



Simon Obadiah "Bud" Evans Obituary
Herald Citizen Newspaper: 14 January 1932,
Cookeville, TN

b. 25 March 1853, Rock Springs, TN
d. ca. January 1932, San Francisco, CA

The news has come to Cookeville relatives that Simon Obadiah "Bud" Evans, 79, has passed away in San Francisco, CA, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Amanda Feely, after a short illness with pneumonia. He had only been out there a few weeks on a visit with several of his children, but for the past year or more he had been suffering with an ailment of the heart.

Mr. Evans was born at Rock Springs, TN on March 25, 1853, and had spent most of his life in the lower part of Putnam County, excepting several extended visits with his children in the far west. While he was just a boy his father, Thomas J. Evans, entered the Confederate army and was wounded and died soon thereafter, leaving a widow (the late Mrs. Margaret Evans) and five children with "Bud" the only son. He was of a very rugged constitution and lived a very active life, especially enjoying gardening, fishing and hunting until the last, and was of a very generous and kindly nature.

Mr. Evans is survived by nine children, two sons, Joe Evans, of San Francisco, CA, and Benton Evans of Atlanta, GA, seven daughters, Mrs. Amanda Feely, Mrs. Meda Sadler and Mrs. Virginia Chisholm, of San Francisco, CA, Mrs. Mollie Sutton, of near Ashland City, Mrs. Hattie Hayden, of Nashville, Mrs. Mattie Bruce and Mrs. Myrtle Watts, of this county besides quite a large number of grandchildren and other relatives, including two sisters, Mrs. Joe H. Carr and Mrs. W. E. Jared, of this county.

"Uncle Bud" Evans Famous Fiddler of Putnam, Dead
Cookeville, TN, January 15 – (Special) *Newspaper Article*

"Uncle Bud" Evans, one of Putnam County's far famed old time violinists, died this week after a brief illness with pneumonia while on a visit at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Amanda Feely in San Francisco. The information as to his death came as a shock to his many relatives and friends in Putnam County.

Simon Obadiah Evans was born seventy-nine years ago in Rock Springs Valley, this county. He resided in the county practically all of his life. His father, Thomas J. Evans a gallant Confederate soldier was killed in battle. The deceased was known to all the people of Putnam County simply as "Uncle Bud" Evans. Few people knew his given name so universally was he known as "Uncle Bud."

Although 79 years old, he did not appear to be over 60, being wonderfully well preserved. His heavy hair and beard never turned white, in fact the gray was hardly noticeable.

As a “country fiddler” it is doubtful whether “Uncle Bud” ever had a superior. To the end of his life he was never so happy as when playing his old time favorites on his violin. He had played his violin to several different states and everywhere he won the highest commendation. Because he had several children living in California, he had for many years been in the habit of visiting that State each year and Tennesseans living throughout California would flock to hear the playing of the “Old Tennessee Fiddler.” As he called himself when out of his home State.

He was engaged in farming in a small way all of his life, but fishing, growing watermelons and his violin were the three things in which he took the greatest interest.

It is safe to say that he had caught more fish out of Caney Fork River than any other man who ever lived, and no man in this section of the State ever raised more and better watermelons than did “Uncle Bud.”

He was a man of rare native ability with a fine sense of humor. His kindness was proverbial.

He was a great swimmer and diver, and until past middle age was recognized as the best swimmer and diver in this county. During his life time he found and brother from the water the bodies of seventeen persons who were drowned in Caney Fork River.

“Uncle Bud” was a man of the strictest integrity and was possessed of unbounded moral and physical courage.

He was one of the outstanding characters of Putnam County, a county which has always been noted for its many “characters.”

Surviving him are nine grown children; two sons, Joe Evans of San Francisco and Benton Evans of Atlanta and seven daughters Sara Amanda Felly, Mrs. Meda Sadler and Mrs. Virginia Chisholm of San Francisco; Mrs. Mollie Sutton of Ashland City; Mrs. Mattie Hayden of Nashville and Mrs. Mattie Bruce and Mrs. Myrtle Watts of Putnam County; also two sisters, Mrs. Joe H. Carr and Mrs. W. E. Jared of this county.

Thomas Jefferson Evans: d. 17 April 1862, Tullahoma, TN during the Civil War.
md June 22, 1850

Margaret Ellen Shanks: b. 7 January 1832 – d. 22 May 1920

Buried: Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN

...Simon Obadiah “Bud” Evans – b. 25 March 1853, Rock Springs, TN

d. ca. January 1932, San Francisco, CA md Jane Anderson – b. 30 September 1851,
TN – d. 14 September 1887- twin to Anna Anderson. Her parents were:

Thomas Shirley Anderson Jr., (s/o Thomas Shirley Anderson Sr. & Judith Robinson)

& Louisa Alexander, d/o Reuben B. Alexander & Elizabeth Johnson

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Reel 182 D-I 16th Inf Co F Confederate Civ War **THOMAS J EVANS** Pvt
Enlisted Dec 29 1862 at home by F. W. Amonett for 3 years. Absent on duty in
Murfreesboro Dec 31 1862. Jan.-Feb., 1862= Present. Never Paid. Sent to hospital
April 14 1863 March-April, 1863 = Sick in hospital. Chattanooga, Tn. July 15 1863 =
Remarks: Died at Tullahoma, Tn. Copyist= A. C. Black . Amount of money left= \$5.00
*See Family Sheet for Simon Obadiah "Bud" Evans – Anderson Family Files.

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