

Former Pastor Has Column

The Tribune is proud to introduce a new feature by Rev. Oren A. Anderson who served as pastor of Tabor City and Carolina Baptist Churches during the late nineteen-thirties.

His ministry covered a period of some thirty-five years with 20 years spent in North Carolina and fifteen in South Carolina. His longest, 13½ years was served at Rowland Baptist Church, Rowland, N. C.

Since 1970 Mr. Anderson has been retired from the active ministry. He and Mrs. Anderson, a native of Louisville, Ky., make their home at the place of his birth near Duford, S. C. In the meantime, howev-

er, he has served several churches as interim pastor.

Beginning last fall he produced a series of weekly devotional messages which have been carried by several publications. We are happy to be included among these.

Mr. Anderson is a graduate of Furman University and Southern Baptist Seminary. During his pastorates he served in many places of denominational leadership in eastern North Carolina and South Carolina.

The Anderson's have a daughter and three sons. Bonita, who was born in Tabor City, lives in Santa Barbara, Calif.; Eddie, a pilot, lives in Newcastle, Del.; David, an

educator with the Florence school system, lives at Fork, S. C.; while Marion, the youngest, is completing a tour of service with the Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Ghana, W. Africa.

Rev. Anderson is back where he picked cotton and did many other farm chores in his youth. His devotional thoughts shall receive much inspiration from this pastoral setting and background, along with his wide experience and travels, including a tour of the Holy Land.

He is one of us. His heart and mind are attuned to our needs. We believe we shall like his devotional contributions and we hope you will too.

Sylva Herald
Tabor City Tribune
Taylorsville Times
Troy: Montgomery Herald
Valdese News
Wadesboro: Anson Record
Wadesboro: Messenger & Intelligencer
Wake Forest: Wake Weekly

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BAPTIST BIOGRAPHY DATA FORM

Please read carefully the *Instruction Sheet* and then list the appropriate information as it directs.

1. NAME Anderson Oren Alexander
(Last) (First) (Second)

Give full names. For a married woman please put maiden name in parentheses.

[EXAMPLE: Cole, Mary Ann (Smith).]

2. BIRTH Nichols Horry S. C. May 14, 1905
(Place) (County) (State) (Date)

DEATH _____

3. PARENTS John David Anderson & Elizabeth Waller Anderson
[EXAMPLE: Alec Joe Doaks and Lucy Mae (Brown) Doaks]

Father's occupation Farming Mother's occupation Housewife

4. BROTHERS (1) List full names and year of birth _____
(Living or deceased) Number

Palmer Russell Anderson, 1901 (deceased)

5. SISTERS (3) List full names and year of birth _____
(Living or deceased) Number

Alleen (born 1908) Mrs. Grant Bultler

Lorraine (born 1910) Mrs. Eric Crosno

Elizabeth (born 1912) Mrs. W. K. McMillan

6. CHILDHOOD RESIDENCE: (Please list each residence of 3 years duration or more, up to the time of the 18th birthday)

Type of Community Rural (R); town under 2500 pop. (T); city 2500 or more pop. (C). Check one.	Post Office	County	State	Dates
R ☒ T ☐ C ☐	<u>Nichols</u>	<u>Horry</u>	<u>S. C.</u>	<u>Birth to College</u>
R ☐ T ☐ C ☐	_____	_____	_____	_____
R ☐ T ☐ C ☐	_____	_____	_____	_____
R ☐ T ☐ C ☐	_____	_____	_____	_____

7. EDUCATION:

Grammar school: Graduate? Yes (☒) No (☐) Year graduated _____

High school: Graduate? Yes (☒) No (☐) Year graduated 1924

School attended: Pee Dee Bapt. Academy Nichols South Carolina
(Name) (Place) (State)

(Whether graduate or not; if more than one was attended, show the last one.)

College: Years attended: None (☐) One (☐) 2-3 (☐) Graduate (☒)

Whether graduated or not, list college(s) attended: (EXAMPLE: 1935-'38)

(Name)	(Place)	(State)	(Years attended)	(Degree)
<u>Furman University, Greenville</u>	<u>S. C.</u>	<u>B. S.</u>		
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Graduate-level: List college(s), seminary(ies), etc. attended; *earned degrees*

(Name)	(Place)	(State)	(Years attended)	(Degree)
<u>Southern</u>	<u>Louisville</u>	<u>Kentucky</u>	<u>Two</u>	<u>None</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

8. SPECIAL AWARDS OR RECOGNITION RECEIVED: (Honorary degrees, such as: D.D., Howard College, 1948; citations, such as: *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*, 1939; honorary positions, such as: "Man of the Year"—Pryor, Okla., 1943; etc.)

9. MARITAL INFORMATION:

Spouse	Birthdate of Spouse	Place of Marriage (Town and State)	Date of Marriage
(1) <u>Irene Creager</u>	<u>Jan. 14, 1912</u>	<u>Louisville, Ky.</u>	<u>Dec. 25, 1934</u>
(2)			

Number of children (4). List their full names and birthdates: (an example of a married daughter would be: Mrs. John Alan (Mary Lou) Ross, 3-7-1918)

Mrs. Bonita Anderson Miller (Divorced), Nov. 16, 1938

Eddie Russell (Nov 6, 1941); David Robert (Feb 2, 1944); Marion Oren (Mar 30, 1948)

10. VOCATIONAL HISTORY (List all vocations, occupations, trades, or professions engaged in for two or more years)

Served pastorates in North and South Carolina until my retirement, June 1, 1970

11. RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE:

Conversion 1918 (Date) 13 (Age) Baptism Fall, 1918 (Date) Wannamaker, Nichols, S. C. (Church) (Location of Church)

List any church, other than Baptist, with which formerly affiliated None

Ordained as: Minister () Deacon () Other

Spring, 1935 (Date ordained) Wannamaker (Church) Nichols (Place) S. C. (State)

12. LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITY, *UNSALARIED* (Place the number of years service, in the space provided, for each office ever held.)

Gen. Supt., Director, President	Dept. Supt., Director, Circle Chm.	Teacher, Counselor, Sponsor, Leader	List below other offices or service, such as: Sec., Assoc. Supt., etc.	Other Offices (give number of years service)	
				Deacon	Ch. Treas.
				Trustee	Ch. Library
				Usher	Ch. Recreation
				Ch. Clerk	Choir Mem.
				Other	Choir Direc.
				Ch. Committee Chm.	
				List completed Study Course diplomas (Indicate related organizations, such as: S.S., T.U., etc.)	

13. DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE, *UNSALARIED*. (Please list positions held in Baptist associations, conventions (state or Southern), national and world-wide organizations, such as; moderator, president, clerk, trustee, board, commission or committee members; etc.)

Example: S.S. Superintendent Bethel Association Kentucky 1942-1944
(Position) (Organization, board, agency, etc.) (State) (Date)

BTU Director Robeson Association, N. C. 1947-1953 (6 Yrs)

Moderator Williamsburg S. C. 1968-1970

Chairman of Missions Committees in Robeson & Wilmington Associations in N. C.
and Williamsburg Assoc. in S. C. covering some 15 years

14. TO BE FILLED OUT ONLY BY THOSE WHO ARE, OR HAVE BEEN, IN SALARIED CHURCH-RELATED VOCATIONS. (Including pastors, denominational workers, missionaries, ministers of education and music, church secretaries, faculty members or employees of Baptist institutions, agencies, etc.)

TYPE AND LENGTH OF SERVICE: List all positions of such service with one or more years of duration; check F (full-time) or P (part-time). Examples:

(Position)	(Church, agency, area, institution, place of service)	(Date of service)
F ☐ P ☒ 1. pastor	County Line Baptist Church, Turkey Creek, La.	1925-1929
F ☒ P ☐ 2. missionary	Ogbomosho, Nigeria, W. Africa	1930-1952
F ☒ P ☐ Pastor	Oak Grove Church, Fair Bluff, NC	1935-(9 mo.)
F ☐ P ☒ "	Tabor City Church, Tabor City, NC	1936-1938
F ☐ P ☒ "	Caroling (X) " Tabor City, NC	1936-1937 *WALLPAPER
F ☐ P ☒ "	Cedar Creek " Nichols, SC	1936-1940
F ☐ P ☒ "	Reedy Creek " Marion, SC	1940-1941
F ☐ P ☒ "	Mt. Pisgah " Nichols, SC	1940-1941

15. OTHER TYPES OF RELIGIOUS SERVICE: (In associations, assemblies, colleges, conventions (state or Southern), national or world-wide meetings, such as: speaker, music director, committee chairman, etc.)

(Position)	(Place of Service)	(Date of Service)
(P) F	Rowland Church Rowland, N. C.	1941-1954
(P)	Mt. Moriah Maxton, N. C.	1949-1954
(F)	Sea Gate Wilmington, NC	1955-1959

16. AUTHORSHIP (Include books, booklets, lesson courses or curriculum material, and tracts) (Book, item, etc.) (Publisher) (Date published)

(Continued from Above)		
(P)	Fork Church Fork, SC	1959-1963
(P)	Kemper Church, Lake View, SC	1959-1963
(P)	Paran Church, Lake City, SC	1963-1967
(F)	New Zion Church, Lake City	1963-1970

17. CLUB OR GROUP MEMBERSHIP: (Service organizations, fraternal, P.T.A., Civic, etc.) List important positions of leadership held

Lions President, Rowland N. C.
Mason for 35 years.

18. HOBBIES AND LEISURE INTERESTS:

Favorite Fishing Others Collecting antiques (Family relics)

19. PUBLIC SERVICE: (Military, educational, political, etc. not previously listed)

Published a periodical (bi-monthly) "ROWLAND GOSSIP" for service men during WW II.
Served as Aircraft Spotter Coordinator for Rowland, NC during WW II.

The information for items #1-19 has been filled in by J. Anderson

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Sources used in compiling the information are: (Example: personal knowledge; minutes, Calvary Baptist Church, Wisner, La.; Court Records, Copiah County, Miss.; etc.)

20. DESCRIPTIVE CHARACTERIZATION (Please read special instruction sheet carefully and sample biographies before proceeding.) *(Not enclosed)*

Name of person writing the above characterization _____

P. O. Address _____

Return to:

Name _____

P. O. Address _____
