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

Dear Mrs. Jaco:

Upon the suggestion of Mrs. Clenn 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

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