

MEMIOR'S OF
CAPT. WILLIE ALFUS EVANS &
WIFE - ELPITINA TYLER EVANS

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& ELPITINA TYLER

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CAPTAIN OF THE BUG EYE C.S. TYLER

B. d.

WRITTEN BY WILLIAM ALFUS EVANS 1858-1937
SON OF BENJAMIN 1828-1866 AND
KATURAH EVANS TYLER 1828-1871

February 18, 1932

1753-1928

As far back as I know Richard Evans better known as King Richard was one of the first settlers of the Island. He was my great great grandfather. Next was Solomon Evans, my great grandfather. Then come [came] William Evans better known as Billy Evans, my grandfather, next my father Benjamin Evans. he was drowned March 6th, 1866. My mother was left with 3 children, my sister Sallie, 14 years old, myself, 8, and my younger sister ^{ACTINA STELL} I was born on the Little River Va. December the 31st, 1857. [We] Moved to Cages [Kedges Straits] in 1863. After my father's death my mother moved to North End April 1866. [She] Had a house built where the School House now is. My younger sister died about two years after. My mother married again in 1869 or 1870 to John Tyler of St. Peter's Creek and we went up there to live. In 1871 she was taken with TB and died February 22, 1872. She had one child by her last marige [marriage] but [it] died about 6 months after she did an my stepfather died 8 months after my mother. My sister and I came down to the Island again. I went to Uncle Tommy Evans to live for awhile. My sister got married that next summer to John A. Bradshaw of Nathun [Nathan]. They went to housekeeping in my mother's house and I went to live with them but she died the next year and I wnet to Uncle Tommy c.'s to live again. [I], Stayed there about 3 more years and wnt to stay to Capt. Alex Tyler's. Stayed there 5 years and then went up to live to St. Peter's to Capt. John Wes Tyler. [I] Stayed there a few years and came and married Elpetina Tyler June 8, 1881. [We] Stayed there [St. Peter's] little over a year than move again to Smith's Island and built a house. Went to housekeeping [in] 1882. We had four children and then removed to our present home. I was taken sick November 22nd, 1924. As far back as I know on my mother's side, her father was Mitchel Evans, brother of Denard Evans of Deal's Island. Her mother was Peggy Evans, sister to Josiah Tyler of Jerico [Jericho]. She, mother, had seven brothers and two sisters. Brothers were Leonard, Dow, Abrim, John, Saul, Tommy and Walice. Sisters were Sally Ann. and Triffy. My mother's name was Keturah or Kity. She was called. She married the second time, four years my father's death to Big John Tyler and went to live up to St. Peter's, Oriole.

A Few Things I am Proud of
(C.S. TYLER - BU984c)

I dredged the same boat for 44 years. Never went to work without first getting my License. never was arrested or found for small oysters or anything else. Never was before a commissioner for

PEGGY EVANS WAS MARGARET TYLER 1811-1878
DAUGHTER OF JOHN (JACKIE) & FANNY EVANS TYLER

not paying crew or ill treating them in any way. Never had a man drowned off my boat. Always tried to obey the laws. Had at the same ¹⁷⁵³ cook for 25 years. For the last 25 years or more [I] did not sail on Sunday to forward business. Never wronged anyone no way in the Oyster Business that I know of.

PAT KING - 1743-1902 — WAS THE COOK

Willie A. Evans
Tylerton

Notes:

Willie A. (Alfus) Evans' great grandfather on his father's side was Richard Evans. - His grandfather was Rev. William Evans, ^B 1797-1878 ^{J%} son of Richard and noted as such in the 1820 Somerset County Maryland Census. Sometime between 1850 and 1860 - Rev. William Evans and some if not all of his family, moved to Northumberland County Virginia where Little River is. Willie A. Evans can be found there in the 1860 Northumberland County Virginia Cunsus with his father and mother. - His great grandfather on his mother's side was Solomon Evans. SEE CHARTS.

WILL OF RICHARD EVANS - SOM. CO. WILLS 1820-1837, FOLIO 142 & 143

b 1753
 d 4 Jul 1828
 Son of RICHARD I - ~~John~~
Richard Evans, wife Euphemia

1ST WIFE ~~KESSIAN~~ EVANS b. 1763 d. 1811 - 31

bc 1780/75	bc 1776	bc 1778/80 83 d pre 1828	bc 1780	bc 1780/85 90 d pre 1815	bc 1785 1793	bc 1790/7	b. 1777 d. 1858 - 81
m Major? Sheppard	m Solomon Marshall 28 Jun 1796 Acc	m Judah	Jacob Bradshaw 30 Jul 1800 Acc	m Jemima Bradshaw	m Severn Mister 2 Jul 1805	m Rachel Evans 11 Aug 1819 Som	No data m. — EVANS BURIED AT RHOPE'S PT.
<u>Anna</u>	<u>Judah</u>	<u>Richard</u>	<u>Lavinia</u>	<u>Benjamin</u>	<u>Keziah</u>	<u>William</u>	<u>Priscilla</u>

DAUGHTERS
 KESSIAN
 SALLY
 HENRIETTA (MARRIED RITTY)

d young

Accomack
 m Zipporah
 Tyler

bc 1820	bc 1822	bc 1827	b 31 Oct 1828 d 6 Mar 1866
Northum-berland Va	Northum-berland Va	Northum-berland Va	Smith's Island
m Amelia Evans	m Mitchel Evans	m Kiturah Evans	

RHODA BRADSHAW
Nathan(iel) - Richard - Elizabeth

Benjamin - Henry - Ebing - Hamilton

Lewis - Lardelia - Rachel - Benjamin - Richard - Angeline

WILL OF SOLOMON EVANS SOM WILLS JP-5, 1837-1959, FOLIO 209 & 210

b 1760

d 1852

m 1 SARAH MISTER b.1759 d.1845-86

m 2 Polly Bradshaw NANCY BLOODSWORTH PRICE
24 Dec 1797

Solomon Evans

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b 1792
d 1857

b 1790
d 15 Apr 1868
m Hannah Evans
27 Dec 1808 Som

10 Oct 1801
29 Mar 1864
m Benjamin Evans of Jesse

b 1802
d 1860

m 1 _____

m 2 Peggy Tyler

Deal's Island

Ohio

Mitchel

- Denard

- Zekiah

- his wife
Charity

- MARRIED
Mason

his wife

↓ ↓ ↓
Julia Ann - Mitchel - Leonard - Kiturah - Sally Ann - Lorenzo D. - John D. - Solomon S. Thomas G. Trephenia - Christopher W.

March 15, 1947

Mrs. Elpetina Evans writing this.

I will commence writing a few lines. When I was a child our parents were Alex Tyler and Sarah Tyler; 6 children, Edward P. Tyler, Laura Tyler Bradshaw, Labin [Lakan] Tyler, Elpetina Tyler Evans, Ida Tyler Bradshaw, Manie Tyler Marshall. Our parents were strict and kind to we [us] children [they] wanted us always to do right. We minded our parents when he [they] said to one of we [us] children go do so and so we went immediately. Never said I can't go, let one of the others go, but said go to rest one time he meant it. We obeyed our parents. They teached [taught] us to be honest and to tell the truth. We children were all born up in the Pines. We had a pleasant home. My father was sick 7 years befour [before] he was taken sick. When we had dinner we were called in the Parlor. We knelt by a chair and he prayed to us and we repeated the Lord's Prayer. I have never forgotten it. My father kept store when he was taken sick (when he was taken sick.) He went to Crisfield to have his boat rided [rigged] up and was taken sick and had to come home. Brother Eddie had to take charge of the store. He was young, his age was 17 years when he took charge. Uncle Jimmy Evans, Mother's brother would come down and give him advice how to do. Eddie was glad to have him come. My father's trouble was nerve trouble, couldn't stand company. He was a nice father. When he was sick he couldn't do much reading. I would read to him every morning. The chapter would be Psalms 34th Chapter (Psalms.) Learn [I learned] to read it by heart. When Ida and I went to school we had to get up early and do the washing before we went to school. So we would not miss our lesson we would have 5 minutes to get to school as we lived up the Pines. See how our parents was [were] strict with us. We had no service, only to the old Church. When it get [got] warm we went to Sunday School and learned the catechism. They had no organ. They would sing beautiful. When we were children how we enjoyed it. They would take us to church at North End in a canoe. Had to go back and forth, take in water and had to bail out water, we all went through a lot to get to Church and now the Church is at the door waiting for us to come in to hear the Gospel preached and fine singing. Very few go. What is the matter with the people? It seems like they have forgotten their dear Savior. I hope they will wake up and go to Church more often. When we were children, Saturday evening we were to take all our play toys and put them away until Monday morning. We did not take them out on Sunday like the children are doing

today. The parents, the Lord will hold them responsible. It reads in the Bible, "Shall your children be your judges."

I always made it a practice when one died to go visit them in their home. Often they have bereaved them. One time I went to see a widow lady. She was by herself. Her children were all married. One [she] was so glad to see me, she said I am so glad to see you. [You] Have comforted me so much and she thanked me so much. When I was well I would go and see the bereaved ones. I thought it was my duty. Try to go to dear ones to see them when you may go. When Ida and I went to see our girl friends we had to ask our parents could we go. They would say to us stay one hour, we had to come at that time. If we didn't we would be punished for not minding but she [they] never done [did] that often. But time has come when they come and go like they want. The children has [have] too much money to spend. We children did not have much to spend. Our parents thought it would make us spend thrifts. They done it so when we were married we had learned to save and not to spend thrift. I am glad my parents learned [taught] me how to save. We had no money to spend, didn't know what it was to go to the store and buy candy. My father had a store. He would not allow us to go behind the counter. It might learn [teach] us to take things. We feel [felt] proud of our father's teaching us home every time. We remember these things. We tried to teach our children to do the right thing as our father taught us. We went to Sunday School every Sunday and everyday School. When we were old enough to ware [wear] nice clothes we would have one nice dress and that was wore [worn] over and a while it wasn't put on. When we said to ware [wear] it we had to ask mother what we must we ware [wear.] Mother, she would say ware [wear] that dress not the good one this Sunday. We minded her but now these days I think they suit themselves. There may be a few [whc] minds there [their] parents. Let the parents see to there [their] children, that parents are head of there [their] children like we children was brought up to be, saving and not going beyond their means. I am glad I was taught that way to serve. When we went to the table we were taught to say thank the Dear Lord [for] what we have to eat. I am writing this how we were taught. Now I will tell you how we had to ware [wear] our coats.

When we got a coat it would last us several years. We did not put it on when we went out anytime. [We] Wore it on Sunday. We wore older coats to save our good ones. There were no ice cream cones, very little of ice cream. When our parents had company we children would come in and take a seat and set very quiet. We would behave ourselves and act nice. We were taught that way and we had to mind our parents. If we didn't we would get punished. We were not allowed to destroy peoples' property like there [they are] doing today. I feel so sorry for the children ['s] parents not letting them go to school,

wandering up and down, getting in mischief and learning bad language and fighting. How sorry I am for the children. When we children got married we had to look out for ourselves. We did not depend on our parents. It is the best way to do [it]. That was the way we brought them up. We were kind to them [children].

In our day [there were] No crab houses. They fished and tended to there [their] place, raising plenty of potatoes and vegetables and put there [their] fish up for the winter, killed hogs and killed a beef. That run [ran] us all winter. [We] Didn't have to go to the store for everything. We were not allowed to be on the road very often [only] once and a while. People would talk about it. We had 4 children, Sadie, Laura, Eddie and Gordon. They were nice children to us.

Elpetina Evans

End Notes:

Elpetina **Tyler** was the daughter of Alexander D. and Sarah **Evans** Tyler. She was born 19 May 1863, died 27 September 1950, and is buried at Tylerton, Smith's Island Maryland. On 8 June 1881 she married Willie Alfus Evans, born 31 December 1858 died 15 April 1937, the son of Benjamin and Kiturah **Evans** Evans.

Alexander D. Tyler, Merchant.
 Born: 7 July 1831
 Died: 9 July 1879
 Buried: Tylerton, Smith's Island Maryland.
 Son of: John L. and Ann Tyler Tyler.

Sarah Tyler
 Born: 1831
 Died: 1907
 Buried: Tylerton, Smith's Island Maryland.
 Dau. of: Laban Sr. and Sally Parks Evans.

Children:

1. Edward Party
 Born: 1857
 Died: 1921
 Buried: Tylerton, Smith's Island Maryland.
 Married: 21 May 1879, Somerset County, Maryland, Margaret A. Bradshaw, daughter of William H. and Maranda Evans Bradshaw.

2. Laura A.
 Born: ~~Jan 11~~, 1859
 Died: ~~Jan 27~~, 1885
 Buried: Pitchcroft, Ewell, Smith's Island, Maryland.
 Married: 17 May 1876, Somerset Co. Maryland, Arron Benjamin Bradshaw, son of Haney and Polly Parks Bradshaw, He married 2nd., Martha Ann Avry Crockett Pruitt, widow, daughter of Elliotte and Catherine Pruitt Crockett of Tangier.

3. Maria ~~1858~~
 Born: c1859
 Died: 1868/70 s.p.

Maria Tyler was listed in the 1860 Somerset County Maryland Census. Elpetina Tyler Evans did not mention her, She was born before her and probably died before Elpetina was born.

4. Laban
 Born: Fall of 1860
 Died: 1868
 Buried: Tylerton, Smith's Island Maryland.

5. Elpetina
 Born: 16 May 1863
 Died: 27 September 1950
 Buried: ~~Ewell~~, Smith's Island Maryland.
 Married: 8 June 1881, Somerset Co. Maryland, William A. (Willie Alfus,) Evans, son of Benjamin of William and Kiturah Evans Evans, by Reverend C. Griese.

6. *Ida Jane*
 Born: 25 March 1864
 Died: 2 April ~~1929~~ 1929 *correct*
 Buried: Tylerton, Smith's Island Maryland.
 Married: 27 June 1883, Smith's Island, Maryland, Cornelius N. (Charles Wess,) Bradshaw, son of Nathan and Zipporah Bradshaw. Preacher came from Tangier, to perform the ceremony.

7. *Mary Alice (Marie,)*
 Born: 5 September 1875
 Died: 18 April 1935
 Buried: Tylerton, Smith's Island Maryland.
 Married: 3 May 1888, Somerset Co. Maryland, John T. Marshall all son of Peter J. and Christina Tyler Marshall.

8. ELLEN L.
 BORN 1867
 DIED 1870
 BURIED TYLERTON SMITH ISLAND MARYLAND
 D.S.P. 3 YEARS OLD

