom and Elvira [Matilda] (Clark) Leedom, of Haverford township, where the former is engaged in milling. [See separate biography of Maris W. Leedom.] Children:

1. Edward Lane Anderson [born April 11, 1889 in Marple Township], who holds a clerkship with the Real Estate Trust Company of Philadelphia;

2. Benjamin Hayes Smith Anderson, Jr., engaged in farming in Texas;

3. Elvira L. Anderson, at home;

4. Elizabeth P. Anderson, also at home;

5. Mary W. Anderson, a pupil at the high school.

[6. Helen Anderson.]

Mr. Anderson is a strong Republican, and until very recent years was an active worker in the interests of that party. His fraternal affiliations consist of membership in the Cassia Lodge, No. 273, Free and Accepted Masons, of Ardmore, Pennsylvania.

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