## **UPDATED EVANS FAMILY HISTORY**

On 8 October 1887, Dave Evans married Hattie Wilkins, in Greeneville, Tennessee. This is believed to be the origin of the family. Dave Evans was born 1869 and Hattie was born 1872. To this union was born 13 children:

Lou V. Evans 1889
Mary M. Evans 1890
James P. Evans 1892
Roy L. Evans 1894
Jessie V. Evans 1898
Mattie L. Evans Claiborne 1899-1970
Georgie Evans 1901
Willie Evans 1906
Emile Evans 1907
Lucille Evans Dehart 1908-1972
Venny and Jenny Evans (Two twin girls still born)
Elizabeth Evans Hill 1911

Hattie Elizabeth Evans (mother) died when the oldest girl, Mary M. Evans was married to Peter Allen Broyles. The youngest child Elizabeth Evans Hill was 4 years old. There is not much information about the mother.

Dave Evans after the death of his wife, son and four daughters moved his family from Greeneville, Tennessee to Philadelphia, Tennessee, with Mattie L. Claiborne looking after her youngest brother and sister.

Dave Evans lived in Philadelphia, Tennessee for a while, he built a house and did farm work. Then the family moved by wagon, crossing the Tennessee River on a ferry to Concord to the Winfred Place where he did farm work; such as raising horses, cows and pigs. He ran the Winfred Farm for rent and food for his family. If he did extra work he was paid in money. Soon his family grew up and moved away. Dave moved from Concord, Tennessee to Black Oak Ridge, Tennessee where he continued to do farm work.

Dave Evans was a strict disciplinarian with his family. He was of the Presbyterian faith. He loved to sit on the porch on Sunday evening and sign notes. Dave Evans was talented in telling the weather by vision. It

was said that 95% of the time he was right. He could do carpenter work as well as farming. God's hand guided him through the years of losing most of his family. Dave was a strong and determined man to go on and never give up the fight to survive the bad times.

In 1946 he left Black Oak Ridge (for the last time) to come to Knoxville for a visit with his son, Will Evans and 3 daughters, Elizabeth Hill, Mattie Claiborne, Lucille Dehart. He became ill and passed away in the fall.

The old church and the school house in Greeneville, Tennessee are all gone. The origin of the Evans Family, Family History was donated by the only surviving member of the original family. Elizabeth Evans Hill.