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**ca. 1745–ca. 1784**

George Evans, Revolutionary patriot, was born in Bath, Beaufort County [2], the son of Richard and Mary Lillington Evans. In 1758 he moved with his brother Richard [3] to what is now Pitt County [4], and in 1773 he represented Pitt in the colonial assembly. He early became active in the Revolutionary cause and was a member of the standing committee of Pitt in 1774. Later he was a member of the committee to assist the vestry of St. Michael's Parish in collecting for the benefit of the sufferers in Boston. From the beginnings he was a member of the Safety Committee [5] of Pitt and later was made chairman. In 1775 he was appointed first major of the Pitt militia. Although a delegate to the Congress at Hillsborough in August 1775, he declined to serve, saying that "circumstances would not permit his attendance." In November 1776, he was a delegate to the Congress in Halifax that drew up the state constitution. He later declined to serve as lieutenant colonel. As his last public service, he represented Pitt County in the House of Commons in 1782.

Evans married Anne Hines, the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Edmunds Hines of the Old Sparta section of Edgecombe County [6]. His will was destroyed when the early Pitt County wills were burned, but deeds on record in Edgecombe show that his wife's brothers Henry and Peter Hines were his executors and all property was devised to his son Peter and an unborn child. The unborn child was Susanna Evans, who died unmarried in Edgecombe County in 1808. His widow married Benjamin Spruill of Tyrrell County [7] who died in 1791. By her second husband the widow Evans had two daughters and a son, George Evans Spruill (A.B. Yale, 1814), who was a member of the legislature from Halifax County [8] in 1826 and 1828.

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