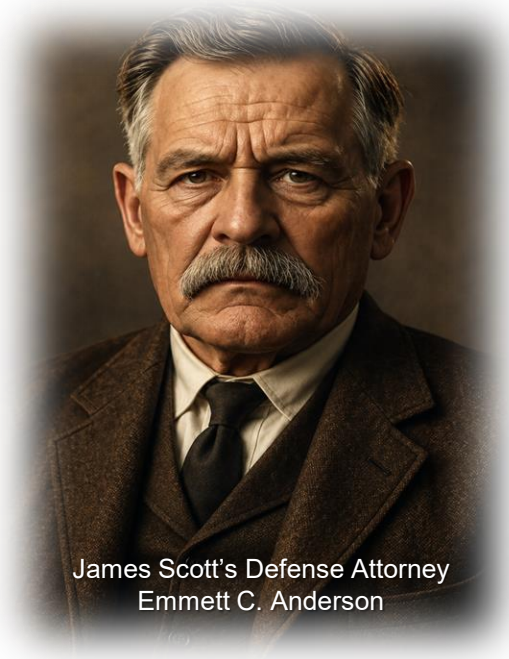




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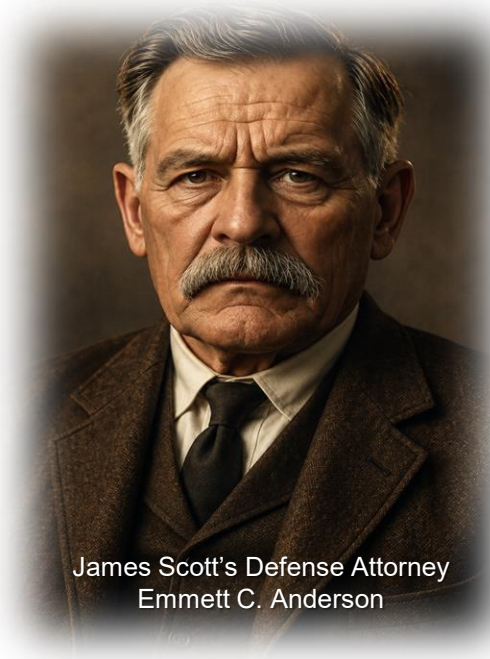
Emmett Colby Anderson was born on a farm in Brown's Station, Missouri on August 14, 1862. Soon after his birth, his family moved to another farm just a few miles north of Hallsville, MO.

In November of 1889 at the age of twenty-seven, Anderson marries thirty-year-old Rebecca Carpenter. (The census shows that a son named Roy Anderson was born in 1881, but it is unknown if this son was either Anderson's or Carpenter's from a previous relationship, or if Roy was born before his parents had married.)

The 1900 Census shows that both Emmett (now 38) and the couple's son Roy (19) were blacksmiths. That same year the Anderson family moved to Sturgeon, MO where Emmett also began to study law in his spare time. (It is not known if he attended the University of Missouri.)

In 1903, Anderson passed the bar exam and the family moved to Centralia, MO where he opened his first practice at the age of 41 with a partner, Thomas J. Tydings.

Seven years later, in 1910, Anderson is elected for his first of two terms as the Prosecutor for Boone County. After he served as prosecutor, he returns to private practice and eventually becomes the President of the Boone County Bar Association.



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Character Sketch

Emmett Anderson knew what hard work was and he was industrious and smart – all great qualities in a lawyer. He also had a deep knowledge of the inner workings of the Boone County legal system having served two terms as County Prosecutor, and as the President of the County Bar Association.

His wife was slightly older than him, and his son was born when Emmett was just nineteen years old, though it is not known whether he was adopted, Rebecca's son before her marriage to Emmett or a son who was born before the couple was married in 1889. Whichever the case, Anderson retained a close relationship with his son because he died spending the last seconds of his life with him in 1925.

It's nearly certain that Anderson knew Ruby Hulen, George Starrett and Judges Collier and Gantt – key players in the James Scott Story – based on his position in Boone County's legal community. But what may not be as obvious is how Anderson was uniquely suited to be Scott's defender due to his empathy for those who worked hard and sought to do the right thing – the qualities that James Scott possessed.

In Anderson's extended scene with Scott, his concern is not payment but rather James' story. He's clever in his scene with Hulen as well – noting that there are no scratches on Scott's neck to get Hulen's reaction. And he's polite and empathetic when viewing the beginnings of the mob's assault on the jail while in his office with Caston and Vaughn.

Emmett Anderson was praised in his obituary in 1925 as a man who "made good in everything he attempted because of his capacity for work." He didn't shirk and he was perfectly willing to "dig in" and get his blacksmith hands dirty for his clients.



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Hulen is at his desk writing when his SECRETARY pops open his door.

SECRETARY

Rubey? Attorney Anderson is here to see you.

HULEN

Alright, please send him in Mary.

Anderson walks into Hulen's office. Hulen offers him a seat and the two shake hands as Anderson sits down.

HULEN (cont'd)

Good afternoon Emmett, I'm sure this has to be about that Almstedt girl's case. I heard that you would be representing the negro we arrested.

ANDERSON

News travels fast Rubey. I haven't seen an indictment yet and I wanted to know what you have. Can't keep this guy in jail forever without charging him with something.

HULEN

Oh I think we got "something" Emmett. The girl positively identified him Saturday and again yesterday including his voice and the smell of his clothes. We got a couple of other things we need to do before I file a formal indictment, but it's coming.

ANDERSON

Well I spoke with my client this morning and he gave me a couple of names of people who will say that he was working in the medical building at the university when the girl was being assaulted.

HULEN

Do tell. Well I got the victim's testimony and we're looking for any other eyewitnesses right now so I'm feeling good about this one.

ANDERSON

Rubey, there's no scratches on his face. Sure, he has pock marks under his eyes, but the Almstedt girl said she poked him several times in the face with her umbrella, right? I don't think you got the right guy.

HULEN

Give me a day or two to nail down the details. I'll send the indictment over as soon as it's ready. That work for you?

Anderson rises and walks toward the door.

ANDERSON

Rubey, you know what will happen if you indict this guy. The papers already want a rope around his neck!

As Anderson reaches the door and opens it, Hulen speaks.

HULEN

The papers have their job, Emmett. I have mine. Getting justice for a little girl.

ANDERSON

Justice is what we're all after, Rubey. But the truth matters just as much, doesn't it?