

Dr. John Frank Evans, Second Generation Medical Practitioner  
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In 1904, Dr. John William Evans, a son of Frank and Fannie Marr Evans, a graduate of Meharry Medical College and a practicing physician in Brownsville, TN, married Ms. Kate Oldham. Kate who also lived in Brownsville was the daughter of Shack Oldham and an unknown mother. Her step-mother was Laura Oldham. Kate, pictured here, was a young school teacher specializing in music when she married.

Dr. and Mrs. Evans lived in a commodious house on Bradford Street in Brownsville. They had one child, a son, John Frank Evans, born in 1907. John Frank grew up in Brownsville and attended Woodlawn and First Baptist Churches. He very likely attended Haywood County Training School and probably graduated sometime in the mid 1920s. He graduated from Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA and in 1933 received a medical degree from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN.

Following graduation from Meharry, he served an internship and residency at General Hospital, Number 2, Kansas City, MO. By 1940, Dr. John Frank Evans had established a medical practice in Pittsburg, Kansas. He left this medical practice to serve as an officer in the U. S. Armed Forces during World War II.

After discharge from the U. S. Military, he returned to Brownsville and began practicing with his father, Dr. John William Evans, who died in Brownsville at age 72 in Spring 1946.

Dr. John Frank Evans expanded his father's practice, instituting a clinic where chronically ill patients could receive residential hospitalization. The location of this clinic is yet to be determined, but it seems likely to have been located on E. Main Street in the vicinity of Jackson in Brownsville. Young Dr. Evans also began several local business ventures, including a taxi service.

In 1950, seeking greater opportunities, Dr. John Frank Evans moved himself, his practice, and his mother, Ms. Kate Oldham Evans, to Los Angeles, CA. There he was active in civic and professional organizations. He served as a director of the Los Angeles Branch of the NAACP and was a member of a number of state medical commissions.

In 1954 he married Ms. Zenobia Williams who worked alongside him as the secretary of his medical practice. The couple had no children. In 1961, Dr. Evans died of a heart attack at Temple Hospital in Los Angeles. His mother, Ms. Kate, died two years later in 1963 at age 82, Both are buried in Los Angeles. His father, Dr. John William Evans who died in 1946 is buried at Woodlawn in Haywood County, TN.