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Dear Sarah:

Your nice letter came today. I will answer it promptly. I intended to write to you on my new typewriter, but something has failed on it. I have had this one since 1969 and it has been to the repair shop one time. Everything, that I purchase lately, has something wrong with it.

We have been Christmas shopping today, and I found about one item at each store. The price of things is terrific. My daughters tell me, what to buy for the children. The older ones like clothes.

Here is some information for you; Joseph Evan's personal property was sold at Public Sale on June 17, 1839. Administrator: His son David R. Evans. Elizabeth Evan's estate was advised on March 1, 1873. John W. Evans respectfully sheweth that his mother, Elizabeth Havis died intestate on July 1, 1861. Her estate was estimated at four thousand dollars. She owned 3 slaves, which brought \$3,510.00. Her estate was allotted to Mrs. Jane Herron; Jesse W. Evans' children; Obed Evans' children; and Mrs. Mary Gladney's children. File #139. Archives & History, Columbia, S.C.

The children of Joseph H. & Elizabeth H. Evans were:

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| 1. Jane Evans | 6. James Havis Evans |
| 2. David R. Evans | 7. Obed Evans |
| 3. John W. Evans | 8. Martha Evans |
| 4. Jesse W. Evans | 9. Mary Evans |
| 5. Joseph H. Evans Jr. | |

Joseph H. Evans Jr. died at age 36 in 1855, and James Havis Evans died at almost age 32, Dec. 20, 1857.

According to the settlement of Elizabeth's estate, I figure, that Jesse W. and Obed could be already deceased. Perhaps Mary Gladney was also deceased by that time. Then again, it could be, like, what I threaten to do. I tell my two daughters, that I will watch, how they handle money and decide, whether to leave my estate to them, or pass them up and leave it to my 6 grandchildren.

When my mother died, she left each of the 2 girls more than \$20,000. I suggested, that they invest it. So far, they have been careful. My husband provided well, while these girls were at home. We never lived beyond our means, but our home was comfortable, our bills were paid and we had plenty to eat.

I grew up during the Depression. The first 9 years of my life were wonderful, then the banks began to fail. My father never recovered his losses. For a number of years, I learned to live with much less. I never lost my dignity, my desire to be neat and choose my acquaintances. I often wonder, what the children of today will ever do, if they are faced with great disappointments.

xx They let 12 years pass after Elizabeth's death to settle her estate. Seems to be a long time.

I have a feeling, that Col. Jesse Havis and his father, John were quite secure for a time. They accumulated about 3,000 acres of land through grants; however old John had land during the Revolution before there were government grants. I know of one instance, when he paid for his land. At one time, we wrote to Charleston to ask, if he had a grant from the Crown or the Lords, who governed this land for England, but they found no record of it. I wrote to the Huguenot Society in S.C. They knew about John and son, Jesse, but they are not listed as members of that group. There are 3 new volumes due on immigrants, listed by name, instead of ships logs. They say, that many names will appear, even those, who came by way of the West Indies. My husband wanted to buy these books himself, the set \$180; however I am a good friend to the girl, who handles the Genealogy Dept. of our local library. She suggested, that Henry save his money, because the books are due very soon. Say a prayer, that it will reveal our origin.

I do not believe, that the first Havis disembarked on the East coast. Some people came by the way of Barbados, too. Many of the French, who settled in Louisiana stopped on the way at San Domingo, because it was plantation country. I should have typed Santo Domingo. It was the first European settlement in America.

I think, that I told you about the Jacques Havis, who was Receiver of Finances in the Generalité D'Orleans in 1740. He was also Godfather at the baptism of little Jacques Louis of Aleau, Jan. 14, 1740. The last name was a branch of the royal house in France. This was during the reign of Louis XV., who was next to the last ruler of that country. Perhaps this James Havis sensed trouble and sailed for America. While John Havis lived in S. Carolina, there was a James Havis, who lived in Prince Georges Co. Maryland. They were close enough in age to be brothers and could have been sons of the above Jacques (James) Havis. We have no way to prove this. I sent to the Hall of Records in Maryland for the account papers of the James Havis, who lived there. They had been found in the accounts of Alexander Hamilton. It seems, that he was an accountant, before he became the first treasurer of our country. This James Havis married a girl, named Catherine, several years younger, than he. He was deceased by 1790. John Havis died in 1807.

Among the items listed in the estate of Jesse Havis was a bust of Napoleon, some French money, the Bible and a number of books. In one census, listed with his family was one person, who was not an American citizen. Yes, there are many unanswered questions about these people. I entertain the theory, that they were French by origin. I know, that they were not British.

This is a very great discovery, if you have a picture of Col. Jesse. He was my gr. gr. grandfather. Naturally, I have a tender spot in my heart for him. I know, what you feel about his grave. I am so grateful, that you are near it. Hopefully, we will always know, where it is. If you will have that picture copied, I will pay for mine. Remember, when it is copied, there will be a negative made to print the picture from it. I would be definite in asking the photographer to preserve that negative for future use. The reason, I mention this. My cousin in Alabama found an old photo of my grandfather, James Judge Havis. They had it copied for me, but they failed to ask the man to keep the negative. I had it copied again here and it was not good at all. No one seems to have a tintype of my gr. grandfather, Minor W. Havis. He died in Loachapoka, Ala. in 1861. He was one of Col. Jesse's 5 sons. This J.L. Havis who is buried there is a mystery to me. I know, that he served in the S. Carolina legislature. I wonder if Jesse Havis Jr.'s son, Jesse could have returned to S.C. He only had 2 sons, the other was Minor Winn Havis, who was a doctor in Perry, Ga. This Minor served in the Civil War. There was a Havis Battery. He was a prominent Presbyterian. I know, that his brother was deceased before the War. Jesse D. Jr. married Sophia Winn, the daughter of Minor Winn and Mary Evans. (not Elizabeth's)

* I may be in error about the death of the above Jesse.

This Minor Winn was the son of Col. John Winn and also a nephew of Gen. Richard Winn. His wife, Mary Evans was a sister to the older David R. Evans and Joseph Evans. She divorced Minor Winn.

I do not know of any other Havis son, who was left behind, when Jesse's sons migrated to Alabama. Son James, did not migrate. He died in the War with Mexico in 1847. We found no children from his marriage.

Old pictures are nice to have, if someone would have taken time to write names on the backs of them. We have some old pictures of Henry's people. We cannot identify some of them. My aunt had a large box of pictures, including large oval portraits of my maternal grandparents. Silverfish love to eat on pictures. I wrap tissue around the bulk of pictures in a box and sprinkle moth crystals in the bottom of the box, not moth balls. Those things make me ill. My aunt stores her coats in moth balls and the odor remains forever. The crystals are not unpleasant.

Can you identify any of your other old photos? I am surprised, that they had the daguerreotype at that time. I was just hopeful, that someone owned a painting of Jesse. I will be looking forward to seeing it and I will contribute to the cost of any old pictures, that you find of the old family.

By the way, when will I receive a picture of you, Ed and the family? Remember, I consider you my kin. We have a common origin and Southern people are always cousins. Our interest and curiosity about our ancestry brings us closer together. Your children have a fine old heritage, the Havis, Willingham, Evans and Wylie people were good, solid Americans. I note, that you had a query in Tap Roots recently. Some of the membership may have some answers. I belong to that group.

In Sept. there was a write-up in the Voice, Chattahoochee Valley His. Soc. in a part of Ala. & Ga. It concerned my grandfather, James J. Havis, who built the oldest textile mill in the valley. They gave me credit for my research. Have you seen a copy of the book by Bill Lindsay, titled "Reason For the Tears, a History of Chambers Co. Ala."? I wrote an item on the Havis people for that book. My father's picture is in it.

Oh, my Dear, I must sign off. My shoulders ache and it is nearly midnight. Am getting ready to have new carpet installed in this den. Tomorrow morning, we will take the typewriter back; so they can have it repaired. This thing is similar to plowing with horses, after having a rubber tired tractor. (Some of these tractors are very luxurious, closed in, heated, radios and cooling in the summer) Henry remembers his first tractor, no luxury. I must be tired, rambling from typewriters to tractors. So, I will call it a night. I hope, that this letter has been helpful.

Before I forget, I think that No. 8, ^{Martha} ~~Mary~~ Evans married a Gilbert. Did that letter written by David R. Evans in Homer, La. have a date on it? I do not have it handy. Estelle says, that they have all the Census for that area in the library in her town. I will try to find a historical group in that area and ask some questions. There may be something at La. Polytechnic College at Ruston, La. It is not so far from there, nor Minden either. Don't give up!

Godd Night,
Evelyn

Saturday- We took the typewriter back, expecting to have it repaired and they gave me a new one. Henry said, that there should be a death certificate of that J.L. Havis, if he died in 1905. If he died in Fairfield County, it should be in the courthouse. Usually, they permit you to look in the book for it. It should name his father and tell what caused his death. If you find it, I will pay for a copy of it. If you find it in the book, you can tell me, what it says and I will send for it. We would need the page and book number & \$3.00.

Sunday afternoon: I called Estelle on the phone a few minutes ago. She says, that she will go to her library in the morning and see what she can find on David in Homer, La. She has the address of the historical society in that area. I told her, that you are so helpful and that we should be helping you. I told her about the picture of Jesse. She said, for you to find out how much it will cost and she will pay for one too. They are generous, when it pertains to this research. I have never kept a record on what I have spent on this hobby. I really do not want to know, what it has cost me. I feel, that it is money, well spent.

*Oh, yes, Estelle said, that Jesse Davis Jr's son
died, when he was young. So he could
not be J.S. Davis's mystery?*