



Haverford Township Historical Society



D. RIDGEWAY EVANS (1860-after 1927) AND FAMILY

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The Evans family, of which a representative in the present generation is D. Ridgway Evans, of Beechwood, Haverford township, Delaware county, Pennsylvania, is descended from **EVAN EVANS**, a native of the Parish of Treeglws, in Montgomeryshire, Wales. He came to America in 1722, and on November 17 of that year, purchased a large tract of land adjoining Uwchlan Friends Meetinghouse.

ROBERT EVANS, a descendant in a direct line from Evan Evans, was born in Philadelphia, where he also died. He was a lumber merchant, and he and his family were members of the Society of Friends.

THOMAS C. EVANS, son of Robert Evans, was born in Philadelphia, July 5, 1818, and died in Wilmington, Delaware. His business occupation was that of tanning, and he was a foreman for Jonathan E. Rhoads in Marple township, Delaware county, Pennsylvania, for many years. When this tannery was removed to Wilmington, Delaware, in 1868, Mr. Evans, whose connection with the concern remained unaffected, took up his residence in that city also. He was a Republican in politics, and a member of the Society of Friends. Mr. Evans married in Delaware county, Pennsylvania, Phoebe Ann Thompson, born in Marple township, Delaware county, November 27, 1827, died in Wilmington, Delaware, in October, 1911. Her father was a farmer. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Evans:

1. Sally P. Evans, died unmarried in 1912;
2. D. Ridgway Evans, the special subject of this sketch;
3. Hettie R. Evans, never married, and now resides in Wilmington, Delaware;
4. William S. Evans, died aged twenty-four.

D. RIDGEWAY EVANS was born in Marple township, Delaware county, Pennsylvania, June 13, 1860. He acquired a very good education in the public schools of Wilmington, Delaware, and was then apprenticed to learn the carpenter's trade. With this he was identified in various capacities until he had attained his majority, when he went west and remained there for a period of two years. Upon his return from the West he made his home in Philadelphia and engaged in general building and contracting, a line of industry with which he is still actively identified. His main contracts are executed in Philadelphia and its suburbs. In 1909 he erected a fine residence on Homestead avenue, Beechwood, which he has since used for his own home. He has never had a desire to hold public office, preferring to do his duty in a quiet manner as a law abiding citizen, but he casts his vote regularly for the Republican party. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church. Mr. Evans married, September 10, 1885, Sally B. Haddock, born in Philadelphia, daughter of James Haddock. They have had children:

1. Frank Evans, who is a topographical draftsman, and lives in Jersey City, married Emma C. Baur;
2. Frederick S. Evans, born November 7, 1898.

The business career of Mr. Evans is an illustration of energy and enterprise which have overcome the difficulties which overwhelm many, and which have achieved success. He is a man of strong purpose and sound judgment, and carries forward to completion whatever he undertakes.

[The following is excerpted from "The Weekly Reporter," Vol. 14 No. 147, January 11, 1919, published by A. B. Geary in Chester, Pa.]

CHARTER NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that application will be made on Monday, February 10, 1919, at nine o'clock A. M., at the Court House, Media, Pennsylvania, to the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County, Pennsylvania, for approval by a law Judge thereof of the Charter of a proposed corporation by the name of "The Temple Church of Brookline", the character and object of which is for the spread of the worship of Almighty God according to the United Lutheran Church in America, which receives and holds the Canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God, and as the only infallible rule and standard of faith and practice, and for these purposes to be a corporation and to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, privileges and benefits of the Act of Assembly known as the Corporation Act of 1874 and the supplements thereto.

The said application is entitled No. 263, of December Term, 1918, and the subscribers to said Charter are Merle S. Boyer, Miles A. Keasey and D. Ridgeway Evans.

[The following is excerpted from "Our Town," Vol.13 No. 28, Saturday April 16, 1927, Page 1, Narberth, Pa.]

EVANS – KNUTZEN

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Knutzen announce the marriage of their daughter, Solveig, to Frederic Stokes Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Ridgeway Evans, of Penfield, on Saturday, April 9.

Mrs. Evans is a graduate of the Narberth High School, and later studied at the West Chester Normal School. She has been a member of the staff of the Tredyffrin township schools.

After a short wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Evans will make their home in Ardmore.

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