

A Biographical History of Lancaster: Being A History of Early Settlers and Eminent Men of the County; As also much other. Unpublished Historical Information, Chiefly of a Local Character, by Alexander Harris, Lancaster, Pa: Elias Burr and Company, 1872

**EVANS, David**, was born in Manheim Township, February 21st, 1827. His father was of Irish, and his mother of German descent. He was sent by his parents to the common schools of the neighborhood, and acquired a knowledge of the branches then customary to be taught, viz.: reading, writing and arithmetic. When about thirteen years of age, he attended a quasi select school, taught by a man named Sutherland, and here he began the study of the advanced branches of an education. He worked on the farm and also aided in the butchering business, which was the trade of his father.

He early evinced a great fondness for reading, and procured for himself and read some of the most valuable and useful books. When about twenty years of age, he began teaching common schools, which pursuit he followed for some years. Not long after this, he entered as a student, the Strasburg academy, then taught by Rev. D. McCarter. The last year he attended at this institution, he was employed in the capacity of an assistant teacher, and taught the lower classes. After leaving this place, he attended for some time at the White Hall Academy, in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, and next entered the Sophomore class in Franklin and Marshall College, where he graduated in 1858, obtaining a division of the Marshall honor with a classmate named Theodore Fisher. His theme on commencement day was "the Constitution of the United States."

He began teaching in Perry County, Pennsylvania, in September of the same year in which he graduated. He was married in the following month, and in February, 1859, was appointed County Superintendent of Common Schools of Lancaster County, in the room of Rev. John S. Crumbaugh, deceased. He was elected to the same office in May, 1860, by the Directors' Convention, and thrice reelected in the years 1863, 1866 and 1869. He held the office up to the 1st of June, 1872<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> When Mr. Evans entered upon the duties of his office, in 1859, the average salary of male teachers in the county was \$37.37, and of female teachers \$24.18. In 1870 the average salary of males was \$38.85, and of females \$34.44.