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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,

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