

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,

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