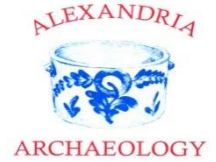




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Abstract: *Dr. Evans was born in Washington, DC, in 1928, and has lived in the area for most of his life. He discusses his schooling, his career as a medical doctor, his time in California during his military service, golfing and sailing, trips to an Alexandria cemetery. His mother Mary Dulany Evans was born in Alexandria, Virginia. He also discusses the life of his grandfather, William Blayton Dulaney, a barber who was an Alexandria resident and a friend and employee of President Theodore Roosevelt. Mr. William Blayton Dulaney later worked as an accountant for the Federal Government.*

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Introductions	
Terilee Edwards-Hewitt	Let me start, so, hi, my name is Terilee Edwards-Hewitt, and today is July 7, 2017, and I am talking to Dr. Clarence Evans—.
Clarence Evans	Yeah, yeah, right.
TEH	—and his daughter Monica Evans, so thank you very much, and we are here at the Alexandria Black History Museum. So, Dr. Evans, thank you very much for agreeing to be interviewed.
Clarence Evans	Oh, my pleasure to be here.
Birth	
TEH	And I hear you have a lot of family from Alexandria. Now, where were you born?
Clarence Evans	Where was I born? I was born in Washington, DC
TEH	Ah, what day?
Clarence Evans	Ah, February 10, 1928.
TEH	And were you born at a hospital—?
Clarence Evans	Yes.
TEH	—or at home? Ah, what hospital?
Clarence Evans	Well, it's interesting. I was born at a—it was a, a private hospital.
TEH	Oh.
Clarence Evans	And it was run by a, a lady physician who was very friendly with mother, and this place was located at the corner of 17th and U street.
Monica Evans	Northwest [in Washington, DC.]
Clarence Evans	Yes, northwest. And, I was born there, and my understanding was that your mother [the mother of siblings Joan Hill Cunningham and William Dulaney Hill] brought me home, which was just a few blocks away from the hospital.
Monica Evans	Meaning Julia, Julia Hill brought you home.
Clarence Evans	I don't, I don't know what the name of the hospital.
TEH	Okay.
Clarence Evans	Nor do I remember the name of the doctor who ran it.
TEH	But that's neat, well, we'll hopefully be able to find out, you know—.

Clarence Evans	Yeah.
TEH	—because there've been so many hospitals that no longer exist, so that's an interesting part of the history [of the Washington, DC area.]
Schooling	
TEH	So now where did you grow up?
Clarence Evans	I grew up in Washington, DC.
TEH	Okay, and what schools did you attend in DC?
Clarence Evans	Well, I started off with Mrs. Howard's nursery school, which— which was across the street from where I lived, at 1723 S Street. I went there.
William Dulaney Hill	Garden of Children. It was called the Garden of Children.
TEH	It was called the Garden of Children? Did he say?
Clarence Evans	Yeah, it was called the Garden of Children, that's right. And, he knows 'cause he [William] went there, and she [Joan] went there, and so, I went there and then, following that I went to Morgan Elementary School, and I also went to Garrison Elementary School, and I went to Shaw Junior High School, and following that I went to Dunbar High School [for two years].
TEH	Um-hm. Did you have a favorite subject in school?
Clarence Evans	I can't remember. [general laughter]
Choice of Career as a Doctor	
TEH	Did you know that you wanted to be a doctor?
Clarence Evans	Yeah.
TEH	When did you—when did you decide you wanted to be a doctor?
Clarence Evans	Well, I, I think I knew it because I had so many older friends and fellows in the neighborhood who aspired to be doctors—.
TEH	Oh, wow!
Clarence Evans	—and we had a number who lived in the neighborhood. And as a matter of fact, Charles Houston lived across the street, his, I don't know whether it was his cousin or uncle, but he was my professor of ear, nose, and throat medicine at Howard University. Yeah.
TEH	Oh, okay, so where did you go for undergraduate studies, before?
Clarence Evans	I went to Howard University for undergraduate study.

TEH	And where did you—?
Higher Education and Life in Massachusetts	
Clarence Evans	Oh, no, before I went to prep school in New England. [Prior to this Dr. Evans attended Dunbar High School in Washington, DC for two years.]
TEH	Oh, where'd you go?
Clarence Evans	Mount Hermon Preparatory School in ah—.
Monica Evans	Mount Hermon, Massachusetts.
Clarence Evans	Mount Hermon Massachusetts.
TEH	Mount Hermon, ah, where is that in Massachusetts?
Clarence Evans	It's in, ah, the northern part of the state, I guess—.
Monica Evans	Northwest.
Clarence Evans	About thirty miles north of Springfield.
TEH	Oh, okay. And did you notice any big differences being in Massachusetts compared to being in DC?
Clarence Evans	Yeah, I noticed that they, everybody complained about my southern accent at Mount Hermon.
Medical School and Choosing Dermatology	
TEH	[laughs] Okay, and where did you go to medical school?
Clarence Evans	Howard University Medical Center. [formally called Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, DC]
TEH	And what was your specialty area?
Clarence Evans	Dermatology.
TEH	Oh, wow, okay. How did you pick that specialization?
Clarence Evans	Well, I guess because, several reasons. One because the head of the department of dermatology was a lifelong friend, Dr. Freeman [Dr. Charles Wendell Freeman] who also had a place at the beach [Highland Beach, Maryland], where we [unintelligible] and then, when I was in the service—.
TEH	Um-hm.
Clarence Evans	I was, had a dear friend there who was head of the department of dermatology in the service, his name was Dr. Earl Claiborne [Dr. Earl Ramsey Claiborne], and, he persuaded me, and interest, increased my interest in dermatology, so he said he said you know,

	I'm a, he was a physician and he was head of the dermatology, but he said now, when I go away—he was also a flight surgeon.
TEH	Wow.
Clarence Evans	He said when I'm away, you're head of dermatology. [general laughter] So, I took that seriously and one thing led to another and ah, so, that increased my interest in the field, and ah—.
Military Service	
TEH	Ah, what branch of the military were you in?
Clarence Evans	Ah, the Air Force.
TEH	Oh, okay, and what years? What years were you in the Air Force?
Clarence Evans	I was in the Air Force, let's see—ah, let's see—funny thing [when] I was at Howard University I also received a commission in the Army.
TEH	Oh, wow!
Clarence Evans	So I was in the Army, not for active duty. But I was associated with, in the Army, and somewhere along the line, let's see, what year they, I decided that I'd like to switch to the Air Force, which I did. And I would guess that that would be—?
William Dulaney Hill	It was, ah, 1955, '56.
Clarence Evans	Fifty-five, '56, then?
TEH	Okay. Where were you stationed when you were in?
Clarence Evans	Parks Air Force Base in California. [now Camp Parks, near San Francisco]
TEH	Oh, okay. Now, at the time, was this, the military had recently integrated? The military started to have troops of all backgrounds together?
Clarence Evans	Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah.
TEH	Yeah. So, did you feel, how, how was that transition? Was it—?
Clarence Evans	Well, I, ah, for me it was no transition.
TEH	[laughs]
Clarence Evans	I went in and that's what I was, and—.
TEH	All right.
Clarence Evans	So, ah, that's, about the size of it.

TEH	Okay.
Life in California and the Johnsons	
Clarence Evans	But I, I was very fortunate to be stationed in California. Lovely place; I had never been there before. And, uh, we had some dear relatives who lived in ah, Northern California who were elderly, [unclear] yeah, I think we had a couple of pictures, anyhow, ah, my aunt's husband. George, George—.
William Dulaney Hill	Johnson.
Clarence Evans	George Johnson. Well, when I later, when I went out there, he was well known because he was the oldest male living in California.
TEH	Oh, wow. How old?
Clarence Evans	He died, he died, what? A hundred twenty-two, a hundred twenty, a hundred- hundred fifteen?
William Dulaney Hill	[laughs] No, a hundred and nine.
TEH	Hundred and nine? He just, yeah, okay.
Monica Evans	A hundred and nine.
TEH	That's pretty old!
Clarence Evans	Yeah, that's pretty old, and his wife, his wife died, she was pretty old too, but not that old.
TEH	Right.
Clarence Evans	I think she was over a hundred.
TEH	Wow!
Clarence Evans	Oh, yeah. But anyhow they were very nice to me while I was out there. Just spent a great time. And then I also had a number of relatives who came out to spend time with me since I was living in California.
TEH	Ah, uh-huh. [general laughter]
Clarence Evans	And uh, so ah, Leyden [Unclear name] came out there and spent a while, we had a glorious time.
TEH	Wonderful.
Clarence Evans	And, ah, so I look on the military. And then I didn't—I really didn't go to war. Didn't fight anybody, didn't shoot at anybody.

TEH	That's all right. [laughs]
William Dulaney Hill	Yeah.
Clarence Evans	So ah, it was a pleasant experience.
Practicing Medicine in Chicago and New Jersey	
TEH	Um-hm. And then you came back to DC?
Clarence Evans	Yes, I came back to DC
William Dulaney Hill	Chicago, by way of Chicago.
TEH	Oh, oh, I'm sorry yes, were you in any other cities, did you live anywhere aside, after you were in the Air Force? Before you came back to DC?
William Dulaney Hill	Chicago.
Clarence Evans	Oh, yeah, well as part of my training I was in, ah, Chicago for, I guess a little less than a year.
Joan Hill Cunningham	Jersey City [New Jersey.]
Clarence Evans	And, ah—Where else was I?
William Dulaney Hill	Well, when you, before you went in the military you were at Jersey City Medical Center.
Monica Evans	Jersey City Medical Center.
Clarence Evans	Oh yeah, that's right, well, you're right. I was at Jersey City Medical Center, oh, that, well that's where, when I finished medical school. I left something out—finished medical school, and then I did my internship and that was at Jersey City Medical Center.
TEH	Okay.
Clarence Evans	And I was there for two or three years. And then I left there for—where'd I go after?
More about California and the Johnsons	
William Dulaney Hill	Went in the service.
Monica Evans	Went in the service.
Clarence Evans	Oh, went in the service after that I guess, went in the service.

TEH	Oh, okay.
Clarence Evans	In San Francisco. And so I was there for, ah, two, easily two years. I had a very enjoyable experience. And as I said I got to know these relatives of mine, George and Ida Johnson.
TEH	Um-hm.
Clarence Evans	And, he, I went to his funeral here about four or five years ago, ah, I think he was a hundred and—.
Monica	Nine.
Clarence Evans	And, ah, ah, I had a lovely time spending with them and also while I was doing that some of my other relatives came up and spent time with them also, and, ah, so it was a lovely time of life.
Golf and Other Pastimes	
TEH	What was your favorite fun thing to do, when you weren't working?
Clarence Evans	Play golf.
TEH	What?
Clarence Evans	Play golf.
TEH	Play golf, oh. That's a very doctor thing to do.
Clarence Evans	Oh, yeah. [general laughter] I did other things too, you know. I liked to swim and I liked to play basketball and so forth, but golf was my favorite. I guess.
Monica Evans	And at some point you all—?
Clarence Evans	Still is.
Monica Evans	And you played bowling, you were a bowler too because I remember seeing some bowling trophies.
Clarence Evans	I used to play bowling with other friends but it wasn't a great thing for me to do.
TEH	Ah, when did you start to play golf? Was it in college, or before?
Clarence Evans	I first got interested in golf in Washington. And there were at East Potomac Park there were tournaments and ah, you went there and watched the guys play and there were always friends there, and so that's where my interest began.
William Dulaney Hill	When was, when was that? When was that? When was that; was that in college that you got interested in golf, in college?
Clarence Evans	And then when I was in California—Yeah, I guess college, and

	medical school, I was in—Went down to East Potomac Park. And then, when I went in the service I ran into some guys who liked to play golf and so I played golf with them.
TEH	Excellent.
Clarence Evans	And it was most enjoyable and I still play when I can. I have problems sometimes with a little this that and the other and so I don't play to my, what I feel is my capability. So, ah, and then I've got two sons who play golf, and one of them very well, and so I play with them various places.
TEH	That's great.
Clarence Evans	We go down to St. Croix [U.S. Virgin Islands] which is a lovely place with several golf courses down there and we've got some, ah, all of us play when we go down there. I still like to play and I hope to play even more, but—.
TEH	Um, okay! Well, that's great; it sounds like you're keeping very active.
Clarence Evans	Yeah, yeah, I ah, talked to one of my sons, Carnot [Clarence Carnot Evans III], not long ago, we were making plans to go down to St. Croix this summer. And we've gotta get in touch with my caddy. [general laughter] But we were supposed to go sometime this last winter—.
Monica Evans	February. I think it was February.
Clarence Evans	Yeah, February, but I got uh, the croup.
Monica Evans	Yeah, it didn't work out; you were not feeling well.
Clarence Evans	Yeah, I got sick and I couldn't go.
Boating	
William Dulaney Hill	Another thing that Carnot [meaning Dr. Clarence Evans] was very, has been very active in down at the Highland Beach is boating.
Monica Evans	Yes. That's true.
William Dulaney Hill	He's had lots of boats. All kinds of boats. Fast boats, and, but he likes power boats, and that's been exciting for him.
Clarence Evans	That's true, I came by that honestly living at the beach.
TEH	Ah. [laughs]
Clarence Evans	Yeah, a lot of people have boats. And I had, an uncle who was particularly fond of fast boats.

TEH	Oh, wow.
Clarence Evans	So I would ride with him, you know.
Monica Evans	Who was that? Which uncle was that?
Clarence Evans	Roscoe. And, uh, so I developed a fondness for boats. Rowboats and canoes and kayaks and particularly fast boats, and it, it rubbed off, I got one son who's got a super fast speedboat.
William Dulaney Hill	Well, you started that.
Monica Evans	Yes.
William Dulaney Hill	You start, you started that. But another thing Carnot [meaning Dr. Clarence Evans] married a lady who was a, sailor, so they combined those two things. A lot of sailing, she lived up in New York.
Monica Evans	Long Island. North Shore. Sea Cliff.
William Dulaney Hill	Her parents navigated the Bermuda races I guess.
Monica Evans	Yeah, they did, Mom did the Annapolis, she and her brother grew up sailing on Long Island Sound,
TEH	Oh, okay
Monica Evans	And so with their parents and so when they, actually both of them were in Annapolis, and so, ah, they did the Annapolis to Bermuda race, sailing race.
TEH	Wow.
Monica Evans	Which was something. So, I wasn't as into the fast boats, Mom and I used to do the sailing, and the boys would go power [boating] with Dad.
TEH	Okay.
Monica Evans	Yeah.
Career in DC and at the FDA	
TEH	So you, you came back to DC after being in California. So where did you practice medicine? Did you have a private practice, or did you, were you at Howard? Where were you working?
Clarence Evans	Uh, well for a while I practiced with a very prominent dermatologist in Chicago. And, I was there for, I guess about a year, and then I came back to Washington, to practice, to a private practice

	in Washington. And I was on the medical staff at Howard University during this period, and so, ah, after I was, I'd been in practice for a number of years, and then I was fortunate enough to join the United States Food and Drug Administration.
TEH	Oh, okay.
Clarence Evans	And I was, I was with them for, I guess almost forty years.
TEH	Wow. What did you do at the FDA [Food and Drug Administration]?
Clarence Evans	Well, we, examined material to make sure that drugs were safe and effective. And, so that's the work that we carried on.
TEH	Wow.
Clarence Evans	And there was a lot of experimental work done. And ah, of course we had some experts with us you know who put us in the right direction so as I said I was, I think I was there about forty years.
TEH	Wow
Monica Evans	And then you had a private practice also.
Clarence Evans	Yeah, I practiced, at [the] same time. I enjoyed that.
Monica Evans	Right. Tuesdays and Thursdays from three to six, Saturdays eight to eleven.
TEH	My goodness.
Monica Evans	At 1603 Rhode Island Avenue Northeast.
TEH	Wow.
Monica Evans	Because I used to work with him. Or for him.
Clarence Evans	Remind me of [unintelligible]
TEH	Well that's great. I'm amazed you had time to golf. [general laughter] That's great. So you came back to DC.
Clarence Evans	Yes.
Marriage	
TEH	[looking at photograph] So, is this your, was your wife from DC?
Clarence Evans	I came, I came back to DC and married after I came back to Washington.
TEH	Um-hm. And, ah, where was your wife from?
Clarence Evans	Long Island.
TEH	How did you meet? How did you meet your wife?

Clarence Evans	We [unintelligible] at the beach.
TEH	Oh, the beach in Maryland?
Clarence Evans	Yeah.
Monica Evans	Highland Beach.
Clarence Evans	And she—ah—some mutual friends interested the two of us, and so, ah, we met at the beach, and went out a few times down at the beach and—.
TEH	Um-hm.
Dr. Clarence Evans	And the next thing you know we were married. [general laughter]
TEH	How long did you date before you were married?
Monica Evans	Not long. Six months?
Clarence Evans	Not that long.
Monica Evans	It was about six months.
Clarence Evans	Six months, maybe six months.
TEH	And where did you get married? Where?
Monica Evans	You guys eloped. You told me you eloped. Do you remember where you got married? It was in Virginia, wasn't it? Didn't you get married in Virginia?
Clarence Evans	Yeah.
Monica Evans	And then you went out to California afterwards for a honeymoon I think.
Clarence Evans	Yeah, I think we, I think we did elope, but I don't remember—. [general laughter]
Joan Hill Cunningham	And they had a big party in New York.
Monica Evans	That's right, there was a big party.
Joan Hill Cunningham	A big wedding party.
Monica Evans	That's right. After.
Joan Hill Cunningham	We were there.
Clarence Evans	After the, after we got married.

Monica Evans	Yes. That's right, yes.
Clarence Evans	I think her father insisted we have some kind of ceremony to show that his daughter was married.
Joan Hill Cunningham	Celebration.
Monica Hill	Yes. That's right. That's right.
Grandparents in Alexandria	
TEH	So, I hear you have a connection to Alexandria Virginia. Your grandfather owned a house on Duke Street? Was it your—?
Clarence Evans	Yes.
TEH	Yes, so was it 8-0- the one on 806 Duke Street?
Clarence Evans	806 Duke Street.
TEH	So can you tell me a little bit about your grandfather? What was his name? And his wife's name, and your grandmother's name?
Clarence Evans	Yeah, yeah, well, his name was William Dulaney, and ah, he's of course he died before I was born.
TEH	Oh, okay.
Clarence Evans	And I had another grandfather who died the same year. My father's father. He was from Alexan—not Alexandria, Annapolis.
Monica Evans	Annapolis.
TEH	Oh, okay.
Clarence Evans	And, so, I think I was less than a year old when both of them passed. So I don't have no remembrance of them.
TEH	Okay. Do you remember the house at 806 Duke Street? Do you remember what the—?
Clarence Evans	I remember the house only since her folks have taken me past it.
Visiting Family Graves with the Murrays	
TEH	So you had cousins here in Alexandria, then, did you have cousins who lived here?
Clarence Evans	No.
TEH	No?
Clarence Evans	We don't have any cousins here, but we had some close friends.
William Dulaney	We didn't have any that we know about.

Hill	
Monica Evans	Right, that we know of.
Clarence Evans	The Murrays. You know the—Madeline Murray, Alma Murray.
TEH	Okay.
Clarence Evans	You know, they don't live here anymore, but they, we used to come over to see them, particularly on Memorial Day.
TEH	Um-hm.
Clarence Evans	And with the family and, I know they used to, ah, give us instructions about our, plot, family plots at the cemetery.
TEH	Oh, what cemetery? What cemetery?
Monica Evans	We can't remember.
Clarence Evans	I'm glad you asked that question. I'm glad you asked that question. When we were over here one time, we went to the cemetery, and Dulaney [William Dulaney Hill] was the only one that had the foresight to take the name and address of the cemetery.
William Dulaney Hill	I have it at home. I honestly forgot to check.
Clarence Evans	May I see that address again? [general laughter] But anyhow. Let me say this, it was—I used to go there, especially since I was the oldest one I used to go there with my mother and some other members of the family, and it was, my recollection was it was a black and white cemetery. And, ah, it was, ah, you had to cross a street to get to it.
TEH	Um-hm.
Clarence Evans	And it was very well populated. And I used to go there, and also because my mother's relatives also were buried there. Uncle Osie's folks, you know, they lived—and if I could get to that cemetery, I think I could find those graves again. It, ah—.
Grandmother and Other Relatives	
Monica Evans	And Dad, what was your grandmother's name, who was married to William Dulaney? Do you remember her name?
Clarence Evans	Oh, well of course she died before I was born, but her—.
William Dulaney Hill	Carrie.
Monica Evans	No, Carrie was a sister, it was Louise Dogan.
Clarence Evans	Dogan, Dogan.

Monica Evans	Dogan. And her sister was Carrie, and Carrie married a Madden, right, and then they had uncle Osie.
William Dulaney Hill	Yeah.
Monica Evans	Right. That's in the papers.
More About the Cemetery and Relatives	
TEH	Okay. You said you would, you would come over on Memorial Day.
Clarence Evans	Yes.
TEH	What did you do? What did you do on Memorial Day?
Dr. Clarence Evans	Well, we would go to the Murrays' home. There, and spend some time with them. Then we would go to the cemetery.
TEH	Um-hm.
Clarence Evans	And of course I would just follow along. Where they led me, and it was a very nice cemetery of course with a lot of brush and you know and so forth and we had to go a little ways, it goes through other sections of the cemetery, and but I remember it well because we repeated it every year.
TEH	Right.
Clarence Evans	And so, maybe I'm exaggerating but I remember in my mind so well if we, I got to that cemetery I think I could find those graves again, my grandfather, my grandmother, Osie's folks, and my grandmother had a sister to whom she was devoted, a younger sister.
Monica Evans	Carrie. Carrie Dogan. Her name was Carrie.
Clarence Evans	Yeah, maybe, okay. [general laughter] But anyhow, we'd go there, we'd go to these graves and you know, go and take flowers and so forth, and so that's about the summary of my—.
Monica Evans	Recollection.
Clarence Evans	Recollection of it. Do you know what the name at the cemetery is?
TEH	I don't.
Audrey Davis	I'm wondering if it was—It's not Saint Mary's, or there are also the cemeteries off of Payne Street, there are about ten.
TEH	Right, yeah there's several off of Payne street, but then there's Saint Mary's which is down off of South Washington Street, but,

	so I was wondering if Audrey—.
Audrey Davis	When he said [unintelligible] it was across the street I thought of Saint Mary's but now [unintelligible].
Joan Hill Cunningham	I don't know what street we were on, we were driving, when we came over here that time. And we were in a neighborhood where there were a lot of people of color around and you [uncertain who she means] yelled out of the window to some man on the corner, "Hey, man, where's the colored cemetery?" [laughter] and the man pointed you in the right direction.
Clarence Evans	That's right, that's right,
Joan Hill Cunningham	And we went that way.
TEH	Okay, so it's off of Payne Street. It's off of Payne Street. P-A-Y-N-E. Yeah, so there are several cemeteries.
Clarence Evans	I would like to visit it again.
TEH	Okay, so since Monica's here and since we're recording I wanted to see if there were specific questions that you wanted to ask, just so we can get them recorded.
William Dulaney's Character and Family	
Monica Evans	Well, do you remember Grandmom telling you any specific stories about your grandfather or your grandmother?
Clarence Evans	Only things that were written down in one of those books, that he was a wonderful father, and they could always rely on him for things to, you know, when there were problems among the kids in the family, and one thing she always said was that all the kids generally, the brothers and sisters [unintelligible], but Martha was known in the family as the nice one. She was always, when something happens, you know, they always knew that Martha had nothing to do with it and they would ask her what happened and so forth. And he said he was a very hands-on father and all of us, all of them loved him and depended on him to adjudicate little problems and so forth. One—.
TEH	I'm sorry, go on?
Clarence Evans	One thing I recall was that he, to give you an idea of the kind of father he was, one of his nephews, his name was Osie, and he, his father and mother, I don't know whether his mother died or they divorced, but anyhow—.
Monica Evans	Died. She died in childbirth.

Clarence Evans	Anyhow, so his father married again and he had a stepmother, and the stepmother didn't always treat him kindly, and so as a result he came over to my mother's house to live with her father and her relatives. So this is her—He took in his nephew, and you know, and they lived as family for years.
Monica Evans	I remember Grandmom talking about how she and Uncle Osie used to, well I guess we should start maybe, there were six children in the family, in the Dulaney family. The oldest one was Bill, right?
William Dulaney Hill	Right.
Monica Edwards	Bill, and then who was next?
William Dulaney Hill	Mary.
Monica Evans	Mary?
Clarence Evans	Bill. Mom was next, Mary was next.
Monica Evans	Okay, so Mary. Then—?
William Dulaney Hill	Martha.
Clarence Evans	Then was Ted.
William Dulaney Hill	Oh, Ted.
Monica Evans	Ted.
Clarence Evans	Then Martha, then Julia.
Monica Evans	And then Hinton, who she died in childbirth. But—Hinton, she died in childbirth when she had him.
Clarence Evans	Oh, yeah, his wife.
Monica Evans	Yes, right.
William Dulaney Hill	Grandmother.
Monica Evans	Yeah.
Clarence Evans	But he was a very loving father and they all of them still speak of him very highly.
Monica Evans	Right.
William Dulaney and President Theodore Roosevelt	

TEH	So William Dulaney, I hear he was a barber?
Clarence Evans	Yes.
TEH	He was a barber, and, now was he, where was his barber shop? Was it in Alexandria? You don't know? Okay. That's okay.
Monica Evans	It was in Alexandria, and I tried to Google, I tried to find it on, looking it up through Google, it was, I don't think, it's not there anymore, I think I did find what the address was and I drove by and it's not there anymore, yeah.
TEH	And I heard from Monica that William Dulaney had a fairly well known person who he was a barber for.
Monica Evans	His most famous client.
TEH	His most famous customer. Who was that?
Clarence Evans	You asking her?
TEH	I'm asking you.
Clarence Evans	Oh, no question about that.
TEH	Who was it?
Clarence Evans	It's ah, Teddy Roosevelt. Who not only was, he was his barber, but apparently a very personal friend.
TEH	Wow.
Clarence Evans	And, he used to tell his wife, and of course my mother's overhearing this, said that you know, he did so many nice things for the, nice people, and he not only was his barber, but he said he used to keep, used to keep his, a lot of his personal papers and belongings and so forth.
Monica Evans	You're saying your father, your grandfather used to keep Teddy Roosevelt's papers?
Clarence Evans	My grandfather used to keep the personal effects, he said he told his wife, "Honey", he said, "Can you imagine [unintelligible] I'm keeping the President of the United States's wallet?"
TEH	Wow.
Joan Hill Cunningham	They would travel together on occasion.
Clarence Evans	Huh?
Joan Hill Cunningham	He would travel with the President.

Clarence Evans	Oh, yeah, they traveled extensively.
Joan Hill Cunningham	That's when he would to hold onto his papers.
Clarence Evans	He kept all these things, and ah—.
TEH	Do you know how they met? How did they meet, do you know?
Clarence Evans	Yes.
TEH	How did, how did they meet?
Clarence Evans	You mean, yeah.
TEH	Teddy Roosevelt and your grandfather.
Clarence Evans	Well my—you guys can embellish this. My mother said that he, meaning was a well-respected barber. And you know he was head of the Sunday school.
TEH	Okay.
Clarence Evans	He was head of Robert's Chapel [now Roberts Memorial United Methodist Church, Alexandria, Virginia], for a while.
THE	Oh, okay.
Clarence Evans	<p>Yes, he was head of Robert's Chapel, and his wife was the pianist.</p> <p>So he said that there was a meeting in Alexandria, and very influential people, I don't know who they were, and, Roosevelt came over to speak. And while he was there he told some of the people who were starting the meeting that he couldn't stay long because he had to go back to the White House because he was to meet his barber there to get his hair cut. And the response was why should he go all the way back there, we've got the best barber around right here in Alexandria. And I think, during this time they persuaded Roosevelt to stay around, I don't know whether he got his hair cut.</p>
William Dulaney Hill	He did, yeah.
Clarence Evans	But certainly he met Grandfather. And one thing led to the other. And then they, he asked him if he couldn't come to the White House, you know, look around and see what he thought and so forth, which he did, and he thought favorably of it, and he came back home and told his wife that he had been offered a job with the president.
TEH	Wow.

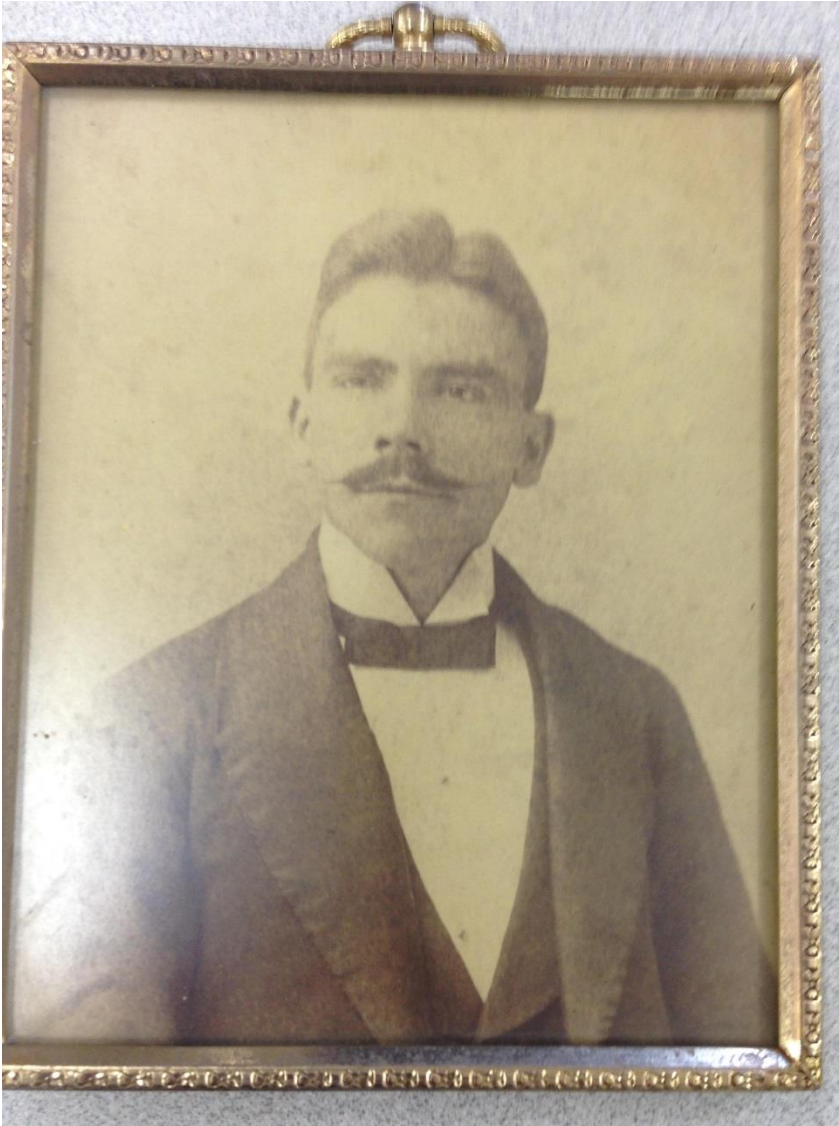
Clarence Evans	And accompany him on trips, etcetera. And he asked him if he could accept and I think my grandfather thought favorably about it, but then President Roosevelt wanted to know if he couldn't increase the time that he was spending with him, either go more places, that sort of thing. And my grandfather said, "Well that's not going to be possible because I have six children at home." And you know, they require a lot of care and so on. And so the next thing that happened was he asked him to come to—what was President Roosevelt's home, in that—?
Monica Evans	New York.
TEH	Roosevelt's home in New York?
Clarence Evans	Yeah.
TEH	Sagimaw Hill? [Sagamore Hill in Oyster Bay, N.Y., Theodore Roosevelt's home from 1885 until his death in 1919]
Monica Evans	Yes.
THE	[That] was the name of Roosevelt's home in New York. On Long Island.
Monica Evans	Yes.
Clarence Evans	He wanted him to come, and he said I can't do it, you know, but sure. So he arranged for my grandfather to bring his wife and family up to New York.
TEH	Wow.
Clarence Evans	Sycamore, Sycamore?
TEH	I can't [remember], I'll have to look it up, but yeah.
Clarence Evans	Yeah, something like that. Anyhow, he got him to stay with a colored family that was well known in the area that my grandfather did not know. Anyhow one thing led to another and I guess with Roosevelt's powers of persuasion he said that he would consider it. And so next thing was that he took the whole family, with of course Roosevelt's persuasions and so forth, and stayed with this family, colored family in the area, and it proved to be a very fruitful relationship. They had, Roosevelt had several children, and they became friendly, and this went on for the whole summer, I don't know whether they did it, repeated. Did they go for more than one summer?
William Dulaney Hill	I don't know.
Clarence Evans	I'm not sure, but anyhow. I know my mother for one, got to be

	very friendly with Alice [Roosevelt]. You know Alice was his, not only his favorite, but his—.
TEH	His favorite daughter.
Clarence Evans	Yeah. You remember that comment that he's famous for, he said, "You expect me to run the country and Alice too?" [general laughter] So anyhow they stayed up there for the whole summer. And had a very nice time, enjoyed it, and in later years Mom, my mother kept in touch with Alice. I, they weren't personal friends, [unintelligible] but they called on the phone on a regular or semi-regular basis. And of course Alice was known as a, sort of a character.
William Dulaney Hill	Yeah.
Clarence Evans	And anyhow, she and my mother got along well and they enjoyed it. I don't know that they did any socializing other than on the, you know on the phone. Maybe did, I don't know, but anyhow I say this to say that that was a continued relationship with the Roosevelt family, even after they were up in—Saratoga? Sagahall—?
Audrey Davis	Sagamore.
Clarence Evans	Sagamore, so Sagamore, right. And so they, of course after that they came back they went to the usual routine and so forth, and then, they, my Grandfather stayed, remained with Roosevelt for a number of years, I don't know exactly how many years.
William Dulaney Hill	Until he completed, until he completed his presidency.
Monica Evans	His presidency?
Clarence Evans	But, I get—did he, did he stay with the president till they moved to Washington?
William Dulaney Hill	No, he stayed through the presidency, and then Roosevelt got him a job in the government.
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Monica Evans	Oh! I didn't know that.
William Dulaney Hill	And, and he worked in the government for—.
Joan Hill Cunningham	What did he do?
William Dulaney	He was an accountant, you know, he was an accountant, so he

Hill	got—.
Joan Hill Cunningham	Was he? I didn't remember that.
Monica Evans	I didn't remember that either.
William Dulaney Hill	Yeah, he was an accountant but in those days, you know, a person of color couldn't get many jobs in accounting, but after Roosevelt, you know, placed him in the government he lived until he retired.
Monica Evans	Right.
Clarence Evans	Well, after he got him the job in the government that's when he moved to Washington?
William Dulaney Hill	No, they were living there when he was in the White House. They had moved to—.
Monica Evans	There was a—was it Ninth street? Second?
William Dulaney Hill	Ninth, no it's Ninth and S [Streets in Washington, D.C.]
Monica Evans	Ninth and S. Okay, so that was the first house.
William Dulaney Hill	They moved to Ninth and S, [unclear] from Alexandria.
Monica Evans	And then they moved again.
William Dulaney Hill	To [house number] 1723.
Monica Evans	Okay, to 1723, and Dad and I looked up, remember we went to the Martin Luther King library?
Clarence Evans	Yeah.
Monica Evans	We looked up the date of sale when they purchased 1723, which of course I can't remember.
Clarence Evans	Yeah, I was trying to think of the year.
TEH	What's the street name?
Monica Evans	1723 S Street NW.
Clarence Evans	That was the family home for many years.
Monica Evans	Which, which was quite a block, actually.
William Dulaney Hill	It was a fabulous block.

Monica Evans	It was a terrific block; General Benjamin O. Davis lived there, first black general.
TEH	Wow.
Joan Hill Cunningham	Next door. He was right next door.
Clarence Evans	Yeah, he was first, before he went to S street he was on I think R street. But anyhow, he was there, and then he finally ended up buying this house which is still our family home, on S street, and ah, what year was that, was that 1926, '27?
William Dulaney Hill	Probably pretty close. Pretty close.
Monica Evans	Yeah.
Clarence Evans	And interestingly my—.
Monica Evans	It was before you were born, but I can't remember exactly what year, yeah, I can't remember.
Clarence Evans	I don't know but he, interestingly, there was, at that time a couple of people had bought on that block before our grandfather did. And I was surprised, my recollection is that one of them was Norman Harris.
Joan Hill Cunningham	Yeah.
Clarence Evans	And I think the other one may have been Dr. Howard, I was trying to remember. But anyhow it's, I can't—.
Eleanor Roosevelt and Mrs. Howard's Nursery School	
Monica Evans	And then of course Mrs. Howard who lived across the street who had the Garden of Children, she was actually friends with the other [Roosevelt.]
Joan Hill Cunningham	Eleanor Roosevelt.
Monica Evans	Eleanor Roosevelt.
Joan Hill Cunningham	Eleanor Roosevelt came to visit the school.
Monica Evans	That's right.
Joan Hill Cunningham	Because she heard that Mrs. Howard was innovative, in that she was one of the first educators to ever say that two-year-olds should be educated.

TEH	Oh, wow.
Joan Hill Cunningham	Before that, two-year, three-year-olds just played. Nobody tried to teach them anything. At Mrs. Howard's school, you sat in your chair and you learned your colors and your numbers and you would stand up and recite a poem. [laughs]
William Dulaney Hill	And now Carnot [meaning Dr. Clarence Evans] will recite the poem. [general laughter]
Clarence Evans	What'd he say?
Monica Evans	He said now you can recite the poem you learned at Mrs. Howard's. [more laughter]
Conclusion	
TEH	Well I think we're at a good stopping point. So thank you very much for sharing your stories.
Clarence Evans	My pleasure.
TEH	We really do appreciate it.
Clarence Evans	It was kinda fun going back over it.
TEH	Yeah, excellent! All right.



Photograph of William Blayton Dulaney



The Evans Dulaney Home at 806 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA. This was the family residence in the early 20th century.

Letters from Theodore Roosevelt to his children. This letter mentions William Blayton Dulaney

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White House, Jan. 6, 1903.

DEAR KERMIT:

We felt very melancholy after you and Ted left and the house seemed empty and lonely. But it was the greatest possible comfort to feel that you both really have enjoyed school and are both doing well there.

Tom Quartz is certainly the cunningest kitten I have ever seen. He is always playing pranks on Jack and I get very nervous lest Jack should grow too irritated. The other evening they were both in the library—Jack sleeping before the fire—Tom Quartz scampering about, an exceedingly playful little wild creature—which is about what he is. He would race across the floor, then jump upon the curtain or play with the tassel. Suddenly he spied Jack and galloped up to him. Jack, looking exceedingly sullen and shame-faced, jumped out of the way and got upon the sofa, where Tom Quartz instantly jumped upon him again. Jack suddenly shifted to the other sofa, where Tom Quartz again went after him. Then Jack

started for the door, while Tom made a rapid turn under the sofa and around the table, and just as Jack reached the door leaped on his hind-quarters. Jack bounded forward and away and the two went tandem out of the room—Jack not reappearing at all; and after about five minutes Tom Quartz stalked solemnly back.

Another evening the next Speaker of the House, Mr. Cannon, an exceedingly solemn, elderly gentleman with chin whiskers, who certainly does not look to be of playful nature, came to call upon me. He is a great friend of mine, and we sat talking over what our policies for the session should be until about eleven o'clock; and when he went away I accompanied him to the head of the stairs. He had gone about half-way down when Tom Quartz strolled by, his tail erect and very fluffy. He spied Mr. Cannon going down the stairs, jumped to the conclusion that he was a playmate escaping, and raced after him, suddenly grasping him by the leg the way he does Archie and Quentin when they play hide and seek with him; then loosening his hold he tore down-stairs ahead of Mr. Cannon, who eyed him with iron calm and not one particle of surprise.

Ethel has reluctantly gone back to boarding-school. It is just after lunch and Dulany is cutting my hair while I dictate this to Mr. Loeb. I left Mother lying on the sofa and reading aloud to Quentin, who as usual has hung himself over the back of the sofa in what I should personally regard as an exceedingly uncomfortable attitude to listen to literature. Archie we shall not see until this evening, when he will suddenly challenge me either to a race or a bear play, and if neither invitation is accepted will then propose that I tell a pig story or else read aloud from the Norse folk tales.