

# THE HERNDONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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1783) of Orange County, Virginia, and  
His Known Descendants through the Seventh  
Generation of the Family in America

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In the Armed Forces or as Civil Officers  
of  
Any of the Several Colonies or States  
which  
Under the Providence of God  
became  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
or  
Were Recognized Patriots  
or  
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To Those Intrepid Souls  
Who Helped to Win the Freedom  
That Has Been Our Priceless Heritage  
and who  
On Frontiers Fraught with Danger  
Built for Our Security

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To ALL SUCH HEROES  
I Dedicate  
THE HERNDONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



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The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup:  
 Thou maintainest my lot.  
 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places;  
 Yea, I have a goodly heritage.

*Psalms 16:5-6*

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches.

*Proverbs 22:1*

Except the LORD build the house,  
 They labour in vain that build it.

*Psalms 127:1*

Broad-streeted Richmond . . . .

The trees in the streets are old trees used to living with people,  
 Family-trees that remember your grandfather's name.

Stephen Vincent Benet: *John Brown's Body*, Book 4

He serves me most who serves his country best.

Alexander Pope: *The Iliad of Homer*, Book X, line 201



## PREFACE

In 1947 after I had completed *The Herndon Family of Virginia: Volume One—The First Three Generations*, I decided that Volume Two should appear under the title, *The Herndons of the American Revolution*. The manuscript was prepared, and a part of it was actually set in type. Its content, however, was strictly limited to an identification of the various Herndons for whom I had found a record of service during the Revolution and to a recitation of what that service was. Friends whom I consulted urged me to change the style of its presentation so as to follow the arrangement, by families, usually observed in genealogical writings, and to include whatever significant data I had found applicable to each person of the fourth and fifth generation, whether it pertained to his or her part in the American Revolution or not.

Their advice was good, and so in 1948 I reprepared my manuscript, and added the names of the children of the members of the fifth generation. In other words, I extended the scope to include the names of the sixth generation and their spouses. When my friendly critics saw the result, they wisely recommended that an expansion be made to include a statement of the places and dates of birth, death, marriage, and occasionally of burial of all known members of the sixth generation and a note as to whether they left issue. Hundreds of pages of manuscript were then rewritten to include that information.

Some of these loyal friends, on reading individual sketches which I sent them, stressed their desire then to see a record of another whole generation added, by my listing corresponding information about the seventh generation. They explained that it would make the published work much more valuable, and that it would enable hundreds of persons to determine their own Herndon descent with far greater ease.

So once more I began the writing of the additional records from data I had previously assembled. (Of course, during this period of time correspondents were adding information and correcting details in previously supplied material.) It was then 1949. I was still expecting to include all this wealth of material in a single volume. But, as the year advanced, I realized better than ever before the size of the task I had set for myself. I decided that I must break up the work into Parts and complete the various Parts successively.

By the spring of 1950 I found that I then had ready for printing all that was to be included in Parts I and II. Part III was nearly ready.

**THE PLAN** It is my plan to have a Part deal with all the known descendants in the fourth and through the seventh generation of a person mentioned in *The Herndon Family of Virginia* as a grandchild of William Herndon, founder of the Virginia family. Thus Part One treats of the family of John Herndon, of Charlotte County; Part Two concerns the family of Edward Herndon, of Spotsylvania County; Part Three deals with the family of William Herndon, of Orange County, Va., and so on. Some errors in *The Herndon Family of Virginia* have, of course, been discovered. In the various Parts of *The Herndons of the American Revolution* corrections of those errors will be made in appropriate places.

**FEMALE LINES** I have made no serious attempt to include herein a detailed record of Herndon descendants in the female line. Yet when appropriate information concerning them has been furnished me or when my own researches have revealed data pertinent to them, I have included a statement of that material, with citation to the source from which it was obtained.

**MARRIAGE RECORDS** In Virginia the use of marriage bonds rather than marriage licenses was general from about 1783 until past the middle of the Nineteenth Century. Great numbers of these have been lost. They were originally in the custody of county officials.

Some have been transferred to the State Library at Richmond. Others were sent there temporarily for transcription or photostating. Still others of the extant bonds remain in the county courthouses, some not even indexed. With the passing years these records which were for so long a time inaccessible to the general public are commencing to be more readily available, either in printed lists in genealogical publications or in the Archives Division of the State Library.

In this book I have regularly given the marriage bond date as the date of marriage, except in those cases in which I have a record of the latter as being different from the former. Since such bonds and, somewhat later, marriage licenses are nearly always arranged chronologically in the county records, I have omitted page references. When, however, information about the date of a marriage has come to me from other than an official source, I have tried, in each case, to give credit to the person who contributed it to me.

**PROBATES** The first step in probating a Will is, of course, the presentation of it to the appropriate court. In some States the Will is then said to be *probated*; in others, *proved*; in others, *presented for probate*; in others, *placed on register*, and so forth. The actual probate is subse-



quent to this action. To a genealogist, however, the date when a Will is first presented to the court is of importance, for if that date is coupled with the date when the Will was signed or the last codicil thereto was added, there is definitely established the limited period within which the testator must have died. It has been my usual practice to use the term *proved* to signify that a Will was offered for probate. If the actual date of death is known, the genealogical significance of the date of probate disappears.

**CENSUS RECORDS** When I have lacked the exact dates of birth of the children in a family, I have frequently found their ages given in the Federal Census of 1850, 1860, 1870, or 1880. I have utilized such information without specifying the source of my statement as to the year of birth shown. Similarly, when a man is shown to be living in 1860 but his name is not shown in the next enumeration but instead his formerly listed wife is shown as then the head of what had been his family, I have ordinarily assumed that she is his widow. In such a case I would give the date of his death as "probably 1860-1870." When successive censuses have shown wide disparities in the age of an individual, I have had to rely on other data even to estimate an approximate date of birth.

**AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE RECORDS** The original source material which I examined for the preparation of *The Herndons of the American Revolution* is located either in The National Archives at Washington or in the Archives of the various States mentioned. In the various Parts of this book I have quoted in detail the priceless information extracted from all types of service records and pension papers. I have used secondary material only when I have tested its reliability for complete accuracy in many particulars, and also when it was impossible for me to seek out the original documents themselves. Nearly every item quoted is one which I personally examined in its present official abiding place.

**LATER MILITARY SERVICE RECORDS** Although the purpose of this book is to honor those brave men and women who patriotically contributed to the winning of The American Revolution, I have included herein a brief mention of the services rendered by Herndons of later generations in the War of 1812, the Indian Wars, and the Mexican War. I have made no attempt to give a full record of such service. I have, I am glad to note, what is supposed to be a complete list of the Herndons who were enroled in the Armed Forces of our Nation in all our wars from the Revolution through the Spanish-American and an official abstract of their participation.

RECORDS of 1861-1865: UNION AND CONFEDERATE The fact that I have mentioned in the text that a person served in the Union or Confederate Army must not be taken to imply that others in that family did not also serve. My Civil War records are too voluminous to be presented herein in any detail. I have, moreover, not hesitated to use the term "Civil War." When I was a student at Washington and Lee University, the expression "War between the States" had not gained currency. The passage of forty years has not caused me to see what is gained by the longer title. Once while I was examining some records at Spotsylvania Courthouse I saw in an old book that that titanic conflict was called "Virginia's Second War for Independence." My records are of brave men who lived and fought, and many of whom died for what they held most dear. Some were Union soldiers; more were Confederate soldiers. My own Herndons were all on the Confederate side of the struggle, which I call the Civil War, as they did also.

NICKNAMES Among the problems confronting an indexer one of the most troublesome concerns nicknames. I commend to your consideration, in looking for any individual's name in the index, a thought as to the other names by which he or she may well have been called. Then see whether a person by such a name is listed.

ABBREVIATIONS The only abbreviations used herein are those regularly used in standard genealogical works. The well known volume of Spotsylvania County Records, compiled by William A. Crozier, is, however, cited merely as *Crozier*.

APPEAL FOR CORRECTION OF ERRORS I shall be most pleased to receive information concerning members of the Herndon family which is either additional to that contained herein or in correction of it. If the reader has any dates to supply, either of birth, marriage, or death, I hope he or she will send them to me. If any old family letters give pertinent and interesting facts not likely to be otherwise generally known, I shall be pleased to receive copies of them. If any family Bibles give data not already in my possession, I shall be delighted to receive copies, photostatic, handwritten, or typewritten. It is my plan to have a special Part of *addenda et errata*. If you prefer *corrigenda* to the uglier intimations and insinuations of *errata*, you may call your corrections of my errors by this milder term. I sincerely trust that the number of errors is slight and that the number of contributions of new material will be substantial. This planned Part dealing with such items will be scheduled to appear on com-

pletion of the last of the regular Parts. Whether its number will be 13 or 16 is now unimportant.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS** In footnotes to various sketches in all the Parts of *The Herndons of the American Revolution* I have attempted to record the names of those who have furnished me information about individual members of the Herndon family. But I realize full well how inadequate such an expression of my appreciation is—as if I could crowd into a line at the bottom of a page the real sense of indebtedness I feel to each of my 800 correspondents who, by his or her generosity of time and suggestions and contributions of family records, has enriched this study.

In my earlier work, *The Herndon Family of Virginia: The First Three Generations*, I singled out for special recognition certain persons who had been of unusual assistance to me in its preparation. Now it becomes my privilege to name others who in various ways have been very helpful in the completion and presentation of this more ambitious opus, *The Herndons of the American Revolution*. The Reverend Clayton Torrence, FASG, and Meredith B. Colket, Jr., M.A., FASG, have never ceased to encourage me from the very start of my effort. The former, more than any other person, taught me the standards of genealogical excellence toward which I should strive. I have not achieved his felicity of expression whereby the *dramatis personae* of his genealogical sketches all become flesh and blood characters whom you would recognize if, by turning backward the wheel of time, you might meet them on the street or in the marketplace, on their plantation, at church, or at a county courthouse somewhere in Virginia or North Carolina; but I have recognized the importance of giving information additional to dates of birth, marriage, and death. Meredith Colket, though full of honors, is still in his thirties. When he was a student at Haverford College, he majored in Government under me. With the passing years our friendship has grown even closer. He has never let up in his enthusiasm to see my Herndon data arranged and printed. In the past few years I have all but majored in Genealogy under him! Only in small measure can I acknowledge my unpayable debt to my beloved wife, Grace Middleton Herndon, for her cheeriness of spirit, for her extraordinary patience with me while I sought out knowledge of Herndons who had long since passed from earth, and for her travels with me to courthouses at which she hoped I would not stop. We have had wonderful times together on genealogical quests in England and all over the United States, and our lives have been enriched by the friendships that have blossomed from the contacts then made. Of these I here take note of two. "Top priority" ratings are given to Martha

Gilmore (Mrs. R. G.) Robinson, of New Orleans, La., and Ruth Herndon (Mrs. C. W.) Shields, of Chapel Hill, N. C., both of whom have an intense love for solving baffling puzzles of family relationship. Each of these has given untold hours toward making my Herndon records more nearly complete. Mrs. Shields' compilations are, in fact, so thorough that I hope that she may be persuaded to publish them as a sort of source book on the history of Orange County, North Carolina.

Mr. George H. S. King, FASG, of Fredericksburg, Va., Miss Ann Waller Reddy, of Richmond, Va., Dr. Joseph Dupuy Eggleston, of Hampden-Sydney, Va., Miss Grace Yager, of Indianapolis, Ind., Mrs. William Day Dickinson, of Glasgow, Ky., Mrs. Luke Hodges, of Wichita Falls, Texas, and Miss Frances Powell Otken, of Macomb, Mississippi, have been wonderfully helpful in connection with specialized fields of investigation. But as I said in my earlier book, these compilations would have been impossible but for the data gathered by my uncle, Thomas Hall Herndon, now deceased, and Mr. John Waterhouse Herndon, now of Charlottesville, Va.

I wish to record here my sincere thanks for the especially helpful suggestions on several genealogical research matters given me by Mrs. James Claiborne Pollard, of the staff of the Archives Division of the Virginia State Library at Richmond, and by her associates, Miss Bass, Mrs. Nugent, and Mrs. Russell. Mrs. W. S. West, of the staff of the North Carolina Department of History and Archives, at Raleigh, Mr. E. M. Lynch, Clerk of the Superior Court of Orange County, at Hillsboro, North Carolina, and Mrs. Margaret M. H. Finch, who retired in 1949 from her position in the Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C., where for many years she was in charge of Revolutionary War pension claims, are three other public servants who have generously rendered me aid "beyond the call of duty." They deserve special recognition for their part in developing the Herndon record.

And last, for an entirely different field of his cooperation, I mention Mr. Arthur J. Frank, executive vice-president of The Wickersham Printing Company, Incorporated, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. In season and out of season he and his co-workers have aided me with suggestions for the improvement of the appearance of what I have written. They know, as all true booklovers know, that fine printing is an art.

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## THIRD GENERATION

#7 WILLIAM HERNDON [third son of Edward Herndon and his wife, Mary Waller] is said to have married ANN DRYSDALE, daughter of Col. Hugh Drysdale, and to have had issue the children named below. Their records are included herein. For details about him see *HFV* 26.

- 32 ELIZABETH HERNDON m JOSEPH RENNOLDS (REYNOLDS).
- 33 LUCY HERNDON m JAMES NELSON.
- 34 OWEN HERNDON m MARY ———.
- 35 EDWARD HERNDON m MARY GAINES.
- 36 JOSEPH HERNDON m twice.
- 37 SARAH HERNDON m JOSEPH GRASTY MANSFIELD.
- 38 REUBEN HERNDON ———.
- 39 WILLIAM HERNDON m MARY BOHANNON.



## FOURTH GENERATION

#32 ELIZABETH HERNDON [7 William Herndon of Orange County] was born about 1731 in Caroline County, Va., where she was married about 1747 to JOSEPH RENNOLDS. She died after 1799, but whether in Caroline, Orange, or some other county is not known. Her husband, who died between 1772 and 1780, was born in Isle of Wight County, Va., and lived his adult life in Caroline County.<sup>1</sup> He was a son of Nathaniel Reynolds who was a son of Robert and Elizabeth Reynolds.

In view of the loss of the Caroline Deed and Will Books we are fortunate that the Deed of Gift from Joseph Rennolds to his three sons who had removed to Orange County was recorded there. The gift which was testamentary in character reads thus:

To all people to whom these presents shall come, I JOSEPH REYNOLDS senr of the County of Caroline send greeting:

Know ye that I the said JOSEPH REYNOLDS for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which I have and bear unto my sons WILLIAM REYNOLDS, JOSEPH REYNOLDS and BENJAMINE REYNOLDS, and also for divers other causes and considerations me hereunto moving have given and granted and by these presents do give and confirm unto my said sons Wm Reynolds Joseph Reynolds and Benj. Reynolds the following negroes to wit: Moll, Kezia and Basil unto my son Wm Reynolds, Ned and Friday unto my son Joseph Reynolds [and] Rose, Squire, Will and Seal unto my son Benjamin Reynolds—To have hold and enjoy all and singular the negroes aforesaid unto them the said Wm Reynolds, Jos Reynolds and Benj Reynolds their executors, Admrs and assigns to the only proper use and behoof of them the said Wm Reynolds Joseph Reynolds and Benj Reynolds their executors, Admrs and Assigns forever, and . . . Joseph Reynolds [the grantor] . . . shall peaceably and quickly have and hold and enjoy . . . the said negroes mentioned above during his natural life.

In witness whereof I the said Joseph Reynolds have hereunto set my hand and seal this twentieth day of March 1772.

Signed sealed and delivered in  
the presence of Wm. Nelson,  
Joseph Nelson, John Nelson

(signed) JOSEPH REYNOLDS L.S.

In the Public Claims for Caroline County, in the Archives at Richmond, there is the following item:

Caroline, Oct. 5, 1781 I do certify that I have received of ELIZABETH RUNNELS one beef adjudged to weigh 215 pounds collected by order of his Excellency Thomas Nelson, Jr., for the use of the Army. 215 lbs. @ 30 [d]—£2:13:9  
/s/ John Garlick

On the reverse of this certificate are the signatures, E. Rennolds and Eliza Rennals.

<sup>1</sup> See Joseph Rennolds #1716 in Tillman: *The Rennolds-Reynolds Family of England and Virginia*.

As Elizabeth Reynolds her name appears on the Specific Tax List of March 1780, the entry being, "7 Tithes, 196 [lbs.] Tobacco." Both as "Eliz. Reynolds" and "Eliz. Rennolds" she was assessed for real estate and personal property taxes in Caroline County until 1799 and possibly later.

*Children of Joseph Reynolds and Elizabeth Herndon:*

- 204 WILLIAM REYNOLDS m NANCY NIXON.
- 205 JOSEPH REYNOLDS m SUSANNAH WRIGHT.
- 206 BENJAMIN REYNOLDS m 23 February 1773 ELIZABETH JENNINGS.
- 207 PHILIP REYNOLDS m NANCY SERGEANT.
- 208 JOHN REYNOLDS m 23 January 1774 ANNA DARNELL.
- 209 AARON REYNOLDS m August 1784 CATY CHAMBERS.
- 210 MARGARET REYNOLDS m 1 May 1778 THOMAS MORRIS, who served in the Second Regiment of the Virginia Continental Line.<sup>2</sup>
- 211 RICHARD REYNOLDS m 24 August 1778 MRS. ANN ROACH.
- 212 ELIZABETH REYNOLDS m 10 February 1785 JAMES LONG, who served in the Second Regiment of the Virginia Continental Line.<sup>2</sup>
- 213 TABITHA REYNOLDS 1783 JOHN CARROLL, who served in the Second Regiment of the Virginia Continental Line.<sup>2</sup>

#33 LUCY HERNDON [7 William Herndon of Orange County] was born about 1734 in Caroline County, Va., where she was married to JAMES NELSON who is said to have moved subsequently to Orange County. How many children they had is not known, but among them were the two mentioned below.<sup>1</sup>

*Children of James Nelson and Lucy Herndon:*

- 214 JAMES NELSON m ———.
- 215 THOMAS NELSON m ———.

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<sup>2</sup> His service recorded in *Gwathmey*.

<sup>1</sup> Authority for the information herein given is Miss Mattie V. Reynolds, of Santa Cruz, Calif.



#34 OWEN HERNDON [7 William Herndon of Orange County] was born about 1735, probably in Caroline County, Va., d post 1808, Madison County, Ky.; m about 1769 MARY ———, who was living in 1799 in Madison County, Ky.

The first mention of him is found in the records of Orange County, Va., in 1762, when he was defendant in a suit brought by Anthony McKetrick, which continued off and on during a five-year period.<sup>1</sup> As to its subject matter we have no knowledge.

At some time between 1767 and 1770 he settled in Amherst County, Va. On 3 December 1770 Thomas McLean, son of Henry McLean, apprenticed himself to Owen Herndon, but the name of the particular "trade and mystery" in which he was to be instructed is unfortunately omitted from the record.<sup>2</sup>

On 22 October 1776 Owen Herndon joined with a group of kindred spirits, dissenters from the Church of England, who lived in Albemarle, Amherst, and Buckingham Counties, in sending to the Virginia Legislature a petition reading as follows:<sup>3</sup>

Your Memorialists desire nothing more with regard to religious matters than that every Religious Denomination may stand on an equal footing, be supported by themselves, independent of each other. This mode of government, your Memorialists conceive, not only to be just and reasonable in itself but such as most certainly would have an happy influence to the greater purity of the several churches on their more free and friendly intercourse with one another. . . . This granted, your Memorialists shall ever wish well to the Commonwealth and shall always do everything in their power to defend it and to rear it up, in its growing greatness, to that hight [*sic*] of glory to which one day we hope to see it arrive.

If one would really care to get a glimpse into the sufferings endured by those who fought to bring us the independence the Continental Congress had proclaimed, one should read the petition, dated 9 November 1780, which Owen Herndon and twenty others signed, which is included herein as Appendix B.<sup>4</sup>

Earlier that same year, 29 March 1780 to be exact, William Loving, Commissioner for the Lower District of Amherst County, had reported that he had received from OWEN HERNDON 150 pounds of hemp. While Owen was away from home on his ill-fated military service, his wife twice

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<sup>1</sup> *Orange County Order Book* #6: 652, 668, 679.

<sup>2</sup> *Amherst County Deed Book C*: 144.

<sup>3</sup> 18 VMHB 142.

<sup>4</sup> Photostatic copy of the original obtained from the Virginia State Library, Richmond. The signature of Owen Herndon is in a firm, clear hand.

contributed corn for the use of the Army, for the Commissioner's report shows:<sup>5</sup>

"July 17, 1780 from OWEN HERNDON'S WIFE 2½ bushels Corn  
Aug. 5, 1780 from OWEN HERNDON'S WIFE 2½ bushels Corn."

The Amherst County personal property tax list dated 7 September 1782 includes the name of Owen Herndon who owed 2 shillings 6 pence. This being a sort of special list which was put into the hands of the sheriff, Alexander Reid, Jr., to collect, it may include only the names of those who were then tax delinquent. A check of the tax lists later than this one for Amherst County has not been made. By 1788, however, Owen Herndon and his family had removed to Madison County, Ky., where he was taxed on the ownership of four horses and reported as having two tithables in his family.<sup>6</sup> Four years later he was taxed on six horses, fourteen head of cattle, and 200 acres of land. In addition he accounted for one tithable between 16 and 21 years of age and himself.<sup>7</sup>

He and his wife Mary (whose surname before her marriage has not been ascertained) conveyed to their son William, by deed recorded 2 July 1799, the land mentioned above, which was located between two and three miles from Drowning Creek. The consideration was £65.<sup>8</sup> Two years later Owen Herndon purchased from Richard and Judith Wade a tract of 137 acres on Otter Creek, paying £128 10s., therefor.<sup>9</sup> Then on 17 December 1808 he conveyed that property to his son Clayton Herndon authorizing him to compel Richard Wade to deliver title thereto.<sup>10</sup> The dates of death of Owen and Mary Herndon are not known. Neither Will nor administration proceedings have been located.

In addition to William and Clayton, special mention should be made of Sally F., who in her marriage bond, recorded in Shelby County, Ky., is referred to as "daughter of Owen." The date was 12 December 1809; the groom was Adam Caplinger. The other children lived in Madison County, and there William, Walter and Clayton Herndon married.

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<sup>5</sup> From *Amherst County Public Claims* in the Virginia State Library (Archives Division), Richmond.

<sup>6</sup> 20 *Kentucky Historical Register* 298.

<sup>7</sup> 23 *ibid* 136.

<sup>8</sup> *Madison County (Ky.) Deed Book D: 625*.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid* E, 223.

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid* F, 560.

*Children of Owen and Mary (——) Herndon:*

- 216 JOHN HERNDON on tax list of Madison Co., Ky., 1892, bondsman for his brother William for his marriage.
- 217 WILLIAM HERNDON married SUSANNA BOONE, bond dated 8 April 1795. They sold to Joseph Stephens for £120 the land that Owen Herndon and Mary, parents of William, had deeded to him. The conveyance and reconveyance were both recorded 2 July 1799.
- 218 JAMES HERNDON on the marriage bond of his brother Clayton.
- 219 WALTER HERNDON marriage bond for marriage to LUCY PARKHAM dated 17 March 1806. He is said to have died 1815, but no proof has been furnished.
- 220 CLAYTON HERNDON married in Madison County, 20 March 1809 NANCY SMALLWOOD, and continued to live there many years.
- 221 SALLY F. HERNDON marriage bond dated 12 December 1809 in Shelby County, Ky., to marry ADAM CAPLINGER (KEPLINGER).

#35 EDWARD HERNDON [7 William Herndon of Orange County] was born 16 July 1738 in Caroline County, and died 11 May 1831 in Madison County, Va., when he was in his 93d year. He married in Culpeper County 30 November 1762 MARY ANN GAINES (b 10 May 1742, Orange County; d 15 June 1829, Madison County, Va., aged 85 years.<sup>1</sup> Her parents were James Gaines (b 1720, Orange County; d Culpeper County, leaving a Will dated 24 May 1781, recorded<sup>2</sup> 30 March 1786) and his wife Mary Pendleton<sup>3</sup> (b 1717; d Madison County, leaving as Mary Gaines a Will dated 7 March 1803; recorded 24 March 1803).

On 23 February 1775 the following Minute of the Orange County Court was adopted:<sup>4</sup>

Ordered, That James Gaines, EDWARD HERNDON and William Sutton be allowed for 157 hours patrolling in Capt. Taylor's Company @ 20 lbs Tobo and for entry (?) 12 hours or 262 lbs each, also for William Sutton for 121 hours @ the same rate.

<sup>1</sup> Dates copied from family record owned by Dr. Dallas Tabor Herndon who furnished a copy to the compiler 5 December 1946 when the latter called upon the former in his office in the State Capitol in Little Rock, Arkansas.

<sup>2</sup> In that Will he mentioned his wife, their living children—Harry, James, Richard, Edward, Joseph, Francis, and Thomas Gaines, Mary Gaines Herndon, Sarah Gaines Broadus, and Isabelle Gaines (youngest) and the grandchildren of their deceased children Catherine Gaines Broadus and William Gaines.

<sup>3</sup> One DAR published lineage gives her name and dates as Mary Rawlings (1722-1803) but Mary Pendleton is believed to be correct. See *James Clark . . . Mansfield . . . Christopher Clark and Allied Families* p. 71 for further Gaines and Pendleton data.

<sup>4</sup> *Orange County Minute Book #2*, p. 29.

Since, however, a subsequent Court Order directed James Gains (*sic*) to pay EDWARD HERNDON 14 shillings for his two days' attendance in Gains' suit against Blair "and coming once out of Culpeper County,"<sup>5</sup> there can be no doubt that the entry applies to this Edward Herndon.

On 17 December 1777 Benjamin Pollard conveyed to Edward Herndon for £100 a 210 acre tract in Culpeper County "on the Rapidann River . . . being the land which Benjamin Pollard had purchased from Julius Cristy." Witnesses were Robert Pollard, John Camp, and James Gaines. The deed was recorded 20 July 1778.<sup>6</sup>

He signed a petition in October 1778 praying that cultivation of tobacco be restricted in order that a greater opportunity might be given to the manufacture of articles necessary for the Army in the prosecution of the War.<sup>7</sup> Most of the signers were Orange Countians. He lived over the line in Culpeper.

In January 1781 he was a member of the Culpeper Militia, being in Class #85, commanded by Lieutenant James Finney.<sup>8</sup>

Culpeper Court proceedings of 19 August 1782, relating to the adjustment of claims for property "taken or impressed for public use," shows that a commissary certificate was issued to EDWARD HERNDON 21 May 1781 for 30 lbs. of beef at 2d., "for stalling," or a total of 5 shillings.<sup>9</sup>

From 1782 on, the preserved taxlists of Culpeper County show that Edward Herndon continued to own the 210 acre tract already mentioned. It was near the property of his brother William Herndon. In 1782 Edward owned 1 slave, 5 horses, and 11 cattle. From 1784 until 1793, when Madison County was carved out of Culpeper, he was on the taxlists of William Walker. Thereafter his name was regularly on the Madison County lists. The number of his slaves varied from year to year, but there were usually only three or four. His average livestock consisted of 5 horses and about 10 head of cattle. On 22 December 1796 Robert Rennolds sold to Edward Herndon for £70 a negro girl named Sele, whom he soon delivered to Henry Gaines.<sup>10</sup> There is no record, so far discovered, of any transfer of realty to or from him after 1774, except the release to him on 24 November 1808 by Abraham Ehart, executor of Michael Ehart, for \$200 of the property where Michael Ehart had

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<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, 250.

<sup>6</sup> *Culpeper Deed Book H*: 703.

<sup>7</sup> *Journal of the House of Delegates*, 5 December 1778: p. 58.

<sup>8</sup> Culpeper Classes, Virginia State Library.

<sup>9</sup> *Public Claims of Culpeper County*, Vol. I, p. 15.

<sup>10</sup> *Madison County Deed Book 12*: 48.

lived on the north side of the Rapidan.<sup>11</sup> The tax rolls indicate that in 1809 he was appointed executor of the estate of his friend Abraham Ehart.

Concerning his home, one of his great-grandsons, John Gaines Herndon, writing in 1909, said:<sup>12</sup>

The House that Edward Herndon lived in went to ruin along in the 40's of the last century. Its roof was put on very effectively with simple *wooden* pins, as nails were very scarce at that time in our history, and the Bricks of the Chimneys were imported from England.

Edward Herndon's Will was dated 9 January 1822. Why its probate was delayed more than seven years after his death in 1831 is not now known. It and the record of its probate read as follows:<sup>13</sup>

In the name of God Amen. I EDWARD HERNDON of the County of Madison and State of Virginia being of sound mind and memory do make, constitute, and ordain this my last Will and Testament, and knowing that it appointed for all men to die and calling to mind the blessing that God has blest me with, as to this world's goods I dispose of in manner and form following—First I give my soul to Almighty God that gave it to me and my body to be buried in a Christianlike manner at the discretion of my executors hereafter named.

Item My will is that all my just debts shall be honestly paid.

Item My will is that all my estate both real and personal be sold to the highest bidder on a credit of twelve months, the purchasers giving bond with good securities, such as my executors hereafter name may think proper, and money arising from said estate to be divided among all my children in manner and form following.

Item My will is that my son JAMES his wife and children shall have one twelfth of my estate, his wife to have the use of it during her life and at her death to be divided equally among all her children.

Item My will is that my son WILLIAM HERNDON have one twelfth part of my estate.

Item My will is that my son BENJAMIN HERNDON's children have one twelfth part of my estate.

Item My will is that my son EDWARD HERNDON have one twelfth part of my estate.

Item My will is that my son JOHN HERNDON have one twelfth part of my estate.

Item My will is that my son GEORGE HERNDON have one twelfth part of my estate.

Item My will is that my son HENRY HERNDON have one twelfth part of my estate.

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<sup>11</sup> *Madison County Deed Book 4: 431.*

<sup>12</sup> In a letter to John W. Herndon, then of Alexandria, Va., now of Charlottesville, and in his possession.

<sup>13</sup> *Madison County Will Book 6: 23.*

Item My will is that my son JOEL HERNDON have one twelfth part of my estate.

Item My will is that my daughter RACHEL HAWKINS, she and her children by her first and second husbands, have one twelfth part of my estate, equally divided among them at her death, and that her husband has no power over it; neither is he to receive it; neither is his debts to be paid with it. I give it to my daughter and her children, for her use, to be divided as above directed.

Item My will is that my daughter ELIZABETH JERRELL, she and her children, have one twelfth part of my estate equally divided among them at her death, and that her husband has no power over it; neither is he to receive it; neither is his debts to be paid with it. I give it to my daughter and her children for their use and to be divided as above directed.

Item My will is that my daughter NANCY JURDON and her children have one twelfth part of my estate, equally divided among them at her death, and that her husband has no power over it; neither is he to receive it; neither is his debts to be paid with it. I give it to my daughter and her children for their use and to be divided as above directed.

Item My will is that my daughter MOLLY JACKSON have one twelfth part of my estate at her disposal.

Item Lastly I appoint my two sons, WILLIAM HERNDON and HENRY HERNDON, executors of this my last will and testament.

As witness my hand and seal this ninth day of January one thousand eight hundred and twenty two.

Sign'd seal'd deliver'd

in presence of

Leroy Canaday

John Rhoads

Lucretia Rhoads

/s/ EDWD HERNDON (seal)

At a court continued and held for Madison County the 28th day of October 1838 the last will and testament of EDWARD HERNDON, deceased, was produced into Court and proved by the oaths of John Rhoads and Lucretia Rhoads witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. On the motion of WILLIAM HERNDON and HENRY HERNDON, ex'ors therein named, who made oath thereto and entered into bond and security according to law, certificate of probate thereof in due form is granted them.

The expression in the Will, "My will is that my son James his wife and children" is an illustration of the use of the old English possessive. It means that James' wife and children are to have the share that the son James would have been entitled to, had he then been alive. James was dead.

The spelling of the married name of his third daughter as it appears in the Will, Jurdon, is phonetic. It was regularly written Jordon or Jordan. From the difference in the provisions applicable to the first, second, and third daughters, on the one hand, and to Mollie Jackson, his youngest daughter, one would conclude that Mollie had no children or that the

testator was more favorably disposed toward his son-in-law James Jackson than he was toward his other sons-in-law.

Among the expenses incident to settling the estate of Edward Herndon were charges by William Walker for a survey and by James Jackson, above mentioned, in the amount of \$1.00 for a coffin. The personal property was appraised at \$1,291.90.<sup>14</sup>

*Children of Edward Herndon and Mary Gaines:*

- 222 JAMES GAINES HERNDON m 1st MARY ———; 2nd SARAH THORNTON.
- 223 WILLIAM PENDLETON HERNDON m MARY RUCKER.
- 224 BENJAMIN HERNDON m SUSANNAH EHART.
- 225 EDWARD HERNDON m NANCY RUCKER.
- 226 RACHEL HERNDON m 1st JEREMIAH WHITE, JR., son of Capt. Jeremiah White, bond issued in Orange County 19 August 1790; m 2ndly ——— Hawkins; had issue, but names not known.<sup>15</sup>
- 227 NANCY HERNDON m in Madison County 17 August 1793 WILLIAM JORDAN, and had issue, but names not known.
- 228 JOHN HERNDON m ELIZABETH WOOD.
- 229 ELIZABETH HERNDON (b 1776) m in Madison County, Va., 24 December 1797 RICHARD JERRELL; had issue, but names not known.
- 230 GEORGE HERNDON m ELIZABETH ZACHERY.
- 231 HENRY HERNDON m LUCINDA WOOD.
- 232 JOEL HERNDON m LUCY QUINN.
- 233 MARY HERNDON m in Madison Co., Va., 19 January 1809 JOHN JACKSON, JR. Whether they left issue is not known.

#36 JOSEPH HERNDON [7 William Herndon of Orange County] was born about 1739, probably in Caroline County, Va. He was described as "of Goochland" when he purchased 1 January 1778 for £100 a 400 acre tract in Fluvanna County from Marbel Stone and Mary Stone, his wife.<sup>1</sup> (But the Goochland records do not reveal that he owned land there at any time.)

As a means of bringing to the attention of the authorities what he and numerous others considered a discriminatory Act of the Virginia Legislature, he refused to pay the taxes on half his acreage, and signed the Fluvanna Legislative Petition of 27 May 1782 which appears as Ap-

<sup>14</sup> *Ibid*: 129.

<sup>15</sup> One Jeremiah White declared that he entered the Revolutionary service under Capt. [Col.?] Joseph Spencer, Seventh Virginia Regiment, 1777, Capt. Johnny Scott and Lt. Zachariah Herndon—*Augusta County Abstracts*, Vol. II: 498.

<sup>1</sup> *Fluvanna County Deed Book 1*: 64.

pendix C herein.<sup>2</sup> In the *Virginia Gazette or American Advertiser* of 25 October 1783, the Sheriff of Fluvanna offered "land of Joseph Herndon, 200 acres for sale for taxes, 12 shillings." In the issue of Saturday 8 November 1783 the notice was repeated with an addendum which stated that the unpaid taxes were those of 1782. As the property remained throughout the rest of the life of Joseph Herndon in his possession and at this date passed to his widow, we must conclude that he arranged somehow to pay those taxes!

His name appeared on the personal property and real estate tax lists from 1782 to 1811. He was never a prosperous farmer of Fluvanna County. He owned one slave over 16 years of age throughout those years and, at the end of his life, two additional ones under 16 years of age. In 1801 he had six horses, but the usual number was somewhat smaller. When he died he had only one. On his farm there were generally six cows. The place of his residence was, according to the tax rolls, 10 miles southwest of the courthouse at Palmyra. His lands adjoined those of Matthias Abbott and John Pettus.

In 1782, Joseph Herndon accounted for himself and Randolph Herndon, but who Randolph was is not known. He may have been Joseph's second son. Randolph must have died shortly after 1782, for his name is not found in any other record so far discovered.

JOSEPH HERNDON was twice married first probably to POLLY ELLIOTT. He married secondly in Fluvanna County 7 April 1784 SUSANNA HAISLIP.<sup>3</sup> She was living as late as 1834. After the death of her husband the tax on the 400 acres which he had owned was assessed against her, while the personal property tax was assessed against the sons who received it under his Will.

Joseph Herndon died testate between 26 April 1811, when taxes were assessed against him personally the last time, and 26 October 1811, when his Will was probated.<sup>4</sup> It was dated 21 October 1810. By its terms he left a small bequest to each of his twenty surviving children, all of whom he named, and made provision for his wife Susanna whom he named executrix to serve along with his sons David and Elisha Herndon as executors. His Will directed that the balance of his estate be kept intact until his youngest son Thompson Herndon should reach the age of twenty years and until the death of Susanna, the testator's widow. Witnesses to the Will were his cousins Reuben and Valentine Herndon and his neighbors James Cary and John Napier. His personal estate was appraised at \$1,100.33.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> *Infra* 000.

<sup>3</sup> *Fluvanna County Marriage Register* #1: 6.

<sup>4</sup> *Fluvanna County Will Book* #2: 86.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid*: 111.



*Children of Joseph Herndon and his first wife:*

- 234 REUBEN HERNDON m HANNAH LONG.
- 234a RANDOLPH HERNDON, b *ca* 1766; alive 1782.
- 235 AMY HERNDON m ——— TRENT.
- 236 ELLIOTT HERNDON (b *ca* 1771; d testate <sup>6</sup> 1825, unm., Fluvanna County, Va.) purchased 100 acres from John and Nancy Perkins 29 May 1805; in 1810 these lands were next to those of Henry Kidd and John Irwin; in 1815 described as 13 miles west of the Courthouse; passed after his death to his half-brother Elisha Herndon, while his personalty was divided equally among the children of his brother Jesse Herndon and his sister Rhoda Clements.
- 237 JESSE HERNDON m ELIZABETH PRICE.
- 238 GEORGE HERNDON m 1 October 1800 DOLLY DAWSON. John and Hiram Dawson were sureties on her marriage bond. George Herndon d in Fluvanna County ante 22 March 1813. His widow removed to Pulaski County, Va., where she lived in 1839 when as "a daughter of one of the coheirs of Thomas Dawson, of Fluvanna," she deeded property to Charles Williams, of Fluvanna.<sup>7</sup>
- 239 RHODA HERNDON m WILLIAM CLEMENTS.
- 240 MARY HERNDON m 16 February 1809 THOMAS O. HENLEY.
- 241 WILLIAM HERNDON m first ELIZABETH LONG; m 2ndly ANN EMMERSON.

*Children of Joseph Herndon and Susanna Haislip:*

- 242 ANN HERNDON m 3 December 1804 RICHARD KIRBY; settled in Rockcastle County, Ky., where they lived when they conveyed to Doctor Aaron Herndon of Pittsylvania Ann's share of the estate of her father.<sup>8</sup>
- 243 SUSANNA HERNDON m 30 October 1813 GEORGE DAVIS.
- 244 JOSEPH HERNDON m 1st SUSANNA DAWSON; m 2ndly LAURENA CAVE.
- 245 DAVID M. HERNDON m first POLLY MURRY; m 2ndly MAHALA T. SNEAD.
- 246 JOHN M. HERNDON m ELIZABETH MURRY.
- 247 ELISHA HERNDON m NANCY HENLEY.
- 248 ROBERT HERNDON m JANE KIDD.
- 249 SARAH HERNDON (b *ca* 1798; unm., 1820).
- 250 LEWIS HERNDON m POLLY ANDERSON.
- 251 JANE S. HERNDON (1802-post 1816).
- 252 JAMES H. HERNDON m FRANCES HAISLIP.
- 253 THOMPSON HERNDON m MARY SUSANNA HENLEY.

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<sup>6</sup> Fluvanna County Will Book #3: 115, 149, 212.

<sup>7</sup> Fluvanna County Deed Book #12: 166.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid* #11: 253.

#37 SARAH HERNDON [7 William Herndon of Orange County] was born about 1741, probably in Caroline County. She was married about 1760 to JOSEPH GRASTY MANSFIELD as his first wife.<sup>1</sup> She died shortly after the birth of her only child Robert. Her husband was a son of John and Ann Waldo (Grasty) Mansfield. He married secondly a Miss Harrison, of Winchester, Va., by whom he had four sons named John, Lawrence, Samuel, and Benjamin Harrison Mansfield, and three daughters. In the lists of taxpayers in Virginia, published as a substitute for the First Census of Virginia, he is listed as the head of a family in Albemarle County in which there were eleven whites.<sup>2</sup> In 1791 he appointed his "son Lawrence my true and lawful atty to transact certain business" for him.<sup>3</sup> The date of his death is not known.

*Child of Joseph Grasty Mansfield and Sarah Herndon:*

254 ROBERT MANSFIELD m 1785 MOURNING CLARK.

#38 REUBEN HERNDON [7 William Herndon of Orange County] was born August 1744, probably in Caroline County. He was apprenticed 8 May 1760 to Alexander Marr, a tailor of Orange County, Va., to serve six years. The record states that he was fifteen years old in August 1759. The actual indenture was dated 26 June 1760.<sup>1</sup> We have no further information about him, but he may have been the Reuben Herndon who signed the Fluvanna Petition mentioned in Appendix C.

#39 WILLIAM HERNDON [7 William Herndon of Orange County] was born 26 January 1745 in Orange County, Va., and died 16 October 1828 in Green County, Kentucky.<sup>1</sup> About 1768 he married MARY BO-

<sup>1</sup> Virginia Eliza (Hodge) McNaught, compiler: *James Clark, Mansfield, Christopher Clark and Allied Families*, p. 83. The subsequently cited items concerning Joseph Grasty Mansfield are also found in the same reference.

<sup>2</sup> *Heads of Families: First Census of the United States—State of Virginia*, p. . . .

<sup>3</sup> *Albemarle County Deed Book #10*: 97, mentioned in Mrs. McNaught's compilation.

<sup>1</sup> *Orange County Deed Book 13*: 80. In *Orange County Order Book #6*: 533 the tailor's name is entered as Marr Alexander. The compiler of this record does not know which is correct.

<sup>1</sup> From the Family Bible of his son Wesley. Data therefrom abstracted by one of his descendants, Miss Grace Yager, Indianapolis, Ind.

HANNON, daughter of Elliott Bohannon who, in his Will probated in Culpeper County 21 May 1781, devised to his daughter Mary Herndon certain real estate. Her dates of birth and death are unknown. The latest mention of her in the extant records is on 26 September 1799 when her husband and she deeded<sup>2</sup> to her brother Thomas Bohannon for £60 the land she had received from her father under his will.

The following is the only item so far found which concerns William Herndon's part in the American Revolution:<sup>3</sup>

At a Court held for Culpeper County the 19th Aug 1782

The Court proceeds to adjust claims for property impressed or taken for public service and made the following valuation . . .

'I do certify that WILLIAM HERNDON hath furnished four gallons Brandy agreeable to an act of assembly for procuring a supply of provisions, etc., for the use of the Army.

Given under my hand 16 Sept. 1780.

4 gallons £82: 12: 0

/s/ Henry Fry'

The Culpeper 1782 tax lists show that William Herndon then owned 200 acres on Robinson River which he had a short time before purchased from Cyrus and Mary Boyle. On 27 January 1785 he and his wife Mary conveyed this property to Frederick Tanner *et al.*, the deed being recorded 16 May 1785.<sup>4</sup> The personal property on which he was taxed in 1782 consisted of four slaves, eight horses, and 10 cattle. When the next year his name appeared on Henry Hill's tax list, he accounted for two white tithables (himself and his eldest son Elliott), four negro slaves above 16 years of age, three below 16, ten horses, and 12 cattle. His tax was £5 13s. 0d. He was taxed on similar but not identical property in 1784, 1790, 1791, and 1792 in Culpeper, but thereafter his property was found to be located in the newly created Madison County.

On the Madison County tax roll of 31 March 1794 he was styled "Senr."<sup>5</sup> During the next two years, on 1 June 1795 and 1 April 1796, he accounted for two white tithables (himself and his son George). In 1796 he became the proprietor of an "ordinary," and was assessed for license fees thereon 19 April 1796, 1 April 1797, and 14 April 1798, but not on 11 March 1799, when his name was listed for the last time on the records of that county, for by that date he had moved to Green County, Kentucky.

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<sup>2</sup> *Madison County Deed Book #2*: 335.

<sup>3</sup> *Culpeper County Claim Book*, p. 9, in the State Library (Archives Division) at Richmond.

<sup>4</sup> *Culpeper County Deed Book M*: 373.

<sup>5</sup> To distinguish him from his nephew William Pendelton Herndon [223].

Eleven years later there was begun in Madison County Chancery Court a suit entitled, *Thomas Bohannon vs. William Herndon*, which dragged out from 24 May 1810 until 28 October 1826. It concerned the inability of William Herndon to "give full title" to the land which Mary (Bohannon) Herndon, his wife, had received under the will of her father, and which had been deeded to Thomas Bohannon, her brother who, it appears, had already paid £25 on account.<sup>6</sup>

William Herndon's name first appears 21 May 1799 on the tax rolls of Green County, Ky., when he owned one horse and accounted for himself and three other white males over 16. It is probable that one of these was Robert Moor, son of William Moor, who had been apprenticed 20 March 1798 to William Herndon.<sup>7</sup> From this reference we learn that William Herndon had settled in Kentucky by that date. In 1800 he owned one slave, and in 1801 two slaves, in addition to his one horse.<sup>8</sup> On 18 March 1801 William Pringle, son of Thomas Pringle, was apprenticed to him.<sup>9</sup> There was a steady increase in William Herndon's personal property each year until on 24 September 1811 he was taxed on nine slaves and ten horses.

On Christmas Day 1800 he purchased for \$250 a tract of 223 acres located on Green River from Thomas and Sallie Highsmith.<sup>10</sup> In 1803 he disposed of 23 of these acres and retained the others which were described as being on Pitmans Creek. In 1805 and 1806 he was taxed on an additional 116 acres on Brush Creek. He continued to be taxed on his 200 acres on Pitmans Creek until 6 June 1812. Thereafter he appears as the owner of two town lots (*i.e.*, in the county seat, Greensburg) in 1815 and of four such lots in 1818. In 1819 he was assessed on a "\$500 toll" in addition to his personal property: six slaves over 16, three under 16, and four horses. His name appears for the last time on the tax lists of 1827. He died 16 October 1828.

Although no record of the settlement of the estate of William Herndon has been found, we are fortunate to have, from miscellaneous sources, the record of the names of eleven of his children. It seems likely that, in addition to these, there were others born between 1774 and 1779, but if such was the case, the record of them has been lost.

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<sup>6</sup> *Madison County Chancery Records* 8-A.

<sup>7</sup> *Green County (Ky.) Deed Book* #1: 257.

<sup>8</sup> The preserved tax rolls of the Kentucky Counties are in the Library of the Kentucky Historical Commission at Frankfort.

<sup>9</sup> *Green County Deed Book* #2: 277.

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*: 345.

*Children of William Herndon and Mary Bobannon:*

- 255 ELLIOTT HERNDON m SARAH CARTER.
- 256 GEORGE HERNDON m ROANNA ———.
- 257 WILLIAM HERNDON m NANCY KIRTLEY.
- 258 NANCY HERNDON (1781- . . . .) m in Madison Co., Va., May 1798 WILLIAM  
MONTAGUE.
- 259 THOMAS HERNDON m NANCY KEEN.
- 260 NATHANIEL D. HERNDON m BETSY GADDY.
- 261 CADDIS OLIVER HERNDON m ELIZABETH BERTHY.
- 262 JUDITH HERNDON (1789- . . . .) m in Green Co., Ky., 28 July 1808 WILLIAM  
BASS.
- 263 JANE HERNDON (1792- . . . .) m in Green Co., Ky., 28 August 1809 ANANIAS  
COFFEE.
- 264 WESLEY HERNDON m ESTHER HALBERSTADT.
- 265 ARCHER GRAY HERNDON m MRS. REBECCA [DAY] JOHNSON.



## FIFTH GENERATION

#204 WILLIAM RENNOLDS [32 Elizabeth Herndon] was born about 1748, Caroline County, Va. He married in Orange County, Va., 22 May 1777 NANCY NIXON.

In *The Public Claims of Caroline County* the following entries pertaining to William Rennolds (Reynolds) are found:

Caroline Sct. I hereby certify that I have received for Publick use of Mr. WILLIAM RENNOLDS 190 lbs. of Pork for which payment at the rate of 230 pounds [per cwt.] shall be made according to the assurance contained in the resolution of Assembly Nov. 15, 1780.

Given under my hand this 20th of July 1781

190 lbs. @ 230 = £437

/s/ Anth. Thornton, Jr.

Public Claims Specific Tax List March 1780

WILLIAM REYNOLDS 4 Tithes 112 lbs Tobacco

WILLIAM REYNOLDS served on a Jury 28 November 1782.<sup>1</sup>

His Will, which was probated in 1815 in Orange County, Va., was witnessed by Robert Young and Fielding Herndon. His son William Reynolds and his first cousin James Nelson were named executors, and William M. Reynolds and Washington Reynolds were their securities.

### *Children of William Reynolds and Nancy Nixon:*<sup>2</sup>

881 LUCY REYNOLDS m 30 March 1799 JAMES BELL, JR.

882 PEGGY REYNOLDS m 22 June 1802 GEORGE QUISENBERRY.

883 MARY REYNOLDS m 8 December 1802 JOHN YOUNG.

884 BETSY REYNOLDS m 21 December 1804 REUBEN R. DANIEL.

885 HENRIETTA REYNOLDS m 17 October 1805 AARON QUISENBERRY, and settled near Louisville, Ky.

886 WILLIAM REYNOLDS m 17 October 1809 JOYCE QUISENBERRY.

887 CATHERINE REYNOLDS m 15 January 1810 JOHN STEWART.

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<sup>1</sup> *Orange County Minute Book 1774-1786*: 226.

<sup>2</sup> As furnished by Miss Mattie V. Reynolds to the compiler. This is different in some particulars from the more or less corresponding record in Tillman: *Rennolds-Reynolds Family of England and Virginia*, p. 195.

#205 JOSEPH REYNOLDS [32 Elizabeth Herndon] was born about 1750 in Caroline County, Va. He married in Orange County, Va., 10 February 1774 SUSANNAH WRIGHT. They deeded to John Herndon, of Orange County, 27 October 1785 for \$50 a tract of 100 acres adjoining the lands of Joseph Reynolds, Isaac Pearce, John Boutwell, and John Wright.<sup>1</sup>

He served as a corporal in Capt. Harry Terrell's Company in the Fifth Virginia Battalion, commanded by Colonel Charles Scott, in 1776.<sup>2</sup>

He is mentioned as serving on a jury 24 November 1778.<sup>3</sup>

His Will was dated 28 August 1819 and probated 27 August 1821.

*Children of Joseph Reynolds and Susannah Wright:*

888 JOSEPH REYNOLDS (b 1774/5).

889 HENRIETTA REYNOLDS m 5 December 1793 JAMES WELLS.

890 WILLIAM REYNOLDS m first 24 January 1803 JANE QUISENBERRY; m secondly MARY WALLACE; had issue.

891 WASHINGTON REYNOLDS (1775-1824) m 1 March 1805 CATHERINE DENT SWANN (1775-1851), daughter of Samuel Hatch Swann, son of Samuel Swann, of St. Mary's County, Md., and had:

(1) Philip Reynolds (b 1806, Orange Co., Va.) m 1st 18 April 1831 Elizabeth, daughter of William Reynolds; had issue; m 2ndly Julia Ann Christer, had issue; m a third time and settled in California.

(2) Joseph Dent Reynolds (b 1808, Orange Co., Va.) m 5 November 1832 Elizabeth M. Henderson; had issue.

(3) William Swann Reynolds (b 1811, Orange Co., Va.) m 28 October 1833 Nancy Quisenberry; had issue.

(4) Dr. James Samuel Reynolds, lived at Barboursville, Va.; m 25 August 1834 Mary E. Douglass.

(5) Lucy Reynolds m Rice J. Douglass.

(6) Washington Reynolds, a dentist, lived in Kentucky.

(7) Thomas Mercer Reynolds (b 21 February 1818 Orange Co., Va.) m 28 July 1841 Elizabeth Hughes Denton (1823-1880); had issue.

(8) Charles Dent Reynolds (b 5 November 1819, Orange Co., Va.; d 19 January 1901, Milton, California) m 5 December 1867<sup>4</sup> Mrs. Mary Frances (Barrett) Boling (1838-1921), had issue.

(9) Benjamin Franklin Reynolds (b 16 June 1821, Orange County, Va.; d 17 May 1901, near Farrington, California) m 3 July 1753 Virginia T. Wright (1831-1911), and had issue.

892 MARY REYNOLDS m 4 October 1813 WILLIAM J. WIGLESWORTH.

<sup>1</sup> *Orange County Deed Book 18*: 416.

<sup>2</sup> W. D. 118.1, Va. State Library, Richmond.

<sup>3</sup> *Orange County Minute Book 1774-1786*: 100.

<sup>4</sup> Their daughter, Miss Mattie V. Reynolds, Box 455, Route 2, Santa Cruz, California, and the compiler have had extensive correspondence concerning Reynolds-Nelson-Herndon relationships. Jointly they presented to the Virginia Historical Society a record which Charles Dent Reynolds had written concerning his life in Virginia and later in California.



#207 PHILIP REYNOLDS [32 Elizabeth Herndon] m 7 November 1776 NANCY SERGEANT; settled in Louisa County, Va., and had the following children: <sup>1</sup>

- 893 JUDAH REYNOLDS m 25 July 1795 ALEXANDER DAVIS.
- 894 JOSEPH REYNOLDS m 29 November 1802 POLLY DASHPER.
- 895 SALLY REYNOLDS m 16 March 1815 PLEASANT KENT.
- 896 SUSAN REYNOLDS m 16 March 1815 GEORGE HAM.
- 897 POLLY REYNOLDS m 3 April 1826 JOHN ELLIS.
- 898 PHILIP REYNOLDS.
- 899 WILLIAM REYNOLDS m 16 January 1805 ELIZABETH GILBERT.
- 900 GARLAND REYNOLDS b 1782 m ——— and settled in Louisa Co., lived there 1850; and had:
  - (1) Washington T. Reynolds m Mary Fleming and had issue.
  - (2) Catherine Reynolds m Samuel U. Zink, and had issue.
  - (3) William Reynolds m Eliza ———; had issue.

#214 JAMES NELSON [32 Lucy Herndon] was born 27 January 1759, Spotsylvania County, Va.<sup>1</sup> Neither the date of his death nor whether he was married is known to us.

The following is a synopsis of his Revolutionary War services, compiled from data in his Pension File:

He was drafted in the Militia in 1775 when he was of Spotsylvania County and served under Capt. Charles Washington; was ordered to Williamsburg about the time that Lord Dunmore, who was Governor of Virginia, had deserted his post as Governor and had taken refuge on a British vessel lying in the James River. On that occasion he served a tour of four weeks.

In April 1777 he volunteered in Continental Service under Major Dawson, of General Nash's Brigade which he joined at Fredericksburg. They marched to Georgetown (then in Maryland, now in the District of Columbia) where they encamped until they had been inoculated against smallpox. A few days before 11 September 1777 when the Battle of Brandywine took place he was taken sick. He was then in Trenton, N. J., to which the Brigade had marched. There General Nash gave him his discharge.

In the fall of 1780 he was drafted in the militia and served as an orderly sergeant during a six weeks tour under Captain John Henderson, of Albemarle County. This was called the Cabin Point Tour. (Cabin Point was on the Appomattox below Petersburg.) James Nelson received his final discharge at Petersburg, Va.

<sup>1</sup> As recorded in *Rennolds-Reynolds Family of England and Virginia*, p. 195.

<sup>1</sup> Pension File James Nelson, S-5,809.

In that File James Nelson stated that he had resided in Orange County, Va., ever since the Revolution; that he was in the Third Virginia Regiment, and that a part of his service in General Nash's Brigade was under Capt. Darnold; and that John Smith, of Orange, could testify as to his services. The sought-for pension certificate was issued to him 18 July 1833 under the Act of 7 June 1832.

There are two other references to his Revolutionary War services. One is of him as a member of the Spotsylvania County Militia whose petition of 14 November 1776 he signed.<sup>2</sup> The other is the following quoted from *Public Claims of Orange County*:<sup>3</sup>

JAMES NELSON for Foraging 6 horses 1 night at 6d. 14 diets at 1/3.  
Certif<sup>d</sup>. by Jacob Holeman Com[missioner of the] P[rovisions]  
Shenandoah County Dec<sup>r</sup> 23 1780 £1..0..6

#215 THOMAS NELSON [32 Lucy Herndon] lived at Orange Springs, Culpeper County, Va., married, and had issue, possibly among others, the daughter named below. The name of his wife is not known to the compiler.<sup>1</sup>

*Child of Thomas Nelson and his wife ———:*

901 LUCY NELSON, b in Orange Springs, m Major CHARLES BURTON, son of Tom Burton; had issue:  
(1) Laura Burton m Samuel Dickenson.  
(2) Belle Burton m ——— Lockinor.

#222 JAMES GAINES HERNDON [35 Edward] was born 9 February 1764, Albemarle County, Va., twin to William Pendleton Herndon; died between 1820 and 1822, Elbert County, Ga.

As a young man he lived with his parents in Culpeper County, Va. Our first discovered reference to him is as a member of the Culpeper County Militia in January 1781. He was then in Class 83, commanded

<sup>2</sup> *Infra* 000.

<sup>3</sup> *Opus cit.*, 17.

<sup>1</sup> The information herein contained was contributed by Miss Mattie V. Reynolds, Santa Cruz, California.

by Capt. Reuben Beale, whose other members were John Rowsie, Benjamin Quinn, George Thompson, John Breedlove, William Rucker, Moses Burbage, James Jackson (who before that date had been drafted for Continental service), Benjamin Bledsoe, James Rucker, John Henderson, and John Ahart.<sup>1</sup>

On 27 October 1785 Richard Land deeded to him for £30 a tract of 100 acres in Orange County, described as "adjoining the land of Mr. Brock on an old road and at the fork of two roads."<sup>2</sup> At a subsequent date he and his wife Mary, whose surname is not of record, moved from Culpeper to Orange County, and on 23 October 1819 they sold the above-mentioned land to his brother Joel Herndon, of Madison County, for \$100.00.<sup>3</sup>

Thereupon James and Mary Herndon left Virginia and went to Elbert County, Ga., as two of his brothers had already done. He was enumerated in the 1820 Census of Elbert County.<sup>4</sup> After the death of Mary, he married there secondly in 1814 SARAH THORNTON.<sup>5</sup> He died before his father made his Will in 1822.<sup>6</sup>

*Children of James Gaines Herndon and Mary ———:*

902 SALLY HERNDON m in Orange County, Va., 19 December 1802 JOHN STOWERS, her father being on the bond.

903 JOHN HERNDON m in Elbert County, Ga., 21 February 1833 ELIZABETH THOMPSON.

*Children of James Gaines Herndon and Sarah Thornton:*

904 daughter mentioned in Census of 1820.

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<sup>1</sup> "Culpeper Classes" are recorded in the Archives Division, Virginia State Library, Richmond.

<sup>2</sup> *Orange County Deed Book* 18: 425.

<sup>3</sup> *Orange County Deed Book* 28: 261.

<sup>4</sup> Fourth Census of the United States: Elbert County, Georgia, p. 167. The lack of detail makes it impossible to state positively the names of the parties included in the families whose "head" is named. It is quite possible that the subject of this sketch was then dead and that the James Herndon enumerated was his son and that living with him was John Herndon who later married Elizabeth Thompson; also that it was James, the son, and not James, the father, who married in 1814 Sarah Thornton.

<sup>5</sup> Recorded in data in Department of Archives and History, Atlanta, Ga.

<sup>6</sup> *Supra* 000.

#223 WILLIAM PENDLETON HERNDON [35 Edward] was born 29 February 1764, Albemarle County, Va.<sup>1</sup>

When he was still in his 17th year he was enrolled as a member of the Culpeper County Militia, in Class 94, commanded by Cpt. Ambrose Bohannon.<sup>2</sup> Opposite his name the word "drafted" is written.<sup>3</sup> The record of his service and many personal items concerning his place of residence and neighbors, and a full report on the birth dates of his children, his wife, and himself are contained in the papers in his Pension File. From that source the following information is obtained:

- (1) He married MARY RUCKER who was born 2 March 176-, and who died 26 February 1835.<sup>3a</sup>
- (2) A page from the family Bible gave the names and dates of birth of each of their 13 children, which appear in the appropriate place in this sketch.
- (3) As to his places of residence he wrote:  
At the time of my entering the war I was a resident of Culpeper County now Madison in and about 3 miles from where I now live. Since the Revolution I have lived where I now live in Greene County, formerly Orange which was recently divided and Greene taken from it.
- (4) Concerning neighbors he wrote 13 July 1845:  
For the last 60 years I have resided at my present residence and suppose almost (*sic*) the entire neighborhood are acquainted with me. I know James F. Finks, Capt. Edward Cason, William Eddins, minister of the Gospel, Franklin Finks, Richard D. Sims, Capt. William Simms, Robert Brookin and a host of others all of whom are neighbors to me and have known me for several years past.
- (5) He gave Major Nat. Welch as one who knew of his service, stating that Major Welch had married in "his" County, Culpeper.
- (6) He was drafted three times and was never a substitute for anyone.
- (7) The affidavit relative to his service mentions: (a) his proceeding through Louisa County and the Southern part of Spotsylvania on the way to the "lower country," and Mobin Hills, a considerable distance below Richmond in Henrico County; (b) that his company at the Battle of Petersburg was under the command of General Muhlenberg; (c) "After that they retreated to Chesterfield C. H. where they remained a day or two and then all hands followed the British light Horse down to the Bay"; (d) that Captain Bohannon's company was discharged under Major Saunders; (e) that his next tour was under Col. James Slaughter and Major Robert Hill, of Culpeper; (f) that

<sup>1</sup> The exact statement in the Pension File of William Herndon S-9575 reads: "William Herndon, son to Edward and Mary Herndon, was born February the 29th 1764." Elsewhere in that File his affidavit reads in part, as follows: "... that he was born in Albemarle County in 1764."

<sup>2</sup> This list as of January 1781. Ambrose Bohannon was the eldest son of Elliott Bohannon whose daughter Mary was the wife of William Herndon [39]. Ambrose Bohannon was therefore the brother-in-law of William Herndon, an uncle of William Pendleton Herndon.

<sup>3</sup> In other words, that record shows that before January 1781 William Pendleton Herndon had been drafted, a fact confirmed by the data in the Pension File mentioned in footnote 1.

<sup>3a</sup> Her birth year was 1763, according to *Rucker Genealogy*, p. 204.

Mobin Hills was near Chesterfield County and Camp Holly not far from Richmond; (g) that frequently his company commander was Capt. Fisher Rice, of Culpeper; (h) that he was in a small skirmish at Camp Holly between some British and Americans; that he frequently saw General Lafayette, General Muhlenberg, and Major Welch; and (i) that his next tour was under Capt. Jonathan Cowherd, of Culpeper.

- (8) A supporting affidavit, made 2 July 1845, is quoted, in part, as follows:

I DANIEL TRIPLETT a Revolutionary soldier and pensioner hereby certify under oath that I was well acquainted with WILLIAM HERNDON of Culpeper for at the time of the Revolution him (*sic*) and myself were residents of the said County and lived in the same neighborhood in that portion of the County of Culpeper since taken off and now called Madison. I remember in the latter part of September 1780 a call for men was made by Capt. Ambrose Bohannon of said County and Mr. Herndon was drafted in his company for a three months tour together with others from the same neighborhood. Bohannon's company . . . marched to the lower country near Williamsburg. Mr. Herndon went in said militia company and he returned home according to my memory in the Christmas of 1780 and I had a long talk with him about the war.

In the following spring of 1781 another call for men was made by Capt. Fisher Rice and Mr. Herndon again enlisted for a three months tour and was marched to the lower counties in Virginia about the middle of March 1781.

About one month after that I joined a company from Culpeper under Captain Kirtley and marched down between Richmond and Williamsburg and fell in with Capt. Rice's Company of militiamen at a place called "Mobin Hills" a famous quartering place for soldiers. I thought the surrounding country at that place was the prettiest I ever saw in my life—found Mr. Herndon well and he was glad to see me and enquired how I left all at home. We were not separated from that time till the draft of Rice's men expired and then Herndon came on home and I sent by him my best love to my relatives. Whilst together during that tour he frequently told me of his having been in the battle of Petersburg a short time before our company reached his. He said it was "high time."

Rice's company and mine remained together near on two months before his company was discharged. . . . I never again saw Mr. Herndon till early in . . . July 1781. Our company lay near Fredericksburg and Capt. Cowherd from Culpeper came down and joined us with a company of men, and Mr. Herndon, I well remember, was a private in his company. Our companies remained together for some time at a place called "Germanna" and from there went to the lower counties. We were stationed a while in King and Queen and when we reached the C. H. of that County Cowherd discharged his entire company, they having served out their tour of three months. I again sent my love by Mr. Herndon to my relatives in Culpeper. . . . lived 2½ miles East of Ruckersville, Green (*sic*) County.

Nowhere in local records does the name of this soldier appear as William Pendleton Herndon, only as William Herndon. Nevertheless, in order to differentiate him from his uncle who lived in the same general neighborhood during the Revolution and a cousin William Herndon who

also served in the Army during the Revolution, his full name is here used.<sup>4</sup>

His wife was a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Rucker. The former furnished supplies for the use of the Army during the Revolution as evidenced by the following Culpeper County Public Claim:<sup>5</sup>

To THOMAS RUCKER for 650 lb of beef . . . £8 sterling 2s, 6d.

Received from THOMAS RUCKER 425 lbs. of beef for which payment is to be made at the rate of 2 pence [per lb.]—[Allowed] £5 sterling 6s. 3d

Thomas Rucker's Will was dated 7 January 1805, proved 23 June 1808, and recorded in Madison County Will Book 2:29, while that of his wife Elizabeth Rucker was dated 20 April 1826, proved 24 September 1827 and recorded in Orange County Will Book 6:501.

William Pendleton Herndon's Will was dated 28 August 1845 and recorded 12 August 1847.<sup>6</sup> Therein he named his 10 surviving children and the children of his deceased son Ezekiel; provided that each child's share should be the same; named his sons Edward and James Herndon executors. Witnesses were Alex O. Bradfield and Richard Quinn Herndon. Following the appraisement of his estate, \$499.17 was distributed as each child's share.<sup>7</sup>

#### *Children of William Pendleton Herndon and Mary Rucker:*

905 THOMAS HERNDON (b 28 November 1785), taxed in Madison County, 1802, d soon thereafter.

906 EDWARD HERNDON (b 13 May 1787; Will d April 1866, p May 1866, Orange County) m 24 October 1822 MARY B. BRADLEY, and had issue:<sup>8</sup>

(1) William George Herndon (b 28 February 1824; d 1861, Madison County) m 1 November 1853 in Madison County to Elizabeth Jane

<sup>4</sup> Authority for William Pendleton Herndon as his name is cited in *HFV* 32. A letter from his grandson John Gaines Herndon dated November 22, 1909, Dawsonville, Greene County, Va., to Lucia Herndon Hicks [later Mrs. G. G. Rucker], of Elbert County, Ga., written in a penmanship that was almost like that in copy book, reads in part as follows: "This writer John Gaines Herndon, aged 79, Merchant, Postmaster, and Farmer, widower, is a son of James Herndon who died in 1857, with Edward Herndon who died about 1860, were sons of William Pendleton Herndon, who died about 1844 . . . This William Pendleton Herndon, my grandfather, and his brother Joel Herndon who lived and died near here, were sons of Edward Herndon, my Gr. Grandfather, who lived and died in Madison County, Virginia . . . The said William Pendleton Herndon's wife was a Miss Mary Rucker . . . There was but one William Pendleton Herndon. [His] wife was Mary Rucker, as stated herein."

<sup>5</sup> *The Denny Genealogy*, Volume I: 199.

<sup>6</sup> *Greene County Will Book #1*: 252.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid*, 320.

<sup>8</sup> In *Moore's Journal*, a small leatherbound book, containing an account of the author's visit to Paris during the Reign of Terror, a copy of which Mr. John Waterhouse Herndon purchased in October 1938, there are the dates of birth of the children of this Edward Herndon and some other items concerning his brothers Henry and Manson Herndon.

- May (b 28 February 1834, Orange County), daughter of Allen May and Mary White; issue, 3 sons and 3 daus. [Elizabeth Jane (May) Herndon m 2nd 26 December 1867 James Cornelius Blankenbeker.]
- (2) Clarissa Menarkey Herndon (b 18 March 1826; d 23 November 1839).
- (3) Leah Frances Herndon (b 7 December 1828) m 17 December 1849 in Orange County to James M. Gabbott.
- (4) Edgar Jackson Herndon (b 3 June 1831).
- 907 JAMES HERNDON (b 3 January 1789, Orange County; d 1857, Madison County) enlisted, War of 1812;<sup>9</sup> m 30 December 1823 ESTHER FERNEYHOUGH (b ca 1803), daughter of Thomas Ferneyhough, and had issue, all born in Madison County:
- (1) William Preston Herndon (1825-1903), served CSA; m in Greene County either 17 August 1853 or 19 September 1854 Sarah Elizabeth Parrott, daughter of George Parrott; issue, 5 sons and 1 daughter.
  - (2) Elizabeth A. Herndon (1827-1882) m 12 January 1852 Benjamin Simon Hardin Stockdell (1826-1907) and had issue, 5 daughters.
  - (3) John Gaines Herndon (1831-1916) m 4 August 1864 Cornelia Jane Booton (1843-1909), daughter of Reuben and Mary Booton, and had issue, 2 sons and 5 daughters.
  - (4) Edward Ferneyhough Herndon (1832-post 1913), served CSA; m 27 July 1857 Julia Ann Wayland, daughter of William and Frances Wayland, and had issue, 3 daughters.
  - (5) Helen May Herndon (1834-1895) m 8 December 1857 William T. Flowers (1834-1902), and had issue, 1 son and 4 daughters.
  - (6) Sarah Jane Herndon (1835-post 1865) m 30 November 1854 William M. Parrott (b 1816), a widower, son of George Parrott; had issue, 3 sons and 1 daughter.
  - (7) Thomas Herndon (b 1836) d infancy.
  - (8) Daniel Boone Herndon (b 16 January 1838; d either 16 June 1918 or August 1923, Cooper County, Mo.) served CSA; m at Rochelle, Va., 12 December 1865 Columbia C. Yowell (b 9 January 1845; d February 1928) and had issue, 2 sons and 6 daughters.<sup>10</sup>
  - (9) Sonora E. Herndon (b December 1841) m 3 January 1861 James H. Herndon, son of Richard Quinn Herndon, *q. v.* for issue.
  - (10) Eliza Mildred Herndon (b 1843) m in Greene County 23 January 1873 Richard McHenry, of Carlisle, Pa., and had issue, 1 son.
  - (11) George T. Herndon (b 1844) CSA, killed in action as an artilleryman near Richmond, Va., 1863.
  - (12) Nathaniel Greene Herndon (b 1847; Will d 30 April 1923, p 25 May 1926) m 5 November 1874 Virginia Wagner Yowell, called "Jennie" (1850-1928), daughter of G. M. and Almira Yowell, and had issue, 2 sons and 4 daughters.

<sup>9</sup> In an affidavit made by Edward Ferneyhough Herndon at his Loudoun County home in 1914 he deposed that his father James Herndon served in the War of 1812, but according to John Gaines Herndon his father James Herndon enlisted but did not actually serve because of "the signing of peace."

<sup>10</sup> Miss Claire A. Kirkpatrick, Tifton, Mo., in a letter to the compiler dated 4 January 1938 furnished considerable information about her grandfather Daniel Boone Herndon and his descendants.

- 908 EZEKIEL HERNDON (b 7 December 1790; d ante 1845, *vita patris*) m in Orange County 29 January 1821 SARAH JONES, daughter of Elliott Jones, of Rockingham County, Va., and had issue:<sup>11</sup>
- (1) Manson W. Herndon (b 18 October 1821, Rockingham County; d 11 December 1899, bu. Pennington Point, McDonough Co., Illinois) was twice married. By his first wife, ——— Pence, he had twin daughters b 1846 in Illinois. He m 2nd ca 1850 Margaret Rexroat (b 1830, Ky.), daughter of Peter Rexroat, son of Adam Rexroat who migrated from Germany to Pennsylvania, and had issue, 7 children.
  - (2) Nancy Herndon.
  - (3) Susannah Herndon m ——— Cave.
  - (4) Mary J. Herndon.
  - (5) Allen A. Herndon (b 9 September 1831; d 20 February 1862, Nashville, Tenn.) USA; m Frances M. Cave (b 1833; d 14 July 1893) who received a Federal pension on account of his services; lived Scotland township, McDonough County, Ill.; had issue, 3 sons and 2 daughters.
  - (6) Sarah Ann Herndon m Frank Rucker (1820-1890), son of Jarvis Rucker, and had issue, 8 sons and 2 daughters.<sup>12</sup>
- 909 ELIZABETH HERNDON (b 6 June 1792) m 17 December 1818 in Madison County to BENJAMIN CASON, of Orange County, and had issue:
- (1) Edward P. Cason who m 1st ———; m 2nd his first cousin, Mary Ann Herndon, daughter of Manson Herndon and his wife Frances Ann Rhodes, and had issue, 1 son.
- 910 MARY PENDLETON HERNDON (2 May 1794) m in Orange County 28 March 1816 THOMAS S. THORNTON (b 1788), son of George Thornton and his wife Margaret Stanley, and had issue:<sup>13</sup>
- (1) George Thornton.
  - (2) Varinda Thornton.
  - (3) Lucy Ann Thornton (b 1835) m 2 October 1855 Henry Herndon (b 1829), son of John and Mahala Herndon; had issue, 2 sons and 1 daughter.
- 911 ABNER HERNDON, b 22 January 1796; mentioned in the Will of his father.
- 912 RACHEL HERNDON (b 27 August 1797) lived 1850 with her brother Thomas in Greene County and 1860 with her sister-in-law Esther (Ferneyhough) Herndon in Madison County; unkm.
- 913 WILLIAM HERNDON (b 29 January 1799) d young.
- 914 HENRY HERNDON (b 9 September 1800) m in Virginia to ELIZABETH ——— (b 1807, Va.); moved about 1835 to Champaign County, Ohio, and lived in Mad River township; had issue:
- (1) William Herndon, b 1828, Va.
  - (2) Mary Herndon, b 1832, Va.
  - (3) Rachel Herndon, b 1834, Va.
  - (4) Patrick Henry Herndon, b 1836, Ohio.
  - (5) Robert J. Herndon, b 1838, Ohio.

<sup>11</sup> Considerable data were contributed by Carl B. Herndon, Macomb, Illinois, 7 October 1938 concerning descendants of Ezekiel Herndon, his great-grandfather.

<sup>12</sup> *The Denny Genealogy*, Volume I: 232.

<sup>13</sup> *William and Mary Quarterly*, Series One, Vol. 6: 110.



- (6) John E. Herndon, b 1842, Ohio.
- (7) Elizabeth M. Herndon, b 1844, Ohio.
- 915 MANSON HERNDON (b 29 June 1802) m in Albemarle County 14 February 1829 FRANCES ANN RHODES (b 1812) and had issue:
  - (1) Martha Ann Herndon (b 1831) m lic. 31 January 1855 John E. Angell (b 1829).
  - (2) Thomas W. Herndon (b 1833) m lic. 7 September 1857 Susan A. Kiester (b 1835), and had issue, 2 daughters.
  - (3) Mary Ann Herndon (b 1835) m in Madison County her first cousin Edward P. Cason (b 1822), and had issue, 1 son.
  - (4) Rebecca M. Herndon (b 1837) m lic. 3 March 1858 John S. Horton (b 1830).
  - (5) Rachel Herndon (b 1838) m lic. 9 December 1856 William G. Jarrell.
  - (6) Cynthia Herndon (b 1840).
  - (7) Theophilus Herndon (b 1842; Will d 24 March 1920, p 7 April 1924)<sup>14</sup> CSA, m 1st 12 December 1866 Isabella F. Wood, by whom he had issue, 2 daughters; m 2nd 2 November 1872 Lucy M. Clements (b 1849) and had issue, 1 son and 5 daughters.
  - (8) George P. Herndon (b 1844) m 28 November 1878 Drucilla L. Seamonds (b 1857) in Albemarle County where his Will d 24 May 1924 was p 22 May 1928;<sup>15</sup> issue, 5 sons and 3 daughters.
  - (9) Lucy Ann Herndon (b 1846) m lic. 29 January 1867 Virgil D. McCauley.
  - (10) Frances Ellen Herndon (b 1849) m lic. 21 December 1871 George V. Wood (b 1848).
  - (11) Sarah Margaret Cordelia Herndon (b 1853) m 1 December 1879 William Garrison (b 1849).
- 916 JOEL HERNDON, b 29 July 1804, a shoemaker, 1850, unm.
- 917 THOMAS HERNDON (b 29 June 1807) farmer of Greene County, 1850; mentioned 1866 in the Will of his brother Edward Herndon.

#224 BENJAMIN HERNDON [35 Edward] was born 9 May 1765, Culpeper County, Va. There he was married 20 November 1787 by Reverend George Eve to SUSANNAH AHART (b 8 July 1769; d 12 June 1835, Elbert County, Ga.), daughter of Abraham Ahart and so mentioned in his Will, dated 7 May 1788.<sup>1</sup> By an odd error Benjamin's marriage is recorded in Orange County as occurring the date above given but the bride was recorded, through error, as being Catherine Ehart. About

<sup>14</sup> Albemarle County Will Book #33: 312.

<sup>15</sup> Albemarle County Will Book #34: 214.

<sup>1</sup> Culpeper County Will Book C: 332.

1793 Benjamin Herndon, his wife, and their first three children removed from Orange County, Va., to Elbert County, Ga.

Benjamin Herndon died in Elbert County, Ga., 12 April 1805, leaving a Will, dated 18 September 1804, which was "placed on register" 23 April 1805.<sup>2</sup> By its terms he left to his wife Susannah for life or during her widowhood all his property, which was to be divided when the youngest of his children reached maturity and designated her as executrix and his brother Edward Herndon as executor. Susannah and Edward qualified as such at the term of Elbert County Court which began in February 1805.<sup>3</sup>

*Children of Benjamin Herndon and Susannah Abart:* <sup>4</sup>

918 MICHAEL HERNDON (b 26 April 1788, Culpeper County, Va.; d 10 April 1857, Russellville, Ga.) witness to the Will of George Rucker, dated 6 September 1810, probated 6 November 1815, Franklin County, Ga.; m 1st 2 March 1812 SARAH J. SEALS (b 29 August 1796, Va.; d 22 December 1837, Ga.) and had issue; all born in Elbert County, Ga.:

- (1) Benjamin Herndon (b 8 December 1813; d 1891) CSA, lived in Elbert Co., Ga., 1850, removed to Shorterville, Ala., by 1860; m 26 November 1833 Mahala (Malinda or Hulda) R. Almond (b 22 January 1816; d 1891), and had issue, 7 sons and 3 daughters.
- (2) James Herndon (b 14 August 1815; d 1816).
- (3) Elizabeth Ann Herndon (b 17 August 1817) m Edward Brown.
- (4) Enoch George Herndon (b 25 June 1819) CSA m 1839 Jane Copeland.
- (5) Elmira Herndon (b 15 June 1821) m Washington Brown.
- (6) Thomas Jefferson Herndon (b 31 August 1823; d 26 January 1896, Elbert County) CSA, m 20 October 1842 Sarah Ann Terrell (b 17 September 1823; d 14 April 1906, Elbert County), whose mother Sarah Terrell (aged 65) lived with them in 1850; had issue, 4 sons and 4 daughters.
- (7) John Seals Herndon (b 25 October 1825; d 10 June 1900), Captain, CSA, m 8 December 1853 Susan Ahart Brown (b 3 September 1833; d 22 June 1920), his first cousin, a daughter of Elbert Brown and his wife Elizabeth Herndon, sister of Michael Herndon; had issue, 5 sons and 4 daughters.
- (8) William Theodore Herndon (b 13 November 1827), CSA, m 1st Katherine Hull (or Hulme); m 2nd Sarah Clark.
- (9) James Edward Herndon (b 12 December 1830; d 15 October 1890), CSA, m 12 December 1854 Violetta Jeanne Hall (b 27 March 1838; d 27 November 1910), resided at Elberton, Ga.; issue, 2 sons and 8 daughters.

<sup>2</sup> *Elbert County Will Book, 1803-1806: 65.*

<sup>3</sup> *Records of Elbert County*, published by the Joseph C. Habersham Chapter DAR: 147.

<sup>4</sup> Dr. Dallas Tabor Herndon, Secretary of the Arkansas Historical Commission, and the late Mrs. Lucia Hicks Herndon (Mrs. G. G.) Rucker, of Elberton, Ga., contributed much of the data listed below.

- (10) Margaret J. Herndon (b 5 May 1833; d September 1912) m 1st Alpheus Brown, her first cousin, son of Elbert Brown and his wife Elizabeth Herndon; had issue, 1 son and 3 daughters; m 2nd Barnett Johnston, and had issue, 1 daughter.
- (11) Sarah J. Herndon (b 25 July 1834) m 1st Thomas Cook; m 2nd James Fleming.
- (12) Elbert B. Herndon (b 20 August 1836) d young.
- (13) Michael Ahart Herndon (b 22 December 1837) CSA m Frances Louisa Roberts; had issue, 3 sons and 2 daughters.

MICHAEL HERNDON m 2nd ELIZABETH COOK (b 1810, Ga.), lived near the Red Wine Church on the west side of Morea Creek and in Russellville, Ga., and had issue:

- (14) Francis Asbury Herndon (b September 1841), killed in action at Murphreesboro, Tenn., in Hood's Corps, CSA.

919 MARY HERNDON (b 1790) m JESSE WHITE, and had issue:

- (1) Benjamin White m ——— Adams.
- (2) Washington White.
- (3) Elizabeth White m 1st ——— White; m 2nd Jesse Forester, and by him had issue 2 sons and 4 daughters.

920 EDWARD HERNDON (b 7 February 1792; d 22 January 1855, Meriwether Co., Ga.), soldier of the War of 1812; received from Georgia in recognition of that service land in Meriwether County. He m in Elbert County 17 August 1820 NANCY BROWN (b 1804, Elbert County). They lived in Elbert County until 1834 when Edward Herndon went to Meriwether County where he built a log cabin and removed his family thither in 1835. He cleared the land and became a successful farmer there. They had issue:

- (1) Benjamin H. Herndon (b 27 September 1821; d 1896, LeGrange, Ga.) m Frances Prettyman, and had issue, 1 son and 5 daughters.
- (2) Edna A. Herndon (b 29 August 1823; d 25 September 1897) m William Carroll.
- (3) Lucinda M. Herndon (b 1 October 1825; d 30 October 1826).
- (4) Richard M. Herndon (b 8 October 1827; d 4 May 1863) m Martha Hughes.
- (5) Joel Jasper Herndon (b 19 October 1829; d 9 March 1907) m 9 December 1852 Elizabeth C. Kempson (b in Edgefield, S. C.), daughter of Benjamin Kempson and Elizabeth Long, natives of South Carolina who settled in Georgia about 1840. He was in CSA, wounded at Gettysburg; Baptist, his wife member of the Lutheran Church. They were among the earliest settlers of Coweta County; had issue, 3 sons and 5 daughters.
- (6) Marshall Hymer Herndon (b 23 March 1832; d 16 December 1869) m Anna Kempson, and had issue, 1 son.
- (7) Amanda Louise Herndon (b 26 December 1834; d 1894) m Mack Boyd.
- (8) Preston A. Herndon (b 13 May 1836; d 8 March 1901) lived in Newnan, Ga., m 11 June 1861 Ann Jones (d post 1910, Newnan, Ga.) and had issue, 5 sons and 4 daughters.

- (9) James Matthews Herndon (b 26 February 1841) m Lavinia Brandenburg; resided at Alps, Ga., where they were living in February 1910; had issue, 5 sons and 4 daughters.
- (10) Tallulah Haseltine Herndon (b 14 February 1843; d 29 October 1855).
- (11) Cora L. Herndon (b 6 April 1845; d 25 May 1862) m Chesley Hallman.
- (12) Walter Judson Herndon (b 25 January 1848) m Nancy Whittle, and lived in Cedartown, Ga., 1910.
- 921 ELIZABETH HERNDON (b ca 1795) m ELBERT BROWN, and had issue:
  - (1) Susan Ahart Brown, mentioned above, as wife of John Seals Herndon.
  - (2) Alpheus Brown, mentioned above as husband of Margaret J. Herndon.
  - (3) Elbert Brown m ——— Fleming.
  - (4) Sarah Brown m 1st John Neese; m 2nd J. Scarboro.
  - (5) Margaret Brown m ——— Brown.
- 922 FANNY HERNDON (b ca 1800) m WILLIAM MANN.

#225 EDWARD HERNDON [35 Edward] was born 6 May 1768 and died 22 September 1827. He was born either in Culpeper or Orange County, Va.; m in Culpeper County 18 August 1791 NANCY RUCKER (b 8 May 1768; d 11 April 1845), daughter of Thomas Rucker, of Madison County, and sister of Mary who m William Pendleton Herndon. They lived the greater part of their lives on their plantation on Beaver Dam Creek, Elbert County, Ga.

*Children of Edward Herndon and Nancy Rucker:*<sup>1</sup>

- 923 MARY GAINES HERNDON (b 2 June 1792, Orange County, Va.; d ante 1871, Hart Co., Ga.) m 5 October 1809 DOZIER T. BROWN, and had issue:
  - (1) Sagwell Brown m ——— Hall.
  - (2) Benjamin Brown m Mildred Crawford.
  - (3) Edward Brown m Elizabeth Ann Herndon, daughter of Michael Herndon.
  - (4) Lucy Ann Brown m William Jones, of Hart County.
  - (5) Elizabeth Brown m Asa Brown, of Hart County.
  - (6) Francis M. Brown m Rena Roberts.
  - (7) Dillard Brown m 1st Lettie Brown; m 2nd ——— Rhodes; m 3rd Ann Johnston.
  - (8) Rachel Brown m J. Gordon McCurry.
  - (9) Asa Brown m Priscilla Thornton.
  - (10) Vandiver Brown m Mary Johnston.
  - (11) Eppie Brown m 1st ——— Smith; m 2nd ——— Sewell.

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<sup>1</sup> See HFV 4.

- 924 ELIZABETH RUCKER HERNDON (b 5 December (?) 1793; d post 1871) m 1814 JOHN GAINES; resided at Talladega, Ala.
- 925 DILLARD HERNDON (b 22 April 1795; d 14 July 1873) became a member of the Vans Creek Baptist Church, Ruckersville, Ga., 8 August 1831; amassed large fortune; judge of the inferior court of Elbert County, 1830-1840; member of the Georgia House of Representatives, 1833-34; unm.
- 926 CATHERINE DIGGES HERNDON (b 28 February 1797, Orange County, Va.; d 1884, Ga.) m 11 May 1815, Elbert County, Ga., to EPPIE WHITE, son of John Mastin White; resided in Hart County, Ga.; had issue:
- (1) John White m ———.
  - (2) Thomas White m Martha McMillan.
  - (3) Mildred White m James Jones.
  - (4) Edward White m ——— Roberts.
  - (5) James White m 1st Martha Johnston; m 2nd Martha Cobb.
  - (6) Rachel White m 1st James Strickland; m 2nd Jephtha Duncan.
  - (7) Dillard White m Mary Duncan.
  - (8) Nancy White, unm.
  - (9) Sarah White m Charles Christian.
  - (10) Melissa White m 1st L. Christian; m 2nd J. Gaines.
- 927 SARAH HERNDON (b 29 September 1798, Orange County, Va.; d October 1883) m ——— ADAMS.
- 928 FRANCES HERNDON (b 2 November 1800, Orange County, Va.; d 1841) m JAMES ADAMS, resided in Jasper County, Ga.; had issue (possibly among others) a son William Adams who m 27 February 1849 Susan Frances Hurst, daughter of John Hurst and his wife Elizabeth Montgomery, and had issue.<sup>2</sup>
- 929 NANCY HERNDON (b 18 June 1802, Orange County, Va.) d 27 October 1820 of diphtheria, Elbert County, Ga., unm.
- 930 RACHEL HERNDON (b 9 February 1804, Elbert County, Ga.; d 1837) m ——— BURRUSS; resided in Cass County, [Illinois (?)].
- 931 LUCINDA HERNDON (b 22 April 1805) d 27 October 1820 of diphtheria.
- 932 THOMAS RUCKER HERNDON (b 29 March 1807; d 16 October 1821).
- 933 WILLIAM HERNDON, b and d 1809.
- 934 EDWARD HERNDON, b and d 1809.

#228 JOHN HERNDON [35 Edward] was born about 1770 in Orange County, Va. He married in Madison County, Va., 5 November 1795 ELIZABETH WOOD, daughter of James Wood. His name was on the personal property tax rolls of that county at least as late as 1813. By 1823 he and his family had settled in Madison County, Ky. Whether they had any sons is not known, but two of their daughters married in Madison County, Ky., as shown by its marriage bonds.

<sup>2</sup> This family is traced in Family Bible Records 1-2: 17, in the Department of Archives and History, Atlanta, Ga.

*Children of John Herndon and Elizabeth Wood:*

- 935 GABRIELLA HERNDON m 17 October 1822 THOMAS LEE, son of Richard Lee; <sup>1</sup> settled in Missouri by 1833; had large family.  
936 SARAH HERNDON m 27 July 1825 IRVINE LEE.

#230 GEORGE HERNDON [35 Edward] was the ninth child of his parents. A rather complete family record of him and his descendants has been preserved and is now in the possession of his great-grandson Charles Stanton Fenwick, of Tulsa, Oklahoma. From it the following excerpts are quoted:

GEORGE HERNDON, son of Edward and Mary Herndon was born April 12th, 1779.

ELIZABETH HERNDON, daughter of Benjamin and Franky Zachery was born August 1st, 1778.

GEORGE HERNDON, SR., and ELIZABETH ZACHERY were married in Madison county, Virginia, on the 31st day of July, 1799 & moved from Madison County, Virginia to Madison county, Ky., in the fall of 1813, and moved to Cooper county, Mo., in the fall of 1831 (on the 19th November).

GEORGE HERNDON, SR., died at the residence of Susan Herndon in Cooper Co., Mo., on Sunday morning about 4 O'Clock on the 20th day of December, 1874, aged 95 years, 8 months and 8 days.

ELIZABETH HERNDON departed this life on 20th July 1847.

There is in the above-mentioned record also a statement of the birth of the children and, with regard to some of them, other family information which will be included in its proper place in this genealogy.

In addition to the foregoing items we know that the marriage license was dated 25 July 1799, and that the officiating clergyman was Hamilton Goss; that the residence of this couple in Madison County, Ky., was at the county seat, Richmond; and that for a while before locating finally in Cooper County, Mo., they moved to Lamine Township, six miles from Boonville, Mo.; that they were buried at Lamine; and that George Herndon's Will is on file at Boonville. The Susan Herndon at whose house George Herndon died was the widow of his second son Benjamin Zachery Herndon.

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<sup>1</sup> According to Mrs. Nelda Paul, of Indianapolis, Ind., in a letter dated 9 January 1950, Thomas Lee (d 1861) was a son of a Richard Lee, but Richard's identity is not established.

*Children of George Herndon and Elizabeth Zachery:*

937 JULIUS HERNDON (b 17 April 1800, Va.) m in Madison County, Ky., 10 September 1825 SOPHIA HOCKAWAY (b 1802); lived in 1860 in Tebo township, Henry County, Missouri, where he engaged in farming. Among their children were these two whose names we know:

- (1) Richard Herndon, b ca 1836.
- (2) Sarah Herndon, b ca 1841.

938 BENJAMIN ZACHERY HERNDON (b 30 April 1802, Va., d 7 August 1873, Mo.) m in Madison County, Ky., 8 October 1828 (license 6 Oct.) SUSAN FOX (b 1802, Ky.), lived in Cooper County, Mo., 1850; had issue:

- (1) William James Herndon (16 July 1829, Madison County, Ky.; d 12 January 1912, Marshall, Saline County, Mo.) m 7 April 1853 in Saline County to Mary Ellen McMahan (b 23 January 1834; d 1877), daughter of S. W. McMahan, of Cooper County, Mo.; charter member of the Masonic Lodge at Herndon, Mo.; had issue, 5 sons and 8 daughters.<sup>1</sup>
- (2) John Herndon b 1832, Mo.
- (3) George Herndon b 1834; d 22 September 1922.
- (4) Martha Herndon (b 1836, Mo.) m John A. Frey, of Cooper County, Mo.
- (5) Mary Herndon (b 1838, Mo.) m Columbus Dickerson, of Cooper County.
- (6) Henry Green Herndon b 1841, Mo.

939 RODNEY HERNDON (b 25 May 1804, Va.; d 19 November 1892, Mo.) m in Madison County, Ky., 28 January 1830 (license 28 January) NANCY C. FOX (b 7 June 1804, Ky.; d 17 September 1863), sister of Susan who married Benjamin Zachery Herndon. They lived in Cooper County, Mo., 1850; in Blackwater township, Saline County, 1870; and in Liberty township, that county, 1880. They had issue:

- (1) George Washington Herndon (b 6 March 1831), lived 1870 at his father's home, was then unm.
- (2) James Madison Herndon (b 23 June 1833, Cooper County, Mo.; d 27 June 1924, Virginia City, Madison County, Montana) with a large number of others left Missouri in the 1860's for Virginia City, Montana. He arrived at Alder Gulch in 1863; m 21 May 1867 Sarah Raymond who, with her mother Mrs. Daniel Fitch Raymond and brothers W. H. Raymond and Winthrop Raymond, had arrived in Virginia City 5 September 1865. Prior to her marriage Miss Raymond had taught the first public school in Montana. It was opened in Virginia City in the fall of 1866 with an enrollment of 18 pupils. Her father, a Yale graduate, had practiced law in Cincinnati. Mrs. Herndon was a writer of some note. Her book *Days on the Road* recounts thrilling experiences while crossing the plains. James Madison Herndon was a Democrat; 69 years a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and at one time District deputy grand master; member of the Presbyterian

<sup>1</sup> Special acknowledgment is due to Mr. Benjamin W. Herndon, Modesto, California, a son of Wm. James Herndon, for family data supplied the compiler in 1937.

Church, but as there was no church of that denomination in Virginia City, he was for many years an active worker in the Methodist church there, and aided in organizing the first Sunday School in Montana. He had issue, 2 sons and 2 daughters. [This remarkable personage was 91 years old at his death; his father 88; his grandfather Herndon, 95; and his great-grandfather Herndon, 92 years of age.]<sup>2</sup>

- (3) John G. Herndon (b 24 February 1835, Mo.) m Florence D——, and had issue, 4 sons and 3 daughters.
- (4) Harrison Herndon (b 6 February 1837; d 6 August 1838).
- (5) Edward S. Herndon (b 3 November 1838, Cooper County; d 6 April 1919) became in 1875 first postmaster of the town of Herndon, Missouri, named for him. The Masonic Lodge of which he was a member was also named for him. He became its treasurer and later its permanent secretary. He married 16 October 1866 Lucy A. McMahan (b 13 August 1845; d 18 October 1914), whose sister Mary Ellen married William James Herndon, his first cousin. Of their six children, 1 son and 3 daughters were living in 1881.
- 940 JAMES HERNDON (b 25 January 1806, Madison County, Va.) m in Arkansas 1838 ELIZABETH MCGARRAH (b 1820, Arkansas); removed to Collin County, Texas, and had issue:
  - (1) Mary Elizabeth Herndon (b 1839) m Alexander Ingram.
  - (2) John M. Herndon b ca 1841, Arkansas.
  - (3) George Henry Herndon (b ca 1845, Texas; d 1906) m 1872 Lucy Frances McDonald (d July 1939).
  - (4) Joshua Herndon b ca 1847.
  - (5) Virginia Herndon (b 1849) m Ivan Faris.
  - (6) Harrison Herndon b ca 1853.
  - (7) James Herndon b ca 1855.
  - (8) Walter L. ("Tobe") Herndon b ca 1858.
  - (9) Nora Herndon (b ca 1861) m J. C. Montgomery.
- 941 ALBERT G. HERNDON (b 13 July 1808) m, license issued in Madison County, Ky., 2 April 1832, NANCY B. POLLARD; lived then at Silver Creek, that County; later acquired 557 acres in Garrard County, Ky., near Lancaster. They were members of the Christian Church. He was a Democrat.<sup>3</sup> They had:
  - (1) Lucie Anderson Herndon.
  - (2) Betty Anderson Herndon.
  - (3) Nancy Jane Herndon, d aged 3 years 4 months.
- 942 FRANCES HERNDON (b 1 November 1810) m CHARLES FOX in a double wedding 8 October 1828, the other principals being her brother, Benjamin Zachery Herndon, and Susan Fox, sister of Charles. Charles and Frances Fox removed to Collin County, Texas, and had issue:
  - (1) Jane Fox m John Bundy.
  - (2) Lucy Ann Fox m Tandy Quisenberry.
  - (3) Mattie Fox m Jones Moore.
  - (4) Mollie Fox m John McKinney.

<sup>2</sup> Also to Rodney Raymond Herndon, Seattle, Wash., his sister Mrs. Grace Herndon McKay, Spokane, Wash., and his brother Winthrop Hillhouse Herndon, Wapato, Wash., for information about their parents and their descendants.

<sup>3</sup> Perrin's *History of Kentucky*, 1887 edition.



- (5) Laura Fox m Joseph Anderson.
- (6) Minerva Fox m Thomas Chandler.
- (7) Sam Fox m Sallie Barnes.
- (8) John Fox m Ann Graham.
- (9) George Fox, d CSA, bu Oklahoma.

943 CHARLES HERNDON (b 18 November 1813, Madison Co., Va.) came with his parents from Virginia to Kentucky when game was plentiful. He became quite a noted hunter and, according to reports, "He killed enough deer each year to buy 40 acres, and adding that amount each year he became a very large land owner before his death." "His old gun, a large double bore shot gun," another report reads "is now in the possession of a doctor in Sweet Springs, Mo." He m *ca* 1834/1837 REBECCA CRAMER (1817-post 1870), daughter of Gabriel Cramer, of Pennsylvania. Both he and she were buried in Herndon, Mo. They had an only son:

- (1) James M. Herndon (b 1838) m 1st Letitia Jones, daughter of James Jones and Sallie Ivens; had issue, 4 sons and 3 daughters; m 2nd ———, and had issue, 1 son.

944 LUCY HERNDON (b 23 February 1815, Madison County, Kentucky; d September 1863) m ——— TURLEY, of Warrensburg, Johnson County, Mo., and had issue a daughter and sons named George, Thomas, and James Turley.

945 GEORGE HERNDON (b 21 February 1818, Richmond, Madison County, Ky.; d 22 September 1902, McKinney, Texas) m 6 January 1843 in Fayetteville, Ark., CYNTHIA ANN MCGARRAH (b 10 September 1827), daughter of Jack McGarrah and Polly Graham. Jack McGarrah removed from North Carolina to Arkansas and in the 1840's to Texas, where he settled 3 miles north of McKinney. When Collin County was organized he gave 40 acres for the first county seat and called it Buckner. After the first State legislature had passed an Act requiring that each county seat be not more than 3 miles from the center of the county, the county seat was changed to McKinney. In 1849 Jack McGarrah went to California and died there. George Herndon, before he married, went to Texas and helped to survey Peters Colony which extended some 60 to 75 miles south from Red River, embracing portions of the present counties of Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Fannin, Grayson, and Hunt. He removed to Lamine township, Cooper County, Mo., where he remained until 1836 when he removed to Fayetteville, Washington County, Ark. He and his wife lived there until 1847 when they settled near McKinney, Collin County, Texas, where all their children, except the first two, were born. His wife was a younger sister of Elizabeth who m James Herndon, brother of George. Cynthia Ann (McGarrah) Herndon d 8 March 1913, at McKinney. Issue:<sup>4</sup>

- (1) Henry Clay Herndon (b 13 December 1843, Fayetteville, Ark.; d 17 March 1917, Dallas, Texas) CSA, m 1870 Sarah Elizabeth Fitzhugh (b McKinney, Texas, d Austin, Texas), daughter of William Fitzhugh and Mary Ralston; for many years a druggist; moved from McKinney to Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto County, Texas in 1898; issue, 2 sons and 4 daughters.

<sup>4</sup> Chief contributor of records concerning this family has been Mr. Glenn T. Herndon, Dallas, Texas, a son of James Rodney Herndon.

- (2) Thomas Jefferson Herndon (b 25 February 1846; d 4 February 1928) CSA, unnm.
  - (3) James Rodney Herndon (b 15 December 1847; d March 1942), first white child born in Collin County, Texas; m Susan Bush, daughter of Oliver E. Bush; lived 9 miles west of McKinney; had issue, 6 sons and 6 daughters.
  - (4) Albert H. Herndon (b 6 February 1850; d 5 January 1861).
  - (5) Benjamin Zachery Herndon (b 21 February 1851; d 1928) m 1st Maggie Goodwin; m 2nd Mamie Miller; lived in McKinney and in Oklahoma.
  - (6) Mary E. Herndon (b 25 December 1852) m J. C. Montgomery; had issue.
  - (7) Lucy Jane Herndon (b 25 February 1855; d 1928) m H. E. Singleton, and had issue.
  - (8) Julia A. Herndon (b 23 October 1856) m H. C. Addison, and had issue.
  - (9) Cynthia Ann Herndon (b 9 March 1858; d 7 April 1858).
  - (10) George A. Herndon (b 7 April 1859; d 2 February 1933) lived in Montana, unnm.
  - (11) Sally F. Herndon (b 5 December 1860) m Glen Barlow, lived in 1937 in McKinney; had issue.
  - (12) William Herndon (b 10 August 1862) m Julia Black, daughter of John R. Black; had issue, 1 son and 1 daughter.
  - (13) Martha F. Herndon (b 30 January 1864) m John Field, and had issue.
  - (14) Clarence Edward Herndon (10 December 1865) m Belle Schoolcraft; "a true pioneer . . . cowboy on the Burk Burnett ranch in King County, Texas; sheriff of Foard County, Texas; US District Marshal in Southern Arizona; prospector in old Mexico . . ."; lived 1937 in San Bernadino, California.
  - (15) Laura A. Herndon (b 24 September 1869; d 5 January 1882).
- 946 NANCY HERNDON (b 19 November 1819, Madison County, Ky.; d 6 December 1866) m 1st ANDREW DAVENPORT, of Cooper County, Mo., and had issue:
- (1) Susan Davenport m Hayden Short, as his first wife.
  - (2) Theodocia Davenport m Hayden Short, as his second wife.
  - (3) George Ann Davenport m James Bailey.
  - (4) Virginia Davenport m Richard Keith.
- NANCY HERNDON m 2nd GABRIEL CRAMER by whom she had a son whose name was not known.
- 947 JULIA ANN HERNDON (b 21 November 1822, Madison County, Ky.; d 25 May 1907, at the home of her son Benjamin Fenwick, Cooper County, Mo.) m 31 August 1837 in Cooper County to GEORGE FENWICK (b 15 March 1813, St. Marys County, Maryland; d 30 October 1878), a civil engineer and early-day surveyor of eastern Missouri. She was a woman of bright and strong, pioneering mind and health. She lived at the home of her son William H. Fenwick a number of years after the death of her husband. Issue: <sup>5</sup>

<sup>5</sup> The records of this couple were contributed largely by Charles S. Fenwick, Esq., of Tulsa, Okla., in 1937.

- (1) Margaret Fenwick (b 11 July 1838; d 1935) m 10 January 1860 in Saline County, Mo., to George Bailey.
- (2) William H. Fenwick (b 28 September 1840; d 6 May 1919) m 30 December 1862 Mary J. Brownlee (d 1907) and had issue, 3 sons and 3 daughters. He was in the harness business first at Herndon, Mo., and later, after the death of his wife, at Marshall, Mo. There he lived at the home of his daughter Florence (Mrs. John S.) Bishop.
- (3) Lucy Fenwick (b 26 March 1842; d 5 April 1918) m Robert Beazley; lived at Arrow Rock, Mo.
- (4) Benjamin F. Fenwick (b 21 March 1844; d 20 June 1936) m 21 November 1863 Elizabeth P. Staples; a farmer of Arrow Rock; issue, 4 sons and 1 daughter.
- (5) Jessie Frances Fenwick (b 20 July 1846) drowned in the Missouri River at Arrow Rock 17 June 1853.
- (6) Henry Samuel Mills Fenwick (b 16 August 1849, Arrow Rock) m 1st 18 September 1873 Sallie E. Stanton (d 1891, Greenwood, Texas, and buried there), only daughter of Judge Charles S. and Mary Ellen Stanton. Judge Stanton had presided over the Probate Court of Macon County, Alabama, before he and his family removed from Tuskegee, Ala., to Texas at the close of the Civil War. Judge Stanton was also a regularly ordained Baptist minister. Henry S. M. and Sallie Fenwick had issue, 1 son (Charles Stanton Fenwick, Esq., of Tulsa, Okla.) and 6 daughters. Henry S. M. Fenwick m 2nd in 1896 Josie Hicks by whom he had issue, 1 son and 4 daughters.
- (7) Mary Ellen Fenwick (b 5 March 1851; d 2 October 1852).
- (8) Annie Rosalie Fenwick (b 17 April 1853) m 1876 at Lexington, Mo., to J. H. Stephens. In 1937 she lived at Sweet Springs, Mo. They had issue, 5 sons and 2 daughters.
- (9) John Herndon Fenwick (b 17 November 1855; d 10 October 1857).
- (10) Estelle Fenwick b 27 February 1858.
- (11) George Herndon Fenwick (b 22 October 1860) m Lucy C. Herndon (b 1 April 1862), daughter of William James Herndon, son of Benjamin Zachery Herndon, older brother of Julia Ann (Herndon) Fenwick. George Herndon Fenwick and his wife lived near Marshall, Mo., in 1936.
- (12) Joseph Jasper Fenwick (b 29 November 1862) m Mary ———.
- (13) Lewis Carbery Fenwick (b 8 February 1865) m Beulah ———; was a contractor, living in Clovis, N. M., and had issue, possibly among others, 1 son (Edgar Fenwick).
- (14) Josephine Fenwick (b 1 December 1870) d infancy.

#231 HENRY HERNDON [35 Edward] was born about 1782. The marriage bond for his marriage to LUCINDA WOOD, daughter of James Wood, was issued in Orange County, Va., but they made their home in Madison County, Va. At the time of the death of their eldest son Henry James Herndon in 1831 the Court appointed the father administrator of his estate. Information concerning Henry Herndon is lacking after this date. In 1860, however, his widow, Lucinda Herndon, lived next door to her son Dr. Bartley P. Herndon in Salt Spring township, Randolph County, Mo., when she was listed in the census as a farmer whose realty was worth \$6,000.

*Children of Henry Herndon and Lucinda Wood:*

948 HENRY JAMES HERNDON (1803, Orange County, Va.; d there 1831) m 24 September 1827 Mrs. ELIZABETH (LLOYD) TEMPLEMAN, daughter of Robert Lloyd; had issue, an only son:

- (1) Dr. James Henry Herndon (b 28 October 1828, Orange C. H., Va.; d 19 July 1868), graduated 14 June 1848 from Eclectic Medical Institute, Cincinnati; practised medicine at Huntsville, Randolph County, Mo., until about 1854 when he removed to Austin, Texas; m 1st *ca* 1849 Maria Louisa Taylor (d 3 December 1850), daughter of James Dunlap Taylor and Harriet Townsend, of Cincinnati, Ohio. They had issue, 1 son, Henry Taylor Herndon. He m 2nd in Howard County, Mo., 4 March 1852 Mrs. Juliet Maria (Cleveland) Reynolds, who had divorced in 1849 her first husband, Dr. Loring Henry Reynolds, of Howard County. Four years after the death of Dr. Herndon his widow m as her third husband Percy Wilberforce Hurndall, of Gloucestershire, England, 31 August 1874 at Cypress Springs, Blanco County, Texas, and subsequently resided at Pasadena, California. Dr. Herndon served CSA first as medical purveyor and later was commissioned surgeon; after the end of the War he removed to San Antonio, where his promising career came to a sudden end when, in the prime of life, he died of a brain fever. He and his second wife had issue, 2 sons and 2 daughters.<sup>1</sup>

949 BARTLEY P. HERNDON (b *ca* 1805, Madison County, Va.) was living in Shenandoah County, Va., at the time of his marriage 6 June 1828 to MARY BOYD, daughter of Thomas D. Boyd, proprietor of Boyd's Tavern at Three Notched and River Roads, Albemarle County, and his wife, Mary Magruder, of Prince Georges County, Md. To Bartley P. and Mary Herndon were born certain children among whom were:

- (1) John H. Herndon, b 1843.
- (2) Adelaide Herndon, b 1849.
- (3) Henry Herndon, b 1851.

<sup>1</sup> Mrs. Henry Raymond Herndon, Dallas, Texas, at various dates during 1936, 1937, and 1938 furnished the compiler data concerning this family, as did also Mr. Herbert Templeman Herndon, of San Antonio, Texas.

(4) Bartley P. Herndon, b 1853.

(5) Thomas Boyd Herndon, b 1855.

BARTLEY P. HERNDON, who was a practising physician of Huntsville, Mo., m 2nd about 1857 Margaret — (b ca 1822, Ky.) by whom he had issue:

(6) W. Lee Herndon, b 1858.

(7) Mattie Herndon, b 1862.

950 LUCY D. HERNDON (b ca 1809) m 15 December 1828 THEOPHILUS EDDINS. Her brother, Bartley P. Herndon was a witness.

#232 JOEL HERNDON [35 Edward] was born about 1782, twin of Henry, and died in Greene County, Va., 3 June 1854. He married in Madison County 23 December 1805 LUCY QUINN (b 1783). Sometime between 1819 and 1843 they settled in Greene County. In the 1850 census of Greene County he is listed as a farmer owning land worth \$1,200 and as having his wife and their two daughters living with him. In 1843 and again in 1850 he served as surety for his son Benjamin who had been elected to serve as constable.<sup>1</sup> Joel's personal estate was appraised at \$464.37½ on 10 October 1854 and the appraisal recorded 22 December 1854.<sup>2</sup>

*Children of Joel Herndon and Lucy Quinn:*

951 EMMA HERNDON (b 1806) unm. 1850.

952 RICHARD QUINN HERNDON (1808-1885) lived in Orange County where he was a successful and highly regarded farmer. There he m 27 September 1832 ELLEN ELMIRA W. HUTCHINSON (1814-1911). She m 2nd 2 February 1886 Reverend Benjamin Creel, who d aged 107 years. Richard Q. Herndon was a witness to the Will of his uncle William Pendleton Herndon, d 28 August 1845 and p 12 August 1847. Richard and Ellen Herndon had issue:

(1) James H. Herndon (b 1835) m 3 January 1861 his first cousin, Senora (Sonora, in other records) E. Herndon; lived in Madison County; had issue, 6 sons and 2 daughters.

(2) William Herndon (b 1836) d young.

(3) Benjamin F. Herndon (b 1838) killed in CSA at Battle of Winchester; unm.

(4) Robert Newton Herndon (1839-1913) CSA, wounded in right arm; m in Madison County 13 December 1866 Georgianna F. Bledsoe (b 1844) and had issue, 3 sons and 3 daughters.

<sup>1</sup> *Greene County Will Book #1*: 119, 470.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid*, 483, 546.

- (5) Ann Elizabeth Herndon (b 1841) m 1 July 1859 in Orange County to John Long, and had issue, 3 sons and 4 daughters.
- (6) Susan A. Herndon (b 1845) m 1st 20 March 1865 John J. Keeton, son of James Keeton and Lucy Jennings; lived in Baltimore, Md., and had issue, 2 sons. She m 2nd ——— Head, of Barboursville, Va., and m 3rd ——— Taylor, of Baltimore.
- (7) Paschal Richard Herndon (b 1846) m in Albemarle County 1879 Donah Creel (b 1851).
- (8) Emily Jane Herndon (b 1849) m 24 December 1872 William Joseph Cole, son of John W. Cole and Bethsheba Anderson; lived in Madison County, had issue, 4 sons and 4 daughters.
- (9) George W. Herndon (b 24 September 1852; d 22 September 1928, at the home of his daughter, Pauline Julia (Mrs. Wilkie H) DeCoss, Alexandria, Va.<sup>3</sup>) CSA, lived at Ruckersville, Va.; m 20 March 1877, Mary Catherine Cole, sister of John Cole who m Jennie Herndon and of William Joseph Cole who m Emily Jane Herndon; issue, 5 sons and 4 daughters.
- (10) Mary E. Herndon (b 1854) m 24 December 1874 John W. Anderson (b 1852), son of Noel Anderson and Frances Cole; had issue, 2 sons and 2 daughters.
- (11) Jennie Herndon (b 12 April 1855) m John Cole, mentioned above.
- (12) G. T. Herndon b 4 May 1857.
- 953 ELIZABETH F. HERNDON (b ca 1811) d unm., 1903, testate, leaving a legacy to Richmond Baptist College.<sup>4</sup>
- 954 JAMES HERNDON, whose Will was dated 20 February 1855 and probated 14 September 1859 in Greene County; unm.
- 955 BENJAMIN HERNDON (b 5 June 1818, Greene County; d there 4 May 1891) m Mrs. LUCY MILDRED (EAGAN) DOUGLASS (b 28 April 1821, Madison County, Va.). He was called Major, and served as constable of Greene County 1843-1852. Their home was in Ruckersville. Their children were:
  - (1) Mary Lucinda Herndon (b 11 October 1845) m 28 November 1866 Ellis Shotwell, son of Minor and Elizabeth Shotwell.
  - (2) Mildred Catherine Herndon, b 21 March 1847, d 1850-1860.
  - (3) Martha Elizabeth ("Possie") Herndon (b 13 November 1848), post-mistress at Ruckersville, 1870; m 4 June 1874 James Miles Shotwell, son of Jeremiah Shotwell.
  - (4) Joel Thomas Herndon (b 1 March 1853; d 30 June 1916) m 8 February 1876 Annie C. Sims (b 28 November 1855, Albemarle County, Va.); served in the Spanish-American War; farmer; his widow lived in Ruckersville, Va., 1920; had issue, 3 sons and 3 daughters.
  - (5) Lucy Virginia Herndon (b 31 December 1858; d 1930) m 17 October 1878 John E. Douglass (b 1852, Orange County), son of R. D. Douglass; had issue, 5 sons and 3 daughters.

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<sup>3</sup> She contributed valuable records concerning this family.

<sup>4</sup> *Greene County Will Book #2*: 234.

#234 REUBEN HERNDON [36 Joseph] was born 25 September 1765 in Goochland County, Va., and died in 1855 in Pittsylvania County, Va., at the home of his son, Doctor Aaron Herndon. He and HANNAH LONG, daughter of Edward and Jane Long, were married by the Reverend Richard Elliott in Pittsylvania County 27 November 1792. They continued to live in that county until shortly before 1819 when they removed to Henry County, Va. After the death of his wife sometime before 1850, Reuben Herndon returned to Pittsylvania.

In 1782 and 1783 he was taxed in Pittsylvania on his ownership of two horses. In 1787 and 1789 he was back at his father's home in Fluvanna and in the latter year accounted for the ownership of one horse. Two years later he and his horse were back in Pittsylvania.

When he acquired his land on Strawberry Creek in Pittsylvania we do not know, but when he and Hannah deeded it 1 May 1819 to John Hundley for \$500 they were of Henry County, Va.<sup>1</sup> Later Reuben Herndon, being indebted to Thomas S. Shelton on a series of notes he had given to Edmund Winston, conveyed his Henry County property of 100 acres, as required, to one Stephens Walker.<sup>2</sup>

*Children of Reuben Herndon and Hannah Long:*

956 JOSEPH HERNDON (b 1793), d during War of 1812.

957 GEORGE HERNDON (b 1795, Pittsylvania County, Va.; d 5 October 1874, buried in Herndon Cemetery, Thornsfield, Ozark County, Mo.), enlisted as a private 6 June 1814 in Capt. Jesse Leftwich's Co., 49th Regiment of Virginia Militia; served until he was honorably discharged, being then a private in a company commanded by Capt. Williams; was a cooper by trade;<sup>3</sup> m HANNAH COX in Tennessee and continued to live there until after the birth of his children; then moved to Hopkins County, Ky.; next to Pilands Store, Ozark County, Mo., where he lived in 1871 when he applied for an 1812 War pension. Issue:

(1) Jane Herndon, b 22 July 1818.

(2) Margaret Herndon, b 10 May 1820.

(3) Stephen C. Herndon (b 2 December 1821) m first Phoebe E. Frederick (b 22 October 1824, Ozark County, Mo.; d 14 August 1862) and had issue, 4 sons and 4 daughters; m secondly Lucinda Philpot (b 22 July 1841; d 1 January 1912) and had issue, 1 son and 4 daughters; lived

<sup>1</sup> Pittsylvania County Deed Book #22: 398.

<sup>2</sup> Henry County (Va.) Deed Book #10: 22.

<sup>3</sup> The following is quoted from a letter to JGH dated 27 March 1937 by James H. Herndon, of Osceola, Mo., a grandson of George Herndon #957: "Grandfather Herndon was a cooper by trade. We have a wooden kettle he made, wooden hoops, wooden hinge, etc." Mr. James H. Herndon, whose father was Dr. Henry W. Herndon, also contributed much of the material concerning the descendants of his grandfather contained in this record.

at Almartha, Ozark County, Mo.; USA pensioner in recognition of Civil War service.

- (4) William W. Herndon (b 3 December 1823) m ———, in Ozark County, Mo.), and had at least one son, David, who like himself was a USA Civil War pensioned soldier.
- (5) Henry W. Herndon (b 21 June 1825) m 2 December 1847 Martha A. C. Piland (b 22 November 1830, Hertford County, N. C.) and had issue, 6 sons and 3 daughters. He was a practicing physician and surgeon many years, but later was ordained to the ministry and became a missionary for the Baptist Church. His home was near Osceola, St. Clair County, Mo. In April 1878 he started to ride a pony to Ozark County to visit his relatives there. On the trip he was taken ill, and died April 12 shortly after arriving at the home of his brother Stephen C. Herndon near Almartha, Mo.
- (6) Nathan Herndon (b 8 February 1828; killed in a guerrilla raid, winter of 1864), served as a private in Capt. Martindale's Company of Ozark County Missouri Home Guards; m 21 August 1847 Mary Jane Todd (b 26 March 1832; d 19 March 1914 and had issue, 3 sons and 4 daughters.
- (7) Isaiah Herndon (b 1 January 1830) m ———; was killed during the Civil War.
- (8) Mary Ann Herndon (b 2 January 1833) m Capt. William Piland, lived in Ozark County, Mo.
- (9) Minerva Herndon (b 25 January 1835) m Sam Stone, lived in Ozark County, Mo.

958 JESSE HERNDON (b ca 1796, Pittsylvania County, Va.) removed at an early age to Surry County, N. C., where he married MILDRED ———, and had issue, an only son:

- (1) James Herndon (b 1819, Surry County, N. C.) farmer of Russell County, Va., where he m 17 May 1855 Mary Howell (b 1834), daughter of Larkin and Tempy Howell.

JESSE HERNDON m secondly, also in Surry County, N. C., NANCY ———. They removed about 1831 to Russell County, Va., and between 1836 and 1846 settled in Washington County, Va., where both were living in 1860. They had issue, 5 sons and 4 daughters:

- (2) Edward Herndon (b 1830, Surry County, N. C.) m in Washington County, Va., 25 February 1858 Amelia Hargiss McNew, 25, daughter of Julius C. and Lucinda B. McNew.
- (3) Joseph Herndon (b 1832, Russell County, Va.), in 1860, a miller, living near Lebanon, Va.
- (4) Elliott Herndon (b 1834, Russell County, Va.) m Eloise ———; lived in Pittsylvania County, and had issue, 3 sons and 2 daughters.
- (5) Elizabeth Herndon, twin of Elliott.
- (6) Moses Herndon (b 1836, Russell County, Va.; d post 1894) m Alcey W. ——— (b 1840). In 1860 their P.O. was Holston, Washington County, Va. In 1870 they lived in North Fork township, Washington County. They had issue, 7 sons and 6 daughters.
- (7) Rachel Herndon, b 1840, Va.



- (8) Hannah Herndon, b 1844, Va.
- (9) Doctor Aaron Herndon (b 1846, Washington County, Va.), enlisted as a private in Company I, Sixth Battalion of Virginia Reserves, CSA, 18 June 1864 at Abingdon, Va.; m 1st in Washington County, Va., 1 February 1870 Mary J. Davis (b 1847-48, Tennessee), daughter of A. J. Davis; had issue, one daughter. He married secondly, also in Washington County, 10 October 1884 Rachel McNew. He married thirdly in Russell County, Va., 20 June 1891 Sarah Fields, 25, daughter of Franklin Fields, also of Russell County; had issue, 1 son and 2 daughters.
- (10) Margaret Herndon, b 1848, Washington County, Va.
- 959 ELLIOTT HERNDON (b 1798), said to have moved West.
- 960 ELISHA HERNDON, b 1800.
- 961 MOSES HERNDON (b 1802; d 1862), lived at Whitmell, Va.; m 9 September 1824 NANCY POWELL (b 1799), and had issue:
  - (1) George A. Herndon (b 1825; died from exposure, from cold, in 1862, CSA) m 12 October 1846 Emeline Jane Thomas (d June 1891); Methodists, "gifted in art; very musical; they had gentle dispositions; loved their homes and families; were splendid citizens and neighbors; noted for hospitality."<sup>4</sup> Issue, 6 sons and 1 daughter.
  - (2) William Herndon, (b 1826).
  - (3) Talitha James Herndon (b 3 August 1828; d 2 October 1900) m 28 April 1848 Christopher Hunt Thompkins (b 24 October 1824, d 5 April 1897).
  - (4) Mary A. Susan Herndon (b 1835) unm. 1860.
  - (5) Sarah J. Herndon (b 1838) unm. 1860.
- 962 DOCTOR AARON HERNDON (b 27 April 1803, Pittsylvania County; d 1888, Danville, Va.) was twice married. He m first in Franklin County, Va., 4 April 1831, ELIZABETH C. PERKINS (d ca 1847-8), whose mother Susanna Perkins, in her Will, left a contingent devise to her grandchildren, "the children of my daughter Elizabeth Herndon, deceased."<sup>5</sup> Those children were:
  - (1) St. Ursula Ann Herndon (b January 1832) m 17 April 1848 John S. May.
  - (2) Edwin T. Herndon (b 1833), 1st sergeant, Co. D, 38th Virginia Regiment (Infantry), commanded by his brother, Capt. Ralph Clements Herndon; m Lucy E ———, and had three sons and 3 daughters.
  - (3) Joseph R. Herndon (b 1835), in Confederate Cavalry; leaf tobacco dealer in Danville, Va.; his Will was dated 20 March 1911, prob. 24 July 1912; m Carrie L ———; had issue, 5 daughters.
  - (4) Ralph Clements Herndon (b 4 September 1836, Whitmell, Va.; d 18 February 1898, Danville, Va.), captain of Co. D, 38th Virginia Infantry, which he organized 24 May 1861 at Whitmell under Major Caruthers. His last Civil War service was at Bermuda Hundred 23

<sup>4</sup> Letter to JGH dated 12 November 1937 from Mrs. James Howard Dickerson (*nee* Delphia Jane Herndon), of Danville, Va., whose father George Prentice Herndon was a son of George A. Herndon. She is now (1951) the wife of Dr. Richard W. Garnett, also of Danville.

<sup>5</sup> Dated September 1852, proved 23 June 1858, in which she is described as "of Franklin County;" recorded in *Pittsylvania Will Book* #2: 276.

September 1864. He was an alderman of Danville for 10 years; also land surveyor of Danville; and president, Danville Tobacco Association. He m at Whitmell, Va., 4 January 1863 Sallie A. Guerrant (b 26 April 1839, Sugar Tree, Va.; d 18 August 1907, Danville, Va.) and had issue, sons named John A., Charles G., R. Percy, and Paul, and one daughter Mary E. Herndon who m Waverly P. Cousins.

- (5) John A. Herndon (b 30 May 1838), of florid complexion, dark hair, blue eyes, 5' 11" tall, served throughout the Civil War, first enlisted by his older brother, Ralph C. Herndon 24 May 1861, but had already been mustered into service 27 April 1861; was appointed Second Lieutenant 1 July 1861; promoted to First Lieutenant a year later, and to Captain 17 July 1862; was wounded in action on the Chickahominy 31 May 1862; was captured at Dinwiddie Courthouse 1 April 1865; committed to Old Capitol Prison, Washington, D. C., 5 April and to Johnson's Island, Lake Erie, four days later; released 18 June 1865; in 1890 was superintendent of public schools of Danville, Va.; m first Ann Wesley Beavers,<sup>6</sup> daughter of Edward R. Beavers and Elizabeth Carter, and had issue, 2 sons and 2 daughters; m secondly in Danville 17 March 1892 Mrs. Rebecca A. Giles, 42, daughter of E. H. and H. L. Carter, and widow of James W. Giles, son of Wilson Giles. Her Will was probated 28 January *ca* 1929.<sup>7</sup>

- (6) Mary F. Herndon (b 1840) m 14 October 1858 Daniel F. Keen.

- (7) Susan Elizabeth Herndon (b 1847).

DOCTOR AARON HERNDON m 2ndly in Franklin County MARY A. KEEN (b 1826) by whom he had issue, 5 sons and 1 daughter:

- (8) Albert Sidney Herndon (b 1851; d 17 April 1907), engaged in the real estate insurance business at Farmville, Va.; m 1st 23 December

<sup>6</sup> Maud Carter Clement: *History of Pittsylvania County*, 234.

<sup>7</sup> *Danville (Va.) Will Book #7*: 131. In a letter to JGH dated 24 January 1938 Mrs. Delphia Jane (Herndon) Dickerson wrote, in part as follows: "Just recently while driving out from town on Franklin Turnpike, I noticed that the famous old Capt. Doctor Aaron Herndon's red brick house was being razed, much to my sorrow and regret for it had been a famous landmark bearing historical fame. Pleasant Gap was a post-office and directly across the Turnpike was the colonial type brick house. Artists liked to paint the old house so I know of two who have splendid pictures of the house and probably will keep them among their exhibit pictures." Thomas Hall Herndon, uncle to JGH, received a letter from John A. Herndon, Sr., Superintendent of Schools, Danville, Va., dated "Mch 28 1891", now in the possession of JGH. It is one of the earliest genealogical letters he has. It reads in part as follows: "We are not able at this writing to trace our ancestry further than to Great Grand father, whose name was Joseph Herndon. His last residence was in Fluvanna County, Va., where he owned a good estate and reared a large family of boys and girls, the boys largely predominating. All of them, we are advised, were respectable and useful citizens with probably one exception, Robert who became a victim to the dire monster, drink, but never otherwise disgraced the name. I make and enclose herewith a diagram which though very imperfect may be some guide.

"Our father whose name was Doctor (not professional) Aaron Herndon was more successful in a business way than the majority of the name in this section. At the commencement of the war he was the owner of a good estate in land and slaves, and though this was lost by the results of the war he afterwards accumulated another fair estate. He died in 1888 in his 86th year. . . .

"I believe I have given you the chief points of historical interest and will only add a line in regard to our war record. My brother Ralph C. and myself were Captains in the Virginia Infantry service. Edwin was also in the Infantry and Joseph in the Cavalry. Our half brothers were too young. . . .

"Our ancestry have almost invariably reached old age, usually 75 to 90 years."

1875 Nannie W. Way (b 1856), daughter of Joseph and Mary C. Way; had issue, 1 son and 1 daughter; m 2ndly Frances Patience Rives (daughter of Robert Burwell Rives and his first wife Martha McEnheimer)<sup>8</sup> and had issue, 2 sons and 4 daughters.

- (9) Robert Henry Herndon (b 1853) m 10 February 1882 Emma B. Robertson, 26, daughter of W. S. and Ann Robertson. He was a successful tobacconist of Danville, Va., where his Will is recorded. It was dated 29 January 1918 and probated 28 May 1921. His property was appraised at \$93,807.46.<sup>9</sup> In 1937 his widow was living in Danville. They had issue, 5 sons and 3 daughters.
- (10) Thomas F. Herndon (b 16 January 1857) lived in 1938 at Dry Fork, Va.; m 16 June 1886 Jennie C. Emmerson, daughter of E. L. and Sallie E. Emmerson; had issue, 1 son.
- (11) Charles E. Herndon (b 11 January 1860; d ante 1870).
- (12) Annie M. Herndon (b January 1862; d ante 1870).
- (13) Walter T. Herndon (b 20 November 1864), farmer at Pleasant Gap, Va.

It is appropriate to mention that "Doctor" is not a title but a given name; and according to an old tradition, proper to be given to a seventh son. Here the child to receive it was also the seventh *child* of his parents.

- 963 SARAH JANE HERNDON (b 1804) m 20 December 1824 JOHN POWELL. She was a beneficiary under the Will of her grandfather Edward Long.
- 964 ANNA HERNDON (b 1807) m 7 August 1824 JAMES BULLINGTON.
- 965 DAVID HERNDON (b 1810), said to have settled in North Carolina.
- 966 REUBEN HERNDON (b 1812) m 18 September 1832 SARAH PARRISH, and moved West.

#235 AMY HERNDON [36 Joseph] was born about 1769 and married ——— TRENT. She lived in Fluvanna County in 1850, when her age was recorded in the Census as 80 years. Living with her was one of her nieces named Mary Herndon, then 42 years old.

*Child of Amy (Herndon) Trent:*

- 967 POLLY TRENT, mentioned in the Will of her grandfather Joseph Herndon who left to her (who may have been his first grandchild) a feather bed and furniture, valued at \$20.

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<sup>8</sup> *Reliques of the Rives.*

<sup>9</sup> *Danville (Va.) Will Books C: 337 and N: 112.*

#237 JESSE HERNDON [36 Joseph] was born about 1773. As a young man he lived in Fluvanna County, Va., his name first appearing on its tax rolls 17 April 1802 and remaining there the next two years, for the assessments of 16 April 1803 and 25 June 1804. Immediately thereafter—28 June 1804—he married ELIZABETH PRICE, daughter of Abraham Price. She was born in 1779. In 1860 she was living at the home of her son Jesse Burton Herndon. For a decade Jesse and Elizabeth lived in Albemarle County. While resident there Jesse Herndon purchased from Samuel Allen Murry two tracts in Fluvanna in 1810.<sup>1</sup> One contained 45, the other 50 acres. They were situated on both sides of the Hardware River, adjoining lands of James Johnson and Benjamin Mayo, at a distance 12 miles west of Palmyra. To John Johnson, Sr., Jesse and Elizabeth Herndon deeded their 50 acre tract 24 December 1813.<sup>2</sup> A short while before, he had purchased a 44½ acre property from Turner and Jane Black.<sup>3</sup>

About this time they returned to Fluvanna County and continued to live there the remainder of their lives. On 9 October 1824 Jesse Herndon, declaring himself to be “a son of Joseph Herndon, deceased,” disposed of his interest in the estate of his father, left to him by his father’s Will, in a deed in which the grantee was his brother David Herndon, also of Fluvanna County. Other parties to similar deeds were George Davis and his wife Susanna, also of Fluvanna; Robert Herndon and his wife Jane, of Albemarle; Lewis Herndon and his wife Polly; James H. Herndon and his wife Frances; and Sarah Herndon, all these of Fluvanna.<sup>4</sup>

In the real estate tax roll of 1831 John Dillwyn was recorded as the owner of the property adjoining Jesse Herndon’s on the Hardware River.

Jesse Herndon made his Will 16 April 1827. It was not probated until 24 August 1846.<sup>5</sup> In it he named his wife Elizabeth and their four children listed below.

*Children of Jesse Herndon and Elizabeth Price:*

968 SOPHRONIA HERNDON m 16 November 1821 ROBERT MORRIS.

969 MARY L. HERNDON m 7 June 1829 JOHN T. IRVING.

970 ELIZABETH HERNDON m 5 April 1831 WILLIAM JOHNSON.

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<sup>1</sup> *Fluvanna County Deed Book* #5: 424 and 535.

<sup>2</sup> *Fluvanna County Deed Book* #6: 302.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid*: 120, dated 29 June 1813.

<sup>4</sup> *Fluvanna County Deed Book* #8: 623.

<sup>5</sup> *Fluvanna County Will Book* #2: 86, 111.

971 JESSE BURTON HERNDON (b 1817; d between 1864-1870) m first MARY MARGARET ———; and had issue:

(1) Albert L. Herndon (b ca July 1850) m first Betty ———; had issue; m secondly 26 January 1878 Julia S. McCary (b 1854), daughter of B. I. and Roxey McCary; had issue, 5 sons and 5 daughters.

(2) Jesse L. Herndon, b 1853.

(3) Mary E. Herndon, b 1855.

He married secondly 27 July 1856 SOPHRONIA A. MAYO (b 1829), and had issue:

(4) Margaret E. Herndon, b 11 July 1857.

(5) Robert Powell Herndon (b 20 November 1859) m 8 March 1889 Mary C. Morris, and had issue, 3 sons and 3 daughters.

(6) Samuel C. Herndon (b 1863) m 8 April 1890 Ella J. Haislip, and had issue, 2 sons and 2 daughters.

(7) Lucian H. Herndon (b 1864) m ——— Addie ———; had issue, 1 son.

#239 RHODA HERNDON [36 Joseph] was born about 1778, and married 17 March 1795 WILLIAM CLEMENTS in Fluvanna County. They had the three children listed below, as they were named in the settlement of the estate of their uncle Elliott Herndon.

*Children of William Clements and Rhoda Herndon:*

972 WILLIAM CLEMENTS.

973 POLLY CLEMENTS.

974 JOSEPH CLEMENTS.

#241 WILLIAM HERNDON [36 Joseph] was born in 1782 in Fluvanna County, Va., but left there before 1802 and settled in Pittsylvania County where his brother Reuben had preceded him. He followed his brother's example, too, by marrying a daughter of Edward and Jane Long. She was ELIZABETH LONG. Their wedding was solemnized 9 November 1804 by Rev. Richard Elliott, who had also officiated at the marriage of Reuben Herndon and Hannah Long. William and Elizabeth, who was 18 when she married, settled on a part of the plantation of her parents, their home being called "The Maples."<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Pittsylvania County Deed Book #23: 538.

How long ELIZABETH (LONG) HERNDON lived after the birth of her eighth child about 1824 is not of record. But her husband married again in his 68th year. His second wife was ANN EMMERSON, 30 years of age. Their marriage was celebrated in Pittsylvania County 11 March 1850 by Rev. James Beck. The issue of this marriage included one daughter and four sons.

In the Census of 1860 his family is recorded as consisting of himself, aged 78, a farmer with real estate valued at \$580 and personal property of \$100, Ann E. Herndon, aged 40, and their sons: Joseph W., 8; Elliott F., 6; and John M., 3. Where their oldest son was at the enumeration we do not know. Their daughter, whose birth was recorded as occurring in November, 1855, but whose Christian name was not entered in the vital statistics, probably died soon thereafter, as no mention of her is found in the records.

WILLIAM HERNDON's Will was dated 1 September 1858 and proved 18 April 1864.<sup>2</sup> His death occurred between 1860 and the latter date. To his wife ANN "and her children by me" he left the 117½ acre tract on which they lived, the household and kitchen furniture, farm implements and certain animals. To his "first children" he left cash bequests to be paid after all debts were paid, and named these beneficiaries as his sons James, Jones, Daniel, and William Herndon, his daughters Polly Emmerson and Nancy Hall, and the children of his deceased daughter Jane Emmerson.

*Children of William Herndon and Elizabeth Long:*

975 JAMES HERNDON (b 5 August 1805; d 16 April 1882) m 28 March 1832 ELIZABETH JANE BIGGERS (b 1809/10); lived at Callands; members of the Primitive Baptist Church; had issue as follows:

- (1) Nehemiah W. Herndon (b 1833, Pittsylvania County, Va.; d 11 September 1862) m 24 December 1854 Nancy Fuller, daughter of Joseph Fuller, who in his Will dated 22 August 1864<sup>3</sup> devised certain land to his daughter Nancy Herndon; had issue, 1 son and 1 daughter.
- (2) Elizabeth Jane Herndon (b 1835, Pittsylvania), lived 1900 in Henry County, Va., unm.
- (3) Mary F. Herndon (b 15 March 1837, Pittsylvania County) m ——— Yeats.
- (4) James C. Herndon (b 1840) d 6 May 1862, unm.
- (5) David B. Herndon (b 29 March 1842, Callands; d testate, 1912<sup>4</sup>) enlisted 4 June 1861 in Co B, 38th Virginia Infantry; admitted to

<sup>2</sup> *Pittsylvania County Will Book #2: 432.*

<sup>3</sup> *Pittsylvania County Will Book #2: 432.*

<sup>4</sup> Dated 31 March 1911, proved 19 March 1912 recorded in *Pittsylvania County Will Book #5: 172.*

Chimbarazo Hospital 3 October 1861; discharged 7 November 1861; m first 10 September 1867 Mrs. Frances Fuller (1839-1894), daughter of William and Elizabeth Chaney; and had issue, 1 son; m 2ndly 5 August 1894 Sarah A. P. Beck (b 1854); m 3rdly 19 June 1910 Nanny W. Yeaman, 61 years of age. In his Will he made bequests to his wife Nanny W. Herndon and to his son Daniel Lee Herndon; and set aside one acre of the dower tract for a burial lot, 150 yards east of the residence in the northeast corner of the orchard, requesting that he be buried between his first two wives "unless my present wife objects."

- (6) Rebecca Ann Herndon (b 1848) d unm., 9 April 1899.
- (7) Matilda C. Herndon (b 1848) d unm., 8 April 1862.
- (8) Thomas L. Herndon (b May, 1850, Henry County, Va.) m 20 March 1883 Nancy Emma Kirks, 17, daughter of John and Mary J. Kirks; and had issue, 1 son and 3 daughters.

976 ELIZABETH HERNDON (b ca 1807) d young.

977 JONES HERNDON (b ca 1809) m in Pittsylvania County 7 January 1834 ELIZABETH W. DUNN, daughter of Matthew Dunn; continued to live there until about 1845, when they removed to Henry County. By 1848 they were in Montgomery County, and lived there in 1860 and 1870, in Blacksburg township; issue:

- (1) Matthew W. Herndon (b 1834, Pittsylvania Co., Va.) m in Roanoke County 26 September 1860 Martha M. Pickard, 19, b in Pittsylvania; enlisted CSA at Blacksburg, Va., 31 August 1861; hospitalized 31 October 1861; d 3 December 1862 in Montgomery County.
- (2) Martha W. Herndon (b 1834, twin of Matthew W.), d of consumption 12 December 1862, in Montgomery County; unm.
- (3) Isaac A. Herndon (b 1837) m 1st Lucy Lilly, of Ballardsville, Va. (now W. Va.); m 2nd in Montgomery County, Va., 1 August 1865 Mary F. Olivier, 21, born in Botetourt Co., Va., daughter of James and R. Olivier. In 1860 he was a farmer of Boone County, Va.; enlisted CSA 10 September 1861 at Christiansburg, Va., served until surrender of Genl. Johnston at Greensboro, N. C., May 1865.
- (4) Louisa A. Herndon (b 1842, Pittsylvania) m in Montgomery County, Va., John H. Carbaugh, 21, son of James and Catharine Carbaugh.
- (5) John Stadler Herndon (b 1844, Pittsylvania) m in Montgomery County, Va., 3 March 1867 Jane Ann Robinson, 19, daughter of G. and P. Robinson; had 9 children. He enlisted 27 February 1863 at Christiansburg, Va., as prvt. Co. F., 54th Va. Infantry.
- (6) Sarah E. Herndon (b 1846, Henry County) m in Montgomery County, Va., 3 July 1873 James Paul, born in Pittsylvania, a farmer of Montgomery County, son of Thomas and Jane Paul.
- (7) James L. Herndon (b 1848, Montgomery Co.) m in Roanoke, Va., 27 March 1871 Agnes G. Moore, b Roanoke County, Va., and had issue, 2 sons and 3 daughters; m by 1883 Janetta ———, and had issue, 1 daughter.

978 DANIEL HERNDON (b 1812), worker in a tobacco factory, m 13 November 1843 SARAH POWELL (or Power); lived in Pittsylvania; had issue:

- (1) Elisha Herndon, b 1845.
- (2) Joseph W. Herndon, b 1848.

- (3) Daniel A. Herndon, (b 1850) m 1st in Pittsylvania 11 February 1869 Narcissa L. Hardy, 18, daughter of James and Mary Hardy; had issue, 2 sons and 2 daughters; m 2ndly 11 December 1890 Mrs. Alice (Hardy) Chaney, daughter of Byrd and Rebecca Hardy; had issue, 1 son.
- 979 WILLIAM HERNDON (b 1813) m in Pittsylvania County 5 October 1837 AMANDA DAVIS (b 1820), and had issue:
- (1) James Herndon, b 1838.
  - (2) George Herndon, b 1840.
  - (3) Mary Herndon, b 1843.
  - (4) Bart Herndon, b 1845.
  - (5) William Herndon, b 1847.
  - (6) Christopher Herndon, b 6 March 1853, Franklin County, Va.
- 980 POLLY HERNDON (b 1816) m LAWSON EMMERSON (b 1813) and had issue, possibly among others:
- (1) Perkins Emmerson, b 1844.
  - (2) Henry Emmerson, b 1849.
  - (3) Mary C. Emmerson, b 1852.
  - (4) Oliver K. Emmerson, b 1856.
- 981 JANE HERNDON (d *vita patris*) m 22 October 1844 WILLIAM EMMERSON; left issue.
- 982 NANCY HERNDON m 27 December 1848 JAMES HALL.

*Children of William Herndon and Ann Emmerson:*

- 983 OLIVER EMMERSON HERNDON (b 1851) m 21 September 1871 E———  
M—— LYNCH, 18, daughter of James and Martha Lynch.
- 984 JOSEPH W. HERNDON, b 1852.
- 985 ELLIOTT F. HERNDON, b 1854.
- 986 daughter HERNDON, b November 1855; presumed to have died in infancy.
- 987 JOHN M. HERNDON, b 1857.

#244 JOSEPH HERNDON [36 Joseph] was born 1787, Fluvanna County, Va.<sup>1</sup> There he married first 28 August 1810 SUSANNAH DAWSON, when his neighbor and second cousin, Valentine Herndon, was his bondsman. No record of issue of that marriage has been found. His name appears on only the 1811 tax roll of his native county. When he enlisted in the Seventh Virginia (Gray's) Regiment during the War of 1812 he was a carpenter of Fluvanna, 5 feet 9 inches tall, with light hair,

<sup>1</sup> Joseph Herndon, in his pension application papers, made affidavit dated 7 October 1851, Albemarle County, Va., that he was then 64 years of age. Much of the material in this sketch is taken from the same source.



blue eyes, and fair complexion. He served under Capt. George Booker, Horace Timberlake, and Triplett Estes.

After the War of 1812 he lived for a while at Thurmond, Giles County, Va., in what is now Fayette County, W. Va.<sup>2</sup> By 12 December 1825 which is the date of his second marriage bond he was of Albemarle County, and there he and his second wife and their children lived during most of the rest of Joseph's life. His wife was LAURENA CAVE. They were married at the Orange County home of her father, William Cave, and there they seem to have lived for a little more than one year before settling in Albemarle County.

Sometime after Joseph Herndon's death there 18 June 1857 his widow located near Basic City, Augusta County, Va., and lived there until her death in her 107th year, on 12 January 1906. She was born in Orange County 16 August 1799. She received a pension on account of her husband's War services; kept a neat but humble home, according to one newspaper article, and had a perfectly clear mind to the end of her long life.<sup>3</sup> (Her name was variously spelled Lorena, Lourena, and Laurena.)

*Children of Joseph Herndon and Laurena Cave (probably among others):*

988 SARAH C. HERNDON (b 1833) m 20 June 1862 MICHAEL MOORE, 32, and had:

- (1) Michael Moore, b 1864.
- (2) Cora Lee Moore, b 1869.

989 JAMES HERNDON, b 1835.

990 WILLIAM B. HERNDON, b 1837.

991 EDWARD L. HERNDON (b 1839) m in Albemarle County 30 March 1860 MARGARET A. BURCH.

992 NICHOLAS W. HERNDON (b 1841), enlisted CSA, deserted, captured, court-martialed, captured by Union forces in Pennsylvania; enlisted USA; deserted to CSA.

993 MARY E. HERNDON (b 1843) m in Albemarle County 14 July 1864 HENRY CORNELL. She married secondly, sometime before 27 December 1897 JOSEPH CLEMENTS, for on that date her mother Laurena Herndon, of Basic City, conveyed to "her daughter Mary E. Clements, wife of Joseph Clements" the land, containing more than one acre in Basic City, which Laurena had purchased earlier that year from George H. and Mary S. Thompson.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>2</sup> *Daily Star*, Fredericksburg (Va.), issue of Tuesday, 2 June 1903.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid* and *Washington (DC) Post*, issue of 7 January 1906.

<sup>4</sup> *Augusta County Deed Book* #127: 451 and #128: 503.

#245 DAVID M. HERNDON [36 Joseph] was born 1788 in Fluvanna County. He married first 8 October 1818 POLLY MURRY (daughter of Samuel Allen Murry and his wife Sally. He married secondly 5 January 1824 MAHALA T. SNEAD (b ca 1800). They were all members of the Fluvanna Baptist Church. Their home was at Central Plains, Va.

David M. Herndon was a private in Captain Horace Timberlake's Company, Seventh Virginia Regiment, from 26 August 1814 to 27 February 1815, and served at Fairfield and Mitchell's Spring under Lt. Col. Wm. Gray. He received bounty lands for his service.

*Children of David M. Herndon and Polly Murry:*

994 Son, b 1819, died infancy.

995 NANCY L. HERNDON, b 1821, living 1900 unm.; lived in 1880 with her nephew David M. Herndon.

996 MARY HERNDON (1823-1894) m DAVID C. ROBERTSON.

*Children of David M. Herndon and Mahala T. Snead:*

997 JOSEPH W. HERNDON (b 1828) was a cooper in 1850; enlisted as private, Capt. Cocke's Company, Fluvanna Light Artillery, CSA; resided in the old family home near Scottsville in 1900; m 4 January 1848 MARY J. NEMO, whose parents lived near Charlottesville; had issue:

(1) William Lewis Herndon b 1848/9, a cooper of Cunningham Township, Fluvanna County, 1880; m 18 December 1873 Mary Jane Newton, 21 years of age, daughter of Asa G. and Martha Newton, and had issue, 3 sons and 4 daughters.<sup>1</sup>

(2) David M. Herndon, b 1850; m Mary V ———, and had 3 sons.

(3) Mary Elizabeth Herndon, b 14 November 1853.

(4) James Buchanan Herndon, b 7 July 1856, a cooper by trade, settled in Richmond; m Sallie F ——— and had at least two sons and two daughters.

(5) Thomas Jefferson Herndon, b 20 May 1859, lived with his parents in 1880.

998 HOWELL L. HERNDON (b 1830), enlisted 28 June 1861 as a private in Capt. John L. Massie's Company, Nelson's Battalion of Fluvanna Artillery, C.S.A.; later in Capt. Chas. G. Snead's Co., captured 19 October 1864 near Strasburg, Va.; was paroled and sent first to General and Wayside Hospital #9 and later to Chimborazo Hospital #5 on 16 February 1865, "suffering from debility"; m ca 1856 SARAH A. HAISLIP; had issue, an only daughter:

(1) Martha C. Herndon (b 2 March 1857) m 31 May 1882 Marion J. Snoddy.

<sup>1</sup> His son Granville Walker Herndon, of Richmond, told the compiler that on one occasion he took a young son of his to Annapolis who was surprised to see that there had been erected to the memory of "his grandfather" William Lewis Herndon the imposing Herndon Monument. The statue was erected, instead, to commemorate the service and heroism of another William Lewis Herndon. [See William Lewis Herndon #877 in Part II of *The Herndons of the American Revolution*, 116, 117].

- 999 ELISHA HERNDON, killed in battle 19 June 1863 at Frederick, Md.; m EMMA A. WADE, daughter of Henry Wade, of Buckingham County; issue, if any, not known.
- 1000 ROBERT J. HERNDON, born 13 March 1835; private in Capt. Cocke's, Capt. Ancells, Capt. Snead's and later in Capt. John L. Massie's Co.; captured at Waterloo 5 July 1863; subscribed oath of allegiance to U.S. at Ft. Delaware; had light complexion, dark hair, gray eyes; was 5' 6" tall; m 17 May 1870 EMMA A. (WADE) [HERNDON] (b 1840), widow of his deceased brother Elisha. A preserved personal note of his reads, "At the age of 18 I was baptized by Rev. Decker Smith, pastor of Fluvanna Baptist Church and united with that church." He removed to Buckingham County, 1877. Issue, if any, not known.
- 1001 DAVID HERNDON (1838-1857).
- 1002 ADAM HERNDON (1841-1853).
- 1003 MAHALA HERNDON (1843-1850).
- 1004 SUSAN F. HERNDON (b 1844; lived in Richmond, Va., 1900) m 19 July 1897 CHARLES SEAY (d 19 July 1897).
- 1005 REUBEN M. HERNDON (b 1846-1858).

#246 JOHN M. HERNDON [36 Joseph] was born 8 June 1788 in Fluvanna County, Va., and died 1 January 1831, Sullivan County, Tenn.<sup>1</sup> He served in the Seventh Virginia Regiment commanded by Lt. Col. Gray during the War of 1812, as did also numerous of his brothers. He married 17 July 1816 ELIZABETH MURRY, daughter of Samuel Allen Murry. His name last appeared on the tax lists of Fluvanna for the year 1818.

*Children of John M. Herndon and Elizabeth Murry:*

- 1006 LEMUEL HERNDON (b 1817; d ca 1853) m in Albemarle County 18 August 1847 EMILY ANN CLOAR, daughter of J. G. and Martha Cloar. She was born 1831 in Charlottesville, and died 1 May 1899, in Allegheny (now included in Pittsburgh), Pa. She married secondly in Albemarle County, Va., 22 July 1855 William H. Stack. Lemuel Herndon in 1850 was a stage driver. Living with him and his wife were his mother and James Cloar, 10, and Margaret Cloar, his wife's young brother and sister. Children of Lemuel and Emily Ann were:
- (1) Willow Ann Herndon (b 1848, Staunton, Va.; d 18 December 1887, Allegheny, Pa.) m in Wheeling, West Va., Benjamin Herndon believed to have been her first cousin. He died in 1875 in Wheeling, W. Va.,

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<sup>1</sup> Dates furnished by his son Joseph C. Herndon in a letter written in 1900.

where their 2 sons were born. Willow Ann Herndon and her mother were members of the Church of the Disciples.<sup>2</sup>

- (2) John Allen Herndon (b 1850, Va.; d 1883, Pittsburgh, Pa.) m PRISCILLA GILLESPIE.

1007 ELISHA M. HERNDON (b 1819) was a cabinet maker. He married, first, 13 November 1849, in Albemarle County ———. They are believed to have been the parents of Benjamin Herndon who m Willow Ann Herndon just mentioned, and are known to have had a son James E. Herndon, b 1853. Elisha M. Herndon m secondly 27 November 1854 VIRGINIA A. PERRY. They had issue:

- (3) Florence D. Herndon, b 1 November 1855, d infancy.  
 (4) Annie Lewis Herndon, b 1859, m 31 October Alphonse D. Payne.  
 (5) John F. Herndon, b 18 November 1861.  
 (6) Lelia M. Herndon, b 1866, m 7 May 1888 Thomas P. Carver.

1008 Daughter, b ca 1823.

1009 JOSEPH C. HERNDON (b 1825), lived in Cunningham township, Fluvanna County, 1870, and in Scottsville, Va., 1900; served in Capt. Ancell's Company of Virginia Light Artillery, CSA; m MARY H ———, and had:

- (1) Mada M. Herndon, b 1853.  
 (2) Elizabeth C. Herndon, b 11 October 1855.  
 (3) Mollie E. Herndon (b 1858) m 2 March 1890 George M. Mayo, widower, son of John W. and Elizabeth Mayo.  
 (4) Leonna F. Herndon (b ca 1862) m 24 August 1893 William G. Pippin.  
 (5) Nancy H. Herndon (b 8 May 1864) m 6 November 1887 John D. Payne, son of William D. and N. C. Payne.  
 (6) Thomas J. Herndon, b 1867.  
 (7) Alma E. Herndon (b 19 December 1870) m 28 May 1896 Joseph D. Payne.

#247 ELISHA HERNDON [36 Joseph] was born 1791 and died ante 1858 in Fluvanna County.<sup>1</sup> He and his brother David M. Herndon were executors of their father's Will. In that capacity they conveyed 15 January 1851 to William Seay certain land belonging to Joseph Herndon's estate.<sup>2</sup> About the same date Elisha and his wife Nancy sold property to John Conoley.<sup>3</sup> Elisha served in the same regiment as did his

<sup>2</sup> This information furnished about 1904 by Edgar Charles Herndon, one of the sons of Benjamin and Willow Ann Herndon.

<sup>1</sup> *Fluvanna County Will Book* #8: 248; #9: 46 and #66: 12, 136 and 240 give a record of his estate settlement.

<sup>2</sup> *Fluvanna County Deed Book* #13: 24.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid*, 272.

brothers Joseph, David, and John M., during the War of 1812. On 14 July 1820 he married Nancy HENLEY, who died between 10 August 1841 and 1 June 1850; and had issue, one son:

- 1010 ANDREW J. HERNDON, b 1828; a carpenter by trade; married 25 March 1858 his first cousin, SUSAN M. HERNDON, daughter of Lewis Herndon #250. .

#248 ROBERT HERNDON [36 Joseph] was born 1794, d 19 March 1859; m in Buckingham County in 1815 JANE KIDD (b 1799, living 1878). Her application for a pension because of his service in the War of 1812, showed that he had enlisted in April 1813. Their home in 1850 was in Scottsville, Albemarle County.

*Children of Robert Herndon and Jane Kidd:*

- 1011 GEORGE R. HERNDON, b 1820; living 1850.  
1012 HARRIET HERNDON, b 1823 m 9 April 1840 Wm. Humphrey.  
1013 ELIZABETH HERNDON, b 1825.  
1014 J. HENRY HERNDON, b 1831 m MARCIA ———.  
1015 JOSEPH A. HERNDON, b 1833; laborer, of Albemarle Co., 1860; m PARTHENIA BROWN, and had:  
    (1) James W. Herndon, b 1859.  
1016 SAMUEL S. HERNDON, b 1835, enlisted 5 June 1861 at Scottsville in Capt. Hill's Company E, 46th Virginia Infantry; was in and out of various hospitals during most of the war, suffering from hypertrophy of the heart. On 27 February 1857 he married MARY E. TRENT. They had issue:  
    (1) Mary H. Herndon (b 1868) m 1 January 1885 Charles E. Snead (b 1855).  
    (2) S. M. Herndon (a son), b 1870.  
    (3) S. E. Herndon (daughter) b 1874, m 24 April 1888 W. H. Martin.  
1017 ROBERT L. HERNDON (b 1840) enlisted 5 June 1862 at Scottsville private CSA; wounded in Battle of Manassas 30 August 1862; hospitalized from 20 September 1862 until discharged and sent home 15 May 1863; but was again in service in 1864.

**#250** LEWIS HERNDON [36 Joseph] was born 1800; m 1 May 1823 POLLY C. ANDERSON (b 1805); lived in St. Ann's Parish, Albemarle County 1840, and subsequently in Fluvanna County; had one daughter:

1018 SUSAN M. HERNDON (b 1835) m 25 March 1858 ANDREW J. HERNDON, her first cousin; settled in St. Louis, Mo.

**#252** JAMES H. HERNDON [36 Joseph] was born *ca* 1804, died ante 1900; m 1 September 1824 FRANCES HAISLIP, and had issue, possibly among others:

1019 JOHN M. HERNDON (b 1834) carpenter. He served in Capt. Cary C. Cocke's Company, later Capt. Ancell's Company, of Fluvanna Light Artillery. He was taken prisoner at Waynesboro, Va., 2 March 1865. He m 27 September 1868 MYRA E. SEAY, 21, daughter of Stephen W. and Lucy Seay, and had issue:

- (1) James Franklin Herndon (b 1867) m in Richmond 23 December 1891 Edith Florence Herndon, 17 (daughter of William Lewis Herndon and his wife Mary Jane Newton) as her first husband.
- (2) John S. Herndon, b March 1872.
- (3) Mary E. Herndon, b 16 February 1874.
- (4) a son, b 9 November 1875.
- (5) Alma F. Herndon, b 1877.
- (6) Willard M. Herndon, b 1879.

1020 ANN H. HERNDON b 1835, in 1880, unm., lived in Cunningham District, Fluvanna County.

**#253** THOMPSON HERNDON (b *ca* 1810) m 7 August 1832 MARY SUSANNA HENLEY; lived in St. Anne's Parish, Albemarle County, 1840, and in Fluvanna County in 1860. They had issue:

1021 MARY J. HERNDON, b 1835.

1022 SARAH E. HERNDON, b 1836.

1023 JAMES H. HERNDON, b 1838.

1024 SUSAN P. HERNDON, b 1840.

1025 LEMUEL T. HERNDON, b 1842; lived in Augusta County, later in Fluvanna, then in Highland and died in Albemarle. He married Mrs. SUSAN FRANCES

RADFORD (b 1852), a widow with two sons, Fleming H. Radford and Charles E. Radford. Lemuel T. Herndon and she had eight children:

- (1) Lula A. Herndon, (b 10 July 1873).
- (2) John William Herndon, (b 1874), Highland Co., Va., m 26 June 1893 Sarah Mildred Brown (b in Fluvanna), had issue.
- (3) Mary A. Herndon (b 30 March 1876) m 30 August 1895 John Ballard.
- (4) Lillie M. Herndon (b 1879) m 30 August 1897 J. A. King.
- (5) James Lemuel Herndon (b 1882), in the decorating business in Danville, Va., m there 1 May 1912 Willie Chaplain Cole, and had issue.
- (6) Ray Herndon.
- (7) Arthur Herndon.
- (8) Blanche Herndon.

1026 MARGARET P. HERNDON, b 1844.

1027 NATHANIEL J. HERNDON, b 1846.

#254 ROBERT MANSFIELD [37 Sarah Herndon] was born 19 December 1762, Albemarle County, and died 1 October 1833 at his home 3½ miles from Barboursville, Orange County, Va., where his body is buried beside his wife's. His grave has been marked by the U. S. Government in recognition of his military service during the Revolution. He left a Will, dated 9 June 1830, proved 28 October 1833.<sup>1</sup> He married 4 May 1785 MOURNING CLARK (b 27 October 1763; d 18 March 1831), daughter of Micajah Clark (1741-1774) and his wife Mildred Martin (d 1828), daughter of Thomas Martin and his first wife Ann Moorman.

Robert Mansfield enlisted first 11 March 1779, when he was 16 years of age, and served 2 years and 1 month under Captain Garland Burnley and Lieutenant Thomas Porter. He next enlisted under Captain Henry Burke in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Reuben Lindsay, of Albemarle County, Va., served at Brandywine, was at Valley Forge and at Yorktown at the time of the surrender by Lord Cornwallis. He was pensioned under the Act of 1832, and was of Orange County, Va., at the time of his application for that pension.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Orange County Will Book 7: 607.*

<sup>2</sup> 27 VMHB 27 and *Augusta County Records*, Volume II, p. 500, as mentioned in Virginia Eliza Hodge McNaught: *James Clark . . . Mansfield . . . Christopher Clark and Allied Families*, 83 *et seq.*

*Children of Robert Mansfield and Mourning Clark:*<sup>3</sup>

- 1028 MILDRED MARTIN MANSFIELD (b 1 May 1786, d 1848) m Dr. JOHN TALIAFERRO; no issue.
- 1029 ELIZABETH CLARK MANSFIELD (b 12 October 1788, d ante 1830) m 24 November 1806 JOSEPH SNELL, and had issue, 2 sons and 2 daughters.
- 1030 NANCY HARRISON MANSFIELD (b 2 July 1789, d 7 March 1879) m 14 September 1826 ISAAC GRAVES, and had issue, 3 daughters.
- 1031 WILLIAM HERNDON MANSFIELD (b 2 October 1790, d 1 April 1880), Baptist minister, m 1 January 1818 SALINA EDDINGS (d 28 July 1885), moved about 1831 to Roanoke, Randolph County, Missouri, and had issue, 6 sons and 7 daughters.
- 1032 PLEASANT FOUNTAIN MANSFIELD (b 16 January 1792), d young.
- 1033 JAMES WILKERSON MANSFIELD (b 18 March 1794, d 30 October 1853) served in War of 1812; Baptist minister in Orange County, Va., moved 1815 to Mercer County, Ky., and 1818 to Caldwell County, Ky.; m in Orange County, Va., 18 November 1813 Mildred Clark (b 18 June 1796, d 5 October 1860), daughter of John Clark and his wife Mary Gaines. James and Mildred Mansfield had issue, 3 sons and 8 daughters.
- 1034 MARY LEWIS MANSFIELD (b 6 October 1795, Albemarle Co., Va.; d 8 November 1867, Eureka, Woodford County, Illinois) m 1815 HENRY JAMES CLARK (b 13 October 1794, d 20 March 1874), son of John Clark and his wife Mary Gaines. Henry J. and Mary Clark had issue, 6 sons, 7 daughters, and one child who d in infancy whose sex is not recorded. Henry J. Clark was a cavalryman in the War of 1812. He married secondly 22 July 1860 Mary Jane (Brown) Bell, and had issue 4 children.
- 1035 SARAH HOLMES MANSFIELD (b 4 September 1797) m WILLIAM EDDINGS, and had no issue.
- 1036 SUSANNAH WARE MANSFIELD (b 12 June 1799, d 29 April 1889) m 21 December 1826 DURRITT AUSTIN (b 21 June 1802, d 7 January 1877), and had issue, 4 sons and 5 daughters.
- 1037 THOMAS MARTIN MANSFIELD (b 1 November 1801, d 11 November 1874) m 1 January 1827 CASSANDRA PAXTON ORBISON (1807-1895), and had issue, 6 sons and 4 daughters.
- 1038 MICAIAH WALLACE MANSFIELD (b May 1803), d young.
- 1039 BEVERLEY WINSTON MANSFIELD (b May 1803), d young.
- 1040 ROBERT CLARK MANSFIELD, (b 12 November 1804, Orange County, Va., d 27 April 1892) Presbyterian minister for 60 years, m 19 October 1830 ELIZABETH BEATTY (1812-1899), of Todd County, Ky., moved about 1835 to Mexico, Missouri; had issue, 7 sons and 4 daughters.
- 1041 JOSEPH ALLEN MANSFIELD (b 25 June 1806, d 4 August 1899), Baptist minister for 60 years; m first NANNIE CAVE, daughter of Colonel Robert Cave, and had issue, 1 child who d young; m secondly SUSAN ANN LINDSAY, daughter of Major Reuben Lindsay, of Orange County, Va., and his wife Frances Mills, daughter of Captain Nathaniel Mills. Joseph and Susan Mansfield had issue, 1 son and 4 daughters.

<sup>3</sup> In Mrs. McNaught's work, cited in footnote 2, she furnishes a detailed record of descendants of Robert Mansfield, beginning on page 85. To it readers are referred for a continuation of this record.



#255 ELLIOTT HERNDON [39 William] born about 1769, married 10 December 1791, in Culpeper County, SARAH CARTER, daughter of Charles Carter, (born 10 October 1743, Stafford County; and died in 1781 in Culpeper). He was the son of James and grandson of Thomas Carter.<sup>1</sup> Our first reference to Elliott Herndon is in a letter written by Polly Davis from her home "Broadfield," Spotsylvania County, Va., 27 October 1789 to her sister-in-law, wife of Thomas Davis of Woodford Co., Ky., in which she said:

"... Two weeks ago I went to a ball at Newlands; Elliott Herndon and Cousin Sallie Carter were there and very Loverlike ..."

In the 1792 tax lists of Culpeper County Elliott Herndon was accounted for by his father William Herndon. The following year on 5 April his name appears upon the tax lists of Madison County for the first time and so continues until 10 March 1800. In only one year, 1797, did he ever own a slave. He had a varying number of horses according to the assessments of 1793 to 1796, but no other taxable property. On 28 July 1796 he was licensed to keep an ordinary at his house for one year from that date. For this purpose a bond was required in the sum of \$150 which was furnished by himself and Lewis Overton.<sup>2</sup>

From the Madison County records it would appear that he left that county before the Spring of 1801. According to family statements he located in Green County, Ky., and remained there a few years before deciding to settle in Franklin County, Indiana, where he was taxed in 1811 on three horses. He was a member of the first grand jury of the county, which was convened 24 June 1811 and over which Benjamin Parke, a U. S. Circuit Judge for Indiana Territory presided.

Land entries for Elliott Herndon for Township 8, Range 2 West, Section 6, in 1813 are noted by Reitel in his History of Franklin County, Indiana.<sup>3</sup>

In an account of the killing of an Indian, named Kill Buck, a prominent figure of Laurel and Salt Creek townships for many years, William McClure, a historian of Franklin County wrote in part:

We had men in those days who did not run worth a cent. Among them were Abelard David Webb, Samuel Logan, Stephen Goble, John Stafford, John Clayton, ELLIOTT and ARCH HERNDON, Ben and Patrick McCarty, Isaac Fuller and some others whom I do not remember. These men were old hunters and were always on

<sup>1</sup> *William and Mary Quarterly*, First Series, Vol. 18, p. 94.

<sup>2</sup> *William and Mary Quarterly*, First Series, Vol. 18, p. 94.

<sup>3</sup> *Madison County (Va.) Will Book 1*: 113.

the alert for marauding Indians. Several companies of soldiers were sent by the territorial government to attack the Indians in the central part of the State, and by 1813 the territorial authorities had the Indians so covered that they gave the settlers little trouble after that year.

It has already been mentioned that there were no definite records showing the part that Franklin County settlers took in the War of 1812. It is known, however, that Elliott Herndon had command of a rifle company which was frequently called out and did good service.

There was a company of mounted rangers enlisted by the government for two years, for defense against the Indians in the territory commanded by Frederick Shultz, raised on Whitewater; but they were kept mostly on the Wabash at Vincennes and Fort Harrison after the Indians left this part of the territory.

In 1814 Elliott Herndon challenged James Noble "to engage in mutual and mortal combat with bayonets," Reitel informs us, but the "sheriff and his posse swooped down the belligerents and paraded them before the 'bench.' It was \$50 for Herndon; Noble was discharged."

Sally Herndon, wife of Elliott Herndon, became a member of the oldest church in Franklin County about 1811, the same authority states. It was located just south of Brookville and was called the Little Cedar Grove Baptist Church. The date of her death is not known.

In 1820 Elliott Herndon was living in Franklin County at the home of his eldest son, Carter. Sometime between then and 1827 he moved to Rusk County. He died between 1830 and 1840.

#### *Children of Elliott Herndon and Sarah Carter:*

1042 CARTER HERNDON (b ca 1792) m in Franklin County, Indiana, 14 March 1816 SARAH DAVIS.

1043 WILLIAM HERNDON (b ca 1794) m in Franklin County, Ind., in 1813 D. YOUNGBLOOD.

1044 RALEIGH HERNDON (b ca 1795) m in Franklin County, Ind., 16 January 1817 NANCY RUCKER.

1045 FANNY HERNDON (b ca 1797) m in Franklin County, Ind., 5 March 1813 AARON RICHARDSON.

1046 DICA [probably Candace] HERNDON (b ca 1800) m in Franklin Co., Ind., 16 March 1820 JOHN LINES.

1047 CHARLOTTE HERNDON (b ca 1802) m in Franklin Co., Ind., 11 May 1820, JESSE PERKINS, and had issue, possibly among others:

(1) Elizabeth Perkins (26 August 1822, Rusk County, Ind.) m 15 April 1847 James A. McDonald (b 8 August 1824, Nicholas County, Ky.,) were members of Presbyterian Church of Hopewell, Boone County, Indiana.<sup>4</sup>

1048 ELLIOTT HERNDON (b ca 1804) m in Rusk County, Ind., 17 March 1827 SUSAN MUSSETT.

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<sup>4</sup> *Opus cit.*, p. 278.

1049 HARRIET HERNDON (b 3 January 1807; d 1 June 1867) m in Rusk County, Ind., 22 November 1829 JOHN LEFFORGE (b 3 January 1795; d 6 July 1886), as his second wife. His first wife was Sarah Lyons by whom he had 5 children. He and his two wives are buried in Pleasant Run Cemetery, Rusk Co., Ind. The Lefforges were of Huguenot descent, the earlier spelling of the name having been LaForge. Children of John and Harriet (Herndon) Lefforge were:

- (1) Sarah Lefforge (b 22 November 1830; d May 1914) m ——— Logan, and had 12 children.
- (2) Amanda Jane Lefforge (b 22 January 1832) d unm., 22 December 1906.
- (3) William Riley Lefforge (b 1 June 1833; d 11 August 1835).
- (4) Jesse Lefforge (b 2 November 1835; d 4 November 1910) m ———, and had 3 children.
- (5) Charlotte Lefforge (b 11 January 1837; d January 1928) m ——— Morris, and had 4 children.
- (6) Ephraim Lefforge (b 12 January 1838; d 24 January 1927), served in Company I, 68th Regiment, Indiana Volunteers, USA, during the Civil War; m Mary ——— (d 17 August 1914); had one daughter, Ida (Lefforge) McKee (d 15 April 1935).<sup>6</sup>

1050 ALBERT HERNDON (b ca 1809) m in Rush Co., Ind., 31 August 1831 PATSY LINES.

#256 GEORGE HERNDON [39 William] born in 1771 was listed on the Madison County personal property tax list of 1793 but his name does not appear on the lists for 1794, 1795, 1796. On the 20 March 1797 list his name again appears, but on the next three lists the entries are in reference to George Herndon's estate.

On the 1797 list he is shown as the owner of one horse. His estate continued to be assessed for taxes on that horse for the next three years.

A blurred writing in the court records makes it impossible to state positively the full name of his wife but it appears that she was ROANNA, and that, subsequent to her giving bond 28 June 1798 as administratrix of his estate, she married ——— Carpenter. The names of any children, if any, are unknown.

<sup>5</sup> Harden: *Early Life and Times of Boone County, Indiana*, p. 333.

<sup>6</sup> The detail here given was furnished 6 October 1949 by Mrs. Mary E. Starr, of Pittsburgh, Penna., daughter of Mrs. Ida (Lefforge) McKee, copied from the Family Bible of John and Harriett Lefforge, which is in Mrs. Starr's possession.

#257 WILLIAM HERNDON [39 William] born 1773 was mentioned on the 25 March 1794 personal property tax list of Madison County, Virginia as William Herndon Junr. He then accounted for eight apprentices and for the ownership of one horse. Thereafter his name does not appear on the tax lists of that county. On 7 May 1794 he married NANCY KIRTLEY and removed, with his father's family, to Green County, Kentucky. In that county his five children grew up and there four of them married. He left Green County, Kentucky, and settled in Sangamon County, Illinois, where he died 31 January 1842.

*Children of William Herndon and Nancy Kirtley:*

1051 NANCY HERNDON (b 1795) m 23 February 1810 JAMES WHITE.

1052 ELIZA L. HERNDON (b 1796) m March 1812 JOHN D. CASEY.

1053 FELIX GRUNDY HERNDON (b 1802) m 5 August 1824 JANE ROBINSON.

1054 JOHN ROWAN HERNDON (b 1805) m first 20 December 1824 ELIZABETH GRAHAM; lived in Green County, Ky., until sometime in the 1830's when he removed to Adams County, Illinois. He married secondly JULIA ———. In 1850 he was enumerated as a butcher 45 years old, born in Kentucky. His wife, Julia was 39, also born in Kentucky. In 1860 he was a farmer. Whether the children were by his first or by his second wife is not known to the compiler. They were, possibly among others:

(1) William Herndon, b 1835.

(2) Eliza Herndon, b 1837.

(3) John A. Herndon, b 1839.

(4) Jack Herndon, b 1841.

(5) Susan Martha Herndon, b 1846.

(6) Mary E. Herndon, b 1849.

1055 JAMES A. HERNDON (b 1813), purchaser of certain assets of his father's estate at the time of the estate settlement in 1842 in Sangamon County, Ill.; m 1834 MARTHA ——— (born in Virginia); removed to Adams County, Ill., where in 1850 he was enumerated as a painter. He and his wife then had the following children, all born in Illinois:

(1) Martha Herndon, b ca 1835.

(2) Louisa Herndon, b ca 1838.

(3) Julia Herndon, b ca 1844.

(4) Edward Herndon, b ca 1847.

(5) Frances Herndon, b 1849.

#259 THOMAS HERNDON [39 William] was born 19 March 1783 in Culpeper County, Virginia. He went with his father's family to Green County, Kentucky, where on 31 May 1809 he married NANCY

KEEN. She was born 11 October 1793 on her father's second plantation in James City County, Virginia. She died in Franklin County, Indiana 25 December 1852. She was a daughter of Dudley and Susanna (Morris) Keen.<sup>1</sup>

Thomas and Nancy Herndon removed from Green County, Kentucky to Franklin County Indiana in 1821. On 17 March 1821 he purchased 120 acres on Blue Creek in Butler Township, 4 miles southwest of Brookville.<sup>2</sup> There (as a member of the family wrote) the "woods were full of Indians and wild animals." Thomas Herndon "had a log cabin education. He remembered too that General Harrison made a canoe out of a buckeye tree."<sup>3</sup>

One of the most exciting incidents in the life of the people of Franklin County at about this date was the trial of an old Revolutionary soldier, Samuel Fields, on the charge of having murdered his grandson, Robert Murphy.<sup>3a</sup>

Thomas Herndon was a member of the grand jury which indicted Samuel Fields in the following language:

"We find that the said Samuel Fields, not having the fear of God before his eyes, but being moved and seduced by the instigation of the Devil, did then and there on the third day of November 1824, with a butcher knife, worth the sum of twenty-five cents, in his own right hand, thrust, stab, etc, the said Robert Murphy, causing the death of the same."

Thomas Herndon purchased land in Franklin County from James Scriver for \$350 in 1837 and from George Homager on 20 February 1839 for \$536 on behalf of himself and his son Gideon Herndon. In 1840 he was a delegate to the Franklin County Democratic Convention.

Thomas Herndon died 26 March 1854. In the settlement of his estate the names of his children then living are mentioned including a reference to the fact that his daughter Emily was a minor and that his daughter Sophronia had died. That record is also of importance because it furnished information of the place of residence of the various children of Thomas and Nancy Herndon.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Demaris Knobe: *The Ancestry of Grafton Johnson*, 138.

<sup>2</sup> *Franklin County (Ind.) Deed Book E*: 220.

<sup>3</sup> Letter to JGH dated 12 December 1939 from Franklin H. Herndon, of Hamilton, Ohio, a son of Archer Bohannon Herndon (whose name is incorrectly entered as Archer Buchanan Herndon in *The Ancestry of Grafton Johnson*).

<sup>3a</sup> The details are given in *The Ancestry of Grafton Johnson*, 139.

<sup>4</sup> *Franklin County Probate Records* #2: 511.

*Children of Thomas Herndon and Nancy Keen:*

1056 GIDEON HERNDON was born 11 August 1811 in Green County, Ky. At age 10 he removed with his parents to Franklin County, Indiana. There he married 20 February 1831 his first cousin Mildred Rafferty (b 2 April 1818; d 19 August 1892), eldest child of James Rafferty and his wife Elizabeth Morris Keen (b 3 March 1787), the latter being sister to Nancy (Keen) Herndon. Gideon Herndon and his brother-in-law John Robeson were joint grantees of land in Franklin County, Indiana, in 1837 from Fred, Jacob, and Adam Fight. Gideon Herndon later made his home in Jackson township, Dearborn County, Indiana. There he died between 1854 and 1860. In the latter year Mrs. Elizabeth Rafferty lived with her daughter Mildred Herndon and the latter's three youngest daughters. Whether there were any other children and what the names of the husbands of the older daughters were is not known to the compiler:

(1) Sophronia Herndon, b ca 1832.

(2) Ann Herndon, b ca 1834.

(3) Isabella Herndon, b ca 1840.

(4) Martha Herndon, b ca 1842.

(5) Emily Herndon, b ca 1844.

(6) Mary Herndon, b ca 1850.

(7) Sarah Herndon, b ca 1854.

1057 SOPHRONIA HERNDON, was born 11 August 1813 and died during her father's lifetime. She m 7 October 1832 JOHN ROBESON (b 2 January 1809 in Kentucky; d 1855), as his second wife, and had issue:<sup>5</sup>

(1) Nancy Robeson m in Franklin County Abraham Bossert, served in Union Army; issue.

(2) William Robeson.

(3) Thomas Herndon Robeson, a staunch Democrat and member of the Christian Church, m 26 September 1861 Rosa A. Schocke (b 25 December 1843), daughter of Louis and Rachel (Flohr) Schocke; had issue, 3 sons and 5 daughters.

(4) Sarah Anna Robeson m in Franklin County, Ind., 17 January 1864 William H. Prifogle, and had issue.

1058 SUSANNA HERNDON (b 29 December 1815; d 28 November 1892) m 25 November 1840 ROBERT JOHN CHILDERS (b 22 November 1819; d 17 October 1874), a well-to-do resident of Greensburg, Indiana; no issue.

1059 EVA HERNDON (b prob ca 1818) m PETER LUNTS.

1060 ELIZABETH HERNDON (b 19 May 1820, Green Co., Ky.) m in Franklin County, Ind., 24 September 1844 LAURENCE SEARLES (b 1819, Ohio), a cooper by trade. In 1856 they lived in Sangamon County, Illinois.

1061 MARY HERNDON (b ca 1822) m 11 January 1841 JOHN A. McANALLY (b 1819), lived in Brookville, Indiana, in 1850, when they had:

(1) Thomas McAnally (b ca 1843).

(2) Cary McAnally (b ca 1846).

(3) Henry McAnally (b ca 1849).

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<sup>5</sup> Reitel: *History of Franklin County, Indiana*, 837, 1004.

1062 FRANCES HERNDON (b 1825; d March 1859) m 17 August 1843 BENJAMIN MAWHINNEY (1821-1861), lived in Brookville, Indiana, in 1850, and then had:

- (1) Franklin Mawhinney (b ca 1845).
- (2) Milton Mawhinney (b ca 1847).
- (3) Missouri Mawhinney (b 1849).

They later had a daughter Susan, b ca 1854, who was adopted by her aunt Mrs. Childers. Susan Mawhinney went by the nickname of Molly. She m ——— Stevenson.

1063 CARY JONES HERNDON (b 24 September 1827) m 24 September 1851 SARAH JANE DANT; lived in Sangamon County, Ill., in 1856.

1064 MILTON KEEN HERNDON (b 20 March 1829; d ca 1892) m CLARISSA LYONS (b ca 1847); along with Schuyler Colfax, who was later Vice President of the United States, and three other prominent Odd Fellows, he signed the charter granted 8 January 1850 to Carroll Encampment, No. 22, in Carroll County, Indiana. Shawnee Encampment, No. 25, IOOF, in Fountain County, Ind., was organized 6 March 1851 and was instituted by Milton Keen Herndon, M.W.R.C.P. He and his wife lived in 1870 in Hammond, Franklin County, with their two children:

- (1) Alice Herndon b 1867.
- (2) Omar Herndon b 1869.

1065 ARCHER BOHANNON HERNDON (b 15 March 1832, Blue Creek, Indiana) later lived at Brookville, Franklin County, where he was elected auditor; was later a member of the law firm of Bracken and Herndon and of the Brookville Presbyterian Church. He married in Cincinnati, Ohio, 26 August 1858 ELIZABETH VOGEL who died 12 August 1906. His death occurred New Year's Day 1913. Issue:

- (1) Douglas Steven Herndon (b 26 August 1859, Brookville, Ind.) m there 13 June 1882 Mary Anne Peters; issue.
- (2) Anna Herndon (b 19 November 1862, Brookville) m 1882 Emmet Jacobs; issue.
- (3) Franklin H. Herndon (b 20 August 1866, Brookville) m 9 April 1890 Anna Schlottermiller; lived at Hamilton, Ohio, furnished all of the details of his father's family; issue.
- (4) Eleanor Herndon (b 19 July 1873, Greensboro, Indiana) m Julius Helbling; lived at Hamilton, Ohio, where all their children were born.

1066 EMILY HERNDON (b 24 September 1836) m GEORGE PATRICK.

#260 NATHANIEL D. HERNDON [38 William] was born in 1785 in Culpeper County, Virginia. He married 22 May 1806 BETSY GADDY in Green County, Kentucky. His name first appears on the tax lists of that county 19 June 1806 and until 17 June 1811. In 1814 he "entered" land in Highland Township, Franklin County, Indiana which he sold the

following year. On 7 December 1815 Charles Henderson sold to him some property in Brookville for \$300. Nothing further of him is known except that by 1827 he had returned to his former home in Green County, Kentucky.

#261 CADDIS OLIVER HERNDON [39 William] was born 1787 in Culpeper Co., Va., accompanied his father to Green County, Kentucky, and there married 3 January 1809 ELIZABETH BERTHY. The Reverend David Elkins officiated.<sup>1</sup> Caddis Herndon served in Major Bagley's regiment of Kentucky Militia during the War of 1812. He enlisted at Newport, Ky., as a private in Captain Garret Peterson's Company, Colonel Barbee's Regiment, 23 August 1812 and served until mustered out at Newport 19 March 1813. A part of this time his captain was Robert Burnet.<sup>2</sup> His name appears on the tax lists of Green County, Ky., in 1811, 1816, 1818, 1819, and 1821. He lived in Jefferson County thereafter until his death at Paducah in 1833.

*Children of Caddis Oliver Herndon and Elizabeth Berthy:*

1067 MINERVA HERNDON (b 2 February 1811) m first at the age of 14 on 1 November 1825 in Jefferson County, Ky., ELIJAH BROWNSON; m secondly LEONARD ROGERS, and had issue:

- (1) Leonard Rogers, d unm.
- (2) Henrietta Rogers, d unm.
- (3) Mary Rogers, d unm.
- (4) William Rogers m Nellie McMichael; issue.

1068 ELIZABETH HERNDON (b 10 December 1812) m 4 June 1828 GIDEON GOODRICH.

1069 JUDITH HERNDON (b 30 September 1815, d 24 August 1826).

1070 BENJAMIN HERNDON (b 22 November 1817) married in Louisville, Ky., 7 April 1838 MARY DAY HURST. When the 1850 census was taken Rebecca Hurst, 14, was living with them and the two children they then had:

- (1) Leonard George Herndon (b 1 October 1840, Jefferson Co., Ky.; d ca 1910) m Adelaide Estelle Lamar, of Sioux City, Iowa; issue.
- (2) Harriet Hurst Herndon (b 1843, d 31 August 1917) m David Alexander Harvey (d 27 October 1928), of Warren County, Ky.; issue.
- (3) Minerva Anne Herndon (b 28 August 1852, Louisville, Ky.; d 20 December 1923) m 13 May 1868 Walter Scott Lithgow (b 15 April 1847, Louisville; d October 1890), son of James Smith Lithgow.

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<sup>1</sup> *Green County Marriages Register* #1: 78.

<sup>2</sup> Records of the A. G. O., Washington, D. C.



Walter S. Lithgow was the owner of a stove foundry and a one-time mayor of Louisville, Ky.; issue.

1071 GEORGE HERNDON (b 28 March 1820; d 8 January 1836).

1072 POLLY HERNDON (b 10 April 1822; d 23 September 1825).

1073 WILLIAM C. HERNDON (b 12 September 1825), a blacksmith in Vigo County, Ind., in 1850, when his mother made her home with him. He later married \_\_\_\_\_, settled in Longview, Texas, where he died.

1074 MARGARET HERNDON (b 25 December 1831; d 2 January 1832).

#264 WESLEY HERNDON [39 William] was born 2 January 1794 in Madison County, Va., and continued to live there until his parents removed to Green County, Ky., approximately ten years later. From 11 June 1814 to 30 June 1815 he served under Captain B. Harrison in the Second Regiment of United States Riflemen. Because of that service he was allowed a pension. In his pension application papers he stated that at the time of his enlistment he was of light complexion and sandy hair; was 5' 11" tall; and that he had followed the occupation of blacksmith.

He married at Brookville, Ind., 26 May 1813, ESTHER HALBERSTADT. They removed in 1825 to the town of Union in Boone County, Ky. From there they went to Burlington and shortly thereafter to Florence in that same County. They made their home there for the rest of their lives. Wesley Herndon died suddenly of a heart attack while shoeing a horse 9 October 1854.

Esther (Halberstadt) Herndon was born 4 July 1794 in Bucks County, Pa., and died 20 May 1875 at her home in Florence, Boone County, Ky. She was the daughter of Anthony Halberstadt who was born in Hesse Cassel, Germany. When a young man he was pressed into the service of King George and brought to America to fight in the Revolutionary War. It is said that before the Battle of Trenton he deserted to the army of George Washington and fought with the Americans against the British and Hessians in that memorable battle. After the close of the war he married and settled in Bucks County, Pa., and reared a family of six children.<sup>1</sup>

A memorial notice appearing in the Boone County Journal of 27 May 1875 gives the following additional information concerning Mrs. Herndon:

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<sup>1</sup> From letter to JGH dated 13 October 1937 from Louis C. Yager, of Indianapolis, Ind.

"The parents were strict Christians, of the Presbyterian faith; the children were all baptised in their infancy. The strong mind and retentive memory which so characterized the deceased in her old age was made manifest in early years. . . . At the age of twelve the family moved via Pittsburg and the present site of Cincinnati to Harrison near Brookville, Ind., then an unbroken wilderness. In the journey across the mountains her father and brothers walked while she drove the four-horse team. They arrived safely at Pittsburg where they took flats for Cincinnati which was then a cornfield with three log cabins for a city. Here they landed and started through the wilderness looking for a suitable place to settle; finally they arrived at the present site at Brookville where they took possession of a quarter section of land and located themselves. They built a rude log cabin with a hole in the roof for a chimney, and a blanket hung in front of a small opening for a door. At night the wolves would come around the door and fight over the bones that were thrown from the tables. . . . She leaves 23 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren."

*Children of Wesley Herndon and Esther Halberstadt:*

- 1075 ANTHONY HERNDON (b 14 February 1814; d 13 June 1814).
- 1076 WILLIAM HERNDON (b 15 June 1816, Franklin County, Indiana; d 17 March 1895, Indianapolis) m 13 February 1839 LUCY JANE PITTS (b 1822, Va.), daughter of Johnson W. Pitts, an early steamboat captain on the Ohio River. In the census of 1850 he was reported as an innkeeper at Florence, Boone County, Ky., his property being listed as worth \$3,000. Issue:
- (1) Mary F. Herndon (1843-1933) m Mason Fletcher, of Indianapolis, a railroad engineer (killed in April 1911 or 1921); issue.
  - (2) Eugenia Herndon (b 1846) unm. 1870.
  - (3) William J. Herndon (b 1848) d young, buried Florence, Ky.
  - (4) Johnson Pitts Herndon (b ca 1851; d 1920/21), cabinetmaker and painter of Peoria, Ill., m Anna Rose Phillips (b 1855; living Peoria 1940); issue.
  - (5) Robert Herndon (b 15 June 1854, Boone County, Ky.; d unm. 1888).
  - (6) Jenny Herndon m William Moxley; issue.
  - (7) Lucy J. Herndon (b 1857, d 1882) m ——— Collier; no issue.
  - (8) Martha Herndon (b 1863) m C. J. Connelly; she was living in Milwaukee, Wisc., 1940 at the home of her daughter Roberta; issue.
- 1077 ELIZABETH HERNDON (b 20 June 1818) m 14 February 1835 JESSE KIRKPATRICK, of Ripley, Ohio, a cabinetmaker; lived later in Burlington, Ky.; issue:
- (1) John Kirkpatrick m August Calvert; issue.
  - (2) Joseph Kirkpatrick, served in the Union Army during Civil War; d unm.
  - (3) Benjamin Kirkpatrick m Anna Saxton; issue.
  - (4) Archibald Kirkpatrick, d young.
  - (5) Thomas Kirkpatrick m Susan Hunley; issue.
  - (6) Augusta Kirkpatrick (lived 1940, Covington, Ky.) m James Armstrong; no issue.
  - (7) Frank Kirkpatrick (b 1857, Covington, Ky.; d 1934) m Clara Close (lived 1940, Jamaica, Long Island, New York); issue.

- (8) Esther Kirkpatrick m William Piper of Spokane, Wash.; issue.
- 1078 AMANDA HERNDON (b 13 September 1821) d unm. 11 November 1887.
- 1079 MARY HERNDON (b 2 December 1823) d 2 August 1829.
- 1080 SARAH ANN HERNDON (b 20 February 1827; d 25 July 1829).
- 1081 JANE HERNDON (b 18 May 1829; d *ca* 1890) m 15 June 1857 JOHN ROLAND; no issue.
- 1082 MELLISON HERNDON (b 29 December 1831) m May 1856 LOUIS CONNER YAGER (b 25 September 1830; d 5 October 1885), a teacher in the first school established in Boone County, Ky., later proprietor of a general store at Florence, Ky., school commissioner for eight years, and police judge; issue:
- (1) Ernest Yager (b 6 March 1857; d January 1931) m Ella Barton; issue.
  - (2) Gertrude Yager (b 1 October 1858) m John Aylor, a farmer who lived near Union, Ky., issue.
  - (3) Louis Conner Yager (b 4 August 1860, Florence, Ky.; d 14 April 1949, Miami, Fla.) taught 5 years in the Boone County schools; studied at Georgetown College, Ky., and later graduated from University of Cincinnati Law School in 1885, honor man of his class; practiced law 5 years; for 28 years was credit manager of H. and S. Pagne Company and The Alms and Doetke Co., of Cincinnati; moved to Indianapolis in 1920 where he organized the Indiana Finance Association; from 1936 to 1944 was credit manager of the Property Management Division of the Indianapolis Real Estate Board; married 29 October 1885 his first cousin Margaretta Kirtley Herndon (d 1937); issue.<sup>2</sup>
  - (4) Ola Yager (b 28 January 1863; d January 1927) m W. Perry Carpenter; issue.
  - (5) Mary L. Yager (1867-1869).
  - (6) Annie Yager (b 1874) d unm., 1900.
  - (7) Grace Yager (b 1876) m Dr. T. B. Castleman, of Florence, Ky., issue.
- 1083 ELIJAH KIRTLEY HERNDON (b 13 March 1835; d 21 November 1910, Covington, Ky.) m at Petersburg, Boone County, Ky., 14 June 1859 MARGARETTA FRANCES HAYDON (b 1841). In 1860 he was a carpenter, then a tollkeeper on the old Lexington Highway. During the last 30 to 40 years of his life he was a livestock broker associated with Green, Embry, and Co., Cincinnati. He was a member of the Christian Church. Issue:
- (1) Ida Roland Herndon (b 14 July 1860) m 1879 John Hall; lived at Covington, Ky.; issue.
  - (2) Olive Lee Herndon (b 22 January 1863; d 30 October 1935) m February 1882 Charles Yancey Gray (b 8 March 1860; d July 1893 when he was U.S. Marshal in Covington, Ky., issue.
  - (3) Laura Herndon (1864-1864).
  - (4) Margaretta Kirtley Herndon (b 17 June 1866; d 5 July 1937) m 1885 her first cousin Louis C. Yager, *q.v.*; issue.

<sup>2</sup> A long account of his Civil War recollections appeared in the Indianapolis Sunday Star, issue of 4 August 1940, his eightieth birthday. In 1944 he prepared his own obituary (except for the date and place of his death). It appeared in an Indianapolis newspaper Friday, 15 April 1949. A letter to JGH, dated 21 April 1949, written by his daughter, Miss Grace J. Yager, included these words: "We buried him Monday in his beloved Kentucky. So I, loving Kentucky, as he did, find some comfort."

- (5) Ecila Corinne Herndon (b 17 December 1868), called "Kitty"; m 1887 John W. Leathers (b 19 June 1868), later chief clerk of the Louisville and Nashville R.R. at Cincinnati. He was later located in Chicago, where he was a representative of the United Fruit Company; issue.
- (6) Emma Buford Herndon (b 1 October 1874) m 1918 Joseph Drexelius (1863-1938) of Covington, Ky.

#265 ARCHER GRAY HERNDON [39 William] was born 13 February 1795 in Madison County, Va., which only a short time before had been carved out of Culpeper County. He was still a tiny child when his father moved from Virginia to Greensburg, Green County, Ky. He served as a private in the company of Indiana Militia commanded by Captain Shultz in the War of 1812, having volunteered at Brookville 1 May 1814 for one year. He actually served, from 28 July 1814 until discharged at Vincennes, Ind., 28 July 1815. Reference has already been made to him as an old hunter always on the alert for marauding Indians in the sketch of his brother Elliott #255, *q.v.*

Shortly after the war was over he returned to Green County, Ky., where 9 March 1817 he married Mrs. REBECCA [DAY] JOHNSON, whose father had been a Revolutionary soldier. Only in 1818 was Archer Gray Herndon a taxpayer in Green County, his name appearing as *Archabald*. Early in 1819 he and his wife moved to Troy, Madison County, Ill., and in the spring of 1821 they moved from Madison County and settled in the community which afterward became known as German Prairie, about five miles northeast of the present city of Springfield. Soon after this they moved to Springfield where he was in business until 1826.

In that year he was elected State Senator and was one of the "Long Nine" who were instrumental in having the State capital moved from Vandalia to Springfield. They were so designated because the shortest among the nine of them was over six feet tall. He was United States Receiver of Public Moneys in the Land Office from 1842 to 1860.<sup>1</sup>

In the 1850 census for Sangamon County he is recorded as owning real estate valued at \$8,000. His wife was then listed as being 60 years of age and he 54, while ten years later the census records him as being 63 years of age and her as 68. At that time his real estate holdings were valued at \$45,000 and his personal property at \$15,000, and he was designated "U. S. Land Receiver."

Mr. Herndon died 3 Jan 1867 at Springfield. His widow's death occurred there 19 Aug 1875. Their son Elliott Bohannon Herndon had

<sup>1</sup> Additional information on the personality and activities of Archer Gray Herndon may be obtained from David Donald: *Lincoln's Herndon*, New York; A. A. Knopf, 1948. See its index.

remained unmarried until shortly after the death of his mother. Both his parents had lived with him or he with them from 1850 until their deaths.

*Children of Archer Gray Herndon and Rebecca Day:*

- 1084 WILLIAM HENRY HERNDON (b 25 December 1818, Greensburg, Ky.; d 18 March 1891, Springfield, Ill.) was a practicing attorney of Springfield, Ill., for many years, served as its mayor 1854-55, and as one of the three bank commissioners for Illinois from 1857 until probably as late as 1885. He was the law partner of Abraham Lincoln from 1844 until Mr. Lincoln's death. After the assassination of the President, he was urged to write a life of Abraham Lincoln, and in response to this insistent demand produced *Abraham Lincoln, The True Story of a Great Life*. The best accounts of the life of William Henry Herndon are those by Rev. Joseph Fort Newton entitled *Lincoln and Herndon* and Dr. David Donald called *Lincoln's Herndon*. See also *The Dictionary of American Biography* for a brief account of his life. William Henry Herndon was twice married. He and his first wife MARY J. MAXCY (b 27 July 1822; d 18 August 1861), daughter of the James Maxcys of Springfield, were married 26 March 1840. They established their home at First and Jefferson Streets, and there their six children were born:
- (1) James Nathaniel Herndon (b 26 April 1841) enlisted as a private in Co. G, 10th regular Illinois Cavalry Volunteers 28 September 1861 and was honorably discharged 9 April 1862. He married 19 September 1869 Mary Ann Dunlap. In the latter's application for a pension it was stated that her husband had died 22 April 1915 and that his late residence had been Soldiers' Home, Danville, Vermillion County, Ill.<sup>2</sup> They had issue, at least 2 sons and 1 daughter.
  - (2) Annie May Herndon (b 9 April 1843) m 26 June 1863 Dr. Frank Fleury (b 28 September 1840), of Springfield, and had issue, a daughter Annie May Fleury.
  - (3) Beverly Powell Herndon (b 30 December 1845); was living, 1901, in New Mexico, unm., a mine owner.
  - (4) Elizabeth R. Herndon (b 11 November 1849) m 27 August 1867 James S. Cooper; lived 1901 in New Mexico.
  - (5) Leigh W. Herndon (b 22 October 1852) was a teamster. He married Julia Drown (b 1853; d 4 September 1893), lived at 539 West Mason St., Springfield; and had issue, 3 sons and 3 daughters.
  - (6) Mary N. [or F] Herndon (b 8 October 1856) m Wilbur Ralston, a druggist of Springfield; lived there 1944.
- WILLIAM HENRY HERNDON married, secondly, 31 July 1861 ANNA MILES (b 1 March 1836; d 7 January 1893), daughter of G. U. Miles, of Petersburg, Ill. To them were born the three following children:
- (7) Nina Belle Herndon (b 1865) m ——— Ballard.
  - (8) William Miles Herndon (b January 1870; d 18 March 1891, in the morning of the day of his father's death).

<sup>2</sup> Data taken from the above-mentioned application for a Federal pension. This record disposes of the claim elsewhere made that none of William Henry Herndon's family rendered Civil War military service.

(9) Minnie Herndon (b 1875) married ——— Brown.

1085 ELLIOTT BOHANNON HERNDON (b 1 August 1820, Troy, Ill.; d 13 April 1895) was admitted to the Springfield bar in 1842; in 1854-55 was city attorney of Springfield; in 1856 was State's Attorney for Sangamon County; in 1857-1861 was U. S. District Attorney; and in 1874-75 was corporation counsel for the city of Springfield; called "in court a master of incisive irony"<sup>3</sup> and to his brother "an odd genius",<sup>3</sup> and described as "crabbed and crippled";<sup>4</sup> had property valued at \$75,000 in 1870;<sup>5</sup> married 30 September 1875 MRS. JERUSHA (PALMER) LEE (b 26 April 1833, Ogdensburg, N. Y.; d 25 April 1916). No issue.

1086 ARCHER GRAY HERNDON (b 29 November 1825, Springfield; d 14 October 1890) was a farmer, living in Rochester township nine miles southeast of Springfield the last thirty years of his life. He married 15 October 1846 ROANNA R. ROBBINS (b 17 April 1829; d 8 March 1900). Their issue, in addition to three children dying in infancy, were:

- (1) William Francis Herndon (b 9 April 1848, DeWitt Co., Ill.; d 5 May 1919, Hollywood, Calif.) was a practicing attorney in Springfield a number of years. About 1900 he moved to Los Angeles, Calif., and practiced his profession there until his death. He married 14 September 1871 Mary H. Bryant (b 21 September 1852) who survived him. They had two children, a son Edgar Bryant Herndon, who died *vita patris*, and a daughter Pearl M. Herndon, born 3 October 1881, who m ——— Willis.
- (2) Nona Rebecca Herndon, d 17 January 1876 at Springfield from burns caused by the explosion of a lamp; was unm.
- (3) Harriet La Omi D. Herndon (b 1853, DeWitt Co., Ill) m James D. Brown; no issue.
- (4) Elliott Gray Herndon (b 22 March 1855, near Springfield) m Rose M. Hatler; was a farmer who lived all his life on the Herndon farm in Rochester township. Their children are Gray Herndon, Esq.,<sup>6</sup> of the law firm of Stevens and Herndon, Springfield; John Carroll Herndon, Ted. Dwight Herndon, Grace Herndon, and Francis E. Herndon.
- (5) Delia Ann Herndon<sup>7</sup> (b 23 September 1857) m Reverend George Gary Hudson (1853-1928). They served as Presbyterian missionaries many years in Osaka, Japan, where all their children were born. She and her husband returned from Japan in 1901, and after two years in Walla Walla, Washington, they settled at Decatur, Ill. After her husband's death, Mrs. Hudson made her home with her son, Dr. Ellis Herndon Hudson, and in 1937 was with him at Clifton Springs, N. Y. In the opinion of the compiler of *The Herndons of the American Revolution*

<sup>3</sup> *Lincoln's Herndon*, 40.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, 106.

<sup>5</sup> Federal Census of Sangamon County, Ill., for 1870.

<sup>6</sup> To whom JGH is indebted for data furnished him by letter and when he called at his Springfield office in 1940.

<sup>7</sup> In its original form this name was Rodelia.

she ranks as the most noteworthy mother in America, for she has four sons all of whom are distinguished in their respective fields and all of whom have been included in *Who's Who in America* for many years, and a daughter on the staff of Smith College, since the death of *her* husband, the Reverend Merle C. Winn. These four brothers are: Harris Gary Hudson, president of Illinois College, Jacksonville, Ill.; Ellis Herndon Hudson, physician of distinction for work done in the field of tropical medicine; Noel Paul Hudson, holder of a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and an M.D. from Harvard, dean of the graduate school of Ohio State University and research professor of the department of bacteriology since 1946; and George Donald Hudson, professor of geography and chairman of the department of geography at Northwestern University since 1946. Their sister is Mrs. Rowena Bell (Hudson) Winn. The nobleness of the lives of these Christian parents, Dr. and Mrs. George Gary Hudson, is paying rich dividends to the world.

- (6) Mary Ellen Herndon (b ca 1859) m Thomas Thorton, a farmer, who lived near Springfield, and had issue, 4 sons and 1 daughter.
- (7) Rompierre R. Herndon (b ca 1862; d at New Sharon, Iowa).
- (8) Emily Ridgeway Herndon (b ca 1865; d 8 April 1887).

1087 NATHANIEL F. HERNDON (1827-1835).





## APPENDIX B

(For index of persons here named see page 221.)

### THE AMHERST COUNTY MILITIAMEN'S PETITION OF 9 NOVEMBER 1780

To the Honourable the Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Delegates The Petition and Memorial of Sundry Militiamen of the Tenth Division of Amherst County Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioners are of the Number of those who were lately Ordered into Service on the Southern Expedition—That with a Conscious Shame and heart-felt Sorrow we most sincerely lament and deplore the shameful Timidity which marked our behaviour at the unfortunate Battle of Cambden, as well as its unhappy Consequences—That as to our Conduct (amongst Others) on that important Occasion We dare not pretend to justify Ourselves—Yet by way of alleviating in some degree our Guilt we humbly offer to the Consideration of your Hon<sup>ble</sup> House the following Facts—That your Petitioners were the first Militiamen of this State who were ever order'd into Service at such a distance as South Carolina—That on our Arrival at Hillsborough we staid but a few days to Rest before we marched to the South, from which time (except a few days Halt which we made at Deep River) we were marched almost Night and Day and kept on half allowance of Flour for Eight or Ten days before the Battle—That from the Circumstances and being wholly unacquainted with Military Discipline, which we had not had time to learn, greatly Exhausted by Fatigue at that hot Season, which we had not been inured to; Dispirited for want of Rest and Diet; and Panick-struck by the Noise and Terror of a Battle which was entirely New to most of us, we (amongst Others, Officers and Privates) were so unhappy as to abandon the Field of Battle Notwithstanding all the efforts of our Gallant Generals and the Example of our brave brethren the Regulars—To extenuate our Guilt by accusing others we disdain to do and dare not attempt—Yet we humbly beg leave to Represent to your Hon<sup>ble</sup> House that had our inferior Militia Officers been experienced in Military Discipline or Capable for Encouraging us by their Example as well as Orders and particularly had we not been drawn up in such Close Order but had more space to Act, and Lastly been Permitted to Fire on the Enemy before we received their Fire, or before we came so near, We verily Believe the Event had been otherwise—But to Proceed—On our return to Hillsborough and finding that all our Blankets and Cloath-

ing (except what little we had on) were entirely lost, being destitute of Money or other means of supplying Ourselves at that place, we Petitioned our Officers for Furloughs to go Home in order to provide such as we could—This they refused—but at the same time most of those who went from our own County and with us, not only did not forbid but advised and encouraged us so to do—When we had accordingly returned to our own County we apply'd ourselves to the County Lieut informing him of 'the Cause of our Coming and of our Resolution of returning to our Duty as soon as we could provide a few Cloaths to supply our immediate wants—who indulged us with Furloughs for about 20 days which were then prolong'd to this present instant being the 9<sup>th</sup> of Octo<sup>r</sup>.

According having met this day in Order to Proceed to Camp there to serve out the Remainder of our Term and to make good the time we have lost—To our Astonishment and Grief we are told by Authority that we are to be turn'd over to the Regular Service for Eight Months—which is also further Confirm'd by the Report of some who have already been at Camp where they were refus'd to be Receiv'd on any Other Conditions. We are moreover inform'd that Pay-Rolls have been made out during our Absence in which none were Included but those who were then Present—In these Alarming and Unhappy Circumstances we have no Other Resource but to Petition your Honourable House for Redress—which we most humbly Beg and Pray—That (Besides the Reasons Contain'd in the above Memorial—For these following (To Wit) That having been Order'd in Service early in the Summer Great Part of our last Crops be Reduc'd to great Distress—That should our Term of Service be prolonged to Eight Months—Besides loosing (sic) great part of the last we must be depriv'd of any possibility of making any the year to come—That in this Case most of us being already very poor and many of our Familys large tho' weak, It must Compleat our Ruin and Theirs—We have always understood That the Penalty of Eight Months Service inflicted by the Act was on such only as should Refuse to pay due Obedience thereto by [not] marching when Order'd —But we humbly beg leave to represent that we never did refuse but did Actually go and have served a Considerable part of our Term and always intended and still do faithfully to serve out and make Good the whole—In which time we yet hope by the Mercy of Divine Providence (as we now joyfully hear that we are to have Regular Officers) That we shall by our future Conduct not only retrieve our Reputation as Citizens of a Free State But also the Losses and Dishonour which our Country has sustain'd by our former Pusillanimity. Wherefore we most humbly

hope and pray that your Hon<sup>ble</sup> House will Order that we shall be relieved by the next Succeeding Divisions of our County (if wanting) when our Term of Service as at first Appoint'd is made Good (we being totally unprovided for a winter Campaign) And that our pay without which we cannot subsist may be paid agreeable to Justice and Equity. Finally, Confiding in the Justice, Candour and Clemency of our Worthy Legislature to Whom we Commit our Cause and that [of] our distress'd Familys we shall Chearfully March on Never Doubting That while it shall please the Almighty to Continue to us the inestimable Blessings of a free and frequent Representation but Impartial Justice and Judgment in Mercy will ever be dispens'd (as far as it is consistent with the General Weal) to every Individual Member of the State is our Prayer.

The Names of the Subscribing Militiamen are here under Written.

*Samuel Dinwiddie Sergt*  
*Landon Carter Sergt*  
*John Lobban*  
*Simon Ramsden*  
*Edwd Bybee*  
*William Philips*  
*James Hopkins Junr*  
*Alexander Loubers*  
*William Loubers*  
*Pleasant Davison*  
*Henry McLean*

*William Boulware*  
*John Bowman*  
*William Bowman*  
*Owen Herndon*  
*Nicholas Lyon*  
*Jacob Pucket*  
*John Cloair*  
*Alexander Patton*  
*Joseph Henderson*  
*John Brown*

Although the date mentioned in the petition is clearly the ninth of October, its date was given as "Nov. 9th, 1780" when it was referred to the Committee on Propositions. After the Committee twice rejected it, it was recommitted. What further action, if any, was taken is not noted on the petition itself. Some one, probably a legislative clerk, designated the petition "Apology for Cowardice", and wrote those words on the document itself.

## APPENDIX C

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### FLUVANNA PETITION OF 29 MAY 1782

The Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the County of Fluvanna Humbly sheweth, they are ever willing to pay any Taxes the Legislature shall be pleased to lay on them for the support of Government. But those laid the last Session of Assembly we are afraid will be obligations out of

our power to discharge, as directed by the Law, for the following Reasons: first for want of Gold and Silver it is impossible to discharge the Land-tax, for we may venture to affirm there is not in the whole County twenty Pounds of specie. Secondly there were but few People the last year that made either Tobacco, Hemp or Wheat; and the Crop that is now growing cannot be made use of because it is impossible to get it to Market in time enough to discharge the taxes as soon as required by Law; the Consequence of which will be our Effects seized and sold, and as there is no specie in this Part of the County, they will fetch little or nothing, so that we shall be ruined, and the Government unpaid at last. We are sensible there is a certain Clause in the Law, which forbids the Sheriff selling the Effects seized unless they shall fetch three fourths of their value; but it must be remembered, he is the sole Judge in this Case, and as he may make a lucrative Business of it, there is great Reason to doubt whether he would judge in this matter as a good Casuist. Your Petitioners think they could pay the tax with Ease, if the following Alteration was made in the Law: Let the Land-tax be payable in Tobacco or Hemp and the whole Collection, unless it is those that are provided to pay immediately, prolonged to the first of December: We therefore humbly pray that this Alteration may be made or any other your honourable House shall think, will enable us to pay the Taxes—without much Injury to ourselves. And your petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray &

George Butler  
Thomas Tindall  
Wm. O. Quarles  
Joseph Mayo  
Thos. Mayo  
James Scott  
John Pettus  
Robt. Wright  
Richard Murry  
Tandy Key  
George Duncan  
Reuben Herndon  
Mch Oglesby  
Thos. Linthicum  
Daniel Tilman  
Jesse Parrish  
George Perry

W. Patrick  
William Creasey  
Lewis Hancock (sic)  
Warren Moore  
Abraham Price  
Jehoshaphat (sic) Ladd  
John Duncan  
John Berger  
Thomas Tilman  
John Hunt  
Benj Fitzpatrick  
John Morris  
Joseph Herndon  
William Bugg  
Wm. Bradshaw  
Anthony (sic) Murry  
Charles Cottrel

Wm Bradshaw, Junr.  
Philemon Jenkins  
Archelaus White  
Ware Oglesby  
David Oglesby  
Thos Dawson  
John Moon  
Gideon Edwards  
John Howard  
Richard Moon  
Elijah Stone  
John Hancock  
Rich'd. Perkins  
Jesse Tatty  
Marbil Stone

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