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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,

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