

Beach Hotel,  
Chefoo, China,  
June 27, 1903.

Your letter of May thirteenth was very welcome, though belated, when it reached me two days ago, and what a long way it had come!

I left Yokohama on May 27, in the Doric, and went to Kobe through the inland sea. Gertrude and Mrs. Sandoz, a nice little Navy woman, were with me. We went to Osaka and had a day at the delightful little Exposition, where the wireless cloisssonne, made my mouth water, and on the 29th, we took the Santa Maru for this place, via Moji, Nagasaki, Fusan and Chemulpo. At the latter place we had time to spend the day at Seoul, which we did with great interest. I am glad to have been there, for otherwise I could never imagine such a place - a filthy huddle of mud huts. Fusan was the same, also Chemulpo, but I thought they were exceptions and did not imagine that a capitol city could be the same. The railroad from Chemulpo to Seoul is not bad and Korea is a beautiful country, but the poverty and dirt are depressing.

We reached here on June 6, and are much pleased with our chances. The hotel is quite good, our rooms very nice, and the situation delightful. As I look from my window today, I might be on the Maine Coast and the air feels not unlike the Maine air. We found the Kentucky, Oregon, New Orleans, and Helena in port, they having come only a few hours before us. A letter from Mr. Conger to Robley, rather urged our going at once to Peking instead of waiting until later, which we had intended to do, so we packed a few things and went off again on the 9th, the fleet on its own legs, and we three women in a still smaller steamer than the Santa Maru steamer, the Chefoo Maru. Both steamers were entirely Japanese from the captain down, and both admirable, and we were very comfortable. When we reached Taku we looked out and found we were apparently nowhere but the fleet was anchored, the big ships a couple of miles further out than we, the Helena near us, and a gale blowing. That was at daybreak and we waited there until two o'clock for the sea to be sufficiently quiet for us to transship to a tug which could cross the bar and take us to Taku itself. There we caught the last train, by the skin of our teeth as it were, and were in Tien Tsin about seven, where we were met by Robley and Taylor, who had preceded us by a day, and were very anxious about us, as the gale had been very bad when they arrived.

Tien Tsin is very interesting, historically of course, but in no other way, and the next day we went on to Peking, about three hours distant. The dust, ruin and desolation are beyond description. I arrived in Peking with a woeful heart. These poor people fill me with pity and despair. What is ever to come of it all? They seem crushed, subdued, dejected beyond expression, and most grateful for a kind tone or look. Our words, of course, meant nothing to them. The drought had nearly destroyed all the means of life to them, but still these wretched missionaries go on telling them that if they pray God will give them what they ask for. After seventeen months of drought, he might as well let it alone. I am sorry for the missionaries too. They seem ignorant, common, dirty and superstitious,

one cannot blame them much. I said to an old resident in the East the other day that he must not abuse the missionaries (for I try to defend them here) to which he replied: "I don't abuse them. I have some very good friends among them - pretty good, honest people. They are curious, but I really don't abuse them."

At Peking we were met by our Minister, the 1st Secretary of Legation, and Captain Brewster with the Legation Guard to receive Robley, and were taken to the Legation, now in a Temple, where the Congers gave us a most kindly welcome. They had made it very habitable while the new Legation was being built, and have a pretty drawing-room and dining room. Gertrude and Taylor had a room facing the drawing-room, Robley and I one facing the



Page 68:

"Admiral Von Tirpitz replied in answer to a query in regards to building submarines only:

'We can't afford it. We can afford the money, but not the brains. We think we can utilize our mental energy to better advantage in developing fighting ships for the supremacy of the sea.' "

Page 72:

"The Prince was much interested in the Russian cruiser Retvizan, just then nearing completion, which was to play such an ineffective part later on in the war between Japan and Russia."

Page 73:

"For one thing, the Germans could not understand how officers so educated could control enlisted men on board ship, when such control was not practically a part of their education during their four-year term at the Academy."

Page 80:

"Aside from going to sea, in command either of a ship or a fleet, duty on the Lighthouse Board is the most desirable that a naval officer can have."

Page 81:

"There was a feeling throughout the country, particularly in the navy, that our flag officers were not doing as much work as they should; in fact, that they arrived at flag rank at such an advanced age that they could only do a year or two of service before they had to pass on to the retired list."

Page 85:

"Modern means of transportation have greatly relieved the hardships of naval life in one respect, at least -- an officer can now have the comfort of seeing his family occasionally without too great discomfort or expense for them in the journey."

"I must not fail to mention here that my faithful servant, George Duff, who had been with me in the New York at Kiel, was with me."

Page 95:

"In the small hours of the morning, after much eating and drinking, the old man took his departure, followed by his officers. On the way to his boat he had to pass through a public square in which a very large fountain was playing all the time, and, passing too near it, felt its falling spray."

Page 98:

"All this was a great surprise to me, for on my former cruises I had lived generally out of "tins" and drunk water that was frequently red with iron rust and ropy with sediment." *Monkey Bag*

Page 99:

"After passing the outer batteries I was looking about, trying to locate the position of the wreck of the United States sloop-of-war Oneida, which had been sunk in this vicinity about thirty-five years before."

Page 102:

"It is scarcely necessary to remind the reader of the results of the patriotic and persistent effort of the late President of the United States in the matter of new battleships. It may be that Japanese methods would not suit us. Be that as it may, she had complete and efficient coast defence, and we have quite the reverse."

Page 111:

"Yes, sir," he replied. "Be sure every night when you turn in that your command is in better shape for a fight than it was when you turned out in the morning!"

Page 114:

"Human life is a valuable thing, and every government has the right to place such valuation on the lives of its subjects as may seem necessary to protect them. This they always do after the person is dead. It would see, at first thought, that it would be a fairer proposition to state beforehand just what compensation would be exacted for each life taken."

Page 115:

"Immediately after the war between China and Japan, and when the latter had clearly won Port Arthur and was entitled to hold it permanently, England, Germany, and Russia combined to prevent her doing so, and Russia got possession of the valuable and coveted port only because one of her torpedo boats proved more speedy than an English cruiser."

Page 117:

"A finely organized Navy league promised to supply the first in the course of time, and the death of the missionary, or rather the manner of his death, was the entering wedge for the other."

Page 121:

"They were so bad that we would have been glad to have any other navy adopt them!"



Page 129:

"We had in former years used the "spar torpedo," the "bag of powder on the end of a pole" with which Cushing so gallantly destroyed the Confederate ironclad Albemarle."

" I recall the surprise of a lot of Italian officers during a former cruise in a Spanish-Mediterranean port when I, as ordnance officer, fired one hundred and twenty pounds of powder from a water breaker, or keg, on the end of our lower boom. Orders were imperative that we must fire these torpedoes at certain stated intervals, and our captain enforced the order."

Page 130:

"At Santiago we thought our shooting fairly good, but learned later by the testimony of an expert before the Senate Naval Committee that it was disgracefully bad."

Page 137:

"When the Oregon ran on to the rocks between Chefoo and the Taku bar, during the Boxer troubles, the Hai Chi went at once to her assistance."

Page 142 and 143:

"On July 4th, while at anchor at Chefoo, I was notified by our consul that Asiatic cholera had broken out among the scholars of the China Inland Mission School and asked that I should send medical aid at once. This institution, the best in north China, was for boys alone, about sixty of whom were in attendance. It was so far removed from the Chinese city that infection therefrom seemed almost impossible. Able surgeons, with hospital attendants, were hurried off at once, and ice made on board ship supplied as required. The senior surgeon soon returned with a report that it was not cholera but ptomaine poisoning that was the trouble, and that it had resulted from the eating of chicken pie....."

"When Past Assistant Surgeon Guest, U.S.N., a microscopist of great ability, assisted by Dr. Wu, a native, had made a thorough investigation, the disease was again diagnosed as ptomaine poisoning."

Page 153:

"These docks were made by digging a hole in the bank of the river large enough to hold them, and when the ship had been hauled into this so-called dock, she was securely moored with anchors and chinas, and when ice formed, she remained frozen in during the winter."

Page 156:

"She was a fine exemplification of the old navy adage, 'Paint and putty cover a multitude of sins.'"

Page 158:

"While at anchor in Chefoo harbour I received a pressing invitation from our minister in Korea to visit Chemulpo with the squadron and have an audience with the Emperor at Seoul. There were several American claims against the government of Korea which had been discussed for a long time."

Page 166:

"Neither of them seemed to me capable of conducting any ordinary business requiring common sense, much less conducting a country in the perilous position of Korea. Why our government should support and aid such rulers is a question the State Department may be able to answer, but certainly I am not."

Page 179:

"Things that are purely Chinese cannot be changed unless wiped out and begun anew."

"One could not change anything Chinese unless one eliminated the Chinese element in the beginning."

Page 195:

"The men of the fleet knew that he was my cherished personal friend, which led to the ships being what we call "chum ships." There was much good feeling between the crews of the two flagships, for men, as a rule, follow the example set by their officers. If they are "chummy," then the crews are the same."

Page 197:

"A ship will occasionally be destroyed by torpedo boats or submarines -- a man will occasionally slip on a banana peel and break his neck."

Page 207:

" They were contented and happy, and a finer lot of soldiers I never saw. When a sudden call came for one hundred men to go to Seoul they were off in four hours, fully equipped and with ample provisions and ammunition."

Page 212:

"In the other case a midshipman, with two companions, swam out, towing a small raft containing the countermine, and planted his buoy without detection. The water was full of man-eating sharks, and, as I knew the mother of the midshipman, I issued orders that the swimming mode of attack would be discontinued."



Page 213:

"One may read and study about handling ships, which is no doubt a good thing to do, but the way--the real way-- to learn it is actually to handle the ships under way at sea."

Page 217:

"Our charts were old, in most cases so inaccurate as to endanger vessels using them. Only by a thorough and systematic survey could they be remedied."

Page 220:

"Swivel chairs sometimes have the effect of warping the judgement of those who occupy them."

Page 261:

"After all my country has suffered, I find she had but one friend in the world. That, admiral, is the great country you represent!"

Page 265:

"The Austria, one of our gunboats at Chefoo, was commanded by Commander Ward, an officer who, in addition to many other excellent qualities, spoke Russian fluently; and to him was given the work of examining the mouth of the Yalu. He was directed to employ the best pilots to be obtained, to make a complete running survey of the locality, to report fully on the proposed treaty port, and to recommend a suitable one for the purpose in view -- keeping open the mouth of the river."

Page 270:

"While athletic sports were a pastime, affording amusement to officers and men, they were at the same time part of the drill of the fleet. It was the first time they had been so regarded, and the effect was good."

"We soon found, after anchoring the fleet at Chefoo, that something was wrong with the charts; either the original survey was bad or the harbour had undergone great changes."

Page 271:

"The assertion, often made, that officers are induced to neglect their duties when ladies are about, in order to spend their time on shore with them, has always seemed to me weak."

Page 278:

"Naval commanders are frequently called upon to act promptly in important matters, and they generally have to do it without assistance from the State Department or any other recognized authority."

"Such was the case with Captain Wilkes when he removed Mason and Slidell from the British steamer Trent during the Civil War, and Captain Collins, who captured the Confederate cruiser Florida in a neutral Brazilian port and brought her to the United States."

Page 282:

" We were about to acquire the Panama Canal zone, and there was a rumour that some of the South American republics would place obstacles in our way."

Page 282:

"All the telegrams sent me about the sailing of the fleet were in cipher, but the Japanese government knew as much about it as I did."

Page 296:

"By the expenditure of a reasonable sum of money it could be made perfectly safe at all times."

Page 297:

" It may be truly said that Guam is of little value to us, but it is equally true that it would be a serious threat to our interests in the East if it were held by any nation unfriendly to us."

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Page 314:

"They made a very fine appearance, but the cruisers were rolling so badly that their gun fire would not have proved very destructive, while they exposed their under-water bodies to an alarming extent. We watched them with longing eyes, and wondered if we might ever see such a fleet under our own dear flag."



Page 307:

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"The torpedo established a record for inefficiency which it maintained to the end of the war."

Page 341:

"At present it can be truthfully said that Guantanamo is of vast importance to us as a training station, a position from which, as a safe anchorage, our rapidly growing fleet may manoeuvre and drill with the greatest possible advantage."

Page 343:

"There is nothing else in the world so discouraging as the commissioning of a new battleship in our navy."

Page 345:

"When we take a broad view of the situation, it seems surprising that those in charge in the Navy Department succeed as well as they do in manning our ships."

"Every man discharged from the navy with an honorable discharge can find employment on shore at a salary much larger than we can pay him, and many valuable men take advantage of this."

Page 346:

"We are constantly taking men into the service and, after educating them, sending them back to civil life well qualified for good citizenship, and are thus doing well by the country, but it does not keep our ships manned as they should be. When we are older as a nation and a sea power I have no doubt that a remedy will be found for all these things."

Page 347:

"Most of them might be considered fishermen only because they fished for small pieces of dried codfish found in bowls on the bars of local saloons, where they served as drink appetisers. Beyond this they had no knowledge of fish or fishing."

Page 348:

"Due inquiry developed the fact that a number of 'blind tigers' were being operated, and from these the men obtained a drink labeled whisky. It was in reality wood alcohol, with a little whiskey to flavour it."

Page 349:

"In addition to this evil, a number of disreputable women came down from Boston and established their residences in empty freight cars on the wharf."

Page 350:

"I also cited the fact that most of the people attended the games on Sunday, thus indicating that they were not seriously opposed to them. In conclusion, I requested them to attend to their own business and not to interfere with mine; that I thought they would do better to look after their "blind tigers" and other violations of law and let my bluejackets alone."

Page 354:

"The English squadron arrived at the hour announced, and it was instructive to see the wonderful speed and accuracy with which the ships were handled."

Page 358:

"The dinner was finished at midnight, when the room was quickly transformed into a theatre, and a fine company, engaged for the occasion, rendered an excellent vaudeville performance until four o'clock in the morning, when the men returned by trolley cars to Brooklyn and were taken off to their ships."

Page 362:

"During the early months of the summer I had given much time to two evolutions at the request of the War College, made through the general board. A battle plan submitted in the same way would have received careful attention if it had been sent to me. Owing to a mistake on the part of the mailing clerk in the board room, or some one else, this plan rested in a pigeonhole several months, and was only brought to light when I had been charged with neglecting to carry out the wishes of the Bureau of Navigation in the matter of battle plans."

Page 366:

"While anchored at Guantanamo later in the winter, a telegram came from Governor Magoon at Havana announcing a destructive earthquake at Kingston, in the island of Jamaica. As I now recall the message, it was, in effect, that the city was partially destroyed, causing many deaths and much suffering, and that the Governor of Jamaica had asked the English consul at Havana for assistance. Governor Magoon asked if I could not render prompt assistance by sending over relief supplies and surgeons on a torpedo boat. I replied that I could, and would do so with pleasure. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
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Page 369:

"The mass of the people of Kingston were grateful for the assistance given them, and all of them, except his Excellency the governor and a few of his staff, wanted the ships to remain, despite the governor's invitation to leave; but this, of course, was out of the question, and they returned to Guantanamo."

"After the return of the ships from Jamaica the squadron was organized into two divisions, and the battle plans submitted by the War College were thoroughly threshed out."



Page 372:

"The battleship Kearsarge met with a deplorable accident during the practice, by which two gallant young officers and nine men lost their lives. The ship had made her last run on the range and completed part of her practice, but one of the thirteen-inch guns in her forward turret had failed to fire because of defective lock."

Page 374:

"When he had been decently and properly buried, the ship was sent back to the target ranges, and the turret where the accident had happened made a record equal to any in the squadron, which shows how perfect the discipline was."

Page 375:

The squadron was thus left without a single marine to do the important sentry duty without which many officers claimed we could not maintain discipline, but no such trouble came."

Page 377:

"The President witnessed the firing from the bridge of the Maine, and showed great enthusiasm as shell after shell went tearing through the target."

Page 377:

When I took command of the squadron, I found much complaint of the food served to the crews. The newspapers frequently contained growls from the men on the subject, which did us no good in the public estimation."

Page 378:

"This was well enough, so far as it went, but it was necessary to see that my orders on the subject were carried out. To be sure of this, I left the flagship with the officers of my staff, pulled to one of the battleships, and directed the captain to have a table spread on the mess deck among the crew, that we might dine with the men."

Page 380:

"This, of course, we knew how to do, and felt confident of success, as Congress had appropriated one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars for entertaining foreign officers."

Page 385:

"When they had driven away between the ranks of saluting soldiers, more vehicles came, which were instantly filled by distinguished-looking committeemen in immaculate Prince Albert suits and the latest cut of gafftopsail hats."

Page 386:

"His reply was, 'Yes, I am alive, but only because, as a cat, I have nine lives!' It certainly was a trying day, but a most successful one for the Exposition, in view of the fact that they were anything but ready for such a ceremony."

Page 392:

"The other side held that the President wanted war with Japan, and accused him of using this method of bringing it about, and that if the fleet sailed with the west coast as its objective, war would follow before we reached the Straits of Magellan."

Page 395:

"As has always been my custom, I gave my opinion fully when it was asked, and then did as I was told."

Page 397:

"It was also the first time in our navy that guns had been calibrated either for target practice or for actual service."

Page 403:

"Above all things, an American bluejacket likes a clean place to eat, a clean place to sleep, and a chance to keep himself clean and smart; and he is unhappy if he cannot have it."

Page 389:

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"The foreign ships in turn gave beautiful receptions and entertainments but these were government affairs, paid for with public funds. The officers were not called upon to pay for what their governments were doing."

Page 404:

"It may seem to the reader that the Navy Department might somehow correct the evils complained of but the Department is as helpless as a jellyfish."

Page 405:

"In case of absolute necessity—war, for instance—we could do as we did in the Civil War—live on hard tack, 'salt horse' (salt beef), and salt bacon; but the navy had come to look on fresh bread every day and fresh meat at least four days in a week as a necessity."

Page 409:

"Unfortunately there are a number of newspapers in the country which will publish any yarn sent them, and the more exaggerated and untrue the contents the better they seem to like it."

"We had learned the value of a properly fitted repair ship during the Spanish War, and the Department agreed to send one with the Atlantic Fleet."



Page 411:

"The dignity and self-control of the navy women, some of them brides of only a few weeks, was a striking feature of the occasion. But that is what American men expect of their American women, and they are never disappointed."

Page 412:

"As the reports of the saluting guns died away, the clouds parted, the sun came out, and ushered in a most beautiful day. It was, indeed, Roosevelt weather."

Page 414:

"The wives and sweethearts on the beach waved their handkerchiefs and cheered, the bands played 'The Girl I Left Behind Me,' and the great white ships, in perfect order, went on their way."

Page 417:

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"Notwithstanding the ~~tremendous~~ heat, the coal was all in and the decks washed down before night, greens obtained from shore for dressing the ships, turkey and other good things served out from the store-ships, and all hands were ready to enjoy their Christmas on the morrow."

Page 427:

"Amid the booming of the saluting guns, the music of many bands, and the cheering crowds, the "White Messengers of Peace," as Mr. Roosevelt called us, passed on to their anchorage, and the second and longest run of the cruise had been successfully completed."

Page 429:

"To prevent anything of the kind, I requested through the proper channels that I might be allowed to land a patrol force to look after our own men and act with the police of the city in preventing disorder."

"This request was promptly granted, and the scheme worked so successfully that it is now generally followed. It had been successfully tried at Trinidad."

Page 448:

"Five thousand pounds of stall-fed beef, barbecued and served with chile con carne; five hundred pounds of spanish beans, three hundred pounds of fresh butter, hot rolls by the thousand, and two splendid navel oranges for each man. This was one of the things Los Angeles did for the men of the fleet, and the ladies of the city served the meals."

Page 456:

"I had lived too long in a steel box, and it would take time to restore what I had lost."

Filed 12/3/19  
James Tanner  
Register of Wills, D. C.  
Clerk Probate Court

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I, Charlotte T. Evans, of the City of Washington, District of Columbia, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby make, publish and declare this typewritten instrument to be my last will and testament, hereby expressly revoking all wills by me at any time heretofore made.

ITEM 1. I give and bequeath unto my servant George Duff, the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.) in recognition of his faithful services.

ITEM 2. I give and bequeath unto my three children, Charlotte Evans Marsh, Franck Taylor Evans and Virginia Simms Evans Sewell, my jewelry and other personal effects, to be divided among them equally.

ITEM 3. I give, bequeath and devise all the rest, residue and remainder of my property real and personal unto the persons named as executors of this will, the survivor and substitutes of them, as trustees, to take and to hold and to manage said property, in trust, for the uses, purposes and benefits hereinafter set forth, that is to say, to permit my daughter Virginia Simms Evans Sewell to have the use of the property constituting the trust fund and receive and use the income there from during her life, or until she shall remarry. If before the death or remarriage of my daughter Virginia, my daughter Charlotte Evans Marsh become a widow then my daughter Charlotte, during her life and until her remarriage, shall share equally with Virginia in the use of said trust property and the income therefrom and after the death or remarriage of Virginia, said Charlotte shall the entire use and all the income, for life or until remarriage provided, however if during the enjoyment of said trust property by either or both of said daughters, my daughter-in-law Gertrude Puttman Evans shall become widow she shall be entitled to receive one third of the net income from said trust property during her life or until her remarriage.

Upon the death or remarriage of my daughter Virginia, or, if my daughter Charlotte shall then be a widow, upon the death or remarriage of Charlotte, I direct my trustees aforesaid to distribute and convey in fee simple the property then constituting the trust fund unto my three children Charlotte Evans Marsh, Franck Taylor Evans and Virginia Simms Evans Sewell. If at the time of such distribution any of my said children shall be dead I direct that the share to which such child would have been entitled had he or, she survived shall be distributed and conveyed unto such person or persons or for such uses or purposes as such deceased child shall or may direct by his or her last will and testament, either by specific devise of his or her interest in my estate, or by a general devise of all of his or her property, which will I hereby authorize them to make, and in default of such will and testament, then such share of said property of such deceased child or children shall be distributed and conveyed unto such persons as answer the description of the heirs at



law of such deceased child or children. I hereby authorize and direct said trustees at any time upon the written request of my said children then living to make distribution of said trust fund or to sell said property and convey the same in fee simple and to distribute the proceeds among said children as hereinabove provided, full, clear, and discharged of any and all trusts and limitations imposed by this will.

ITEM 4. I hereby grant unto the executors under this will as such and also as acting as trustees under this will, full and complete power to manage the property, to mortgage, to invest and reinvest to sell and convey the property or any part thereof, in fee simple or by way of deed of trust mortgage, and no purchaser or persons lending money to be required to see to the due application of the purchase money or money lent. The proceeds of any sale of any property to be invested and reinvested by trustees under the terms and provisions of this will.

ITEM 5. I nominate and appoint my three children, Charlotte Evans Marsh, Franck Taylor Evans and Virginia Simms Evans Sewell, executors of this will and trustees thereunder and direct that they shall not be required to give bond as executors or as trustees.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, this 9th day of June A. D., 1915.

/s/ CHARLOTTE T. EVANS

COPY OF LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF

A. J. EVANS

I will and bequeth to my son David Edward Evans first my house and land lying on the north side of the wire fence running from Read Hill to Bleek Hill farm reserving the wright away now used also I will and bequeth to my son Samuel and my daughter Annie Bell Evans all of the balance of my land lying south of the wire fence first described above also my Son Edward is to pay my Daughter Mary Elizabeth fifty Dollars out of his share and to my Son Joseph Lee five dollars out of Annie Bells part any personal property remaining is to be sold and the proceeds to be divided betweene the heirs done in his presence and in our presence in the presance of us all in fairfax Co. this 13 day of June, 1916.

Witness our hands and seals

A. J. Evans (seal)  
G. C. Spindle (seal)  
R. L. Spindle (seal)



FROM FILE ON EVANS FAMILY - H. J. KEFAUVER

The children of Dr. Samuel Jackson Evans, Sr., were William, Anne married Dr. Hines, Richmond, Virginia; Dr. Samuel Jackson Evans, Jr., and Robley Dunlison.

Robley D. Evans was born in Floyd County, Virginia, in 1846, married Charlotte Taylor, sister of Admiral Harry Taylor, U. S. Navy and General Frank Taylor, U. S. Army. Admiral Evans died in 1912 and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Fort Myer, Virginia. The father of Robley D. Evans died when he was very young, and his uncle Alexander Hamilton Evans took a great interest in him after the death of Dr. Evans. Incidentally a daughter of Admiral Harry Taylor married a Lieutenant, now Admiral Gerardi, and a daughter, Emily by name, of General Frank Taylor married Commander Kellogg. They live at Chevy Chase, Maryland. Robley D. Evans had two daughters and one son. Charlotte Taylor married C. Carleton Marsh who became a Captain in the Navy; Virginia, Harold Sewall, two children; Frank Taylor, Miss Gertrude Pullman. Frank Taylor Evans became a Captain in the Navy and died March 8, 1934 and is buried in Arlington Cemetery, Ft. Myer, Virginia.

The following information was furnished April 30, 1938, by Charlotte Taylor Evans Marsh (Mrs. C. Carleton Marsh - widow of Capt. Marsh, U. S. Navy). She with Commander Isherwood of the British Royal Navy had dinner with us at Landon, April 30, 1938. She said that the wife of Dr. Samuel Jackson Evans, Sr. was a Jackson, relative (sister?) of the Jackson who killed Ellsworth at Alexandria, Virginia during the Civil War. Dr. Samuel Jackson Evans, Sr. practiced in the mountains of Virginia. Dr. Samuel Jackson Evans, Jr. practiced in Texas and committed suicide there after he had been paralyzed and believed that he could no longer carry on his work. William was a son of Dr. Evans, Sr.; Annie a daughter married a Dr. Hines of Richmond, Virginia. They had 13 children, 2 girls and 11 boys. The names of the girls were Edmonida, who married a Lee(?) and Sallie. The names of 3 of the boys were Robley, Oscar and Willie. The names of the others were not remembered. 4/2/38 - HJK

Dr. Harry J. Kefauver - husband of Miriam Evans Kefauver who is the daughter of Richard Kauffman Evans who was only son of Alexander Hamilton Evans, uncle of Robley D. Evans.



EVANS

6 Nov 1952

Mrs. Gertrude Pullman Evans,  
1316 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Evans:

Your name has been given to me as the daughter-in-law of the late Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, USN.

As you know, Admiral Evans wrote a fine autobiography and there have also been at least one biography and numerous articles on Admiral Evans. However, my office is presently interested in learning details of the Evans family which are not in the published works. Would you be kind enough to let me talk personally to you about this?

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Thank you very much.

James C. Shaw  
Commander, U.S. Navy

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11 November, 1952  
Mrs. Harry J. Kefauver  
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Frederick, Maryland

Mrs. Franck Taylor Evans  
# 1316 New Hampshire Avenue  
Washington 6, D. C.

My dear Gertrude,

My husband, Dr. Harry J. Kefauver, was much interested in "genealogy" and did a good bit of research into his own (Kefauver) and my family (Howard, Brown and Evans) history - according to his "finding" as far as Cousin Robley was concerned - He (Admiral E) was born in 1846. His father died when he was ten years old. He was the oldest member of his family. Charlotte Marsh told us of two brothers the Admiral had. Samuel Jackson Evans, Jr. who afterwards lived in Texas, William and a sister named Annie, (All papers enclosed). It is evident that Cousin Robley Evans went to live in Washington with his uncle, A. H. Evans, (My grandfather) around 1857 or 1858 - as I have several "report cards" from "Gonzaga College" where he and my father (Richard Kauffman Evans) were at school in 1859. It was through a friend of A. H. Evans, (my grandfather), a Mr. Hooper, delegate to Congress from Utah. that Admiral Evans went to Salt Lake City and lived there long enough to establish residence and so obtained an appointment to the Naval Academy in 1859.

In "A sailor's log" Cousin Robley speaks of seeing his next younger brother who fought for the south under John Pelham Hampton's division, 5th car. He is listed in the roster as a Col. He must have been a gallant soldier. Maj. Gen. J. E. B. Stuart was his Commander, but Col. Evans first name is not mentioned.

I enclose what I have that I can spare. Perhaps it may aid Mr. Shaw, Tho, of course it was my father who was the only son of A. H. Evans, Adirmal Evans' uncle.

Sorry you've been "Under the weather", hope you're better now. Will certainly hie me to see you, as soon as I can. Be a good girl and "take keer o'yo'sef".

Affectionately

Miriam

Same as moses' sister, Remember!!

I remember the Hunts very well indeed and especially Gonway's Dr. brother Presley and Mrs. Hunt's nephew, Joe Craig. Are any of them still living?

INTERVIEW WITH MRS. GERTRUDE PULLMAN EVANS

12 November 1952

Mrs. Evans, Fighting Bob's daughter-in-law, married Frank Taylor Evans, later divorced. She worked in BuSanda many years. Confidante and friend of Teddy Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt and Grover Cleveland. Has unpublished manuscript of memoirs. Describes Charlotte Taylor Evans, wife of Fighting Bob, as a fine woman, somewhat plump in later years. Knew Evans family from age 12. Met them at Fortress Monroe when Evans was Lighthouse Inspector and her father a colonel at Fortress Monroe. Married Frank Taylor as a consequence of childhood romance. He later became Aide to Teddy Roosevelt.

Charlotte Taylor, wife of Fighting Bob, was daughter of Englishman Frank Taylor who owned a bookstore on Pennsylvania Avenue when it was a mud rut. He built a red brick colonial house of 21 rooms at 324 Indiana Avenue. The spot is now the Municipal Center. Charlotte Taylor's mother was the daughter of General Sims on George Washington's staff. Her father Neville was also on George Washington's staff while his wife was the daughter of General Morgan of Revolutionary fame for which Morgantown, Virginia is named. His picture is in the dome of the U.S. capitol showing the surrender of Burgoyne and Gates.

Their children; General Daniel Morgan, U.S. Army, class of 1869, Henry Clay Taylor, U.S. Navy, who founded the Naval War College, Frank Taylor, U.S. Army Artillery, Charlotte Taylor Evans, wife of fighting Bob, Mrs. Frederick McGuire whose husband founded the Corcoran Art Gallery and Mrs. Ginny \_\_\_\_\_.



Frank Taylor married a Miss Wendell, sister of another Miss Wendell who married a prominent Washington lawyer named Wickersham. Their children Dora Taylor, spinster, Emily Kellogg, wife of naval officer, Rana Whiting who now lives in Arizona.

Mrs. Fighting Bob was engaged to another northern officer who was killed prior to her engagement and marriage to Fighting Bob. No information on him.

Mrs. Kefauver of 170A, Route 2, Frederick, Maryland is a cousin who knows the story of Fighting Bob's Confederate brother.

Fighting Bob known as "Old Gimpy" in the Navy because of his game leg. He was a renegade Catholic having been excommunicated as a youth because he and some other youngsters broke all the statutory in a church at his brother's summer home in Maryland. Fighting Bob had a tattoo on his wrist showing a crucifixion. He would squeeze his wrist and say "This is the thin Jesus" or stretch it out and say "This is my fat Jesus." He and his daughter-in-law engaged in heated arguments about religion. Mrs. Fighting Bob was a Unitarian but apparently there was no friction between them on the score of religion. Mrs. G. P. Evans was present in the house when Fighting Bob died. He had evidently strained his heart in the Lighthouse Service and his demise was sudden.

Fighting Bob had a colored steward, one Charles Duff of Virginia, who manned the hat rack at the Army-Navy Club when ever Fighting Bob had shore duty.

The whole family apparently very active in Washington society and politics. Teddy Roosevelt used to tell Mrs. G.P. Evans what her husband's ship was going to do. He would get furious getting the dope from his wife rather than officially.

Hiram Evans was the grandfather of Fighting Bob. He had four sons; Alexander H., Hiram II, George H., and Samuel Andrew Jackson. The last was Fighting Bob's father, who was a horse and buggy doctor in Floyd County, Virginia. Uncle George lived in Washington and got Fighting Bob's appointment to the Naval Academy from the Mormons, which was why Fighting Bob fought the Indians all the way to Utah.

Fighting Bob's wife loved to entertain in Washington, frequently had as many as 50-75 people for a Saturday buffet luncheon. Mrs. G.P. Evans lived with them for a number of years. She met the Kaiser and many other European notables. She is 74 years old and is a walking encyclopaedia of Washingtonia. As she put it: <sup>6</sup>There is nobody in Washington who has lived a richer life than her.'

14 November 1952

Mrs. Harry J. Kefauver  
Route #2, Box #170A  
Frederick, Maryland

Dear Mrs. Kefauver;

Mrs. Frank Taylor Evans loaned me your Evans' family geneology and showed me your letter with the facts on Admiral Evans' Confederate brother.

I greatly appreciate your interest and effort in helping us out. With what you have given us, we should be able to trace the life of the elusive brother.

Would you mind if I asked further questions whenever we hit a snag? Right now I'm interested in whether or not the brother ever married and, if so, whether he had any children. We are checking on this through the Daughters of the Confederacy but if you have any clues, we would be grateful.

The whole idea of this research is to put together a popular story of the Admiral, his wife, and his brother.

I enclose a post-paid addressed envelope.

Sincerely,

James C. Shaw  
Commander, U. S. Navy

Director,  
Current History Division  
Office of Information  
Room 1902, Main Navy  
Navy Department  
Washington 25, D.C.



17 November 1952

OI-023 JMC

Dear Cecile,

You must be a busy woman, and in much demand right now, with the Convention at Biloxi winding up one grand year and beginning another for you! I'm sure there's a feeling of great satisfaction and achievement in your many years of work with the Daughters of the Confederacy, topped with the honor of a year as their President General. Congratulations on the success of that year and your election for a second term. I'm sure they could not have made a better selection, and we are all very proud of you.

A letter from me, under almost any circumstances, would have to mean work for somebody, for I rarely have time for pleasant correspondence I once indulged in, and though you are probably far busier than I at the moment at least, I thought you might (without too much trouble) forward this request for information to the proper person, or archives, for answer. I shall certainly appreciate anything you can do to help us in our present search.

Commander Shaw, my superior here in the Navy Department, is presently engaged in writing, for public information purposes, a story on the Evans family of which Admiral Robley D. Evans was a member, principally "Fighting Bob," and his brother, Samuel, who as a youngster joined the Confederate forces (enlisted in the 5th Cavalry, I believe, at the age of 14) and fought with Pelham, Stuart and Hampton. He was called, in one of his brother's books, "Captain of scouts on General Lee's Staff" and may be listed in Confederate records as "Colonel." We have much information on Robley (Fighting Bob), but almost none on the younger brother, whose name we had to get from Floyd County, Virginia, Census Records of 1850, which gave Robley as four years old and Samuel as three.

Their father was Mr. Samuel Andrew Jackson Evans, Sr., and their mother Mrs. Sarah Evans, a spirited little woman of the South, who (by that time was a widow) sent her second son to fight with the South and almost never forgave her eldest for remaining with his shipmates, and who even resigned his commission in the U. S. Navy for him! Robley became a most beloved Naval officer, and after retirement wrote two books (autobiographical) in which he affectionately refers to his younger brother, but not by name.

Admiral Evans' daughter-in-law, here in Washington, was able to give us much information on him and others in the family, but knew so little of Samuel. A cousin, Mrs. Kefauver in Richmond has a wealth of information on the "Southern" members of the family, and furnished the facts that Samuel Andrew Jackson Evans, Jr., became a doctor, practised medicine in

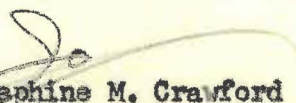


Texas, and, probably early in life, committed suicide when he believed his paralysis would prevent him from carrying on his work as a physician. She gave brief information concerning his service, but knew nothing of his schooling, subsequent practice of medicine (time of) and date of death.

I would like anything (in detail if possible) about his service to the Confederacy, which I imagine may be obtained from official records. Also if you can suggest where the names of his family (if he ever married) could be found, along with date of his death and any other information pertinent to such a story of brothers in blue and grey, I will be very glad. Even leads will be welcome, for as you see we have so little on him. My official address below.

My love to you and Glenn and the other members of the family, and much success to you in the year, and years, to come!

Fondly,

  
(Mrs.) Josephine M. Crawford  
Head, Biographies and Research  
Office of Information, OI-023  
Room 216 H, Main Building  
Navy Department  
Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Glenn Long, President General  
United Daughters of the Confederacy  
Newton  
North Carolina

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18 NOV 1952

Alumni Association  
University of Virginia  
Charlottesville, Virginia

Gentlemen:

Dr. Samuel Andrew Jackson Evans, Sr., was a graduate of the University of Virginia, in the 1st half of the 19th century, a fact established by the writings of his son, Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, USN, and others. He had a second son, Samuel, Jr., who was also a doctor, and probably a graduate of the University of Virginia.

The younger Evans enlisted in the Confederate forces, and served with Pelham, Stuart and Hampton; in the 5th Cavalry; and as a Scout on General Lee's staff. Some time after the war (he was only 14 when he enlisted), he studied medicine, and practiced that profession in Texas. He committed suicide when he believed his paralysis would prevent him from carrying on his work as a physician. The latter information was given by a relative, but without any dates of schooling or service as a doctor.

In the hope of finding something more on the life of Samuel A. J. Evans, Jr., I am writing to request any information on record there, and sources from which it might be obtained. This is needed for a story on the Evans family for public information purposes.

Thank you in advance for any help you can give me.

Sincerely,

JAMES C. SHAW,  
Commander, U. S. Navy

Director,  
Current History Division  
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Washington 25, D.C.



EVANS

18 NOV 1952

Mrs. Harry J. Kefauver  
Route 2, Box 170A  
Frederick, Maryland

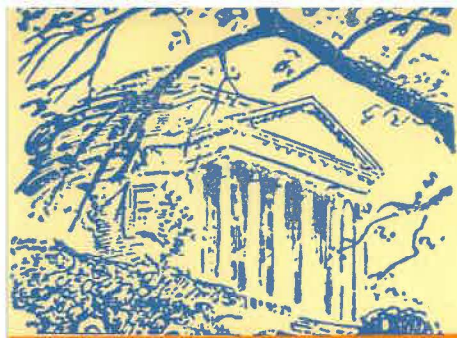
Dear Mrs. Kefauver:

Thank you for the information about the Evans family. We are gradually filling in the gaps in the story thanks to help from you and Mrs. Franck Taylor Evans.

Sincerely,

James C. Shaw,  
Commander, U. S. Navy

Director,  
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November 19, 1952

CDR. James C. Shaw, USN  
Room 1902, Main Navy  
Current History Division  
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Dear Mr. Shaw:

In reply to your letter in regard to Dr. Samuel Andrew Jackson Evans, Jr. having attended the University of Virginia Medical School, I wish to state that our records do not show that either he or his father have ever attended the University of Virginia Medical School.

Could it have been any of the other medical schools in the State of Virginia at that time such as:

- Medical School of the Valley of Virginia, Winchester, Virginia
- Winchester Medical College, Winchester, Virginia
- Randolph Macon Medical College, Prince Edward Court House, Virginia
- University College of Medicine, Richmond, Virginia
- Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia

Only the latter one is existent as far as we know now.

I am sorry we cannot be of any assistance.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Russell Parks*

(Mrs.) J. Russell Parks  
Records Department

P.S.

There is an Andrew Jackson Evans (Mrs.) J. Russell Parks  
Mineral Wells, Tex. as  
Listed in the American Medical Directory of 1950-  
born in 1880, and was still living at the time  
of publication, E. B. P.



Route 2, Box 170A  
Frederick, Maryland

11/22/52

My dear "Cousin Gertrude: -

Of course, you may have the papers I sent, if you would like them I have the originals.- There is a book. Cousin Charlotte (The Admiral's wife) used to frequently speak of - written by, one she called, & I quote "Your Cousin, Dora Allen - dear child" - unquote - I understand it is quite a good history of the Evans' clan - and can be found in the D.A.R.'s library - if you can get at it. - I have never joined the D.A.R. tho' eligible on several sides of the family - In the old days - there was too much fighting among the ladies to suit me and now I am too old to bother - My husband was a S.A.R. and my son is a member now - We are indulging in a typical "Nor'Easter - Reminds me of early September on Nantucket Island where for many years we spent such happy vacation, in a little whaling village called Diasconset and where to our great amusement we were designated as "Off Islanders" by the natives. Its wonderful to have such memories. Its a great consolation to old age and loneliness. The rain continues to pour - but this is the third day and usually the limit to a "Nor'Easter - tho in these uncertain times - even the weather is "queer". Your Commander Shaw sent me a nice little note, acknowledging the "papers". I am glad there was some small amount of "aid" in them - glad your cough is better and hope you've not added to it during this rainy spell. It will no doubt turn cold, after it decides to quit raining. I hear the wind raising. Goodness knows when I'll get this into the mail box. I am not "ducky" enough to paddle that far in this down pour. My general's wife, has returned from Mexico, so I am hoping, some day, before too long to pay you a ~~six~~ call.

Her husband drives to the Pentagon everyday and she frequently goes to Washington. I'll get there as soon as I can. Take care of yourself and I now close with the parting shot - My boy Evans, always leaves me, as he drives back to Connecticut "Bye Mom - Don't do anything, I wouldn't do - If I had the chance."

Love,

Miriam (Kefauver)

What with all those numerous "M"s" on your list, I congrat you on finally called me "Miriam" Thats me.

OI-023;JMC

2 December 1952

Librarian  
Virginia State Library  
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Gertrude Smith, of the Adjutant General's Office (Archives) in Washington, has referred me to you for information concerning Samuel Evans (possibly on record there as Samuel Andrew Jackson Evans, Jr., or any part of that name), who fought with the Confederate forces in the War between the States. Her Army records show fifteen men by the name of Samuel Evans from Virginia, but she is unable to identify the man on whom I need factual information regarding war service, subsequent occupation, and family.

In an autobiography written by his brother, Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, U. S. Navy, now deceased, Samuel is spoken of as the younger of the two brothers, who enlisted in the Confederate Army (at the age of 14), was a captain of General Lee's scouts, fought with Pelham, Stuart and Hampton, and was wounded twice but survived the war. A relative of the Evans family has informed me that Samuel studied medicine after the war, and practised that profession in Texas until his death (no date) by suicide, when he thought his paralysis would prevent him from carrying on the work of a physician.

The 1850 Census report of Western District No. 15, Floyd County, Virginia, gives his birthplace as Floyd County, his age 3, and his brother Robley's age as 4. Their parents were Dr. Samuel Andrew Jackson Evans, Sr., 35, and Mrs. Sarah Evans, 34, born in Culpeper and Fairfax County, respectively.

I will appreciate any help you can give me from records there, and suggestions of other sources of information. The data is needed for a story of the Evans family for public information purposes.

Sincerely,

JAMES C. SNAW,  
Commander, U. S. Navy

Director,  
Current History Division  
Office of Information  
Room 1902, Main Navy  
Navy Department  
Washington 25, D. C.



December 3<sup>rd</sup> /52

VILLA LETIZIA  
VIA BOLOGNESE 178  
TRESPIANO  
(FIRENZE)

Dear Mr Shaw

My sister-in-law, Mrs Taylor Evans, tells me that you are looking up information about my Father, the late Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans. If there is anything I can tell you I will be very glad to do it, as many of the stories which used to be told about my Father never were true! and some nice ones never have been told!

I suppose you have read my Father's books "The Sailor's Log" and "An Admiral's Log" both of which are in the Congressional Library, but as I said before, I will be glad to help you if I can.

Sincerely yours

Charlotte Evans Johnson

P.S. The Mrs Kefauver to whom I believe Mrs Evans referred you, was a second cousin of my Father's, being a grand child of his uncle Alexander Evans;



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3 December 1952

Mr. Charles T. Baker  
Director Membership, Fellowship & Subscription  
American Medical Association  
535 N. Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Baker:

Information concerning the education, medical service, and family of a Dr. Samuel Evans (possibly Samuel Andrew Jackson Evans, Jr.) is needed for a story, for public information purposes, on the Evans family, principally the two Virginia brothers who fought against each other in the Civil War.

Much is known of the elder, Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, who remained in the U. S. Navy until statutory retirement age, then wrote his autobiography. Little has been said, however, of the younger brother Samuel, who enlisted in the Confederate Army, was wounded twice, but survived the war to study medicine and practice that profession in Texas until his death.

Virginia Census Records of 1850 give Samuel Evans' birthplace as Floyd County, his age 3, so it is presumed he was born in 1847. His parents were Dr. Samuel Andrew Jackson Evans, a native of Culpeper, Virginia, and Mrs. Sarah Evans, born in Fairfax County, Virginia. The relative who supplied the information that Samuel practiced medicine, stated that he killed himself (no date) when he believed his paralysis would prevent his carrying on a physician's work.

Do your records include vital statistics of members of the American Medical Association during that period, and if so, would you kindly send me any information on file there, in case he was a member?

Sincerely,

JAMES C. SHAW,  
Commander, U. S. Navy

Director, Current History Division  
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## VIRGINIA STATE LIBRARY

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA  
December 4, 1952

CDR J. C. Shaw, USN  
Director, Current History Division  
Office of Information  
Room 1902, Main Navy  
Navy Department  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Herewith is the information you wish as disclosed by our index to the military service of Virginia soldiers in the Confederate Army.

Our Confederate records are incomplete, most of them having been confiscated at the close of the War Between the States and taken to Washington. It is possible that additional information may be obtained from the Adjutant General of the United States Army, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

*Wm J. Van Schreeven*  
William J. Van Schreeven  
Head Archivist

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Enclosure

## VIRGINIA STATE LIBRARY

RICHMOND

\_\_\_\_\_ 4 December \_\_\_\_\_, 1952

THIS CERTIFIES that on p. 363 of vol. 2 of the manuscript Confederate records in the Archives Division of the Virginia State Library the information is given that Jackson Evans was a private in Co. I, 18<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry Regiment, known as "Spring Garden Blues", Pittsylvania Co. commanded by Captain James G. Luck that he enlisted 1862 and served three years

Remarks:

Randolph W. Church,  
 RANDOLPH W. CHURCH <sup>m. H. P.</sup>  
 State Librarian.



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11 December 1952

Mrs. Charlotte Evans Isherwood  
Villa Letizia  
Via Bolognese 178  
Trespiano (Firenze), Italy

Dear Mrs. Isherwood,

Your letter was a thoughtful and welcome surprise. I am grateful to Mrs. Taylor Evans for writing you and appreciate your interest.

What we have in mind is a personalized story of your father - probably just a segment of his life, and that as a relatively junior officer. I have read A Sailor's Log, An Admiral's Log, and Fighting Bob Evans, by Edwin Falk. From them I have a fairly clear and totally sympathetic view of your father's professional career. He was indeed a controversial figure, but I think history shows that he was right.

The gaps in our story exist principally in the lives of your mother and your uncle who fought for the Confederacy. I can understand why Admiral Evans, in writing, did not want to place his family life before the eyes of the public. It was just none of their business. But now, in our story we want to describe Robley Evans, the man, rather than the naval officer. We want to portray his wife and delineate her influence on him. We want to trace the career of the Confederate brother right down to his post-war reunion with his Union Navy brother. We need to know something of your grandmother on the Evans' side - she seems a wonderful person from what little I can learn. We are also interested in the girlhood of your mother. Specifically, we are writing a romantic story.

So anything you would care to tell me about your mother will be helpful - anecdotes, childhood, courtship, etc. The same for your Confederate uncle. We only have fragmentary knowledge of his life and that mostly the military portion.

As for your father, your statement that "many of the nice things about him have never been told" intrigues me. Do you have any character-revealing anecdotes - particularly about his youth - that would be helpful?

Lieutenant Commander Frank Manson, an officer on Admiral Carney's staff in Naples, is in the Navy's Public Information organization. Would you mind if I asked him to call on you some time for a chat about your family? I would so enjoy making such a call myself.

Sincerely,

James G. Shaw,  
Commander, U.S. Navy

Director,  
Current History Division  
Office of Information  
Room 1903, Main Navy  
Navy Department  
Washington 25, D.C.



EUANS



United Daughters of the Confederacy  
PRESIDENT-GENERAL  
MRS. GLENN LONG  
630 N. MAIN                      NEWTON, NORTH CAROLINA

December 11, 1952.

Mrs. Josephine M. Crawford,  
Room 216 H, Main Building,  
Navy Department,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Jo :

I have been so very busy since my return from Biloxi ( and, as usual I went on to Memphis where Glenn was attending his annual hunt) that I have not been able to do anything about this request of yours. I am sending your letter on to our Historian-General who, I am sure, will give it her prompt attention. There may be some information in the files of the Business Office and if you will write Mrs. L.E. Jaco, 5330 Pershing Avenue, St. Louis 12, Mo. she will check the cards there and send you anything she might have. I presume you contacted the Historian of the Virginia Division, U.D.C. as I note you mention Mrs. Kefauver of Richmond. I rather doubt that anything more will be available through the General U.D.C. files than you were able to find in Virginia.

Our Historian-General might mention this request in her letter to the U.D. C. Magazine and in that way additional facts might be brought to light. At any rate we will be glad, as an organization, to help in any way we can.

I presume you know that the 1953 convention will be held in Washington, with the Shoreham Hotel as headquarters. I hope we will see you then. I would imagine your mother is greatly interested and I will look forward to seeing you both. I saw Billy, Anne and her husband at West Point and was delighted to have a chance to say hello to them. I also had fun with Mrs. Calhoun when we were together in Swampscott, Massachusetts this past October. I had known her for a long time and did not know who she was in relation to your family. She said she had heard " Cecil" spoken of but did not dream they meant ME. 'This is such a small world' - to use a hackneyed phrase.

With love to you and all the members of your family,

Fondly yours,

*Glenn*

United Daughters of the Confederacy

PRESIDENT-GENERAL

MRS. GLENN LONG

630 N. MAIN

NEWTON, NORTH CAROLINA



Mrs. Josephine M. Crawford,  
Head, Biographies and Research,  
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Navy Department,  
Washington, D.C.



December 16"/52

EVANS

VILLA LETIZIA  
VIA BOLOGNESE 178  
TRESPIANO  
(FIRENZE)

Dear Mr Shaw

Your very friendly letter came yesterday, and before I thank you for it let me say that if Lt. Comdr. Manson can find time to come up here for a few days, we would be delighted to put him up. And if he has a wife, her too. Depending on his car, it should be about a five hour drive - No! I thought he was coming from Genoa; Naples is of course much further but the invitation still holds good -

Your letter has made me realize how little I know of my Father's life as a young Officer, and of course what a very little young life he had, as we mean it now. I think he was not sixteen when he had to make the terrible decision as to staying in the Service or going South, I asked him once how he could have made up his mind at that age, and he said, "I don't know, I just knew that if the Country split, it was the end of the Nation. Life was pretty grim from then on, separated from his family, often with no idea if his Brother Sam of whom he was very fond, was alive or dead. Then his serious wounds, and the fear of losing his leg, then the fear that he would be retired, made his early life pretty serious I think. As to his meeting my Mother, when she was Miss



Charlotte Taylor, he, my Father, went to the same to <sup>the</sup> same school in Washington as my Uncle the late Harry (not Henry) Clay Laylor, they were classmates at Annapolis and I am sure that Uncle Harry took Papa to his Father's house: They were devoted friends all their lives.

VILLA LETIZIA  
VIA BOLOGNESE 178  
TRESPIANO  
(FIRENZE)

My Grandmother (Papa's Mother) was Sally Ann Jackson and if you can get into touch with my Cousin Colonel Henry Eglin U.S.A., whose address can be had from the War Dept. He can tell you all about the Jackson's. My Grandmother was a very fiery and imperious old lady, whom I never knew well, but her children loved her very much.

I never saw either of my Evans Uncles, Uncle Sam, who was I believe on General Lee's staff, was a Doctor in Texas till his death, he had three sons the eldest of whom, Sam, was a charming lad but who died many years ago, the other two I never saw, but I fancy one was named Robley.

My Mother, Charlotte Taylor, was the Daughter of Franck Taylor (born in England and brought to the U.S.A. when he was two years old) and of Virginia Neville Simms his wife. My Mother was very beautiful and a really wonderful woman in every way. As for her influence on Papa's life, I can only tell you that when he died my Husband said to me, "your Mother was half of the Admiral's career" - The Daughter's of the American Revolution Magazine, Jan. 1911. has



short article by her, called "Youthful Memoirs of an  
Dorogeneration," which might be of use to you. [3  
Published by J. B. Lippincott, Philadelphia.

VILLA LETIZIA  
VIA BOLOGNESE 178  
TRESPIANO  
(FIRENZE)

As both my Parents would now be well  
over a hundred years old, you will understand  
that I have no anecdotes of "courtships". Theirs was  
not the day of "slap and tickle". I seldom if ever  
saw them Kiss; When they said good bye even  
at home, Papa Kissed Mamma's hand.

They were deeply in love, always, and whenever Papa  
went away, the last thing he said was "and take  
care of Mamma."

At the beginning of this screed, I said I was going to  
thank you for your letter, and I do; I am very glad  
you are going to write something about my Father, and  
when it is printed I hope you will send me a copy -  
To me he has always been a romantic figure, as well  
as an adored Father - - I often quote to myself, and  
now to you, Kipling's lines to his Brother-in-law -

"Even as he trod that day, to God  
So walked he from his birth.  
In fearlessness, and gentleness,  
And honour, and clean mirth -"

Sincerely yours

Charlotte Evans Sherwood

(Mrs Harold Sherwood)

P. J. D.



I have just remembered that during the last war  
an Evans cousin Miss Mabel L. Evans was in  
Washington, at 337 6<sup>th</sup> St. S. W. in some war or social  
work, she knew all about the family. C. E.

They were deeply in debt, oh my, and when Papa  
went away, the last thing he said was "and take  
care of mamma."

At the beginning of this letter, I said I was going to  
thank you for your letter, and I do; I am very glad  
you are going to write something about my father, and  
when it is printed I hope you will send me a copy -  
to me he has always been a romantic figure, as well  
as an ardent theater - I often quote to myself, and  
now to you, thinking him to his brother-in-law.

"I wish to see that day, to see  
so much to him, his  
in fact, one of the  
but know, and then write -"

Sincerely yours  
Charlotte Evans

P.S.

(You think I should)



EVANS

OI-023;JMC

December 16, 1952

Mrs. L. E. Jaco  
5330 Pershing Avenue  
St. Louis 12, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Jaco:

Upon the suggestion of Mrs. Glenn Long, President-General, U. D. C. I am writing to request any available information concerning a young Virginian by the name of Samuel Jackson Evans (probably Jackson Evans in your records).

According to his brother's autobiography, he enlisted in the Confederate army at the age of 14, served as one of General Lee's scouts, and with Pelham, Stewart and Hampton; and was wounded twice, but survived the war. He was the son of Dr. Samuel Andrew Jackson Evans and Mrs. Sarah Evans (a widow before 1861), and from census records he must have been born during the year 1847. A relative has informed me that he studied and practiced medicine in Texas after the war.

This information is needed for a story, for public information purposes, on the Evans family, principally the two brothers, Robley and Samuel (or Jackson) Evans. Your substantiating any of the above information and adding to it anything contained in your Business Office cards will be much appreciated, and helpful in the compilation of certain facts regarding this man's service.

Sincerely,

JAMES C. SHAW,  
Commander, U. S. Navy

Director, Current History Division  
Office of Information  
Room 1902, Main Navy  
Navy Department  
Washington 25, D. C.

Back of jacket containing Confederate service of Samuel T. Evans shows the following printed matter:

EVANS, SAMUEL T. (name written in longhand)

Capt. G. W. Brown's Company, Virginia  
Horse Art'y

Formerly known as Capt. Henry's Company, and Capt. McGregor's Co., Va. Horse Art'y. Composed of men transferred from Capt. Pelham's Co., Va. Horse Art'y. Reported to have served in Chew's Batt'n, Beckham's Batt'n, Stuart Horse Art'y, and McGregor's Batt'n of Art'y Corps in the Army of Northern Virginia.

(Confederate)

Private	:	Private
1. 50968787	⋮	20.
2. 8890	⋮	21.
3. etc.	⋮	



I <sup>MEDICAL</sup> Several cards containing information on Pvt. Samuel Evans:

(1) S. Evans  
Pvt, Stuarts H. Arty, Va.

Medical Director's Office  
Hosp: General No. 12  
Admitted: November 16, 1862

(Three others almost identical, except listed as Transfer to private quarters, dated January 2, 19 and 21 - with expiration of pass dates Jan 9, 17, and 29

J. Funk,  
Copyist

A. S. Douglas,  
Copyist

(2) E Confederate

Samuel Evans  
Pvt Co. 2, Stuarts H. Arty

appears on a Register of Surgical Cases of General Hospital No. 12,  
Richmond, Virginia

Age 15, Merchant Date Dec 13, 1862

Bomb shell contusion of all internal organs over stomach. Greatly prostrated on admittance. xxx  
Afterwards daily improving.  
Transferred to private house.

Confed. Arch. Chap 6, File No. 468, page 28A

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(s) W. A. Bernkmon  
Copyist

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(3) Same, except date of admittance given as Dec 16, 1862

Transferred to P. Quarters, January 3, 1863

Confed. Arch. Chap 6, File No. 155, page 246

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(s) J. Funk  
Copyist

1791

(4) E CONFEDERATE Va.

Saml Evans, Steuarts H. Art.

Medical Director's Office

Date: Feby 12, 1863

Period 60 days

Surgeon's name J. B. McCaw

Confed. Arch. Chap 6, File No 149, page 159

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(s) Joseph Smolinski, Copyist

1779

Hospital records including information on Samuel T. Evans and S. A. P (or T) Evans

(1) E. CONFEDERATE VA.

Saml Evans, Private, Stewart H. Arty

appears on a Register of Chimborago Hospital No. 1, Richmond, Virginia

Disease Diarrhea

Admitted Feb 24, 1863

Furloughed 60 days, March 13, 1863

Transferred Pv. Qrs. Feb 24, 1863

Remarks In city

Confed Arch page 86 T. Cary,  
Copyist

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This (S. A. P. Evans, Pvt, Stuarts Horse Ay)

(2) Same except under head of "Transfers to private quarters"

Date Feb 26, 186.

Surgeon P. F. Bowne

Expiration of pass March 5, 186 .

(3) and (4) Same except March 13 to 20, and March 24 to April 1.

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323 and 326

A. S. Douglas,  
Copyist



The following appeared on blue, lined, ledger paper, all in longhand

(front page)

Head Quarters  
Dept. of Northern Va.  
27th August 1863

Special Order No. 213

VI Private Samuel T. Evans "Stuart Horse Artillery" is during his unfitness for field service detailed for SPECIAL DUTY in the QrMrs. Dept. and will report to Major D. H. Wood, Qr.Mr., Richmond, Va.

By command of Gen'l Lee  
/s/ W. H. Taylor  
A. A. Gen.

For Pvt S. T. Evans

(back page)

No. 15, 64, 26

Saml. T. Evans,  
Stuarts Horse Atty

This soldier has this day been examined by Surgeon Genl's Medical director of the Army, who recommends that he be continued on light duty, not being able for active field service. He is employed as a special courier between the Adgt. and Inspecot Genls office and these Hd Qrs.

(s) W. H. Taylor  
A. A. General

Orange Co. Ho  
27th August 1863

Official:

D. H. Wood  
Maj & Qm  
Insp. Rept.

Stamped:  
Second Division  
Rebel Archives  
War Department

ORDERS and MUSTER ROLL information:

(1) All-typed page:

EVANS, Samuel J. (T?)  
Private, Stuarts Horse Art.

Subject: Detail  
Special Order Number 141/19

(1-A) RETURN to forces in the Dept of W. Va.  
(~~ARREST~~ and E. Tenn, commd'd by <sup>Major Gen.</sup> J. Breckinridge,  
(SO Number 213/h - Dept of Army, No. Va. Lee  
(dated August 27, 1863

June 13, 1863

Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, Confederate States,  
contains information relative to the man named, on the subject  
mentioned above.

(2) CONFEDERATE

E. ( Capt. G. W. Brown's Co. ) Va  
( Horse Artillery )

S. Evans  
(Pvt) Capt W. M. McGregors Co.  
Chews Batt'n Horse Artillery, etc.

Appears on  
COMPANY MUSTER ROLL  
of the organization named above  
for the period May & June 1864  
dated Nov 3, 1864

Enlisted:  
When 15 April 1863  
Where Richmond  
By whom Capt Pelham  
Period War  
Last paid: By whom Major Ambler 1 Nov 1863  
Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Detailed at Army HdQrs.

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W. Har. Scott, Copyist

(3) Same as (2) except for period July & August 1864,  
and dated January 20, 1865



UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

Office Manager

LOUISIANNA JACO

5330 Pershing Ave.

Saint Louis 12, Mo.

Dec. 23, 1952

CDR J.C. Shaw, USN  
Director-Current History Division  
Office of Information  
Room 1902-Main Navy - Navy Dept.  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Codr. Shaw:

In reply to your inquiry posted Dec. 17th enclosing this addressed envelope -upon suggestion of Mrs. Glenn Long, President-General, the following card in our partially completed Confederate Veteran file:

Evans - Jackson (Samuel Jackson not on file)

Co. I, 18th Virginia Regiment from Pittsylvania County, Va.

The card shows the record came with those supplied by the Virginia Pension Record in 1936 and no indication that a member has used the record. If this had been the case, reference to the member's application may have helped in supplying place and date of birth, place and date of marriage. The county records often have records of this nature and you might contact Comptroller of Pittsylvania County, Va. or the Virginia State Library at Richmond, Virginia.

Trusting the above information will assist you in compiling certain facts regarding this man's service

Sincerely,

(Mrs. L.E.) Louisiana Jaco  
OFFICE MANAGER

CC-Mrs. Long, Pres-Gen.

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



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15 January 1953

Mrs. Harry J. Kefauver  
Route 2, Box 170A  
Frederick, Maryland

Dear Mrs. Kefauver:

Mrs. Evans suggested that you might be interested in reading the enclosed two letters from Mrs. Isherwood regarding our inquiries regarding Admiral Evans.

I would appreciate the return of the letters after you have read them.

Sincerely,

James C. Shaw,  
Commander, U. S. Navy

Director,  
Current History Division  
Office of Information  
Room 1902, Main Navy  
Navy Department  
Washington 25, D.C.



Route 2, Box 170 A  
Frederick, Maryland

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My Dear Commander Shaw: -

Thank you, very much indeed,  
for letting me read Cousin  
Char Potter's letters. - The last time  
I saw her, she and her  
Commander dined with us at  
our old home in Urbana. - I  
hope by this time you have  
gathered all the information needed  
for your article. - I was very  
devoted to the Admiral and his  
very very lovely wife tho' I saw  
them but seldom. - Cousin Robley, as  
you know, died in 1912. - From  
the beginning of World War I -  
until Ray died. - I saw Cousin Charlotte

(Mrs R. D. Evans) more often, as  
my husband was in the Army  
and I frequently passed through  
Washington en route to & from  
numerous Camps. - I have  
not seen Taylor's wife since those  
days - sister but I hope to, before  
so very long. - I enclose the  
letters you so kindly sent me -  
and Love most sincerely  
- Minnie Evans De Pauw.



UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

HISTORIAN-GENERAL  
MRS. KEMBLE K. KENNEDY  
2343 TERRACE AVENUE      BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

January 28, 1953

Dear Mrs. Crawford,

Your letter has been forwarded to me by Mrs. Glen Long, President General. I am sorry that I have not had the opportunity to answer you sooner, but the sudden death of my husband has kept me from doing many things. I am now trying to get back on my feet.

So far I have not been able to look into the Evans family, but I can assure you that I am most interested. My own family name is Evans and I am planning to do some research on that myself. I know that John Alexander Evans and Joseph A. Evans were brothers who originally came from Virginia. Joseph Evans died a prisoner of war at Fort Pike. John Evans, my grandfather, was wounded at the Battle of Vicksburg. As soon as I have an opportunity I will see what I can do. There has been very little that we have been able to get.

I will mention your request in my U. D. C. column and see if there is any help from that source.

There are not too many Evanses in this state. It might be that this could be part of the same clan. We found in many instances that different families in Louisiana migrated to Texas and came back to Louisiana again. I have followed that many times. Did you contact Mrs. Jaco? I would like to know what you heard from her. I will check the Louisiana records for Samuel Evans and you will hear from me again.

Sincerely,

*Madge S. Kennedy*  
Madge S. Kennedy

*Let. from Mrs. Jaco  
kated 12/23/53  
Copied Oct file  
Jackson Evans  
(No Samuel Jackson)*

Route 2, Box 170 A  
Frederick, Maryland

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My dear James C. Shaw:—  
If the small amount  
of information I was able to  
send Taylor Evans' wife, con-  
cerning the Evans family—  
was of any help to you, I  
am pleased.— As you doubtless  
understand— it was at my  
Grandfather's— (Alex H. Evans)  
Admiral Evans made his  
home until his marriage—  
I lost my father (Richard  
H. Evans) when I was five  
years old.— From that time,



until I was grown, I saw  
very little of my father's family.  
My husband (Dr Harry J.  
Kavanaugh) was deeply interested  
in genealogy. Hence the papers  
sent to Mrs Taylor Evans. There  
is a book written by a relative -  
Mrs Nora Allen - Subject - "the Evans  
family" - which may perhaps be  
found in the "Library" - I have  
not seen it - but, I understand,  
it is quite thorough. - So it may  
help. - I was born and raised  
in Iowa but have lived in  
Maryland since 1910 - my  
mother was a native of Frederick  
and my father's husband also.  
Sorry I can be of such

Route 2, Box 170 A  
Frederick, Maryland

Small assistance - I enjoyed  
the privilege of knowing and  
loving, my Cousin Rolley &  
Erans + his family. - Wonderful  
people - Love.

Sincerely  
Miriam Erans L. L. L.



Frank Taylor  
Charlotte Simons

Charlotte Taylor  
Robley D Evans

S - { Frank J Evans  
    { Gertrude Pullman  
      (no children)

D - { Char Evans  
    { CAPT Charles Cabellton.  
      '45N (deceased) March  
    { Cdr Harold Deherwood  
      (no children)

D - { Virginia Jimms Evans  
    { Harold Sewall <sup>of Boston</sup>



S Robley Evans Sewall  
    (Died in infancy)

D - { Dorothy Merville Sewall  
    { (Divorced)  
    { Richd - Montgomery

Sister of Charlotte -  
Virginia Taylor  
Robin Taylor

↓  
Bachelors { 5 - Robin Taylor  
5 - Douglas Taylor

Sister of Char  
Emily  
Fred McSine

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Frank Taylor USA

↓  
D - Dora Taylor (Spencer)  
Emily " "  
Mildred " "  
→ Capt Edward Kellogg (Michigan)  
→ Dr. Payson Whiting (USA)



Frank Taylor. 2000

{ RADM Henry Clay Taylor  
Miss Mc Lane



D. Mary (married in the Navy)

B. Neville

S. Frank

S. FRED

S. Presley

Adm Chase

S. Jay

D. Nelson

S. Harry

D. Betty

← Walter Rockwell Sherardi

S. Walter Rockwell Sherardi - Navy

S. Harry Taylor "

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D - married in navy

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S. of Adm

FRANK TAYLOR

WICKERSHAM

MISS MILDRED WENDELL

Her sister married

GEORGE WICKERSHAM (ATT GEN)  
AT TAFT)

EVANS



EVANS

Dear Mrs Isherwood,

your letter was a thoughtful and welcome surprise. I ~~appreciate~~ am grateful to Mrs. Taylor Evans for writing you and appreciate your interest.

What we have in mind is a personalized story of your father — probably just a segment of his full life, and that segment principally concerned with his days as a relatively junior officer. I have read ~~the~~ A Sailor's Log, An Admiral's Log and Fighting Bob Evans, by Edwin Falk. From them I have a fairly clear and totally sympathetic view of your father's professional career. He was indeed a controversial figure, but I think history shows that he was right.

The gaps in our story exist principally in the ~~late~~ lives of your mother and your uncle who fought for the Confederacy. I can understand why Admiral Evans <sup>in writing,</sup> did not want to place his family life <sup>before</sup> the ~~general~~ <sup>eyes</sup> ~~view~~ of the public. It was just none of their business. But now, I think in our story we want to describe ~~Admiral~~ Robley Evans, the man, rather than the naval officer.

We want to portray his wife and delineate her influence on him. We want to trace the career of the Confederate brother ~~to~~ right down to his post-war reunion with his ~~North~~ Union Navy brother. We need to know something of your grandmother on the Evans' side - she seems a wonderful person from what ~~you've~~ <sup>also</sup> little I can learn. We are <sup>also</sup> interested in the girlhood of your mother. — ~~In other words~~ Specifically, we are writing a romantic story.

So anything you would care to tell me about your mother ~~and your Confederate uncle~~ ~~and~~ will be helpful ~~as~~ — anecdotes, childhood, courtships, etc. The same for your Confederate uncle. We only have fragmentary knowledge of his life and that mostly the military portion.

As for your father, your statement that "many of the nice things about him have never been told" intrigues me. Do you have any character-revealing anecdotes that ~~would~~ — particularly about his youth — that would be helpful?

Lieutenant Commander Frank Mason, an officer  
on Admiral Conroy's staff in Naples, is in  
the Navy's Public Information organization. Would  
you mind if I asked him to call on you  
some time for a ~~chat~~ chat about your family?  
I <sup>would so enjoy making such a call</sup> wish I could ~~do~~ it, myself.

Sincerely,



ROBLEY D. EVANS -- THE FACTS

Born in Virginia 1846, son of a doctor. Reared in Southern tradition with a "Manny", a pony, a gun, and a colored boy as possessions.

Went to Utah in 1859 in a wagon train which was ambushed, lost all its wagons and later its horses. Evans escaped with arrow through <sup>both</sup> his foot and his mule which pinned him to beast. Was taken to an Indian village where chief wanted to adopt him, promising him many ponies and one of his daughters to wife. Met Brigham Young. Reason he went to Utah was to be eligible for appointment to Naval Academy from that territory.

At Naval Academy when Civil War broke out. Naval Academy moved to Newport, Rhode Island for safety. Evans in dilemma about loyalty. Commandant, a remarkable man, induced him to stick with "the Old Flag". Mother terribly incensed, sent his resignation to Washington. Evans had resignation annulled. Mother disowned him.

Meanwhile brother had joined Confederate artillery and later became captain in Lee's scouts. Was badly wounded twice, nursed by his mother in Richmond.

Evans accidentally met brother in civilian clothes in Alexandria oyster house and gave his brother two dishes worth of oyster-consuming-time to escape. He and brother very close and no rancor over their divergent allegiance.

Evans in command of famous racing yacht America chasing Confederate raiders, later in Caribbean. Prior to Fort Fisher operation Evan's brother sent him a letter saying that "We will give you a warm welcome when you try to take Fort Fisher." Admiral violently upset about letter because the operation was supposed to be a complete secret.

On to Fort Fisher where amphibious assault was conducted under General Butler and Admiral Porter. Two naval battalions and one Marine battalion made frontal assault on the fortifications and were horribly battered -- not a single officer escaped at least one wound and only a handful of the men unscathed. Evans in hand to hand encounter with Confederates, wounded three times and left on beach for hours.

Evans to Norfolk where doctors decided to amputate both legs. Evans pulled pistol from under pillow and threatened to shoot anyone who touched him. By sheer will power and the expert nursing of a surgeon's daughter he pulled through. Was later operated on -- no amputation -- and went back to sea duty -- though he always limped thereafter.

Evans married a Washington, D.C. girl after the war. His career after that, boisterous, world-wide, and successful. He acquired the name "Fighting Bob" when, with one ship, he intimidated the Chileans into cancelling a declaration of war against the U.S.

He cleaned out the seal poachers in the Bering Sea and saved the animals from extinction.

In command of the battleship Iowa at the Battle of Santiago and there full of aggressive hellfire.



Story opens on Virginia plantation with focus on the conflicting of devotion and rivalry between two brothers. One loves the land, the other has a yen for the far places. One is high-spirited and impulsive, the other placid and deliberate. Butk both are attracted to the daughter of a near-by doctor. She likes the virtues of both lads but cannot make up her mind which she loves. Her attitude accentuates the divergent characters of the two boys and her indecision makes her appear as somewhat of a minx. What she really wants is a composite of the two temperaments.

In one scene where they are all children, she precipitates a fearful scrap between the two brothers. This ends with the two brothers completely reconciled and vowing that they will have done with women.

A few years later the boys, both in love with her, again are at odds. This time they do not make up so easily and one runs away to become a midshipman. The other, with an open field, cannot make progress with the girl, at all, now that his brother has left.

The Civil War breaks out. The midshipman is faced with a choice of remaining with the Union or going South. He has grave doubts and goes to see the girl. She spurns him for even doubting the justice of the Confederate cause and he goes away angry. His mother and brother side with the girl. He decides to stay with the North. His mother and the girl try to have him discredited with the Navy and thrown out as disloyal. This fails and off he goes to sea.

Meanwhile, the other brother enters the Confederate service. He tries to persuade the girl to marry him before leaving for the front but she refuses. He bears his brother no ill will, but feels that he will never win the girl unless he emulates his Northern brother's impetuosity.



He volunteers to go through the lines in civilian clothes as a courier. On this trip he encounters his Northern brother who faces the problem of arresting his brother or letting him escape. In the back of the Northerner's mind is the nasty kernel of an idea that with his brother in prison, he may at last have the girl to himself. His fraternal love wins and after exacting a solemn promise from his brother that he will take no military secrets back to the South, lets him escape in dramatic fashion.

The Fort Fisher amphibious assault by Northern Forces is now in the making. The rebel brother writes to his Northern brother about the sizzling reception that the South plans for the North when the attack starts.

In the battle, the two brothers face each other, one in the naval assault brigade, the other on the defended parapet. A Southern sharpshooter draws a bead on the Northern brother who is lying wounded and helpless in front of the fort. The Southern brother, after a momentary pause with the vision of the girl before him, knocks the sharpshooter's rifle and spoils the man's aim. Shortly thereafter, the Southerner is wounded himself. The last thing he sees before losing consciousness is his brother wounded again, apparently fatally.

The girl goes to Richmond to nurse the sick wounded Southerner. The wounded Confederate honestly believes that his brother is dead and tells the girl so. She finally consents to marry him.

Shortly after the marriage, she becomes pregnant. She <sup>then</sup> discovers that the Northern brother is still alive. She turns savagely on her husband, believing he had lied about the brother's death, and demands that she be given a pass through the lines to visit the Northerner in a Norfolk hospital. The Southerner helps her through the lines, then volunteers for a hazardous mission and recklessly tosses his life away in a cavalry charge.

The girl arrives at the Northerner's bedside and brings him back to health. The two hear of her husband's death and for the first time they really close ranks, each seeking support from the other. They are married and the happy closing thought is that she is bearing the brother's child, that their children will grow up without the agony of a divided family.

1850 Census Report, Vol. 7, p. 799, Western District No. 15, Floyd County

	age	occupation	Value of Real Estate	Born
EVANS, S. A. J	35	physician	6200	Culpepper
EVANS, Sarah	34			Fairfax County
* EVANS, Amanah	6			Floyd County
EVANS, Robley	4			" "
* EVANS, Samuel	3			" "

\* the "Annie" spoken of by Mrs K.

\* Dr. Samuel Jackson Evans, Jr. " "

(William must have been the 4<sup>th</sup> child, not yet born in 1850.)



FRANCK TAYLOR - CHARLOTTE SIMMS

CHARLOTTE TAYLOR - RADM ROBLEY D. EVANS, USN

S. FRANCK TAYLOR EVANS - GERTRUDE PULLMANN

(NO CHILDREN)

D. CHARLOTTE EVANS - CAPT CHARLES CARLTON MARSH, USN (DECEASED)

CDR HAROLD ISHERWOOD

(NO CHILDREN)

D. VIRGINIA SIMMS EVANS - HOWARD INGLES SEWALL (OF BOSTON)

S. ROBLEY EVANS SEWALL (DIED IN INFANCY)

D. DOROTHY NEVILLE SEWALL - RICHARD MONTGOMERY (DIVORCED)

EMILY TAYLOR - FRED MCGUIRE

VIRGINIA TAYLOR - ROBIN TAYLOR (COUSIN)

S. ROBIN TAYLOR (BACHELOR)

S. DOUGLAS TAYLOR (BACHELOR)

FRANCK TAYLOR (US ARTILIERY) - MISS MILDRED WENDELL (HER SISTER MARRIED GEORGE WICKERSHAM - ATTORNEY GENERAL IN TAFT'S CABINET)

D. DORA (SPINSTER)

D. EMILY TAYLOR - CAPT EDWARD KELLOGG, USN (DECEASED)

D. MILDRED TAYLOR - DR. RAYNOR WHITING, USN

J. FRANCK TAYLOR WHITING

S. JAMES RAYNOR WHITING

RADM HENRY CLAY TAYLOR (ORIGINATOR OF THE NAVAL WAR COLLEGE) - MISS MARY MCGUIRE (SISTER OF EMILY TAYLOR'S HUSBAND FRED MCGUIRE)

D. MARY TAYLOR - ADM JAY J. CHASE

S. JAY

S. HARRY

D. ~~NANCY~~ MARY

D. BETTY

D. NEVILLE TAYLOR - WALTER ROCKWELL GHERARDI (SON OF AN ADMIRAL)

S. WALTER ROCKWELL GHERARDI, USN

S. HARRY TAYLOR GHERARDI, USN

D.

- MARRIED IN NAVY

D.

- MARRIED IN NAVY

S. FRANCK TAYLOR

S. FRED

D. NANCY  
S. PRESLEY

S. FRED TAYLOR

S. PRESLEY

Several cards listing and receipting monthly pay (by the Confederate States) and To Samuel T. Evans, Dr. Commutation

(1) For monthly pay from November 1, 1862 to April 30, 1863, being 6 months \_\_\_ days, at \$12.00 per month \$72.00

Detailed with Col. Cone \$72.00

Received, at Richmond, this 12th day of June 1863  
Seventy-two <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> in full of above acct. Witness: Aurelius F. Cone,  
W. Col. & Ac Qm

(s) Saml T. Evans

(2) Confederate States To Samuel T. Evans, Dr.  
Pvt, Stuarts Horse Arty

Date 1863

For commutation of quarters at Richmond, Va. from the 1st of July 1863 to 31st of July 1863, inclusive, 1 rooms at 20 dollars each per month \$20.00

(others of 1 Sept 1863 at 20.00 and 1 April 1864 at 30.00)

I certify, on honor, that there were no quarters owned or hired by the public at the above station, which could be assigned to Pvt. Samuel T. Evans, during the above period; and that the fuel is charged at the average market price for the month

/s/ J. T. Dorsey  
Capt, S

/s/ D. H. Wood  
Qm

/s/ S. T. Evans

(3) The Confederate States, Dr. (Others dated June 1, August 1 and Dec 1, 1863, To Samuel T. Evans and June 1864)  
McGregor's Battery Stuart Horse Artillery, Va. Vols. (C. S. Army)

For monthly pay from 1 August 1863 to 31 October, being 3 months \_\_\_ days at \$12.00 per month \$36.00

For clothing commutation from 11 Nov 1862 to include 11 November 1863 134.00

Detailed in Office of Maj. D. H. Wood, Quartermaster in Richmond

Deduct due for clothing drarn up to 11 Nov 1863 170.13

I certify that I have endorsed this payment on \_\_\_\_\_ Descriptive Roll 71.98

Paid Dec 10, 1863

/s/ John Ambler

Amt pd. 98.15

Received of Major John Ambler, Qm, CSArmy, Ninety-eight 15 dollars

100  
(s/ S. T. Evans)



Receipts for clothing, signed by Samuel T. (or S. T.) Evans

Several cards on file, as numbered - printed form, filled in in ink.

(1) S. T. Evans, Pvt.  
Stuart Horse Artillery

(2) same, except

Appears on a  
RECEIPT ROLL

FOR clothing

for 3 Qr., 1963

for 1 Qr., 1864

Date of issue July 3rd, 1863

Roll No. 2233

Roll No. 2466 (stamped)

/s/ S. T. Evans

(3) same, except

(4) same, except

for clothing

for \_\_\_\_\_, 186\_

at Richmond, Va.

Brown's Co., CSA

Stewart's Horse Arty (Stuart - pencilled)

for clothing

for \_\_\_\_\_, 186\_

at Gen. Hosp. No. 12, Richmond, Va.

Date of issue Oct 14, 1863

Roll No. 2672

Date of issue February 18, 1863

(No Roll No.)

Copyists' named on respective cards are:

- (Morrell
- (J. Gregory
- (Davenport
- (Hood

(5) CONFEDERATE E.

S. T. Evans, McGregors Battery, Age 18 years

appears on a LIST of employees in the Transportation Office, Q.M.Dept, Richmond, Va. List dated April 30, 1864

Nativity Virginia

How employed Courier to Gen'l Lees HdQrs. with the mail from A & I Genls office

Authority Gen. R. E. Lee

Remarks Detailed by Gen. Lee

Inspection report H, No. 26, inclsure 78

/s/ M. C. Leonard  
Copyist

Miscellaneous Receipts signed by Samurl T. Evans, Private, CSA

(1) Stewarts Horse Artillery (printed)  
S. T. Evans, (filled in in ink)  
Private McGregor's Battery, Stewarts Horse Arty  
appears on a  
REGISTER  
OF payment on Descriptive Lists

Period of service:  
From Nov 1, 1863  
to Feb 29, 1864

When paid June 13, 1864  
By whom John Ambler  
Amount \$48.00

Confed-----154  
J. Nelson  
Copyist

685

5810

(2) The Confederate States (No. 22)

To: E. M. M. Faulkner, Dr.  
Date  
1863 To cast paid S. T. Evans,  
July 7 Courier for Maj. D. H. Wood \$10.00

Certified correct  
/s/ Faulkner

/s/ Saml. T. Evans

TV-  
#22

TRAVEL  
EXPENSE

Numerous cards/listing expenses to the Confederate States for travel of Private Samuel T. Evans, Courier (detailed). Examples follow:

- (1) To Samuel T. Evans, courier  
Private of Stuarts Horse Arty (detailed)

1864

To Personal expense incurred while on duty  
as Courier to General R. E. Lee for the War

Dept. on the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th at 5.00 per day  
on the 7th, 8th, etc.  
on the 12, etc.

25.00  
25.00  
25.00  
\$ 75.00

I certify the above is correct, etc.

/s/ P. H. May  
Capt and Afst Qm.

Richmond, Va. 9th day of July 1864

/s/ S. T. Evans,  
Private, SH Arty

- (2) Same, except

1st of Nov, 1863

22 days at 5.00 per day

\$ 110.00

/s/ D. H. Wood, Qm

/s/ S. T. Evans

- (3) Same, except

29th Feb 1864

17 days at 10.00

\$ 170.00

- (4) Same, except

July 1864

24 days at 8.00

\$ 192.00

On back of this card, the following info:

I certify that the above account is correct and just; that the services were rendered as stated; and that they were necessary for the public service

/s/ D. H. Wood  
Quartermaster

Received at Richmond, Va. the 1st day of August 1864 of Captain E. Carrington, Qm.

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FRANK TAYLOR  
CHARLOTTE SIMAS

EVANS

1	2	3	4	5	6
S	D	D	D	S	S
DANIEL MORGAN TAYLOR	CHARLOTTE TAYLOR RADM ROBLEY J. EVANS	EMILY TAYLOR FRED MCGUIRE	VIRGINIA TAYLOR ROBIN TAYLOR (SPOUSE)	RADM HENRY CLAY T. (ORIG OF NAUWEE) MISS MARY MCGUIRE	FRANK TAYLOR USA MISS MILDRED WENDEL
67 D- HARRIS MIDDLETON VANMUELLER	<p><sup>0</sup>APT S-FRANK TAYLOR EVANS, USN A GERTRUDE PULLMAN</p> <p>NO CHILDREN</p> <p>D-CHARLOTTE EVANS CAPT CHARLES CARLTON MARCH, USN (DECEASED) COR HAROLD ISHEWOOD</p> <p>B NO CHILDREN</p> <p>D-VIRGINIA SIMAS EVANS HOWARD I. GILES SEWELL (OF BOSTON)</p> <p>S-RIPLEY EVANS SEWELL (DIED IN INFANCY)</p> <p>D-DOROTHY NEVILLE SEWELL RICHARD MONTGOMERY, (DECEASED) NEWS CASTER IN LONDON</p>		<p>S-ROBIN TAYLOR A (BACHELOR)</p> <p>S-DOUGLAS TAYLOR B (BACHELOR)</p>	<p>D-MARY TAYLOR ADM JAY J. CHASE</p> <p>S-JAY</p> <p>S-HARRY</p> <p>D-MARY</p> <p>3 CAPT - NAVY D-BETTY MISS CADDWALL</p> <p>A 4</p> <p>D-NEVILLE TAYLOR WALTER ROCKWELL (SON OF ADM) GHERARDI</p> <p>S-W.R.G. - NAVY</p> <p>S-HARRY TAYLOR G. - NAVY</p> <p>D-MARRIED IN NAVY</p> <p>3</p> <p>D-MARRIED IN NAVY</p> <p>B 4</p> <p>S-FRANK</p>	<p>MISS WENDELL SISTER MARRIED GEOERGE WILKIE SMITH</p> <p>ATTEN IN TAFT</p> <p>D-DORA (SPINSTER)</p> <p>D-EMILY CAPT EDWARD KELLOGG USA (DECEASED)</p> <p>D-MILDRED DR RAYNOR WHITING, USA</p> <p>S-FRANK TAYLOR S-JAMES RAYNOR</p> <p>S-FRED</p> <p>D-NANCY</p> <p>S-PRESLEY</p>

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giving Bob Evans

Evans  
File

273-274

Cogban does his with a pencil  
I do mine with a pen  
But you sit in the coming tower  
Crossing a thousand men  
Cogban takes care of his business  
and I take care of mine.

To him who hath shall be given  
and that's why I send these stones  
To the man who has lived  
more stones than Cogban or I  
could invent.

~~frank~~



Dear Mrs. Kennedy:

First let me thank you for writing so soon after your bereavement, and to say, from my own experience, that time will heal the hurt in your heart, especially if you keep busy. Perhaps the research you plan to do on your family is just what you need, and if you should come across something on a Samuel T. Evans, born in Fairfax County, Virginia, about 1847, we also will benefit.

Mrs. Jacob furnished us with brief information on a Jackson Evans of Pittsboro County, Va., who was 34 years old and obviously not the boy Samuel, who was only 14 when he entered the Confederate Army in 1862. She referred us to other records, however, which have been helpful.

We now have identified the brother of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, as Private Samuel T. Evans, who served in 1862 (was treated for wounds at Gen. Hospital #2, Richmond in December 1862), enlisted with Pelham's Company, of Chew's Batta., Horse Artillery on April 15, 1863, and being unfit for field duty (on account of wounds and later severe illness) was assigned as a Courier between the Adjutant and Inspector General's Office and Headquarters of General Robert E. Lee. His name appears on a number of cards in "Old Records, Confederate" in the Office of the Adjutant General, Army, at the National Archives building here in Washington, which tell the story of his duty, hospitalization, transfer to private quarters, return to duty, with monthly pay accounts, expenses by day as a courier, etc. We now have a comparatively clear record of his service throughout the war.

There are other questions still to be cleared up, such as (1) his middle name (we have only the initial T); (2) his activities and whereabouts after the war's end (we believe he practiced medicine in Texas, but have no record of his schooling); (3) date and place of death; and (4) information concerning his family (wife and children, if any).

We will appreciate your mentioning our request for such information in your U. D. G. column, and anything you find that you think might help us in our search will be gratefully received.

Sincerely,

Josephine M. Crawford  
Head, Biographies Section, OI-023

Mrs. Kemble K. Kennedy  
Historian-General, U. D. G.  
2343 Terrace Avenue  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

one cannot blame them much. I said to an old resident in the East the other day that he must not abuse the missionaries (for I try to defend them here) to which he replied: "I don't abuse them. I have some very good friends among them - pretty good, honest people. They are curious, but I really don't abuse them."

At Peking we were met by our Minister, the 1st Secretary of Legation, and Captain Brewster with the Legation Guard to receive Robley, and were taken to the Legation, now in a Temple, where the Gongs gave us a most kindly welcome. They had made it very habitable while the new Legation was being built, and have a pretty drawing-room and dining room. Gertrude and Taylor had a room facing the drawing-room, Robley and I one facing the



EVANS

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :  
FROM :  
SUBJECT:

Fred -  
Nancy  
Capt J. R. Wallace  
Copenhagen, Denmark

DATE:

~~Capt J. R.~~  
~~J. R. Wallace~~  
~~Maryde~~  
~~Taylor~~

Mrs. F. T. Evans  
(The Admiral)  
←

~~Capt J. R. Wallace~~  
Capt J. R. Wallace  
Great Lakes, etc.



Mary Chase  
Capt & Mrs Roberts

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G. L.

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A-4-255

x X-3-171 1 Mar 1856 B/s for Saml A J Evans of Floyd City Va to Geo H Evans of Pa  
all etc to down land now held for life of Jane Jackson, widow of Richard Jackson

K-3-149

74-375

x L-3-107 11 Jan 1847 B/s for Chas Jackson of Floyd City Va to Saml A J Evans  
tract of 1200<sup>ac</sup> & all etc under & within same Jackson

X-3-58 Kind on Orange & Blue Ry for Saml Evans et al of Pa

83 194<sup>a</sup> Backback R. to Saml Evans et al for Cruxton

Y-3-46 see below

7/Berkley County (Now W Va)

Y-3-46 25 Sept 1856 - Deed for N Conrad & Joanna, ux, to  
William Evans

\$ = 800<sup>00</sup>

This is a certain House & lot in the Village of Providence, Fd City, Va  
Evans lot. on the Southeast end of the Village, on the Temple Road  
It is just and bounded by South East Street of said Village,  
where Bennett on the North West and by the lots of Sangster and  
King has Mitchell and which was lately purchased by said  
his other Conrad of Fd Richardson - containing 2 acres, more or less  
Conrad's Deed before JPs of Berkley County Va (now W Va)  
3  
Rec 26 Sept 1856

M 2-137 Ratchiffe Plat of Town of Providence

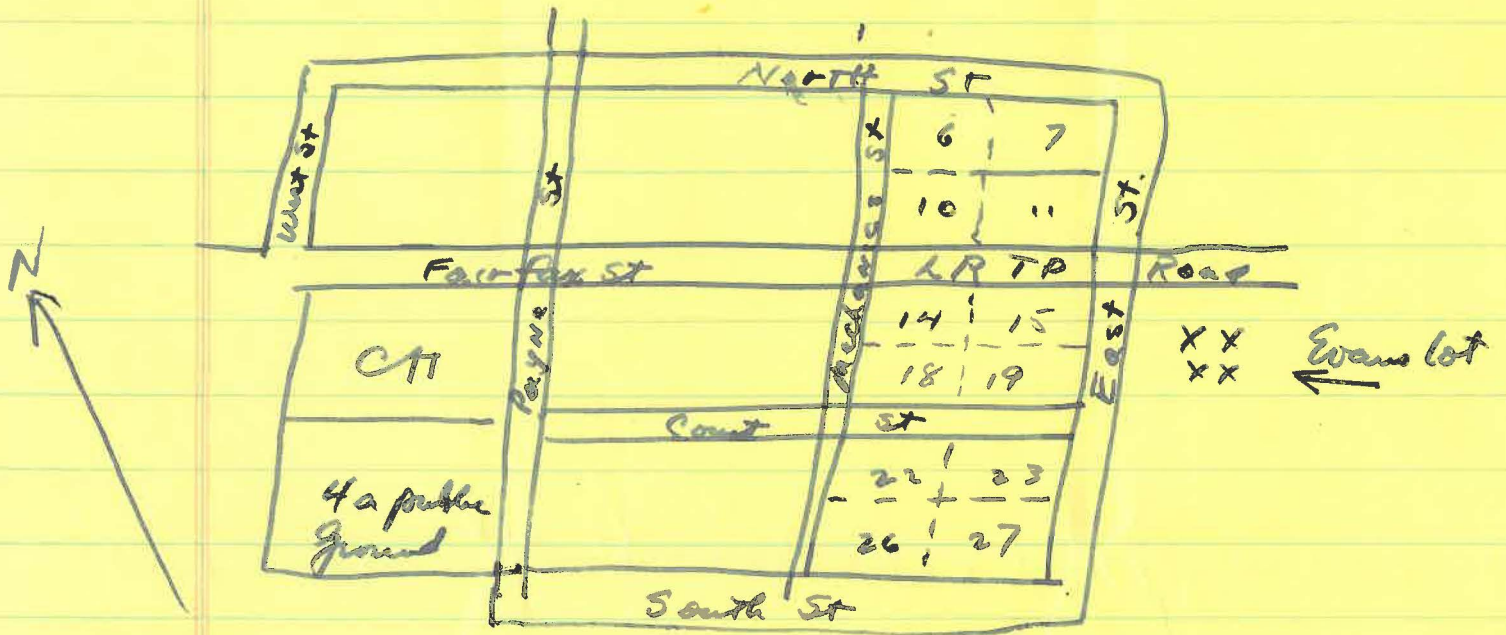
0-3-207 John H Halley " Aug 1836

latter plat made in suit of Mrs Ratchiffe Oct Term 1834

Report of Surveyor states all lots are 8x10 pos & contain 1/2 acre ea  
see over for plat



# Plat of Town of Fairfax



9-1-152

Evans lot T-5-611 lot in @ sold WP Moseme

Sold in 1894 see Jennie B Atkins v Mariana Thornton <sup>not found</sup> deced 1894

This has to do with dower lot  
 Suit of Evans v Moore - Final #216 - gives genealogy of Evans family from ~~Adm~~ Samuel A. J. Evans - three grandchild of Adm R D Evans - suit to sell Jackson Dower lot Mrs Pepper, wife of Capt. - Pepper, was before ma. to Pepper widow of Adm R D Pepper. No mention of Wm Evans however

No will of William Evans of record here

Interest in dower lot acquired Samuel A J Evans of Floyd County VA

He sold to George H Evans of Balto Md.