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Evan Shelby Alexander, lawyer and legislator from Salisbury, was born in [Mecklenburg County](#) ^[2], probably in the Clear Creek Township area, where his father owned a plantation. He was the son of Colonel Adam Alexander and Mary Shelby and a cousin of [Nathaniel Alexander](#) ^[3]. Evan Shelby Alexander was graduated from Princeton University in 1787. His father had intended that he should enter the ministry, but he preferred the law. He was admitted to the bar and set up practice in Salisbury. He served three terms in the North Carolina House of Commons between 1796 and 1803, and two years later he was chosen to finish the congressional term of his cousin Nathaniel, who had become [governor](#) ^[4] of the state. He was reelected as a representative to the Tenth Congress and served from 24 Feb. 1806 until 3 Mar. 1809. He also served as a trustee of The [University of North Carolina](#) ^[5] from 1799 to 1809.

Alexander never married. Dying in Salisbury, he was buried there in the old Lutheran Cemetery.

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