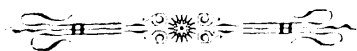


EVANS, James, an old soldier,  
b. Green Co., O., 1836. Son of Wm.  
L. Evans of Va., and grandson of  
George James. m. 1867 Anna  
Farmer. Children: Irvin L., Dollie  
V., Jesse A., Edward T., Frank  
and Ralph. (Died at his home  
near Searsboro Apr. 28, 1914. Ob.)  
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JAMES D. EVANS. We take especial pleasure in chronicling the history of the brave veterans of the late war who have suffered so much and have so valiantly preserved to this and all coming generations this glorious land of the free, and among those to whom all honor is due is numbered our subject. He is a leading farmer on section 35, Washington Township, Poweshieck County.

William L. Evans, the father of our subject, was born in Virginia, as was also his father, George Evans, who was of Welsh descent, his ancestors having emigrated to America in the Colonial days. George Evans was one of the early settlers in Greene County, Ohio, where he engaged in farming, and there died about sixty years of age. The father of our subject was a school teacher when a young man and came to this county in 1854 from Ohio, making the journey by wagons. He made a settlement at Forest Home, where he purchased land and developed a farm. He was called to the home beyond in June, 1871. His wife was formerly Miss Dollie Glass, whose birth occurred in Virginia. After rearing a family of eight children, three being deceased, she died when about forty years of age. She was a faithful and consistent member of the Christian Church, and both she and her husband were held in the highest respect throughout the county.

James D. Evans was born March 3, 1836, in Greene County, Ohio, and is the eldest child of his father's family. His education was such as could be obtained in the old-fashioned log school-house, with its primitive methods of imparting knowledge. When only eighteen years of age he left his father's roof-tree and came to the then Far West of this State. He located in Poweshieck County and for a few years engaged in laboring by the month. On the 28th of July, 1862, he enlisted in the Twenty-eighth Iowa Infantry, becoming a member of Company C. At different times he was stationed in Arkansas, Mississippi and Texas, taking part in the engagement at Sabine Cross Roads, on the Red River campaign, and was there taken prisoner and sent to Tyler Prison in Texas, where he languished in confinement for thirteen months and nineteen days. For a part of the time he received very hard treatment at the hands of the rebels, and certainly no consideration would induce him to again pass through those trying times. He was mustered out of service at Davenport, Iowa, July 7, 1865. As a slight recognition of his valued services the Government is now paying him a pension of \$8 per month.

On the 14th of November, 1867, Mr. Evans and Miss Anna Farmer, a native of Greene County,

Ohio, were united in marriage. Mrs. Evans came with her parents to Iowa in 1850 and was reared to womanhood in this State, receiving a good education. Seven children have graced the union of this worthy couple, six of whom are living, their names being as follows: Irvin L., Dollie V., Jesse A., Edward T., Frank and Ralph.

Soon after his marriage our subject located on a tract of raw land, on which no improvements had been made. His farm now comprises two hundred and twenty-two acres, which yield an abundant revenue to the owner, who is engaged in raising grain and large numbers of cattle, horses and hogs. He erected his present comfortable residence in 1875, and in 1889 put up a large barn. On every hand abundant proof is given of the carefulness and thrifty ways of the owner of this fertile and well-developed farm, for everything is kept in a creditable manner and the most approved methods of modern farming are used.

Since becoming a voter Mr. Evans has used his right of franchise in favor of the Republican party and has served his fellow-townsmen in various official positions, the duties of which he has discharged with fidelity. For several terms he has been Trustee of the township. He has been a witness of great changes in this section of the country since taking up his abode here. Beginning empty-handed he has certainly achieved a remarkable success and is in the enjoyment of a goodly income. He is a member of Montezuma Post, G. A. R., and has an especially warm place in his heart for the "boys in blue," the brave defenders of the Union.

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Montezuma Republican: James B. Evans died at his home near Searsboro Wednesday morning, at 3 o'clock, following an illness of several months. Last fall or winter he suffered a stroke of paralysis and since that time had been in failing health.

Deceased was born in Ohio about 78 years ago and came to Poweshiek county when about 20 years of age. For years he resided on a farm near Forest Home. When President Lincoln called for volunteers, Mr. Evans enlisted in the 28th Iowa and served during the war.

Returning to Poweshiek county he moved to near Searsboro where he began farming again. His efforts were successful, and he accumulated considerable property. He was well known over the county and especially so among the older citizens and the old soldiers who served in the 28th.

Surviving are the wife, and five children, four sons and one daughter, Irvin of Grinnell, Edward, Jesse and Frank of near Searsboro, and Mrs. Gregson of Washington township.

The death of Mr. Evans removes a well known and highly respected pioneer citizen. The family will have the sympathy of all in their sorrow.