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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,

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