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Anderdon – some folks down the road

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Mark Warren's comprehensive history of Anderdon Township in Essex County is informed by his personal history as a descendant of a pioneering family who spent his own formative years there. Warren's attention to detail provides for a lively and often humorous recounting of "tales" big and small, but all very interesting. His discussion covers the area's First Nations inhabitants from the creation of the Huron Reserve in 1790, the lives of the early white settlers, a mixed group of Scottish, Irish, American and French-Canadian farmers, skilled tradesmen, merchants and professionals, through the nineteenth century, including the experiences brought about by the War of 1812 and the American Civil War. It touches on the social, political,

economic and cultural changes that unfolded in the tumultuous early twentieth century, through the Great War to 1920. In addition to reprinting an 1877 map that shows both the location and ownership of township homesteads, and a number of other rare maps, Warren has amassed more than one hundred historical images, culled from national, international, local and private family collections; selections from local and national newspapers, private correspondence and family papers; and genealogical information about 74 local families. Clearly written and organized in sixteen chapters, ten appendices, a 32-page index and a thorough bibliography and source list, this is a very productive and helpful historical resource.

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