SOLOMON PETER EVANS 1847-1918

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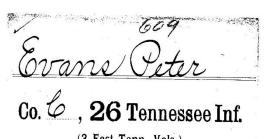
Solomon Peter & Margaret Underwood (Maggie) EVANS.

Peter Evans was born June 13, 1847 in Buncombe County, North Carolina. He was the eldest son of William A. and Mary Evans. His brothers and sisters were Jim, Martha, Tom, Radie and Andrew.

Very little information is known about Peter's childhood years. Documents from U.S. Federal Records have been found regarding his military service in the Confederate Army. On October 18, 1862, he enlisted in Company C, 26 Tennessee Infantry by Captain Ed Allen at Taylorsburg in Cocke County Tennessee. Peter was 15 years old when he enlisted.

Family stories tell that Peter was an excellent horseman and that on one occasion he rode in battle through the Union line. It is also said that he served as a spy for the South. He pretended to be a deaf and dumb tramp so that he could move freely around the Union Troops. It is said that he was tested by the Union troops to prove that he was really deaf by firing a rifle next to his ear to see if he would flinch. If the story is true, he apparently played his role very well.

His military records show that he was admitted to St. Mary's Hospital in Dalton Ga. by P. H. Wright, Ast. Surgeon of the 26 Tennessee Infantry. He was diagnosed as having Typhoid Fever. On June 17, 1863, he was transferred to the General Hospital at Tunnell Hill Ga. These records place him around the famous battles of Chickamauga and Lookout Mountain.



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Clisby Austin House in Tunnell Hill, Georgia. This house was used as a hospital during the Civil War. Peter was probably here during his recovery from Typhoid Fever from June to August 1863.