

Obt. Margaret Ellen (Shanks) Evans
md Thomas Jefferson Evans
d/o William Simon Shanks & Margaret "Peggy" Maddux

Death Certificate Rol 119 Putnam Co., Dist. 11 page 366.

Widow age 88 died of Cattarrh of bowels, no Doctor in attendance, Joseph Carr = Ut. Silver Point, TN

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Margaret Ellen was born January 7, 1832. Professed religion in October 1849, and joined the Methodist Church about the close of the Civil War. She was married to Thomas Jefferson Evans June 22, 1850, being in her 18th year. They lived happily together 12 years and 11 months; six children being born to them, five girls and one boy. Her husband enlisted in the War in Oct. 1861, and lived only until the 17th of the following April, he having taken sick in camps at Tullahoma where he died and was buried. Thus she was left to battle through life alone with five little children to support, the oldest being only nine years old, and the baby being not a year old. One little girl died just before the father's death. Margaret died May 22, 1920, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joe Carr, three miles below Boma, her three surviving children, Simon Obadiah "Bud" Evans, Mrs. Carr, and Mrs. W. E. Jared, being with her. She was in her 89th year, and leaves a great number of descendents, over 200 in number, besides many other relatives, who will miss her friendly counsel and her lifelong example of industry and thrift.

Her remains were laid to rest Sunday in the lot that she had selected in the beautiful Smellage Cemetery near Boma, a vast concours of people having assembled to pay their last respects to this grand old lady, the funeral being conducted by three of her grandsons, Revs. D.A., S.M., and John O. Ensor, assisted by Rev. J.A. Harris.

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