

HUGH EVANS

Hugh Evans, Revolutionary War soldier, was born near Hagerstown, Maryland, on October 7th, 1730, son of Samuel Evans and grandson of Samuel Evans Sr., both natives of Wales. Hugh Evans was married twice; the first time to Sarah Harden and the second time to Lavina Simpson. By his first wife, he had only one child, he being widowed two years after they were married. And by his second wife, he had six children.

During the Revolutionary War, Hugh Evans resided in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, and enlisted in service as a private in July 1777, having enrolled in Captain James Fisher's Company, Seventh Battalion, and saw much active service with the Cumberland County Militia.

In the year 1778, Hugh Evans with his family, immigrated from Pennsylvania to Kentucky where they settled in Bourbon County near Paris. They remained here until after Wayne's Treaty with the Indians in 1795. However, not liking to live in a slave state, he removed to Ohio, with a group which included not only his sons and sons-in-law but many neighbors as well. They located near Hillsboro, now the county seat of Highland County, where Hugh Evans died in 1808 and was buried on the farm of his son Daniel Evans. All early histories of Ohio and Highland County, include the name of Hugh Evans, as well as the name of his three brothers, Samuel 3rd, Amos and Richard among the landowners and voters of the county.

Daniel Evans, son of Hugh Evans by his second wife, was born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania but died in Highland County, Ohio, from where he served as a soldier in the War of 1812 in Captain Hugh Roger's Company, Colonel Key's Regiment, after having first enrolled on Sept 14th, 1813, in Captain Moses Patterson's Company, First Regiment (Finley's) Ohio Mounted Militia.

Daniel Evans married Mary Roland, who was born in Ireland, and they had nine children, one of whom was called Esther. Esther Evans married William S. Town; Effa Ann was one of their children. Effa Ann Town married John Crawford Caldwell, a prominent live-stock dealer and leader in Republican Party circles in Highland County for many years. To this union was born four children, three boys and one girl. This family was greatly saddened by the death of the wife and young mother which occurred on Christmas Eve when she was only twenty-six years of age.

John Sheridan Caldwell, superintendent of the Southside School in Greenfield, was one of these children. His wife is Martha Ellen Lawson of Indianapolis, Indiana, and they have two daughters, Ednah Lawson and Doris Ellen. Doris married Arthur Maddus of Washington Court House, Ohio, and they have no children. Ednah married Ralph Bonham Auten of Greenfield and has one child by a previous marriage, Margot Noble-Auten, now a student at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio