

Private Evan Larmer
Company B – 25th Virginia Cavalry

Evan was born in February 17, 1845. He was the third son of Thomas J. and Katherine H. Larmer of Lee County, Virginia.

The 1860 census shows Evan as a 15 year old student.

Evan enlisted in Co. B of the 25th Virginia Cavalry on 8-19-1862 in Lee County. His brother Samuel was the Captain of the company and his brother James was a private in the company. Evan was detached as a cook for the company.

A record exists that his saddle was condemned in June, 1863.

In an undated recollection Evan noted, *“we had scanty rashes & porley closed the only close I got my dear old Mother sent me. Som of my comlads were almost ber footed & raged close . . . at times we suffered greatly.”*

The 25th served most of the war in E. Tennessee and Georgia under General Wheeler. In 1864 they were in several engagements in SW Virginia and then were attached to General Early's command in the Valley and Lynchburg.

In April, 1865, Evan wrote, *“We were ner Linchburg when the surrender I with som of our company broke for home . . . went to Cumberling Gap & was proled. We travled day & knite getting home we didnt wate for any orders when we lerned of Lee surrendering.”*

Evan was paroled on April 29, 1865.

Postwar he moved to Gentry, Missouri, with his family and the 1870 census shows him as a laborer on his father's farm. Sometime before 1880 he moved back east to Tennessee.

In 1873 he married Rebecca and the 1900 census shows them with four sons: Thomas 20, William 18, Allen 12 and Carl 6. Evan & Rebecca will own their own farm in Rogersville and later in Dayton, Tennessee. They will have a total of 8 children. In addition to farming, it was noted that Evan was a *“Tax Assessor, Blacksmith and Southern Methodist.”*

Evan died January 4, 1929, just short of his 84th birthday, and is buried in the College Hill Cemetery in Dayton, Tennessee.

(25th Virginia Infantry, D. E. Lambert, Lynchburg, 1994, p. 122, p. 91; *Mama, I Am Yet Still Alive*, Toalson, Bloomington, 2012, p.6; Ancestry.com, Provo, UT, Roll 1577, page 6B, Dist 94, Micro 1241577 – 1900 Census)