

Emmet Ferdinand Anderson

Emmet Ferdinand Anderson was born 5 Dec 1895 in St. Paul Park, Washington County, Minnesota, the son of Claus L. Anderson (1859-1908) and Ida C. Sundell (1863-1899). Claus and Ida are listed in the 1895 Minnesota State Census in Newport, Washington County, Minnesota with children Hazel, 4, and Nellie, 2, both born in Minnesota.

In 1900, Emmet is listed as the 4-year-old son of Claus Anderson in Newport, Washington County, Minnesota. Claus was 40, born in June 1859 in Sweden, and said he immigrated in 1885. He was a farmer and a widower. Other children besides Emmet (born September 1895) were Hazel L., born May 1891; Nellie E., born March 1893; and Clarence W., born December 1897.

Apparently, Emmet's father Claus remarried to Christine, sometime after 1900 and before 1910. Claus Anderson died 24 December 1908 and is buried in Newport Cemetery, along with his wife Ida. In the 1910 census, Emmet was listed at 304 Concord Street in South St. Paul, as the 14-year-old son of the widowed C. L. Anderson (female), age 32, born in Sweden, who said she immigrated from Sweden in 1904. Other children were Hazel, 18; Nellie, 16; Clarence, 12; and Henry, 4, all born in Minnesota. (It is believed that C. L. Anderson was the children's stepmother, Christine.)

Emmet trained at Camp Dodge and Camp Travis before shipping overseas in June 1918. He served as a private in the American Expeditionary Forces, Company B, 315th Regiment of Engineers, 90th Division. He was involved in offensives in France including at Meusse-Argonne in November 1918.

In 1920 Emmet was living at 1320 South Concord Street in South St. Paul with his stepmother, Christine and siblings Hazel, Clarence, and Henry, all born in Minnesota. Emmet and his brother Clarence were clerks at the packing house, and sister Hazel was a meat cutter. By 1930, Emmet was married to Alice (1902-1981) and renting a house at 445 Tenth Avenue South in South St. Paul. They had two children, Donald E. (born about 1924) and Jerane E. (born about 1928). Emmet was a storekeeper at the packing house. When he registered for the WWII draft, Emmet and Alice lived at 245 Ninth Avenue North and he worked for the U. S. Post Office in South St. Paul.

He died on 9 October 1981, in Atlanta, Fulton, Georgia, United States, at the age of 85, and was buried in Forest Park, Clayton, Georgia, United States. His wife Alice is buried there also.



This is a photo of one Emmet Anderson at the time of WWI, from the Minnesota Historical Society. Additional research will be needed to determine if this is the Emmet F. Anderson of this biographical sketch. <http://collections.mnhs.org/cms/display?irn=10760338>