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## REES EVANS AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS

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1. REES EVANS,\* born in Wales, 10 March 1719, married Bridget who was born May 1726. They emigrated from Wales in 1752 and settled in Chester County, Pennsylvania, Vincent Township. Martha Evans, a descendant, at Concord Depot, Va., has the receipt for the passage of Rice (Rees) Evans, wife and child, from Dublin, Ireland to Philadelphia, Pa., which is dated Dublin April 7th, 1752 and signed by Nathaniel Stokes. On 27 Apr. 1778 Rees Evans took the oath of Allegiance in Chester County Pa. On 23 Oct. 1778 he acquired 340 acres of land in what was then Bedford County, Va., but now Campbell County, which was created out of Bedford in 1781, described as located on the Falling River at Naked Creek. There was also conveyed to their son Daniel Evans, 225 acres in the same locality 21 Nov. 1778. There most of the family remained and many of the descendants still are. He died 24 June 1813, age 94 and she 12 Mar. 1815, age 89. In the account of Lewis, Daniel and Rees Evans, brothers from Wales, (per the footnotes), it is stated that Rees went to Loudoun County, Va., where he raised a family. He may have stopped in Loudoun County where George Lewis and family were located, as these two families intermarried and became

\*From "History of Chester County, Pa.," pages 542 and 543, by Futhey and Cope, 1881.

LEWIS EVANS with Sarah, his wife, and children, came from Caernarvonshire, Wales, and settled in Vincent Township, Chester Co., Pa., near what is known as the "Tilt Mills." Here Lewis worked at his trade of a shoemaker until his death, 19 May, 1762, in his 46th year. His widow died 11 Mar., 1806, in her 93rd year. They were buried at Charlestown Presbyterian Church. After his death the family removed to Uwchlan, settled on 62½ acres and in 1766 built a house, which was enlarged in 1801 and is still standing. The farm was increased to 350 acres, of which 333 acres are now (1881) owned by Newton Evans. The home is said to have been, for a time, the headquarters of Gen. Wayne while his forces were encamped on the farm. The children of Lewis and Sarah were: Daniel, John, Barbara, Jeremiah, Sarah, Abel, the last being born on the voyage to this country.

Daniel Evans, son of Lewis and Sarah, was born in Caernarvonshire, Wales, 27 Nov. 1743 and married Esther Benner, who was born in Liepsic, Germany, in 1759. He died 1 Oct. 1820 and she died 10 Aug. 1840. He went to school with Gen. Anthony Wayne, with whom he maintained an intimate friendship till the latter's death. The children of Daniel and Esther were: Lewis, m. Sarah Evans; Isaac; Elizabeth, m. Joshua Evans; Sarah, m. Samuel Nailor; Ezra, m. Eliza King; Mary, m. Robert McClure; Jessie; Daniel; Abel; Henry, m. Eliza Thatcher. Only Mary and Abel are now living (1881). Abel Evans, son of Daniel and Esther, born in Uwchlan Twp. 23 Apr. 1801, married 31 July 1822, Ann, dau. of James and Hannah Wilson. He taught school, was a clerk in his brother Isaac's store, farmed six years, engaged in merchandise nine years, then purchased a farm in West Vincent Twp. from which he removed to Norristown in 1865 and returned to his farm in 1871, then located in Philadelphia in 1879 where he was living in 1881. The seven children of Abel and Hannah are: Isaac B.; James W.; Daniel; Mary E., m. William Shafer; Elizabeth E., m. Isaac Anderson; Abel; Henry T. B. The Evans family is very numerous in Chester County and has always been distinguished for its thrift, public spirit and devotion to its adopted country.

John Evans, of Uwchlan, son of Lewis and Sarah, was born in Wales in 1745 and died Nov. 1783. He married Aug. 1772 Agnes, widow of Thomas Barnard and daughter of Abraham and Lydia Carter of Chester Twp. He was a farmer and hotel keeper. She survived him many years. The children of John and Agnes were: Daniel, b. 10 Aug. 1773, m. Sarah Clinger; Mary, b. 14 Dec. 1776; Sarah, b. 1778, m. Samuel Barber; Silas, b. 1780; Elam, b. 1782, m. Pheba Smith.

DANIEL EVANS and REES EVANS, brothers of Lewis Evans, came from Wales about 1755. Rees (Reese) went to Loudoun County, Virginia, where he raised a family. Daniel settled on a farm in West Whiteland Twp., Pa., now (1881) owned by William E. Lockwood, where he died Sept. 1775, leaving no descendants. He was buried at the Vincent Baptist Church. He devised his farm of 50 acres to his wife Sarah during her life and afterwards to the Vincent Baptist Church, of which he was a member, and to St. Peters' Episcopal Church, of which she was a member.

related, and it seems probable that the Lewis and Evans families may have been friends and neighbors in Chester County, Pa., but it is apparent that the Evans family located and remained in Campbell County, Va.

Children of Rees and Bridget Evans:

2. i. Daniel,<sup>2</sup> b. 22 Mar. 1750; d. 1 Jan. 1829, age 79.
  - ii. Sampson, b. 15 Sept. 1752; d. 16 Aug. 1842, age 90.
  - iii. Elizabeth, b. 27 June 1759 or 1760; d. 23 Jan. 1864, age 104.
  - iv. Nancy Ann, b. 29 Jan. 1764; d. 30 May 1850, age 86.
  - v. Catherine, b. 8 May 1766; d. 19 Nov. 1850, age 85.
  - vi. Letitia, b. 8 Dec. 1769; d. 28 July 1862, age 93.
2. DANIEL<sup>2</sup> EVANS (Rees<sup>1</sup>), was born in Wales 22 Mar. 1750. He came with his parents to Chester County, Pa., in 1752. In 1778 he located with his father in Campbell County, Va., where he died 1 Jan. 1829. He married Jane -----

Children (Evans):

- i. Rees,<sup>3</sup> b. ? ; m. 1833 Martha J. Robertson, dau. of James Robertson. They lived in Campbell County, Va.

One of their children (Evans):

1. Daniel James,<sup>4</sup> b. 25 July 1838; m. Lillian Franklin. He was a Major in the Confederate Army. Their home is at Concord Depot in Campbell County, Va., and they have a son and two daughters (Evans): Rees,<sup>5</sup> Martha and Lillian.
- ii. Nancy, m. Anderson Booth in 1816.
- iii. Thomas, m. Eliza A. Robertson in 1823.
- iv. Eleanor, m. Matthew Thompson in 1811.
- v. Elizabeth (Bridget), m. Daniel Bryant, her cousin—No. 6, iv.
- vi. Letitia, m. William Franklin.

3. SAMPSON<sup>2</sup> EVANS (Rees<sup>1</sup>) was born in Chester County, Pa., 15 Sept. 1752. He married Mary Lewis, daughter of George Lewis of Loudoun County, Va. She was born 15 Sept. 1754. They lived in Campbell County where they died, she 16 Mar. 1838 and he 15 Aug. 1842. (Family record from Bible of Sampson Evans, per notes of Miss Martha Evans 1924).\*

Children (Evans):

- i. Catherine,<sup>3</sup> b. 7 Apr. 1781; unmarried.
- ii. George, b. 3 July 1783; married and went to Ohio; may have been the George Evans who m. Polly Bryan in Campbell Co. in 1808.
- iii. Elizabeth, b. 6 May 1785; d. 27 Oct. 1845; unmarried.
- iv. William, b. 8 June 1787; m. Mary Gibson; lived in Campbell Co.

Children (Evans):

1. Addison,<sup>4</sup> m. Eliza Hunter. 2 children (Evans): Ben W.<sup>5</sup> who lived in Ashland, Ky., in 1905 and Hunter.

\*From the U. S. Pension Office, file No. S. 8440.

Sampson Evans, a resident of Chester County, Pa., entered the service of the U. S. in September 1777, a few days after the battle of Brandywine, as a sergeant in the militia of Pa., Col. William Evans' Regt. He was discharged after serving three months in Pa. and having removed to Bedford County, Va., again entered the service in the Virginia Militia, Col. Charles Tynder's Regt., which assembled at Tory Island in the Staunton River and marched to North Carolina, where they were engaged in the battle of Guilford. After being discharged he again entered the service as a sergeant in the Va. Militia, Col. Booker's Regt. and marched from Bedford County to Yorktown which was besieged by the American Army. After surrender of the British Army at Yorktown he was regularly discharged.

2. James, m. ----- Crawford; 6 children (Evans): Elizabeth<sup>5</sup>; James; Robert; Edward; Nancy; George.
  3. Edward, m. (1) Sally Sandage and (2) Clementine Gillian (widow Hubbard). 5 children (Evans) by (2) marriage: Alice<sup>5</sup>; Sally; Thomas; Hannah; Dana.
  4. Jennie, m. (1) Dr. Davis and (2) Mr. Dedaker. A son by first marriage was John<sup>5</sup> Davis and 3 children (Dedaker) by second marriage were: Mary; Samuel; Leonard.
  5. Mary, m. in 1847 John William Franklin. 7 children (Franklin): William<sup>5</sup>; Sally; Emma; Grace; Mary; Charles; Theresa.
  6. Sally, m. Dr. Samuel Taylor. 7 children (Taylor): Nina<sup>5</sup>; William; Samuel; Walter; Jennie; Mary; Mrs. ----- Campbell.
  7. Rachel, died young.
  - v. Lewis, b. 3 Sept. 1789; probably died young.
  - vi. Margaret, b. 5 Aug. 1792; m. ----- Dickey.
- Children (Dickey):
1. Catherine,<sup>4</sup> unmarried.
  2. James, m. Mary Ellen Wilson. 3 children (Dickey): John<sup>5</sup>; Margaret; Cornelia.
  3. John, m. Elvira Akers; no issue.
  - vii. Daniel, b. 11 Mar. 1795; probably d. young.
  - viii. Mary (Polly), b. 7 June 1797; unmarried.
  - ix. Sampson, b. 14 Apr. 1799; m. Jan. 1837 Elizabeth Gibson (widow Carson); no issue.
4. ELIZABETH<sup>2</sup> EVANS (Rees<sup>1</sup>), was born in Chester County, Pa., 27 June 1759 or 1760. She married Dec. 1783 Lewis Lewis, son of George Lewis of Loudoun County, Va.\* He was born in Chester Co., Pa., 1 Jan. 1756. Their marriage bond in the court files of Campbell County, Va., is dated 15 Dec. 1783. About 1812 they moved from Virginia and settled in Pendleton County, Kentucky, where they died, he 10 Sept. 1822 and she 23 Jan. 1864.

Children (Lewis):

- i. George,<sup>3</sup> b. 4 Oct. 1784; d. 18 July 1861; m. 11 Mar. 1811 Asenath Hutchins. 8 children (Lewis): Mary<sup>4</sup>; Elizabeth; Catherine; Joseph; Gracy; Sarah; Letitia; Julianna.
- ii. Catherine, b. 21 Feb. 1787; d. 17 Dec. 1873; m. 26 Apr. 1813 John Turner. 8 children (Turner): Lewis<sup>4</sup>; Richard; Lucinda; Thomas; Evan; John; Asa; James.
- iii. Letitia, b. ?; d. ?; m. 30 July 1815 Josiah Records. 2 children (Records): Isaac Newton<sup>4</sup>; Elizabeth.
- iv. Rees, b. 9 Jan. 1796; m. (1) 8 Feb. 1821 Esther Taylor and (2) 28 Oct. 1830 Lucinda Pribble. 8 children (Lewis): John F.<sup>4</sup>; Thomas; Margaret; Matilda; Elizabeth E.; Asenath C.; James P.; Lucinda.
- v. David, b. 5 Aug. 1798; d. 17 May 1799.
- vi. Daniel, b. 29 June 1800; d. 30 June 1887; m. Eleanor Davis. 4 children (Lewis): Joanna<sup>4</sup>; Elizabeth; George; Asa.
- vii. Asa, b. 30 Jan. 1803; d. about 1833.
- viii. Evan, b. 7 Sept. 1809; d. 21 Oct. 1880; m. Orpha Sade. 8 children (Lewis): Sarah<sup>4</sup>; Elkanah; Thaddeus; Simpson; Asa; Thomas; Elizabeth; Louisa.

\*A fuller account of this family, GEORGE LEWIS AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS, is contained in the preceding number (April, 1932), of this quarterly. \*\*

\*\*See Volume III of this work, pp. 304-408.

5. NANCY ANN<sup>2</sup> EVANS (Rees<sup>1</sup>), was born in Chester County, Pa., 29 Jan. 1764 and died 30 May 1850. She married in 1786 John Davis.

Children (Davis):

- i. Ellen,<sup>3</sup> married ?
- ii. Bridget, m. James Robertson.
- iii. Nancy, m. George W. Akres.
- iv. Letitia, m. ----- Callahan.
- v. John, m. widow Jordan.
- vi. Daniel, m. and went west.
- vii. David, unmarried.
- viii. Jane, m. James Shearer.

6. CATHERINE<sup>2</sup> EVANS (Rees<sup>1</sup>), was born in Chester Co., Pa., 8 May 1766 and died 19 Nov. 1850. She married John Bryant.

Children (Bryant):

- i. Nancy,<sup>3</sup> m. ----- Dinwiddie.
- ii. John, m. Miss George.
- iii. Agnes, m. Ephriam Gardner.
- iv. Daniel, m. Bridget Evans, his cousin, No. 2, v.
- v. Mary, m. Thomas Bryant.
- vi. Bridget, m. Robert Russell; went to Missouri.
- vii. Elizabeth, m. John Lewellyn.
- viii. Catherine, m. Henry Robinson.

7. LETITIA<sup>2</sup> EVANS (Rees<sup>1</sup>), was born in Chester Co., Pa., 8 Dec. 1769 and died 28 July 1862. She married in 1796 Thomas Franklin.

Children (Franklin):

- i. Henry, m. Rhoda Watkins.
- ii. Thomas, m. Judy Arrington.
- iii. Bridget, m. Moses Carson.
- iv. Margaret, m. ----- Campbell.