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The Walton County Heritage Association was organized for four main purposes:

- To promote the preservation and restoration of buildings and other landmarks of historical interest within Walton County;
- To maintain the Walton County Heritage Museum to preserve the heritage of Walton County for the education and enjoyment of current and future generations by collecting, preserving, and exhibiting artifacts and information from the time of its original inhabitants to the present;
- To foster and enhance the development, education, and sense of history which is unique to Walton County; and
- To secure cooperation and unity of action between individual citizens, businesses, and other groups as may be necessary to fulfill these purposes.

The Association depends upon the support of its members and the business community to accomplish its goals. Annual dues are \$25 for individuals, \$40 for families and \$100 for corporate memberships.

**Individual Membership Application** <http://www.waltoncountyheritage.org/Membership2020.pdf>  
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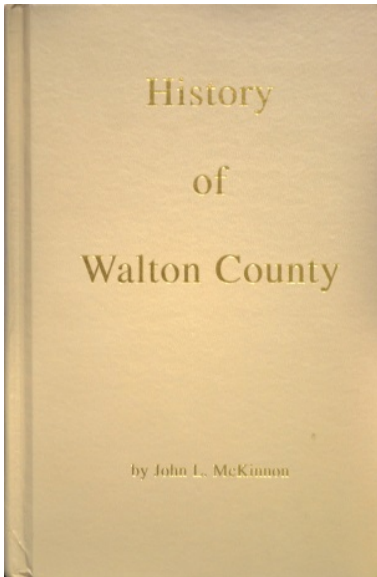
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- Automatic membership in the **Walton County Heritage Museum** and the **Walton County Genealogy Society**.
- Invitations to Quarterly Members Meetings
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- **The Museum Research Center:** Members get free copies of documents and use of the Genealogy Society computer when the Museum is open.
- **The Museum Gift Shop:** Members receive discounts on books, special publications, postcards, photographs, CDs, DVDs, videos, and gift items.
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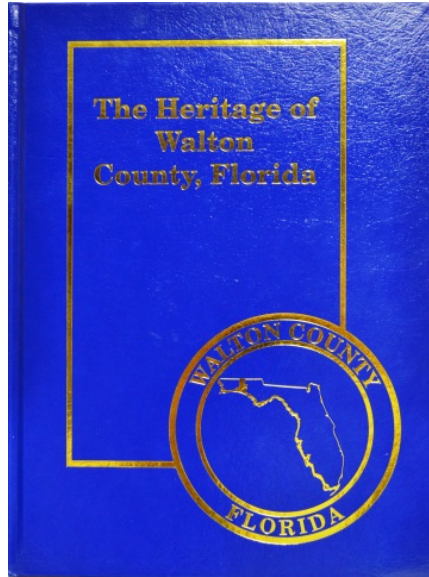
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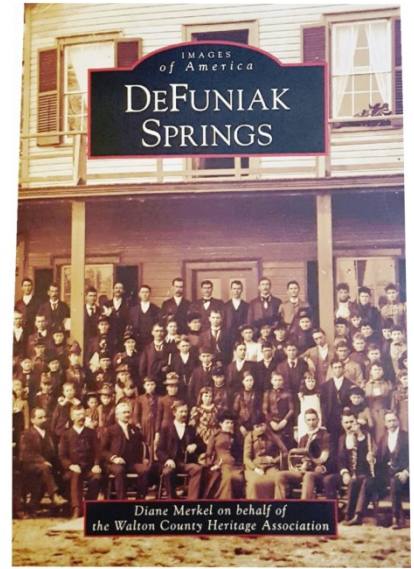
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# **The Descendants Of Enos and Jesse Evans**

Submitted by  
**John Enos Evans**

Transcribed and Edited by  
Sam Carnley

Editor's Note: This is another in the series of WCHA newsletter articles taken from the book, "The Heritage of Walton County, Florida." In the book this story is found on pages 158 and 159. This book is available for sale at the Heritage Museum and can also be ordered through the mail.

The families of two brothers, Enos and Jesse Evans, were two of the only three Evans families documented in Walton County in the 1840-1860 time frame. The third was James Evans who may have been a brother also. Enos was probably born in Georgia about 1807. He voted in the August 4, 1828 elections, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, Euchee Valley Precinct.

According to John Love McKinnon's book *History of Walton County*, while serving as a Private in Brown's West Florida Mounted Militia under Captain Donald McLeod, Enos was wounded in action by a rifle shot in the neck during a July 13, 1837 engagement against organized forces of Red Stick Creek Indians a little south of the Cow Pens at a location later called Battle Bay. The ranking officer (Colonel McKinnon's father), refusing to leave a man on the field, threw him over his shoulder, and carried him out to his horse.<sup>1</sup> Colonel McKinnon, a very large and physically powerful man, carried Enos home and using his knife, removed the ball that was lodged against Enos' spine. Enos was later promoted to the rank of major. The author also stated that in years to come, Enos referred to Colonel McKinnon as his favorite surgeon.

The September 7, 1847 tax table reflects that Enos was the Sheriff of Walton County.

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<sup>1</sup> There are three things in McKinnon's *History of Walton County* that are wrong about this story. The first is that there is no known documented record showing McKinnon Sr. ever served as a colonel in the military or rose above the rank of private in the Walton County Militia. His brother, Lochlin, a captain, commanded the militia at Cow Pens and it is likely that he, rather than John L. rescued Evans from the swamp on his shoulder.

Enos married Kizziah who was probably born in South Carolina about 1811. Henry Givens Ramsey, living in Walton County in 1830, may have been her father.

Enos died between 1860 and 1870. Kizziah died between 1880 and 1890. Oral tradition places the location of their unmarked graves on the northwest bank of Black Creek above the present bridge.

Their children were born and reared near Freeport, Walton County, Florida: Amanda, born about 1831; Lucy, born about 1835; William David, born 1839, died September 20, 1901, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, Company D, 1<sup>st</sup> Florida Infantry, CSA, married Margaret Simmons, buried Red Bay; Henry Ramsey; Elizabeth, born May 22, 1842, married Benjamin Terrance; 2<sup>nd</sup> married Charles Infinger; David, born October 26, 1844, corporal, Company K, 6<sup>th</sup> Alabama Calvary, CSA, married Roda J., buried Black Creek; Martha, born about 1847; Sarah, born about 1850; Duncan and James, born about 1851 and may have been twins.

Jesse James Evans was born in Georgia about 1809, He signed the January 24, 1832 Petition to the President by Citizens of Walton County concerning a judicial appointment.

Jesse served as a private in Brown's West Florida Mounted Militia in Captains McKinnon, Campbell and McIver's companies from March 12, 1837 until December 18, 1839.

About 1838, Jesse married Elizabeth Infinger who was born in Georgia about 1820 or 21. She may have been a daughter of Conrad Cornelius Infinger. Jesse and Elizabeth both died 1860 and 1870. The location of their graves is unknown to me.

Their children were born and reared in the Alaqua Community of Walton County: Rebecca born about 1840; James born about 1842: Elizabeth born a July 2, 1845; Martha born about 1850; Jesse James Jr., born May 28, 1850, died April 13, 1914, married Mary Howell, buried Euchee Valley; David born about 1853 and Ann born about 1856.

Henry Ramsey Evans, a son of Enos and Kizziah Evans, was born April 10, 1840 in Eucheeanna, Florida. He married Elizabeth Evans, a daughter of Jesse James and Elizabeth Infinger Evans.

He enlisted February 28, 1861 as a Corporal in the infantry of the Confederate States Army, 1<sup>st</sup> Florida Brigade and served in Companies D and E under Captains McKinnon and McPherson. He fought in the battles of Santa Rosa Island, Florida, October 1861; Shiloh Tennessee April 1862; Vaden, Mississippi, June 1862; Chattanooga, Tennessee, September 1862, and again in November 1863; Perryville,



Kentucky, October 1862; Murfreesboro, Tennessee December 1862-January 1863; Chickamauga, Georgia, September 1863; and Missionary Ridge, Tennessee, November-December 1863. By the time they fought in Atlanta, Georgia in July-August 1864, the 1<sup>st</sup> Florida, that had been a Brigade at Shiloh, numbered then at less than Regimental Strength.

While home on sick furlough, Corporal Henry R Evans became a Union Army prisoner when captured September 28, 1864 near Vernon, Florida during Brigadier General Alexander Sandor Asboth's raid from Pensacola to Marianna. Taken first to the Union Army garrison at Pensacola, they forwarded him from there aboard the steamer *Clinton* to Ship Island, Mississippi and then on to Fort Columbus, New York where he remained a POW at Elmira until the war ended. Released on July 7, 1865, he headed home to Walton County on foot. He arrived many months later so gaunt and emaciated that the children, not recognizing him, ran and told Kizziah they saw a stranger coming up the road. She took off her apron and walked to the front gate. From there she recognized her son, threw the gate open, and ran to greet him. He had become a thin shell of himself but had found his way safely home and alive.

Elizabeth, Henry's wife, was born July 2, 1845. They loved each other very much and were married December 29, 1869. They had seven children, all born near Black Creek: Henry Givens, born October 7, 1872, died August 4, 1940, married Josephine Infinger, buried Black Creek, Elizabeth born October 10, 1874, died May 19, 1904, married George Matison Bishop, buried Black Creek; Enos Conrad born May 28, 1877, died June 1, 1967, married Anna Frances Stanley, buried Black Creek; Jesse born May 19, 1879, died May 27, 1955, married Sallie Frances Ward, buried Black Creek; James Thomas born June 23, 1881, died April 11, 1967, married Agnes Jackson, buried Black Creek; Kezziah born June 11, 1883, died August 24, 1915, married J. Wilkins Taunton, buried Hatcher Cemetery; Fitzhugh Lee born May 22, 1885, died November 17, 1935, married Izola Victoria Infinger, buried Black Creek.

Elizabeth Evans died Wednesday November 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:00 o'clock PM 1899. Henry Ramsey Evans died Sunday February 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00 o'clock AM 19287. They are buried in the Black Creek Methodist Cemetery near Freeport, Florida. I think this church was established in 1877.

Some descendants of Enos and Jessed James Evans continue to reside in Walton County, Florida.

The first Evans families venturing into the new Territory of West Florida came in with flintlock rifles and King James Bibles in hopes of carving out a place to raise some cattle and rear their children. They did! The information presented here is accurate to the best of my knowledge, but none of the references used to research this family history are infallible or inerrant, and neither am I. My grandfather Evans loved his family, as did my father, and so do I.

*Submitted by John Enos Evans, 2332 South Wolfsnare Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23454. Sources provided.*