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of Spotsylvania County, Virginia, and His
Known Descendants through the Seventh
Generation of the Family in America

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THIRD GENERATION

#6 EDWARD HERNDON (second son of Edward Herndon and his wife Mary Waller) died, testate, in Spotsylvania County, Va., 1759. By his first wife, Elizabeth, believed to be ELIZABETH STUBBLEFIELD, he left the four children named below. By his second wife, MARY BROCK, he had no issue. For details about him see *HFV* 19-25. The record of each of his children is included in the following pages:

28 EDWARD HERNDON m MARY DUERSON.

29 JOHN HERNDON m MARY LEWIS.

30 ELIZABETH HERNDON m JOHN BATTLE.

31 JOSEPH HERNDON m 1st PHILADELPHIA FOSTER; m 2nd MARY MINOR.

FOURTH GENERATION

#28 EDWARD HERNDON [6 Edward] was born about 1729 in Spotsylvania County, Va. About 1755 he married MARY DUERSON, a daughter of Thomas Duerson and his wife Hannah Brock. Thomas Duerson in his Will, dated 5 December 1768, mentions his son-in-law Edward Herndon.¹

Called Edward Herndon, Jr., he was first appointed collector of the Parish levy by the Vestry of St. George's Parish 5 November 1750. He was subsequently reappointed every year² through 1766. Others who served as collectors with him during certain of those years were John Battaley, Joseph Brock, and his brother Joseph Herndon. Beginning in December 1758 he was regularly designated Edward Herndon, the "Jr" being omitted. He was first elected a vestryman 17 February 1767. When the Vestry met 26 January 1768 at the home of Robert Farish, he was one of the six vestrymen who voted against sending a petition for division of the Parish to the next meeting of the Virginia General Assembly, the motion being lost, 6 to 6. Edward Herndon was then appointed church warden for the year. Later that year when the vestry met at the Long Ordinary in Fredericksburg, he was one of the five vestrymen appointed to agree with workmen for the building of a new church, 50 feet long by 26 feet wide, convenient to some spring and not more than a mile and a half from Burbridge's Bridge, and was also appointed to a committee which should award to the lowest bidder a contract for building an addition to the Pamunkey Chapel. It was decided that, after the splitting of the Parish, the name "St. George's" should be retained by the Mattanopy Church, it being the oldest or mother church. Edward Herndon, Gent., was mentioned as present as a vestryman at the meeting on 18 December 1769 at the home of Mr. Wm. Wood in Spotsylvania County. It seems likely that the changes in the Parish boundaries made it inconvenient or improper for Edward Herndon to continue to serve as a vestryman after 1769 for, by 1770, Berkeley Parish had been established and Edward Herndon's home was within its limits. At any rate his name no longer appeared as present at vestry meetings. If the Berkeley Parish register or vestry book were extant, it

¹ This Will is abstracted in *Crozier*, 25. The statement in IX VMHB 32 that Edward Herndon married Mary Colson is erroneous.

² These appointments were regularly made at the last meeting of the year, but for 1761 and 1765 they were deferred until the succeeding April.

a grant to two tracts of land in Kentucky, to which reference has been made above.¹³

The amount realized from the sale of his personal property in a two-day auction held 12-13 December 1799 totaled £1,171 4s. 11d. Among the purchasers were his sons John, Edward, and Joseph Herndon, his sons-in-law Anthony and William Frazer, his brother Joseph Herndon, his cousin Booker Waller, and a nephew Thomas Duerson.

Children of Captain Edward Herndon and Mary Duerson:

- 178 JOHN HERNDON m JUDITH HAMPTON.³³⁹⁰⁸
 179 MARY HERNDON m JAMES LEWIS.
 180 HANNAH HERNDON m ANTHONY FRAZER.
 181 EDWARD HERNDON m MARY ELIZABETH SHARPE.
 182 SARAH HERNDON m JAMES FRAZER.
 183 THOMAS HERNDON m SUSANNAH BEVERLEY STUBBLEFIELD.
 184 WILLIAM HERNDON m ISABELLA WHITELER.
 185 PHILADELPHIA HERNDON m WILLIAM FRAZER.
 186 JOSEPH HERNDON m LUCY DUERSON.
 187 LUCY GARNETT HERNDON m JOHN CHURCHILL GORDON.

#29 JOHN HERNDON [6 Edward] was born about 1732 in Spotsylvania County, Va., where he died in 1783. He married late in 1758 MARY LEWIS,¹ who died late in 1797. She was a daughter of William and Sarah Lewis.² ³³⁹⁹⁸

He is first mentioned in the records of Spotsylvania 2 August 1755 when he was commissioned ensign in Captain William Miller's Company of Foot. Three days later he took the necessary oath. On 11 March 1757 he was commissioned ensign in Captain Thomas Estes' Company of Foot. He was sworn in 5 April 1757.³

On 30 April 1757 he and his brother Edward witnessed a deed from Thomas and Mary Duerson to Stapleton. Thereafter he witnessed deeds, mortgages, leases, etc., to which relatives, friends, and neighbors were parties, the last such being dated 5 June 1780.⁴

¹³ *Spotsylvania County Will Book G*: 239.

¹ The statement in *HFV* 24 that she was Mary Foster is erroneous.

² She was also a sister of the James Lewis whom Captain John Herndon named an executor of his Will. For certain of these relationships see also Deed from James Lewis and Elizabeth, his wife, and Sarah Lewis, widow of William Lewis, to Jacob Whiteler, cited in *Crozier* 281.

³ *Crozier*, 516, 518.

⁴ All cited in *Crozier*.

The exact date of the death of Mary (Lewis) Herndon is not known, but it probably occurred in December 1797. James Lewis did not serve as appraiser under the order above quoted, but the other three persons there named did so and brought in their inventory eight days later, showing a valuation of £300 9s. for the four slaves and personalty.

It is unfortunate that no record of the distribution of this estate among the children of Captain John and Mary (Lewis) Herndon has been found in the records at Spotsylvania Courthouse. Their names are, however, known from other sources. The father mentioned John and Joseph, his sons, in his Will. Elizabeth (Herndon) Battaley, in her will, left a bequest to her niece "Sarah Herndon, daughter of my brother John." In the lease from John and Mary Campbell and Alexander Spotswood previously cited, Mary Herndon, daughter of John and Mary Herndon was named. Anne, called Nancy, born in 1775, was identified by Miss Lucy Herndon, of Fredericksburg, long an authority on Spotsylvania County Herndons, who wrote to Mrs. R. W. Shultice, in part as follows: ¹⁵

I know [that] my grandfather Dabney [Herndon] had a first cousin, a Miss Ann Herndon, who married a Stringfellow, whose daughter married a Hall.

As Dabney was a son of Joseph Herndon, brother to John and Edward, and since names of all of Edward Herndon's children are known, and Anne or Nancy who married a Stringfellow was not one of them, it follows that she was a daughter of the other brother, John. The identification of Anne or Nancy as a sister of Mary who married Benjamin A. Pritchett is made in other papers in the Stringfellow-Pritchett records which will appear under their separate names in the subsequent generations.

Children of Captain John Herndon and Mary Lewis:

- 188 JOHN HERNDON m MARY _____.
- 189 JOSEPH HERNDON, mentioned in the Will of his father, but no record of him when his father's estate was settled.
- 190 SARAH HERNDON, unmarried 1788, when mentioned in the Will of her aunt, Elizabeth Battaley.
- 191 MARY HERNDON m BENJAMIN A. PRITCHETT.
- 192 ANNE HERNDON m ROBERT STRINGFELLOW.

¹⁵ Undated letter from Mrs. Shultice to Mrs. Alexander Phillips, then of 1420 Hopkins Place, Washington, D. C., quotes this.

#30 ELIZABETH HERNDON [6 Edward] was born about 1735 in Spotsylvania County, Va. She married JOHN BATTLE, one of the sons of Moseley Battle (died testate 1758).

John Battle was appointed 7 December 1751 a collector of the Parish levy along with Edward Herndon, Jr., "they having entered into bond with Moseley Battle and Edward Herndon, Gent., their securities." In 1755 when he was of Culpeper County he sold for £5 a negro woman to Mary Herndon, wife of his brother-in-law Edward Herndon. Ten years later when he purchased a lot in Fredericksburg the deed named him "John Battle of Spotsylvania County, Gent." He died testate in 1770. In his Will he made provision for his wife Elizabeth; left bequests to his sister Elizabeth Battle and his brother Samuel Battle; and named his three brothers-in-law, Edward, John, and Joseph Herndon executors.

Elizabeth (Herndon) Battle died testate also. Her Will, dated 1 November 1788, left bequests to three of her nephews and one niece: Edward, son of Edward Herndon; her godson Peter, son of Joseph Herndon; Edward, son of Joseph Herndon; and Sarah, daughter of John Herndon. Witnesses included, among others, her nephews John Minor Herndon [son of Joseph] and John Herndon, Jr., [son of John]. Her brother Edward was named executor.

John Battle and his wife Elizabeth Herndon had no issue.

#31 JOSEPH HERNDON [6 Edward] was born 1 May 1737 and died 28 October 1810. His estate "Mattapony" was located six miles southeast of Fredericksburg. He married first 15 September 1757 PHILADELPHIA FOSTER (b 12 July 1736; d 23 November 1764). He married secondly 15 August 1765 MARY MINOR (b 7 March 1741; d 26 October 1822), daughter of John Minor and his wife Sarah Carr. 38449

The following is quoted from the sketch of Joseph Herndon written by his great-great-grandson, Mr. John Waterhouse Herndon, which appeared in *11 VMHB* 99: ¹

He also took much interest in national affairs, as evidenced by the fact that he attended the meeting of citizens of Spots. on June 1, 1774 to take action in regard to the Boston Port Bill. An adjourned meeting was held on June 24th, when reso-

¹ It is the compiler's understanding that Mr. John Waterhouse Herndon, now of Charlottesville, is preparing for presentation to the Alderman Library, University of Virginia, a detailed study of the descendants of his ancestor, this Joseph Herndon.

Children of Joseph Herndon and Philadelphia Foster:

- 193 ELIZABETH HERNDON m WILLIAM CRUTCHFIELD.
- 194 EDWARD HERNDON m MARGARET WHITELER.
- 194a ROBERT HERNDON (b 25 November 1763; d 15 February 1777).

Children of Joseph Herndon and Mary Minor:

- 195 SARAH HERNDON (b 2 July 1766; d 20 November 1784) m CAPTAIN WILLIAM LEWIS.
- 196 JOHN MINOR HERNDON (b 28 February 1768; d 12 January 1829); a distinguished lawyer of Spotsylvania and later of Louisa County; unm.
- 197 MARY HERNDON m JOHN CARTER.
- 198 JOSEPH HERNDON (b 9 June 1772, died young).
- 199 WILLIAM HERNDON m MARY ANN ELLIS.
- 200 PETER HERNDON (b 6 March 1777; d October 1793).
- 201 LUCY HERNDON m DABNEY MINOR.
- 202 REUBEN HERNDON (b 2 December 1781, d 18 October 1792).
- 203 DABNEY HERNDON m ELIZABETH HULL.

FIFTH GENERATION

#178 JOHN HERNDON [28 Edward] was born 16 January 1756 in Spotsylvania County, Va.

While residing there he was appointed 26 September 1777 assistant commissary to William Green Munford, then deputy commissary general. He served as quartermaster for a while thereafter and later for two years as assistant deputy commissary general and assistant quartermaster general of the Southern Department of the Virginia Line.¹ As his official duties took him to many counties, it is not surprising that we find references to him as quartermaster in *Public Claims of Hanover County*.² The following item is typical of many others of a similar nature concerning him in the Adjutant General's Office, The National Archives, Washington, D. C.:³

Commissioners Office Q M Dept Sept 11 1786
Wm. Finnie Dr. to Sundries in Old Emissions
To Certificates issued by the Quartermasters:
The amount of certificates issued by himself and
assistants as per Returns rendered:

By JOHN HERNDON £103,363 3s. 7d.

He also furnished supplies for the use of the Army. Payments of the claims in connection therewith were approved 22 April 1783 as shown in *Spotsylvania County Public Claims*, 16, 32:

8 November 1781 ½ cord of wood 6 shillings allowed [Entry #168]
10 April 1781 one Sorrell purchased for Continental use, £30 [Entry #331]

JOHN HERNDON married in Frederick County, Va., 11 December 1783 JUDITH HAMPTON (b July 1767; d 18 July 1853), daughter of Philip and Hannah (Hammond) Hampton.⁴

In 1845 his widow JUDITH HERNDON applied for a pension on account of her husband's Revolutionary War services. It was granted, first at the rate of \$480 per annum and later increased to \$600 per annum. From that Pension File⁵ the following additional family items are abstracted:

¹ Burgess, Vol. II: 899-900, and Gwatbmey, 372.

² *Opus cit.*, 7, 46.

³ 101 Account Book for 1777-89: 61.

⁴ See 9 VMHB 320 which gives some additional information concerning him.

⁵ W-#8, 925.

The mother, mistress, and the wife
Surviving friends can tell.

Children of John Herndon and Judith Hampton:

764 CHARLES COLSON HERNDON, b 2 June 1787; d 17 May 1813, unm.

765 SARAH HERNDON, b 27 November 1789; d 23 April 1816, unm.

765 EDWARD HAMPTON HERNDON (b 9 October 1792, Spotsylvania County, Va.; d 30 July 1870 near Mays Lick, Ky.) m in Fayette Co., Ky., 3 April 1817 NANCY McDOWELL GILLESPIE (b 18 September 1799; d 10 July 1872). He is mentioned in certain realty transactions in Fayette Co., 1821-1825;¹² was on the bond for the marriage of his sister HANNAH BROCK HERNDON and JOSEPH BIGGS. On 11 February 1840 he purchased from the heirs of Simeon West 2 lots in Mays Lick and the tavern thereon.¹³ A newspaper item appearing shortly after his death reads thus:

"Edward H. Herndon, the veteran landlord and lifelong village postmaster, died near the town of Mayslick on July 30, 1870, aged 77 years. He was an old Virginian by birth and was one of the few men who knew how to keep a hotel. He lived respected by all who knew him, and died without an enemy."

Issue, three sons:¹⁴

(1) Charles Colson Herndon (b 2 January 1818; d 5 October 1838) unm.

(2) Joseph Herndon (b 11 November 1825; d 3 December 1830).

(3) John Beverly Herndon (b 2 February 1830; d 13 June 1894), executor of his father's estate;¹⁵ well known newspaper editor;¹⁶ m at Desha Glen, Mason Co., Ky., 16 August 1853 Mary Forman (b 7 September 1831, d 19 August 1881), daughter of William S. Forman; issue, 1 son and 1 daughter.

766 MARY COLSON HERNDON (b 13 January 1796, Rockbridge County, Va.; d 1867, Owensboro, Ky.) m in Clark County, Ky., 15 February 1816 BEVERLEY ALSOP HICKS (b September 1794 in Spotsylvania County, Va.; d 1870, Owensboro, Ky.), son of Thomas Hicks and his wife Lucy Alsop. Beverly and Mary Hicks had issue, all born in Fayette Co., Ky.:

(1) Mary Eliza Hicks (1817-1863) m first 28 October 1834 Reuben Herndon, son of Jacob Whiteler Herndon and Mary Pannill, and had issue, 1 son and 1 daughter; it seems clear that she and Reuben Herndon were divorced between 1845 and 1850;¹⁷ in 1853 she wrote "Dear Louise";¹⁸ a family novel, one of whose themes was the stigma then at-

¹² *Fayette County Deed Book U: 276, V: 235, 334.*

¹³ *Mason County Deed Book 48: 345.*

¹⁴ 9 VMHB 320-321.

¹⁵ *Mason County Will Book W: 96.*

¹⁶ Collins *History of Kentucky, Vol. II, p. 562.*

¹⁷ He died in Decatur, Ga., 1897; he lived with their two children in 1850 in Warren County, Ky.

¹⁸ Published by Lippincott, Grambo and Co., Philadelphia, 1853. The dedication was to "Hon. Jefferson Davis of Mississippi, Secretary of War, one of the true friends of the Union of the States."

tached to divorce and the remarriage of a divorcee; she married secondly in Fayette County, Ky., 3 April 1858 George Lunsford Childs, and had no issue.

- (2) Martha Blanton Hicks (1820-1842) m 20 February 1838 William Ellis; issue, 1 daughter.
 - (3) Edward Herndon Hicks (1822-1885) m Lizzie Stowers; issue, 4 sons and 1 daughter.
 - (4) Alexander Campbell Hicks (1824-1892) m Martha Ewing; issue, 2 sons and 2 daughters.
 - (5) Ellen Colson Hicks (1827-1852) m, as his second wife, William Ellis, whose first wife was her sister, Martha Blanton Hicks, and had 2 sons and 1 daughter.
 - (6) Jane Herndon Hicks (b 1829) m 1850 Dr. David F. Todd (b 15 November 1809; d 7 September 1878); had 6 sons and 1 daughter.
 - (7) Lucy Isabel Hicks (1832-1893) m 15 November 1854 Edward C. Carter; had 3 sons and 2 daughters.
 - (8) Charles Beverley Hicks (b 1835) m first 1855 Mary Dudley Flint; had 1 daughter; m secondly 14 July 1869 Annie Mathis, and had issue, 3 sons and 2 daughters.
 - (9) Evalina Augusta Hicks (1839-1864) m 13 October 1857 Charles Edward Erwin (b 2 November 1835, Lexington, Ky.; d 6 February 1860 at the home of B. A. Hicks, his father-in-law, which adjoined "Ashland"), son of James Erwin and his wife whom he married 21 October 1823 Anne Brown Clay (b 15 April 1807; d November 1835), daughter of Honorable Henry Clay and Lucretia Hart; had issue, one son.¹⁹
- 767 PATRICK HENRY HERNDON (b March 1802; d 6 March 1836, defending the Alamo) m in Fayette County, Ky., 1 November 1824 PAMELIA SMITH-(d 5 February 1825), daughter of Benjamin and Nancy Smith; no issue.
- 768 ELIZABETH GORDON HERNDON (b 14 March 1805; d 11 February 1845, Lexington, Ky.) m in Bourbon County, Ky., 24 October 1827 her second cousin AUGUSTUS GAINES HERNDON (1801-1868), son of John Herndon and his wife Mary ——— Augustus and Elizabeth Herndon had issue:
- (1) Mary Ann Herndon m William Smith: issue.
- 769 HANNAH BROCK²⁰ HERNDON (b 10 May 1809) m in Paris, Ky., 19 May 1831, as his second wife JOSEPH BIGGS (b 20 November 1799, Fredericksburg, Va.) of Lexington, Ky., who had first m 19 December 1822 ELIZABETH BRIDGES. Joseph and Hannah Biggs had issue:
- (1) Joseph Biggs (1832-1849) unkm.
 - (2) Rebecca Biggs (1834-1889) m E. W. Holloway (d 23 February 1889), dsp.
 - (3) Mary Eliza Biggs (1836-1839).
 - (4) Edward Herndon Biggs (b 26 June 1838; d 13 May 1890) m 23 January 1862 Teresa Ryan; issue, 2 sons.
 - (5) Laura Biggs (b 13 January 1844) m 29 January 1867 Edward S. Reynolds; issue, 1 son and 1 daughter.
 - (6) Charles Biggs (1845-1846).

¹⁹ For continuation see 3 *Filson Club Publications* 115.

²⁰ Given as "Hammond" in 10 *VMHB* 322.

#179 MARY HERNDON [28 Edward] was born 1758. She married JAMES LEWIS, who was born in Lunenburg County, Va., 28 August 1755. They had issue:

770 JAMES LEWIS, b Lunenburg County, 1778, m PAMELA HEATH.

#180 HANNAH HERNDON [28 Edward] was born 22 November 1760 and died 3 February 1824. She married 13 April 1780 ANTHONY FRAZER (b 22 March 1754; d 4 March 1804), eldest son of James Frazer and his wife Elizabeth Foster, daughter of Anthony Foster, of Spotsylvania County, and his wife Martha, probably Martha Taliaferro. James Frazer was a son of William Frazer, of Scotland, who was in Spotsylvania by 1724, and his wife Frances ———.

75 ANTHONY FRAZER was commissioned Ensign in the First Virginia State Regiment 1 March 1777, and promoted to a Second Lieutenantcy 29 May 1777. He served in the Battles of Germantown and Monmouth, and resigned 12 February 1778.¹

Anthony Frazer died testate. His Will was dated 16 February 1804 and probated 1 May 1804.² Therein he provided for his wife Hannah and his children but did not name them. He designated his brother William Frazer and his brother-in-law Joseph Herndon, Jr. [son of Edward] to be executors. Their bond was fixed at \$15,000. Reuben Frazer and Stapleton Crutchfield were their sureties.³

Children of Anthony Frazer and Hannah Herndon: ⁴

771 MARY LEWIS FRAZER, b 15 March 1781, d 22 March 1786.

772 JAMES FRAZER (b 7 June 1783, Spotsylvania County, Va.; d testate 11 February 1854, Greenbrier County, then Va., now W. Va.), the well-known early hotel proprietor of Lewisburg, married his first cousin ELIZABETH FRAZER (b 2 May 1787, d 14 December 1846), eldest daughter of Sergeant James Frazer and his second wife Sarah Kenyon Thomas. James and Eliza-

¹ Heitman, 236, and Gwathmey, 288.

² *Spotsylvania County Will Book G*: 3.

³ *Ibid.*, 4.

⁴ Nearly all of the information concerning the descendants of this couple was furnished to the compiler and to Mr. John Waterhouse Herndon by Mrs. Hulda Frazer Coleman when they called at her home in Lahore, Va., in March 1937. It was copied from original records in her possession.

beth Frazer are buried in the Old Stone Church Cemetery, Lewisburg. They had issue: ⁵

- (1) Richard Frazer (b 12 September 1810; d 24 February 1831) unm.
- (2) James Anthony Frazer (b 1 July 1812, White Sulphur Spring; d testate 27 March 1860, Greenbrier County, Va.) m Sarah C. Foulke; and had issue.
- (3) Hannah Herndon Frazer (b 5 Feb. 1815; d 23 January 1889 near Lewisburg, Va.) m 12 July 1832 Colonel Samuel Thompson (b 18 March 1801, Loudoun Co., Va.) who had settled in Lewisburg 1822; dsp.
- (4) William Herndon Frazer (b 22 April 1817, White Sulphur Springs; d 8 August 1825, Lewisburg, Va.)
- (5) Sarah Thomas Frazer (b ca 1818/9; d 20 March 1891, Lewisburg, Va.) m ³³⁶⁶² Harrison, and had issue.
- (6) Thomas Frazer (b 1 August 1820 at "Harmony Hall"; d ante 1850).
- (7) Elizabeth Taylor Frazer (b 22 February 1821 at "Harmony Hall") m January 1852 Andrew Beirne (b 1 August 1830), and had four sons.
- (8) Margaret Carter Frazer (b 1 August 1826 Lewisburg, Va.) m 23 February 1848 Bedford Caldwell, of White Sulphur Springs, and had six children. ³³⁶⁶⁰

773 EDWARD FRAZER (b 9 February 1785) m his first cousin Mrs. ELIZABETH (FRAZER) THOMAS (daughter of John Frazer and his wife Elizabeth Fox). They had issue: ³⁴⁹⁹¹

- (1) Joseph Fox Frazer, m Elizabeth Sullivan in Kentucky; issue, 1 son and 3 daughters. ³³⁶⁶⁸

774 ELIZABETH FRAZER, (b 13 February 1787, d 3 December 1803) unm.

775 GEORGE FRAZER, (b 3 March 1790).

776 HERNDON FRAZER (b 20 August 1792; d 20 July 1877), educated at Washington College (now Washington and Lee University), prominent Baptist clergyman; m first his first cousin HULDAH HERNDON (1798-1845), daughter of Joseph Herndon and his wife Lucy Duerson. They had no issue. He married secondly, in 1848, another cousin, MARTHA LUCETTA RAWLINGS (b 1812), daughter of Richard Rawlings and his wife Lucy Scott Herndon, daughter of Captain Zachariah Herndon and his wife Mary Scott. Reverend Herndon and Martha Frazer had issue:

- (1) Herndon Frazer, called "Don", d unm. ³³⁶¹⁴
- (2) Huldah Frazer m Nicholas Penn Coleman; issue, 2 daughters.

777 MARGARET FRAZER, b 4 April 1795, d 9 June 1828, unm. ³³⁶¹³

778 JOSEPH ADDISON FRAZER (b 22 March 1798) m FANNIE RENICK, and had issue:

- (1) Sarah Frazer m Richard Summerson; issue, 2 sons.
- (2) Robert Frazer.
- (3) Herndon Frazer, killed during War, 1861-65.

779 ANTHONY FRAZER, b 25 April 1801, d unm.

⁵ The record of James Frazer and his children was furnished 6 December 1948 by Mr. Geo. H. S. King, Fredericksburg, Va., to the compiler. In another record Beirne is spelt Bierne.

#181 EDWARD HERNDON [28 Edward] was born 19 November 1762 in Spotsylvania County, Va., and died there 19 May 1808. He married MARY ELIZABETH SHARPE (b 11 April 1762; d December 1832), daughter of John Sharpe (d June 1763) and his first wife, whom he married in 1761, Susannah³³⁶⁰¹⁵ Hord (b 27 April 1742), daughter of Thomas⁸⁸⁶¹²⁴ Hord (b 7 September 1701; Will dated 28 January 1766) and his wife Jane Miller whom he married 24 June 1726. Susannah married, secondly, John Shelton (his Will dated 28 April 1805).¹

The claim that this EDWARD HERNDON served in the Revolution is correct. He went to the Bryant Station neighborhood as a young man and participated in the famous defense of that station. He was possibly the Edward Herndon to whom a grant of 500 acres in Jefferson County, Ky., was made 14 December 1782. When in 1804 he offered his farm "Pine Grove" in Spotsylvania for sale he announced that he "intends to go to Ky. in the fall."²

His Will was dated 1 October 1807 and recorded 4 July 1808.³ His brothers John and William Herndon were his executors. They furnished bond in the sum of \$15,000, with Joseph Herndon, Jr. (his brother) and Reuben Frazer as securities. Witnesses were Beverley Stubblefield, Richard Todd, and Jeremiah Chandler. The inventory valued his slaves at £1,722 and his other personalty at £350 5s. 7d. The date was 5 September 1808.⁴ These transactions reflect the curious admixture of the vanishing British and the emergent American currency.

Children of Edward Herndon, Jr., and Mary Elizabeth Sharpe:

780 GEORGE HERNDON (b 1785, d 23 February 1812) m MARTHA JONES, and had issue:

(1) Martha George Herndon, d unm., aged 21.

781 MARY M. HERNDON (b 3 May 1788, "Pine Grove", Spotsylvania County, Va.; d 1841, Alabama) m in Spotsylvania County 20 June 1814 GEORGE ROBINSON, and had issue:¹Edwin,²Francis,³Herndon,⁴Mary,⁵William,⁶Janette,⁷Helen,⁸Susan, and⁹Elizabeth Robinson.

¹ This detail is given to correct the error made by Robert Hord in his *History of the Hord Family*, 42, saying that this Edward Herndon married Elizabeth Shelton, daughter of John Shelton and Sukey [Susannah] Hord. It is appropriate to mention also that Thomas Hord Herndon married first Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Brock and Agnes Shelton, the latter a daughter of John Shelton and Susannah Hord.

² 9 VMHB 439.

³ *Spotsylvania County Will Book G*: 318, 320.

⁴ *Ibid.*, 336.

782 JAMES HERNDON (1790-1790).

783 FANNIE HERNDON (b ca 1792) m REUBEN FRAZER (b 1767, d 4 December 1832) son of James Frazer and his wife Elizabeth Foster. Reuben and Fannie Frazer had issue, 1 son and 2 daughters:

- (1) Rev. Frederick Frazer m Mary B. Holliday.
- (2) Martha Frazer m as his second wife George Turner whose first wife was Philadelphia Claiborne Frazer, daughter of Lt. John Frazer and his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Fox.
- (3) Cassandra Frazer, unm.

784 THOMAS HORD HERNDON (b 1794, Spotsylvania Co., Va., d 24 May 1842, at sea, while on a trip for his health, his home being in Erie, Alabama) m 1st in Orange County, Va., 7 November 1817 ELIZABETH BROCK, daughter of Capt. Joseph Brock (license issued 6 November 1817 in Madison Co., Va.)⁵ Thomas and Elizabeth Herndon had issue, one son Joseph who died in infancy. Thomas Hord Herndon married secondly at St. Stephens, Clark County, Ala., EMMA SARAH TOULMIN, daughter of Judge Henry Toulmin, first President of Transylvania University, and his wife Ann Tremlett. Thomas and Emma Herndon had issue, 3 sons and 6 daughters:

- (1) Elizabeth Brock Herndon (b 11 September 1823, Erie, Ala.; d 12 October 1864, Greene Co., Ala.) m ca 1839 William Bullock Inge (b 22 June 1815, Granville Co., N. C.), son of Dr. Richard Inge and his first wife, Elizabeth Bullock; and had 7 sons and 4 daughters.
- (2) Virginia A. Herndon (b 1824) m Hon. John Little Smith, and had 2 sons and 2 daughters.
- (3) Harry Toulmin Herndon (b 1826, Erie, Greene County, Ala.; d 14 August 1855, Forkland, Greene Co., Ala.) m at Eutaw, Ala., 1847 Sarah Johnson Inge (b 1828) daughter of Dr. Richard Inge and his second wife, Rebecca Brownlow; had 2 sons and 3 daughters.
- (4) Thomas Hord Herndon (1 July 1828, Erie, Ala.; d 28 March 1883, Mobile, Alabama), a Representative from Alabama in the Congress of the United States from 4 March 1879 till his death;⁶ m at Eutaw, Alabama, 1848 Mary Edmonia Alexander (b 1832, North Carolina) and had issue, 3 sons and 4 daughters.
- (5) Helen Hord Herndon (b 27 June 1830, near Erie, Ala.; d 19 October 1887, Ga.) m 9 April 1850 John Robert Hardy Smith (b 21 October 1813, Edenton, N. C.; d 13 March 1878, Mobile, Ala.) son of Robert Hardy Smith and Elizabeth Gregöry; had 6 sons and 5 daughters.
- (6) Edward Herndon (b 15 August 1832, Greene Co., Ala.) m at Eutaw, Ala., 7 January 1856 Virginia Bell (b 16 October 1836, Greene Co., Ala.; d 30 July 1899). He was a lieutenant CSA., killed 15 May 1864, Battle of the Wilderness; issue, 4 sons.
- (7) Fannie Herndon (b 10 August 1834, Erie, Ala.) m Francis Edward Stollenwerck (b 15 May 1830, Greensboro, Ala.; d 11 October 1867)

⁵ *National Intelligencer*, Washington, D. C., 19 Nov. 1817, cited in *National Genealogical Magazine*, Vol. XXIII.

⁶ For the record of his distinguished career, see *Biographical Directory of the American Congress, 1774-1947*, p. 1303.

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son of Louis Auguste Stollenwerck and Aimée Coupsée; issue, 1 son and 2 daughters.

- (8) Emma January Herndon (b 1838) m 11 May 1858 Brett Randolph, of Birmingham, Ala., and had issue, 3 sons and 6 daughters.
- (9) Anne Tremlett Herndon (b 24 June 1843; d 17 June 1883, California) m 10 May 1864 Dr. Edward Burt Perrin (b 12 January 1839), son of George G. and Adeline B. Perrin; had 1 son and 8 daughters.

785 SUSANNAH HERNDON (b 1796, d testate 1822, Spotsylvania County, unkm.)

786 EDWARD HERNDON (b 17 September 1799, Spotsylvania County, Va., d 2 February 1872, Livingston, Sumter County, Ala.) m 1822 MELVINA ANN CAMMACK (b 1803, Va.) daughter of Robert Cammack and Elizabeth Chew. Edward Herndon went to Alabama as early as 1818; owned lands in Greene County 1818-1838; removed to Gainesville, Sumter County in 1839 where he was a very successful merchant. He was said to have been commissioned to receive and entertain General Lafayette on his last visit to the United States. He was an Episcopalian until 1824, thereafter a Presbyterian. In 1839-41 he was Grand Master of Masons in Alabama; from 1844-1846 was Masonic Grand Treasurer; from 1840 to 1842 was Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter; and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter 1845. In politics he was a Whig until 1860; from 1860 to 1865 as strong a Unionist as his brother was a supporter of the Confederacy; after 1865, a Republican. In 1867 he was appointed treasurer of Sumter County; from 1868 to 1872 was register in chancery of Sumter County. He and his wife had the following children:

- (1) Elizabeth Chew Herndon (b 1825).
- (2) Mary Virginia Herndon (1826-1904) m first 4 June 1844 Harrison Wall Cuyington and had 1 son and 1 daughter; m second Col. Archibald Stewart McNeil, and had 4 sons and 4 daughters.
- (3) Robert Edward Herndon (b 25 January 1829; d Nov. 1859) was a student at the University of Alabama 1849; lived at Gainesville; later a merchant at Halls Bluff, Texas, unkm.
- (4) Thomas Cammack Herndon (b 1830, d 31 December 1901, New Orleans, La.), manager of the New Orleans Clearing House for many years prior to his death, m 1859 Rebecca Jane Krumbahr (b 1840, Indiana), and had issue, 3 sons and 2 daughters.
- (5) Melvina Christine Herndon (b 1832) m November 1849 Judge Anthony Winston Dillard, and had issue, 2 sons and 5 daughters.
- (6) Emma Jane Herndon (1835-1908) m 1854 Thomas Rufus Underwood, and had 1 son and 1 daughter.
- (7) Lucy Bird Herndon (1836-1840).
- (8) Samuel Nelson Herndon (1838-1840).
- (9) Addison Cammack Herndon (1840-1897) m Mary Eleanor Prades; he was an accountant; issue, 3 sons.
- (10) Helen Herndon (1842-) m ——— Underhill, of N. C.

#182 SARAH HERNDON [28 Edward] was born in 1764 and died about 1785. She married about 1783 JAMES FRAZER as his first wife.

Because of the close family ties between the Herndons and Frazers there is furnished below a detailed statement concerning this James Frazer and his family, although he and his first wife, Sarah Herndon, had no issue.¹ He was brother to Anthony Frazer who married Hannah Herndon; to William Frazer who married Philadelphia Herndon; and to Reuben Frazer who married Fannie Herndon. Hannah and Philadelphia were sisters of his first wife, while Fannie was a niece of theirs. It may be additionally stated that the parents of these Frazers were James Frazer and Elizabeth Foster and that the Will of Anthony Foster (father of Elizabeth) was dated 4 February 1763, proved 4 July 1763, and recorded in *Spotsylvania County Will Book D*: 44, and that Anthony was a son of Robert Foster, who died testate in Essex County, 1718.

JAMES FRAZER was a sergeant of the Virginia Line² whose horse "Rainbow" was killed under him at the Battle of Cowpens. He was also at the Surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown.³ For his services he received 10 June 1784 a grant of 400 acres in Kentucky.⁴ Moreover, Certificate #100 was granted by Benjamin Winslow, County Lieutenant, for a gun belonging to JAMES FRAZER, of the Spotsylvania Militia, 17 May 1781.⁵

He was appointed ensign of the County Militia 6 June 1787.⁶

His Will, dated 15 December 1798 and proved 2 April 1799, is abstracted in *Crozier*, 54. His death was announced thus in the issue of 11 January 1799 of the Virginia Herald of Fredericksburg:

"Died—In this County, Mr. James Frazer."

An aspect of the settlement of his estate is to be noted in the same newspaper, issue of 11 August 1810:

By virtue of authority to us given by the legatees of the Estate of James Frazer, deceased, to be sold—420 acres of land lying within one mile of Spotsylvania Court

¹ The material for this sketch was contributed 6 December 1948 by Mr. Geo. H. S. King, Fredericksburg, Va.

² 123 DAR 142.

³ 21 Tyler 261.

⁴ Military Certificates, Vol. I, 649, Va. State Land Office; and W. R. Jillson: *Old Kentucky Entries and Deeds*, 332.

⁵ *Spotsylvania County Order Book, 1774-1782*: 195.

⁶ *Spotsylvania County Order Book, 1786-1789*: 89.

House and known by the name of the RED HOUSE TRACT. There is a dwelling house with three rooms below and two above [the stairs], an orchard. . . .

/s/ Edward Herndon [son of Capt. Edward Herndon]

/s/ Joseph Herndon [son of Capt. Edward Herndon]

JAMES FRAZER had married secondly about 1786 Sarah Kenyon Thomas (d 1792/3) and by her had issue:

- a. Elizabeth Frazer m her first cousin James Frazer, son of Anthony Frazer and Hannah Herndon. For their issue see pages 80-81.
- b. Martha Frazer (b May 1789) m first ³⁵²⁸⁰ Bayes; m secondly Sampson Matthews, by whom she had a son who became Governor of West Virginia.
- c. Sarah Kenyon Frazer (b 10 February 1792) m in Greenbrier County 18 July 1821 Felix G. Hansford, and had issue, 6 children.
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JAMES FRAZER had married about 1793 Lucy Smith, as his third wife. Soon after the death of her husband, she removed with her two children to Orange County, Va., where she lived in the home of her relative General Stevens until her death. The appraisement of her estate was dated 29 December 1804 and was recorded in *Orange County Will Book #4*: 148, 241, and 354. Their two children were:

- d. James Frazer (b ca 1894) m 3 June 1818 Sarah Long, daughter of Richard Long, of Spotsylvania, and had one son and one daughter.
- e. William Smith Frazer (b 10 November 1795 at "Red House," Spotsylvania; d at his residence "Waverly", Orange County, 29 January 1860) m 19 June 1818 Ann Burrus, daughter of Capt. Wm. Tandy Burrus; had issue:
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 - (1) John Frazer m Susie Morton.
 - (2) William Tandy Burrus Frazer m Lucinda D. Mills.
 - (3) James Frazer m Jessie or Fredonia Johnson.
 - (4) Robert Frazer m Florence Spillman.
 - (5) Lucy Frazer m Ollie T. Terrell.

#183 THOMAS HERNDON [28 Edward] was born in 1765 in Spotsylvania County. When he was 16 years of age he was a witness with his father to the power of attorney which Matthew Gale of Orange County gave 4 September to Stapleton Crutchfield, of Spotsylvania.¹ Two years later with his father and two others he was witness to the deed from Joel Parish to James Lewis dated 3 January 1783 for the sale of 175 acres in

¹ This and all later Spotsylvania references to this Thomas Herndon are found in *Crozier*, pp. 367, 370, 395, 403, 406, 416, 431.

at \$770.00. The names of his widow and children are recorded ⁵ in connection with the transfer of property by the heirs of Thomas Woolfolk to the heirs of Thomas Herndon, being land which Thomas Woolfolk in his lifetime had sold to Thomas Herndon, but the deed for which had not been recorded. The date when the deed by his heirs was recorded was 20 February 1821.

Thomas Herndon's widow, Susan B., made a marriage settlement 19 January 1818 "because of her contemplated marriage with James Wood, and both having previously been married and having children," she established Roger Quarles as trustee of her property, and James Wood relinquished dower therein. Their marriage bond was dated the same day.

Children of Thomas Herndon and Susannah Beverley Stubblefield:

787 GEORGE STUBBLEFIELD HERNDON (b 1789, Va.) m in Spotsylvania 23 December 1819 HULDAH BILLINGSLEY, (b 2 March 1800), daughter of Rev. John Ascumb Billingsley and his wife, Sarah Duerson. George S. Herndon served as a Lieutenant of the 11th Company under Capt. John C. Morrison, Lt. Col. Wm. Dudley's Regiment of Kentucky Volunteer Militia during the War of 1812; was taken prisoner; put on a prison ship at Lake Erie, paroled and returned home.⁶ Later the family moved to Montgomery County, Tenn.⁷ George and Huldah Herndon had 2 sons and 3 daughters, of whom we have knowledge of these three:

- (3) Isabella J. Herndon, m 17 August 1852 George C. Manning.
- (4) Susannah Herndon, m 17 September 1854 Bayard G. Pollard.
- (5) Jacob Whiteler Herndon, (b 1829).

788 MARY HERNDON (b 1790; d 5 March 1860) m in Fayette County, Ky., 14 September 1808 (m b 10 September 1808) WILLIAM SHORTRIDGE (b 1776; d 21 October 1846), lived near Bryant Station, Ky. They had issue:⁸

- (1) Harriet Herndon Shortridge (b 10 March 1810; d 1 July 1864) m 16 November 1834 Joseph P. Wood (d 1 March 1836, aged 27 years), lived at New Albany, Ind.
- (2) Louisa Lewis Shortridge (b 12 Aug 1811; d 2 June 1903) m 19 November 1829 Milo Nuckols; lived in Ray County, Mo.
- (3) Alfred Lewis Shortridge (b 2 June 1813, near Georgetown, Ky.; d 7 April 1900, Tipton, Missouri), M.D., 1838, Transylvania University; m 1861 Mary Caroline Bradley; had 3 sons and 4 daughters.

⁵ *Fayette County Deed Book U*: 241.

⁶ See his application for bounty lands, National Archives; also Quisenberry: *Kentucky in the War of 1812*, p. 181.

⁷ A letter from Benj. L. Waller, Todd County, Ky., to Charles O. Young, Dabney's Mills, Louisa Co., Va., dated 5 January 1841 (original in possession of Geo. H. S. King, Fredericksburg, Va., 1949) says in part:

"George Herndon has moved 8 or 9 miles nearer Clarksville. John Wisdom has sold his land and bought in Montgomery County, Tennessee, near George Herndon."

⁸ Data from letter from Mrs. A. L. Shortridge, Sedalia, Mo., to the compiler, dated 16 March 1937.

- (4) Paulina Jane Shortridge (b 11 April 1815; d 24 September 1849) m 10 February 1835 B. O. Austin.
- (5) Mary Herndon Shortridge (b 21 August 1817; d 18 September 1845) m 23 March 1836 Volney Suggett.
- (6) Sarah Catherine Shortridge (b 5 July 1820; d 10 May 1898) m 23 December 1841 Isaac Newton Hockaway, lived at Pleasant Hill, Mo., and had issue.
- (7) William T. Shortridge (b 18 May 1823; d 1891) m 1st, 2 May 1849 his cousin Thomazella V. Bartlett (b 1830; d 8 March 1856) and had issue, a son and a daughter who died young; m 2nd, 15 November 1859 Julia McAdow. ³⁴⁸⁵⁹
- (8) Susannah Stubblefield Shortridge (b 30 July 1824, d 20 November 1901) m 30 July 1845 John J. Mosby.
- (9) Augusta Maria Shortridge (b 12 October 1826, d 1859) m Seth R. Herndon, a son of Edward Herndon [#791].
- 789 SUSANNAH HERNDON (b 1792) m in Fayette County, Ky. 5 July 1811 WILLIAM GILLHAM (Guillian, according to the license) and had issue, Charles and Stark Gillham, both of whom were Mississippi River pilots.
- 790 THOMAS HERNDON (b 1794, Va.; d February 1864, Atchison Co., Kans.) m in Kentucky MARY BRANHAM (b 1797, Ky.; d June 1863). He was a farmer of Lee Township, Atchison County, Kansas, by 1850. Issue:
- (1) Simeon Branham Herndon (b 1818, Ky.) m 3, May 1838 Emeline Miller, daughter of Lewis Miller and Agnes Anderson; lived in Platte County, Mo., and had 3 sons and 9 daughters.
- (2) Susannah Stubblefield Herndon (b 22 January 1820, Stamping Ground, Scott Co., Ky.) m at New Albany, Indiana, 29 November 1838 Ezekiel Leighton, a ship carpenter from Maine; had issue, possibly among others, a son Charles C. Leighton of Atchison, Kansas.⁹
- (3) Huldah Herndon m ——— Kirby, and lived at St. Joseph, Mo.
- (4) Eliza Herndon m ——— Sale, and lived at St. Joseph, Mo.
- (5) Miranda B. Herndon (b 1828), m ——— Perry, and lived at St. Joseph, Mo.
- (6) Thomas Jefferson Herndon (b ca 1830, Jefferson Co., Ky.) m ———; had 8 children.¹⁰
- (7) Catherine Herndon (b 1832, Indiana) m ——— Burbank.
- 791 EDWARD HERNDON (b 1796, d testate 1848, Platte County, Mo.) a wealthy and influential citizen of Platte County, Mo., m REBECCA ———, and had:
- (1) Thomas Herndon, died young.
- (2) Mary C. Herndon, m Rev. Robert Scott, and had 5 sons and 3 daughters.
- (3) Maria Louisa Herndon, m 1st, John Darst, had 1 son and 1 daughter; m 2nd, Benjamin Perry.
- (4) Seth R. Herndon (b 1827/8) m 8 August 1859 his first cousin Augusta Maria Shortridge, and had issue, 3 sons and 2 daughters.
- (5) Edward B. Herndon, d. May 1853, unm.

⁹ Data supplied by Mrs. Charles Hawley (nee Minnie Leighton), of Lawrence, Kansas.

¹⁰ One daughter is Miss Louise Herndon, of Kansas City, Mo., who at various dates contributed much information concerning descendants of Thomas Herndon and Susannah Beverley Stubblefield.

- (6) Henry Herndon (b 1832, Ky.) m 1st, Sarah Schloss, who d shortly thereafter; m 2nd, 31 March 1863, Augusta E. Young, and had 3 daughters.
- (7) Miranda Herndon (d in infancy).
- (8) Susannah B. Herndon (b 21 May 1838. Kv., d 9 March 1877) m 2 November 1863, as second wife of Huston McFarland (b 28 December 1813 Ste. Genevieve, Mo., d 8 June 1888, Platte Co., Mo.) and had issue, 2 daughters.
- (9) Sarah E. Herndon (b 1843) m 2 March 1860 E. S. Dalton and had 4 sons and 1 daughter.
- 792 JAMES HERNDON (b 1798). —
- 793 RICHARD WYATT HERNDON (1800-1851) m 20 Sept. 1827 FRANCES LANE; in Woodford County, Ky. and had issue, possibly among others: Ellen Herndon, b 1830, and Eliza J. Herndon, b 1832.
- 794 MARTHA T. HERNDON (b 1802, Fayette Co., Ky.) m there 18 September 1826 WILLIAM BERRY, a farmer of Ray County, Missouri; issue:
- (1) Orlando Berry, CSA.
 - (2) Mary Berry m William Bullock.
 - (3) Susannah Berry m Alexander McChristian.
 - (4) Augusta Berry.
 - (5) Laura Berry, died young.
- 795 ELIZA HERNDON (b 1804) m 16 December 1832 CONQUEST W. OWINGS, of Washington, Mason County, Ky.
- 796 CATHERINE B. HERNDON (b 1806) m 16 December 1825 SETH WOODRUFF, of New Albany, Indiana, and had issue:
- (1) Seth Woodruff.
 - (2) Thomas Woodruff, d. in boyhood.
- 797 FRAZIER DUERSON HERNDON (b 1808, Ky.) lived in Woodford County, Ky., later in Fayette County, Ky., where he married 11 December 1832 MARY PRESTON (b 1812, Mason County, Ky.), daughter of John and Frances Preston; settled in Platte County, Mo., 1842; moved to Pleasant Hill, Cass County, Mo. in 1862, and returned to Platte County, Mo., 1864.¹¹ Their issue:
- (1) Benjamin Herndon, d ante 1880.¹⁸⁸⁵
 - (2) Barnard (Barnett) P. Herndon, C. S. A., killed 3 June 1864.
 - (3) Sarah E. Herndon (1836-1866) unkm.
 - (4) Frances M. Herndon, m ——— Kirk.
 - (5) Alfred Herndon, d childhood.
 - (6) James Alvin Herndon, m Emma Brown.
 - (7) Joseph T. Herndon, m 20 February 1868 Sarah E. Shouse, daughter of Benjamin P. and Margafet F. Shouse, of Woodford Co., Ky.
 - (8) Susannah Beverley Herndon, m Zachary Taylor Shouse, (b 10 March 1847), son of Benjamin P. Shouse
 - (9) Edward Frazier Herndon, lived at Hume, Cass County, Mo.
 - (10) David Herndon, lived in Cass Co., Mo.
 - (11) Jonathan Herndon, lived in Cass Co., Mo.

¹¹ The spelling Frazier rather than Frazer seems to have been regularly used by Frazier Duerson Herndon and his son Edward Frazier Herndon.

#184 WILLIAM HERNDON [28 Edward], was born 1767, Spotsylvania County, Va., and died 18 January 1823. He m in Fredericksburg 1788 ISABELLA WHITELER (b 1768; d 27 May 1827). He and his wife lived at "Belvoir", on the Massaponax, 6 miles from Fredericksburg and there they both died.¹ Concerning him, Mr. John Waterhouse Herndon has written:²

He was a progressive citizen of Fredericksburg and very active in promoting its advancement. He was a member of the Common Council, secretary and treasurer of the Rappahannock Jockey Club and a subscriber to the Charity School, and one of the vice presidents of the Colonization Society; owner of that noted tavern "Indian Queen" which was the stopping place for the mail coaches which ran between Richmond and Alexandria; owner of some noted blood horses; in 1820 was post-master of Spotsylvania C. H.; in 1810 he owned "The White or Bowyer's Sulphur Springs," Greenbrier Co.; took much interest in the Presbyterian Church of which he was a conscientious member.

In his Will, dated 16 January 1823 and proved 3 February 1823,³ he mentioned his sons William A., Joseph S., and Edwin Herndon, his sons-in-law, Charles Green and Carter L. Stevenson and their wives, his daughters Margaret Ann and Jane W. Herndon, and his tavern "Indian Queen." His executors placed the following advertisement⁴ in the issue of the *Virginia Herald* dated Fredericksburg, 1 August 1827:

FOR SALE
THE VALUABLE ESTATE CALLED
BELVOIR

In the County of Spotsylvania, the residence of the late William Herndon. It is advantageously watered by the Massaponax—containing about 700 acres, and is distant six miles from the Town of Fredericksburg. The land is all flat and well adapted to the culture of corn, tobacco, and wheat, and a portion of it is woodland, well-timbered, and as rich as any in the county. There are good orchards, containing a choice collection of Fruits. The Improvements are a large and spacious brick Dwelling House, conveniently arranged, with all necessary Out-Houses, good water, and an Ice-House, inferior to none in the County. It is a healthy situation, in a very genteel neighbourhood, and has always been considered as a highly desirable residence.

The Extrs: of William Herndon

N.B. For terms apply to C. L. STEVENSON or to ALBERT HERNDON who is on the premises.

July 18, 1827.

¹ His death was reported in the *National Intelligencer*, Washington, D. C., issue of 27 January 1823 (*National Genealogical Quarterly*, Vol. 34, p. 95).

² 10 VMHB 92, with continuation concerning some of his descendants on pp. 200-201.

³ *Spotsylvania Will Book K*: 282.

⁴ Copy made by Mr. George H. S. King 17 January 1950 from the file of this newspaper in the Library of Congress.

Children of William Herndon and Isabella Whiteler:

- 798 ELIZABETH BATALEY HERNDON (1789-1813) m 17 December 1812 BELA WHITING.
- 799 JANE WHITELEHER HERNDON (1791-1849) m 8 March 1809 CARTER LITTLEPAGE STEVENSON, of "Hazen Hill" (son of Reverend James Stevenson³¹⁰¹² and his wife, Frances Arnette Littlepage) and had issue:
- (1) Frances Arnette Stevenson m William Wyatt Tyler.
 - (2) Isabella Herndon Stevenson m Charles Bemis; issue.
 - (3) Byrd Woodville Stevenson, unm.
 - (4) Carter Littlepage Stevenson, (b 21 September 1817; d 15 August 1888) General, C.S.A., m 15 June 1842 Martha Silvery Griswold; issue.
 - (5) Sarah Woodville Stevenson, unm.
- 800 ROBERT HERNDON (1793-1813), unm.
- 801 MARGARET ANN HERNDON (1795-1795).
- 802 JAMES HERNDON (b 1796, d at Calloway County, Mo., and buried Bellefontaine Cemetery, St. Louis, Mo., 1876) m 26 April 1818 ANN S. ESTES (d 1869, buried beside her husband). They were Episcopalian. They had 9 children, including daughters named Mary, Agnes, and Martha, and sons named James, William 1. and Joseph G., about whom we have no further information; and a son, second among the children, named Edward Tarr Herndon (b 26 August 1829, White Sulphur Springs, Va.; d 3 July 1903, St. Louis, Mo.) who m first at Glasgow, Howard Co., Mo., 21 January 1858 Sarah Frances Venable (b 1839, Howard County, Mo.; d 4 March 1874, buried Bellefontaine Cemetery, St. Louis, Mo.) and had issue, 2 sons and 2 daughters; m secondly in Crawford County, Mo., 2 December 1875 Rebecca, daughter of C. C. and Mary Cook, and had issue, 1 son and 1 daughter. Edward Tarr Herndon was a steamboat captain and a mining engineer. At the time of the Civil War he lived in Cedar Township, Boone County, Mo. He served in the Confederate Army under General Price.
- 803 ELEANOR HERNDON (1799-1809).
- 804 WILLIAM ALBERT HERNDON (b 1801; d 24 July 1828) m 16 June 1825 JULIET ANN BROADUS, of Culpeper Courthouse, daughter of William Broadus and his wife, Ann Tutt; had issue:
- (1) Mary Elinor Herndon (b 1826) m John A. Roberts, and had 1 son and 4 daughters.
 - (2) William Albert Herndon, d unm.
- 805 ELIZABETH ANN HERNDON (b 1803; d 14 October 1865) m 25 December 1822 CHARLES GREEN (b 17 December 1798; d 17 March 1879), son of James Green and his wife Elizabeth P. Jones; had issue:
- (1) Elizabeth Ann Green (b 16 April 1825, d 18 April 1887) m 7 August 1847 Philip St. George Ambler (d 19 March 1877), son of Colonel John Ambler and Katherine Norton²⁵⁶⁴⁴, of Richmond, Va.; issue, 5 sons and 2 daughters.
 - (2) James William Green (b 15 May 1830; d 18 March 1878) m Mary Fanny Jett (b 16 March 1831; d 10 May 1895), and had 3 sons and 1 daughter.
- 806 JOSEPH STRACHAN HERNDON (1805-1829), unm.
- 807 EDWIN HERNDON, said to have settled in Texas.

#185 PHILADELPHIA HERNDON [28 Edward] was born in Spotsylvania County, Va., 26 October 1770¹ and was married there 17 April 1788 to WILLIAM FRAZER, born in Spotsylvania 1 March 1761, brother of Anthony, James, and Reuben Frazer, already mentioned.² The marriage ceremony was performed by the Reverend Thomas Ryan, at that time rector of Berkeley Parish and prior to that time and up to 1791 Master of Fredericksburg Academy.³

In addition to his being a soldier of the Revolution⁴ we have the following record of one aspect of his service:⁵

Certificate No. 174 granted by Richard Young CQM to WILLIAM FRAZER ye 20 Jan. 1781 for 43 days service in collecting foreage (*sic*).

In 1784, 1785, 1786, and 1789 William Frazer was "Collector of Tax" for Spotsylvania County. On 7 January 1789 John Herndon (his brother-in-law) was security on his tax bond.⁶

It is known that William and Philadelphia Frazer were living in Berkeley Parish in 1792.⁷ His name first appeared on the real estate tax lists of Spotsylvania County in 1788 and continued each year until 1810. In October of that year he and wife Philadelphia, with their children and slaves, in company with her brother John Herndon and his wife (née Judith Hampton), with their children and slaves, left Spotsylvania in a caravan to migrate to Clark County, Ky.⁸ William and Philadelphia had just sold certain lands and slaves of theirs in Spotsylvania.⁹

¹ Documentary proof that Philadelphia was a daughter of Edward Herndon and his wife Mary Duerson has already been furnished in the affidavits subscribed to by William Frazer, Jr., and William Duerson, cited in connection with the pension application filed by Judith (Hampton) Herndon on account of the Revolutionary War service of her husband John Herndon. The aforesaid Mary Duerson was a daughter of Thomas Duerson and his wife Hannah Brock (daughter of Joseph Brock, Sr.) who were married in Spotsylvania County, Va., 5 May 1735 [Crozier, 85].

² The dates for these births and marriages are from the Bibles of Warren Frazer, of Lexington, Ky., still in possession of his descendants living in that city, and from the Bible of William Frazer, Jr., which until November 1932 was in the possession of his great-granddaughter, Anna Hoy Sheppard, but was destroyed when the old Frazer home at Slater, Mo., was burned.

³ The information concerning Reverend Thomas Ryan was verified in February 1941 by Rev. Dr. G. MacLaren Brydon, of Richmond, Va., from records of the Episcopal Church in Virginia.

⁴ Previously referred to in the sketch of John Herndon #178 on page 77.

⁵ *Spotsylvania County Court Order Book, 1774-1782*: 202.

⁶ By virtue of his office, William Frazer was designated as "gentleman", as in deed from himself and wife, Philadelphia, of Berkeley Parish, Spotsylvania County, conveying to Robert Scott, of the same parish and county, 57 acres for £57. (Crozier, 455).

⁷ Crozier, 85.

⁸ Perrin's *History of Fayette County, Kentucky*, 603, says that William Frazer brought 50 slaves with him from Virginia.

⁹ *Spotsylvania County Deed Book S*: 171 and 214.

of Lexington, to William Frazer, also of Lexington, for the conveyance of part of Alexander McConnell's survey. William Frazer paid his sisters thus named \$5,000 for their share of the above-mentioned property which was the chief asset of the estate of their mother.

Among the prized possessions of Philadelphia Frazer were two books which had been owned by her father Edward Herndon and in which he had inscribed his name. The signature was almost exactly a duplicate of that which appeared on the original Will of her father and on a deed which he signed.

Of the reputed 13 children born to William and Philadelphia Frazer 11 have been identified by Bible, court, and graveyard records. A twelfth who died in infancy is vouched for by family tradition.

*Children of William Frazer and Philadelphia Herndon:*¹³

- 808 REBECCA FRAZER, b 1789, d unm., 22 October 1851.
 809 MARY DUERSON FRAZER, b 1790, d unm., 4 February 1842.
 810 MARTHA D. FRAZER, b 1792, d unm., 23 October 1851.
 811 ROBERT FRAZER (b 1795; d 28 July 1833), M.D., Transylvania University, m first, in Lexington, MARY BLEDSOE, by whom he had a daughter, Mary Bledsoe Frazer (1826-1843); m secondly NANCY CHRYSSES BLEDSOE, a niece of his first wife, and had issue, a son William Bledsoe Frazer who married and had issue living near Clark's Station, Missouri, in 1895.
 812 WILLIAM FRAZER (b 26 January 1797, Spotsylvania Co., Va.; d 1880), m in Lexington, Ky., 22 June 1826 ANN OVERTON. She was daughter of James Overton and his wife Frances Elizabeth, daughter of Capt. Charles Thompkins and his wife, (Mrs.) Elizabeth [Cooke] Throckmorton. William and his family migrated to Missouri in 1854, and in 1858 settled in Saline County, Mo. Their children were all born in Lexington, Ky., and died in Saline County, Mo. They were:
 (1) William Frazer (b May 1827; d 20 January 1916) unm.
 (2) Mary Overton Frazer (1829-1900) unm.
 (3) Martha Ann Frazer (b 1832; d 1868), m in Livingston County, Mo., 2 January 1860 John D. Hoy (1812-1870), and had issue, 3 sons and 1 daughter.¹⁴
 (4) James Overton Frazer, unm.
 (5) Robert Frazer, unm.
 (6) Rebecca Frazer, unm.
 (7) Virginia Frazer, unm.
 813 LUCY M. FRAZER (b 1798, d 6 March 1842) m in Lexington 16 July 1828

¹³ For a large part of the material in this record of the children special acknowledgment of the compiler's sense of appreciation is due to Mrs. Robert Gibson Robinson (Martha Gilmore Robinson), of New Orleans, La., a descendant.

¹⁴ The daughter was Anna Overton Hoy (b 27 April 1862; d 30 April 1947) who m 1935 Frank Otis Shepard. She preserved many records of her great-grandparents' family and shortly before her death made them available to Mrs. Robert G. Robinson, New Orleans, La.

THOMAS H. BARTLETT, of Henry County, Ky., and had issue:

- (1) Thomazella Virginia Bartlett who married, as his first wife, her second cousin Dr. William T. Shortridge, son of William Shortridge and his wife Mary, daughter of Thomas Herndon and his wife Susannah Beverly Stubblefield.

814 PHILADELPHIA HERNDON FRAZER, b 1802, d unm., 9 November 1819.

815 WARREN FRAZER (b 6 October 1805, d 1884), educated at Transylvania University, studied medicine with his elder brother Robert; M.D., 1827; practiced at Winchester for 25 years, as well as looked after the extensive hemp business founded by his father; m there 20 September 1831 LAURA BROOKING (d 1885), and had issue 7 children who continued to live in Lexington-Winchester neighborhood, the names of four of whom are known to this compiler:

- (1) Mary Frazer m Wm. C. Day.
 (2) Amanda Frazer m ——— Winston.
 (3) John Frazer.
 (4) Anna Frazer m Robert Bridges.

816 JOHN PEACHY FRAZER (b 1810; d 21 November 1819).

817 VIRGINIA K. FRAZER (1811-1859), died unm., but testate, leaving her estate to her niece, Virginia K. Nolan.

818 ELIZABETH JANE GARNETT FRAZER (b 1814, Ky.; d 30 May 1852, West Baton Rouge Parish, La.) m in Christ Church, Lexington, Ky., by the Right Reverend B. B. Smith to DR. JOHN TILGHMAN NOLAN, graduate of Transylvania University, 1831. He was a son of George Nolan and his wife Mary Harnsberger who lived in Conecuh County, Alabama. Dr. John T. Nolan and his second wife, who variously used Jane Garnett or Elizabeth Jane Garnett or just Garnett as her name, moved to Yazoo City, Miss., lived near Benton, Miss., close to the plantation of his brother James Harnsberger Nolan, where their first two children were born. She must have been a person of more than usual ability, for she was named executrix of the Will of her oldest brother Robert Frazer when he fell a victim to the cholera epidemic early in 1833, after he had given tirelessly of his time and strength to those who had been stricken. In 1844-45 the family acquired "Westover" Plantation in West Baton Rouge Parish, La., adjacent to Allendale Plantation, owned since early in the 1800's by Dr. John T. Nolan's uncle, Colonel John T. Nolan for whom he was named. The children of Dr. John T. Nolan and his second wife were:

- (1) Josephine Nolan m Major John H. New; no issue.
 (2) Philadelphia Nolan m Edward McDowell; no issue.
 (3) John Tilghman Nolan (b 16 June 1843, Lexington, Ky., d 10 Dec 1899, St. Elizabeth Plantation near Donaldsonville, Ascension Parish, La., buried in A. A. Maginnis tomb, Metarie Cemetery, New Orleans) educated at Magruder's School, Baton Rouge, Oakland College, Miss., and University of Virginia; member of Delta Psi (St. Anthony's Society); rose from private to captain, and Acting Major, C.S.A.; m at Ocean Springs, Miss., 1 June 1863 Sarah Eugénia Maginnis (d 2 April 1894, New Orleans, La.) daughter of Arthur A. Maginnis and his wife Elizabeth Armstrong; had issue, 2 sons and 4 daughters.

- (4) Virginia K. Nolan m first ——— Brown, and had issue, a son, Nolan Brown; m secondly ——— Walters, from whom she was divorced and had her children's names changed to Nolan.
- (5) Mary E. (called Lillie) Nolan, d unm.
- (6) William George Nolan, d infancy.
- (7) Susan Jane Nolan (1852-53).
- 819 EDMUND FRAZER, died in infancy.
- 820 child FRAZER, died infancy.

#186 JOSEPH HERNDON [28 Edward] was born 1773, lived at "Locust Grove", Spotsylvania County, and died 8 February 1832. His wife was LUCY DUERSON. He was paymaster of the 16th Regiment of Virginia Militia commanded by Lt. Col. Aylett, War of 1812-5; but no land bounty warrant was applied for by any of his family because of that service of his. He was a member of the Mt. Hermon Baptist Church. In his Will dated 29 October 1831 and probated 7 May 1832,¹ he described himself as in very feeble health, and provided that his sons who were to be his executors should sell either his personal estate or his slaves, if necessary, that his "much beloved wife Lucy" should have a life interest in his plantation on the south side of Bushes Road, and all slaves and stock of every description; that at her death the proceeds should be divided among his four children whom he named, and that his son Alexander should additionally receive all the testator's land on the north side of Bushes Road. Bond of the executors was fixed at \$9,500.

Children of Joseph Herndon and Lucy Duerson:

- 821 THOMAS DUERSON HERNDON (b 25 March 1795;² will dated 1 November 1852, proved 3 January 1853³); m 6 October 1814 ELIZABETH BILLINGSLEY (b 10 December 1794; d bet 1853 and 1860),⁴ daughter of Rev. John Ascumb Billingsley and his wife, Sarah Duerson. In November 1832 he was a member of the Jackson Committee of Correspondence for Spotsylvania County. His executors, who were his widow Elizabeth Herndon and his son-in-law John Addison Gordon, furnished bond 7 February 1853 in the

¹ *Spotsylvania County Will Book N*: 265-266.

² This date taken from the Billingsley Record examined by the compiler and Mr. John Waterhouse Herndon when they called at the home of the Misses Herndon, of Ashland, Va., in 1939.

³ *Spotsylvania County Will Book U*: 12.

⁴ Birth date is taken from the Billingsley Record cited in footnote 2; the death date is there given as 1850-1860, but as Elizabeth was living when her husband's Will was probated in 1853, the shorter period 1853-1860 is here given.

sum of \$30,000. The inventory of his estate shows that he owned 31 slaves at his death.⁵ He left to his widow a life interest in most of his property which on her death was to pass jointly to their daughter Elizabeth Lewis Gordon and her husband, John Addison Gordon. For their descendants see the sketch of Lucy Herndon [#187].

822 MARY ANN HERNDON (b ca 1797), d unm., post 1832.

823 HULDAH HERNDON (1798-1845), m 3 April 1817, as his first wife, REVEREND HERNDON FRAZER; she died without issue.

824 ALEXANDER HERNDON (b 9 December 1801; d 6 July 1876),⁶ m 20 December 1821 ANN ("NANCY") BILLINGSLEY (b 17 April 1796; d 2 July 1878⁷), daughter of Reverend John Ascumb Billingsley and his wife, Sarah Duerson. Alexander Herndon was a farmer, a member of the Jackson Committee of Correspondence for Spotsylvania in 1832, and a member of the Baptist Church. To his Will, dated 13 January 1866, he added a codicil 3 February 1876 because of the death in the meanwhile of his daughter, Nancy E. Herndon to whom he had originally made certain bequests.⁸ The appraisal of his estate was dated 15 September 1876.⁹ On 2 October 1876 both it and his Will were recorded. His issue:

- (1) John Joseph Herndon (b 28 October 1822; d 8 March, 1895), unm.
- (2) Lucy Mary Herndon (b 15 September 1824; d May 1896) m December 1844 James C. DeJarnett, and had 4 sons and 6 daughters.
- (3) William Alexander Herndon (b 3 December 1826; d 6 September 1871), a physician of Culpeper, Va., m 19 September 1849 Elizabeth Cumberland George (born in Stafford County, Va., d 6 July 1911, Washington, D. C., buried at Culpeper C. H., 8 July 1911), only daughter of Cumberland George; issue, 1 son and 1 daughter.
- (4) Anne Elizabeth Herndon ("Nancy E.") was born 17 February 1829, d 19 September 1871, unm.
- (5) Virginia Lewis Herndon (b 29 August 1831, d 16 October 1893), unm. By her Will, dated 19 June 1891, recorded 6 November 1893 she left all she possessed to her sister, Huldah F. Hawkins.¹⁰
- (6) Thomas Herndon (b 10 February 1834; d 22 September 1873), physician of West Point, Va., m 1 March 1865 Nannie Sydney Gregory (b 17 Nov 1845; d 25 December 1872), daughter of William W. Gregory and his wife, Wealthen Thornton; issue, 2 sons and 2 daughters.³⁷²⁸⁸
- (7) Zachary Billingsley Herndon (b 8 April 1836; d February 1897, Ashland, Va.), assistant surgeon C.S.A., paroled at Lake City, Florida, May

⁵ *Spotsylvania County Will Book U*: 37.

⁶ The date of birth is as stated in 10 VMHB 201 (cited in *The Billingsley Record* as "b 1801 or 1802"). The date of death in 10 VMHB 201 is in error, however, since Alexander Herndon added a codicil to his Will in 1876. *The Billingsley Record* gives the date as 6 July 1876.

⁷ As shown in the *Billingsley Record*.

⁸ *Spotsylvania County Will Book Z*: 4.

⁹ *Ibid.*, 16.

¹⁰ *Spotsylvania County Will Book AA*: 441.

1865; m 2 October 1867 Mrs. Maria (Gilchrist) DeVaux; had issue 2 sons and 3 daughters.¹¹

- (8) Huldah Frazer Herndon (b 26 January 1839), m 18 August 1885 Rev. Edward P. Hawkins, of Maple Grove; lived at Post Oak, Va., had no issue.

#187 LUCY HERNDON [28 Edward] was born 8 May 1781, Spotsylvania County, Va., and died 5 January 1838, Orange County, Va. On 16 August 1804, she was married in Fredericksburg to Reverend JOHN CHURCHILL GORDON (b 18 November 1779, Orange County, Va.; d there 20 April 1848), son of James Gordon (1759-1799) and his wife, who was his first cousin, Elizabeth Gordon (b 1758), whom he married 13 August 1777.¹ James Gordon's parents were John Gordon (d 1780) and Lucy Churchill who were married in 1758. Lucy was a daughter of Colonel Armistead Churchill, whose grandfather William Churchill came from England in 1669 and settled in Middlesex County, Va. Elizabeth Gordon's father was Colonel James Gordon, a brother of John Gordon above. They came from County Down, Ireland, in 1738 to Lancaster County, Va., and later lived in Middlesex and Richmond Counties, Va.

Lucy Herndon and her husband made their home in Orange County, Va. All of their children (except Lucy and Margaret Jane, who married Garnett brothers) continued to live either in their native Orange or nearby Culpeper County.

Children of John Churchill Gordon and Lucy Herndon:

- 825 JAMES HERNDON GORDON, b 20 July 1805; d 14 February 1807.
 826 MARY GORDON (b 4 March 1807) m 15 July 1833 LARKIN WILLIS, of Culpeper County, Va.
 827 ELIZABETH GORDON (b 1 May 1809) m JAMES WILLIS, of Culpeper County, Va.
 828 REVEREND JOSEPH HERNDON GORDON (b 15 March 1811) m LUCY HOLBERT; no issue.

¹¹ The daughters were the Misses Herndon, mentioned in footnote 2. They were Julia Kane, Anne, and Maria Gilchrist Herndon. Their oldest brother died in infancy, and their other brother, a well known Presbyterian minister, a graduate of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Reverend John Gilchrist Herndon, died a short time before the call mentioned above. He was married but left no issue.

¹ Armistead Churchill Gordon: *Gordons in Virginia*, 63 *et seq.*, contains much information utilized in the listing of members of this Gordon family.

829 JOHN ADDISON GORDON (b 19 November 1812; d 31 March 1883) m first JANE LEWIS HERNDON, daughter of his first cousin Thomas Duerson Herndon. She was born 1815 and died 1856/7. They had issue, 5 sons and 8 daughters.

- (1) Joseph Herndon Gordon (b 28 May 1834) m 3 March 1856 Hannah Elizabeth Willis; issue.
- (2) Sarah Elizabeth Gordon (b 11 Sept. 1835; d Oct. 1880) m 20 Nov. 1855 John Dabney Billingsley, of Kentucky; issue.
- (3) Lucy Harrison Gordon (b 18 June 1837) m 15 Dec. 1869 Alexander Dandridge Spotswood, of Orange Co., Va.; issue.
- (4) Thomas Churchill Gordon (b 25 Dec. 1838) m 9 Nov. 1865 Lucy G. Ballard; issue.
- (5) Mary Ann Gordon (b 2 Feb. 1840) d young.
- (6) Jane Lewis Gordon (13 June 1842) d unm. 3 Dec. 1902.
- (7) John Addison Billingsley Gordon (b 29 Jany. 1844) m first 12 Nov. 1866 Fannie Fife Gordon, daughter of Edward Harrison Gordon and his wife Fannie Pannill Herndon (daughter of Jacob Whiteler Herndon [#850]); had issue. He married secondly Mrs. Sarah (Andrews) Lipscomb.
- (8) Edward Harrison Gordon (b 20 April 1846) d unm. 20 Sept. 1871.
- (9) Hannah Frazer Gordon (b 11 May 1848) d unm. 5 July 1864.
- (10) Fannie Herndon Gordon (b 19 Jany. 1850) d young.
- (11) William Armistead Gordon (b 9 Aug. 1852), physician of Spotsylvania Co., Va., m first 9 November 1876 Irene Garnett Willis; had issue. He m secondly in June 1900 Sallie J. Willis.
- (12) Eva Waddell Gordon (b 6 January 1854) d unm., 7 January 1902.
- (13) Laura Willis Gordon (b 1 March 1856) d 2 May 1861

John Addison Gordon m secondly in March 1862 MARY HARRIS; issue:

- (14) Sallie Hart Gordon (b 5 July 1864) m 1 March 1887 Edgar Oswald Willis, of Culpeper Co., and had issue.

830 LUCY HERNDON GORDON (b 2 March 1814; d 26 March 1890, Saline County, Mo.), m in Orange County, Va., THOMAS GARNETT (b 17 December 1810, Culpeper County, Va.; d 24 May 1880, Saline County, Mo.). The two Garnett brothers, Thomas and John Newton, who married Lucy Herndon Gordon and her sister Margaret Jane, left Orange County, Va., 1 September 1851 for Missouri. They went by carryall to Louisville, Ky., where they stayed a month because of the illness of the oldest child of Thomas and Lucy. From Louisville to Saline County, Mo., they travelled by boat. The brothers bought adjoining farms (and settled on them) between the towns of Miami and Slater, Missouri. Thomas and Lucy Garnett had issue, 5 sons and 5 daughters:

- (1) William Churchill Garnett, m Eliza Gaugh; no issue.
- (2) Edward Garnett (b 1835; d 27 November 1837).
- (3) Anna Maria Garnett (b 20 November 1837; d 17 June 1909, unm.
- (4) Martha Eugenia Garnett (b 1839; d 1857), unm.
- (5) Lucy Harrison Garnett (b 3 April 1841; d 2 April 1910), m at Miami, Saline County, Mo., 21 October 1869 James A. Jaudon (d 5 August 1927); lived on a farm near Belton, Cass Co., Mo., until 1904, and thereafter in Belton, Mo.; issue, 2 sons and 5 daughters.

- (6) Addison Chapman Garnett (b 14 September 1842; d 10 September 1906), m in Saline Co., Mo., 26 June 1883 Elizabeth Frances Anderson (1858-1934); moved to a ranch near Pueblo, Colorado about 1910, and later into Pueblo itself, where they died; issue; 3 sons and 1 daughter.
- (7) Laura Virginia Garnett (b 1 May 1844; d 2 August 1894, Kansas City, Mo.), m near Miami, Mo., 12 February 1867 Giles Richerson McDaniel (b 20 December 1842, Boonville, Mo.; d 11 July 1922, Kansas City, Mo.); had 2 sons and 4 daughters.
- (8) Thomas Theophilus Garnett (b 4 November 1846; d 24 July 1927, Belton, Mo.), m in Saline County, Mo., 20 February 1872 Amede Scott; he was a physician; issue, 1 son and 4 daughters.
- (9) Edmona Jane Garnett (b 25 September 1850; d 1927), unm.
- (10) Joseph Herndon Gordon Garnett (b 12 December 1854; d 7 January 1917), a Baptist minister, m in Macon, Mo., 29 October 1877 Julia Dunham; spent most of their married life in Santa Ana, California; issue, 1 son and 3 daughters.
- 831 HANNAH FRAZER GORDON (b 10 February 1816; d 11 February 1848) unm.
- 832 EDWARD HARRISON GORDON (b 15 March 1819; d 28 December 1850), m FRANCES PANNILL HERNDON, daughter of Jacob Whiteler Herndon [#850]. They had issue, 3 daughters:
- (1) Ann Judson Gordon (24 February 1842) d unm. 8 April 1897.
- (2) Fannie Fife Gordon (b 20 March 1844; d 15 April 1885) m 12 November 1867 her cousin John Addison Billingsley Gordon, and had issue.
- (3) Lucy Taylor Gordon (b 28 August 1847) m 17 May 1866 Marion Gordon Willis (b 7 April 1846), mayor of Fredericksburg; had issue.
- 833 MARGARET JANE GORDON (b 2 March 1822; d 30 December 1908, Kansas City, Mo.), m in Orange County, Va., 23 April 1844 DR. JOHN NEWTON GARNETT (b 7 February 1821, Culpeper County, Va.; d 14 October 1893, Kansas City, Mo.); lived in Culpeper and Orange Counties, Va., where their first four children were born, and after 1851 in Saline County, Mo., where their younger children were born. Years later they located in Columbia, Missouri, and about 1880 made their final change of residence to Kansas City, Mo., where they both died and are buried. They had issue, 6 sons and 4 daughters:³
- (1) John Rhea Barton Garnett (1845-1847).
- (2) Eliza Garnett (1846-1855).
- (3) Mary Alice Garnett (1848-1881), unm.
- (4) Edward Prescott Garnett (b 27 May 1850, Culpeper Co., Va.; d 15 April 1915, Kansas City, Mo.) graduate of the University of Richmond Law School, settled in Missouri, 1872; became prosecuting attorney for Kansas City, later a member of the Missouri Legislature and of the Missouri Revising Board; m in Marshall, Saline County, Mo., 3 September 1874 his first cousin, Anna Bird Garnett (b 9 August 1850, Saline Co., Mo.; d 15 June 1933, Kansas City, Mo.); issue, 5 sons and 1 daughter.

³ Records of this family and of the family of Thomas Garnett and his wife Lucy Herndon Gordon, began on page 100, were contributed by Mrs. R. G. Robinson, of New Orleans, and Miss Bess McDaniel, Kansas City, Mo.

- (5) Hannah Trippe Garnett (1852-1939), unm.
- (6) Brodie Benjamin Garnett (1853-1853).
- (7) Reuben Brodie Garnett (b 29 January 1855, Saline Co., Mo.; d 6 July 1931, Denver, Colorado), m first 15 November 1885 Laura Fisher (d 1917, Kansas City) and had issue, 3 sons; m secondly in Denver, Colorado, Mrs. Mae (——) Gregory, and had no issue.
- (8) Gordon N. Garnett (b 1 September 1857, Saline Co., Mo.; d 13 April 1880, Kansas, Mo.), unm.
- (9) Jane Haseltine Garnett (b 3 March 1859; d 25 December 1937, Kansas City, Mo.), m in Kansas City, Mo., 14 November 1889 Samuel K. Chorn (d 1936) and had issue, 3 daughters.
- (10) Virginia Lee Garnett (b 4 May 1861, Saline Co., Mo.; d 16 July 1936, Corpus Christi, Texas), m 2 November 1887 "Mittie" Price Collins (d 1940, Corpus Christi, Texas); had issue, 3 daughters.

#188 JOHN HERNDON [29 John] was born about 1761 in Spotsylvania County, Va. He qualified as an executor under the Will of his father in 1783,¹ but 2 January 1797 he renounced appointment as administrator of the estate of his mother but did serve as an appraiser thereof.² No identifiable reference to him in the records of Spotsylvania County has been found subsequent to 1797. He married about 1791 Mary ——-. She seems to have been Mary Fleetwood and was probably a daughter of Hardy Fleetwood who lived in Edenton District, Bertie County, North Carolina in 1790.³

Children of John Herndon and Mary ——-:

834 FLEETWOOD HERNDON (b 10 January 1792, Fredericksburg, Va.; d 28 March 1871), removed about 1818 to Natchitoches, La.; private 1814, in Capt. Brevard's Company, Col. James Bloodworth's Regiment of Louisiana Militia; promoted 8 January 1815 to be quartermaster sergeant in the 17th, 18th, and 19th Consolidated Regiment, Louisiana Militia, and on 15 February 1815 was promoted to be first lieutenant, and served until 15 March 1815.⁴ He m at Natchitoches 14 October 1818 MARTHA BRADLEY (b 20 January 1800, Williamson County, Tenn.; d 14 June 1871, Columbia, Mo.), daughter of James Bradley, a Revolutionary Soldier of North Carolina, and his wife Jane Davidson. About 1820 Fleetwood and Mary Herndon moved to

¹ *Spotsylvania County Will Book E: 557.*

² *Spotsylvania County Order Book for 1795-1799, p. 391.*

³ As shown in the *Census of 1790, North Carolina, p. 12.*

⁴ He applied for and received grants of land for this service under the Acts of 1850 and 1855, first 40 acres, then 120 acres additional, when he was a resident of Boone County, Mo.

Long Prairie, Lafayette County, Arkansas, where he bought land. After a time, in order to escape river floods, many of the settlers there built homes in the hills and began a little community which they called Walnut Hills. When in 1842 the first postoffice was established there, Fleetwood Herndon was appointed postmaster. Shortly before 1842 he was one of the three commissioners appointed to select a new location for the seat of Lafayette County, and was one of the building commissioners for the new courthouse. Politically he was a Whig. In 1850 his real estate in La Grange township (his residence) was appraised at \$16,740. His business was that of a cotton planter and in it he achieved more than average prosperity. His slave holdings were large. In 1851 he and his wife and certain members of his family located on a large farm in Boone County, Mo., near Columbia. Because he attached much importance to education, he had sent several of his sons to the University of Missouri (which had been established in 1839) even before he and his family moved to Missouri. In the autumn of 1870 he was one of 27 soldiers of the War of 1812 who assembled at Moberly, Mo., for their last encampment, agreeing to "meet again only when the reveille is heard 'on fame's eternal camping ground'." In 1915 an official marker was placed on his grave because of his service in the War of 1812. His grave and his wife's are in Columbia Cemetery, West Broadway, Columbia, Mo.⁵ Issue:

- (1) James Bradley Herndon (b ca 1824; d Walnut Hills, Arkansas as a young man), unkm.
- (2) John Davidson Herndon (b 8 March 1826, Walnut Hills, Ark.; d 19 February 1871), m 11 March 1853 Eliza Crabtree (b 1833; d 1 January 1880), and had issue, 3 sons and 4 daughters.
- (3) Louisa Jane Herndon (b ——— 1827), m William L. Connevy, of Virginia; resided in Arkansas.
- (4) Mary E. Herndon (b 1828), m ——— Almons, dsp.
- (5) Alfred A. Herndon (b ca 1830), sergeant C.S.A., died of wounds received at the Battle of Shiloh; unkm.
- (6) Richard Augustus Herndon (b ca 1833; d 1891 Huntsville, Texas), m. Josephine Oliver; lived at Trinity, Texas; had issue, 1 son, Richard Augustus Herndon (b 24 December 1876); possibly others.
- (7) Harriet Virginia Herndon (b ca 1836, Arkansas; d 1914, Columbia, Mo.), m in Boone Co., Mo., 24 October 1854 David Guitar, son of John Guitar, a native of France, and his wife, Emily Boyle Gordon; issue, 5 sons and 3 daughters.⁶
- (8) Orlando Fleetwood Herndon, unkm., lived and was buried at Lewisville, Arkansas.

⁵ This sketch prepared from data submitted to the compiler 30 December 1937 by Miss Mabel Baker, Lewisville, Arkansas, a granddaughter of John Davidson Herndon.

⁶ Fleetwood and Mary Herndon made their home in their declining years at the residence of their son-in-law and daughter, David and Harriet Guitar, in Columbia, Mo. Mrs. Martha Herndon (Guitar) Hale, of Columbia, furnished the compiler 27 February 1937 much information about her grandfather Fleetwood Herndon and his descendants. It has been used in the preparation of much of the other material in this sketch.

- (9) Davidson Bradley Herndon, died in boyhood, was buried in Columbia, Mo.
- (10) Julia Herndon, died young.
- (11) Hardy Hightower Herndon, m Mary ———; dsp.
- 835 ELIZA HERNDON (b ca 1784), m HARRY BECKHAM; lived near Kansas City, Mo., and had, possibly among others, sons named James and Henry Beckman.
- 836 POLLY HERNDON (b ca 1796), m ——— ADAMS; lived in Kentucky.
- 837 FANNY HERNDON (b ca 1799) m ——— BROOKINGS; lived at Lees Summit, Mo., and had, possibly among others, a son named Henry Brookings.
- 838 AUGUSTUS GAINES HERNDON (b 1801; d 1868), m in Bourbon County, Ky., 24 October 1827 his second cousin ELIZABETH GORDON HERNDON, daughter of John Herndon and his wife Judith Hampton. Augustus and Elizabeth Herndon lived in Lexington, Ky., and had issue, 1 daughter:
 (1) Mary Ann Herndon m William Smith; had issue.
- 839 RICHARD WILLIAM HERNDON (b 1803, Virginia; d 22 July 1854, Springfield, Ill.), m about 1838 MARY A. WIGGS (b 1815, Ky.) and had issue, 3 sons and 2 daughters, and 2 other children who died in infancy:
 (1) Edward A. Herndon (b 1842, Ky.)
 (2) Richard Fleetwood Herndon (b 4 May 1844, near Versailles, Ky.; d 1 March 1912, Springfield, Ill.) founder of "Herndon's", the great department store of Springfield, Ill., m 6 October 1886 Kate Lewis (b 9 January 1855, Springfield, Ill.),⁷ daughter of Obed Lewis (b 25 April 1812, Lancaster, Pa.) and Cordelia M. Ilse, whom he married 23 September 1851. Issue of Richard Fleetwood Herndon and his wife, Kate Lewis, 3 sons.
 (3) Mary A. Herndon (b 1845, Ill.), d young.
 (4) Charles H. Herndon (b 1847, Ill.), d young.
 (5) Julia A. Herndon m Joseph Lindley; and had at least one son.

#191 MARY HERNDON [29 John] was born about 1773. She was first mentioned in the records of her native county in a lease dated 22 April 1774, heretofore cited, from John and Mary Campbell and Alexander Spotswood to John and Mary Herndon and their daughter, Mary. Her father's and Mr. Pritchett's lands adjoined. On 7 April 1798 the bond for the marriage of "Polly" Herndon and BENJAMIN ALEXANDER PRITCHETT was filed in Orange County. She died when their only son was a small boy.

⁷ This remarkable old lady in 1948, when she was 93 years of age, furnished to the compiler data about her family written in a firm, clear hand.

Child of Benjamin Alexander Pritchett and Mary Herndon:

840 ROBERT PRITCHETT was born about 1799. After the death of his mother, he made his home with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stringfellow until he married 5 January 1822 ELIZA HEMTON, daughter of Capt. Alexander Hemton, of Madison County, Va., and his wife Fannie Walker whom he had married 1 December 1796. Richard Pritchett was Clerk of Greene County, Va., until his death. He and Eliza had issue:¹

- (1) Benjamin Alexander Pritchett, b ca 1823.
- (2) Mary Frances Pritchett, m Capt. Wm. T. Sims, and had issue.²
- (3) Robert Lafayette Pritchett, b 1826.
- (4) Edgar Herndon Pritchett (b 4 September 1828, Stanardsville, Va.), m ——— Harrison (b 1844) of "Brandon", and had issue.

#192 NANCY HERNDON [29 John] was born 8 January 1775 in Spotsylvania County, Va., where she was married 6 July 1797 to ROBERT STRINGFELLOW¹ (b 15 April 1773; d 4 October 1858), as his first wife. She died 6 April 1813 at their home, "The Retreat", an estate that extended one and a half miles along the Culpeper side of the Rapidan westerly from Raccoon Ford.²

Children of Robert Stringfellow and Nancy Herndon:

841 HORACE STRINGFELLOW (b 9 November 1799; d 26 December 1883, Ashland, Va.), a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who, for some years, was rector of Old Trinity Church, Washington, D. C., moving there from Petersburg, Va., in December 1846. Concerning him his son, Charles S. Stringfellow, wrote from Richmond 14 November 1904:

He and Commodore Maury were very intimate friends, and I am sure their friendship began in their boyhood, and I have always understood that in some degree through the Herndons I was connected with his

¹ Record furnished by Mrs. William R. Richardson (nee Anne Pritchett, daughter of Edgar Herndon Pritchett), State Librarian NSDAR, "Little Berkley", Hampton, Va., in 1920.

² From letter dated 20 April 1911 from Dr. T. Whitelaw Sims, of Burnley, Va., a grandson of this couple, addressed to J. W. Herndon, then of Alexandria, Va., and copy furnished this compiler.

¹ He was the fourth child and first son of Robert Stringfellow, Sr., and Catherine Stigler (d 27 October 1828) who were married 15 May 1762. Robert Stringfellow, Sr., was born 17 September 1736 and died February 1815, and because of his opposition to the Revolution was called "Tory Bob." He was a noted character of his community, lived at "White Chimney", on the Fredericksburg-Warrenton road, and owned "Liberty Hill", a show place of Fauquier County. He was a son of Henry Stringfellow and his wife Sarah Seal (d 13 October 1761, Culpeper Co.). It is believed that Catherine Stigler was a widow when she and Robert Stringfellow, Sr., were married, but whether Thornton was her family surname or that of her first husband has not been established.

² Data for this sketch were contributed by Reverend Frank Stringfellow and his daughter Mrs. Robert W. Shultice (nee Lee Stringfellow), of Norfolk, Va., Charles S. Stringfellow, of Richmond, Va., and John Scott Walker, of Orange, Va.

children. If my memory does not fail me, it was in a conversation between these two that reference was made by my father to Lieutenant [William Lewis] Herndon and my connection with him.

He m first 25 November 1823 HARRIET LOUISA GIBBS STROTHER (b 2 November 1807; d 10 July 1847), daughter of William Strother and his wife Mildred Medley, and had issue:

- (1) Robert William Stringfellow (b 21 March 1826; d 5 April 1837).
- (2) Horace Stringfellow (b 6 August 1827), Archdeacon of Alabama.
- (3) James Wade Stringfellow (19 August 1830).
- (4) Mildred Ann Stringfellow (b 13 February 1833; d 13 April 1835).
- (5) Mary Eliza Stringfellow (b 23 July 1834; d ——— August 1835).
- (6) Charles Simeon Stringfellow (b 3 March 1837; d 8 August 1912), Major, CSA, distinguished lawyer of Richmond, Va., m 24 April 1862, Maggie Burnett (b 19 March 1837), and had issue, 6 sons and 5 daughters.
- (7) Henry Martyn Stringfellow (b 21 January 1839), m Alice Johnston. [See *Who Was Who in America*, vol. I, 1198.]
- (8) Harriet Louisa Stringfellow (b 17 December 1841).
- (9) Robert Rittenhouse Stringfellow (b 2 September 1843).
- (10) Eliza Stringfellow (b 19 September 1845).
- (11) Ann Stringfellow (b 21 March 1847).

He married secondly 8 November 1848 CAMELLA HARRIS (b 28 October 1814) and by her had issue:

- (12) John Harris Stringfellow (b 16 October 1849).
- (13) William Howard Stringfellow (b 18 August 1851).
- (14) Mary Tennent Stringfellow (b 28 November 1852).

842 HARRIET STRINGFELLOW (b 29 October 1801; d 6 October 1888)² m DR. JOHN BYRD HALL (b ca 1786; d 1 September 1862),² both buried in the Fredericksburg City Cemetery; had issue, including:

- (1) John B. Hall, "fell at Chancellorsville May 3, 1863 in 23rd year of his age".
- (2) Carrie Hall (b 1844; d 24 November 1868) m Herbert A. Claiborne.
- (3) Horace B. Hall, of Fredericksburg.
- (4) Robert Carter Hall, of Fredericksburg.

843 ROBERT RITTENHOUSE STRINGFELLOW (b 4 May 1803; d 3 February 1842) m ANNE PICKETT SLAUGHTER and had, probably among others:

- (1) Reverend Frank Stringfellow (d post 1904) m ———, had 2 daughters.
- (2) Robert S. Stringfellow, of Culpeper County, Va., m Jane Eliza Green (d 19 June 1918, in her 84th year).³

844 ANN ELIZA STRINGFELLOW (b 6 July 1805; 20 August 1808)

² These dates and those pertinent to the first two children of this couple mentioned were copied from their tombstones; record furnished to the compiler by George H. S. King, of Fredericksburg, Va., 21 January 1943.

³ *Southern Churchman*, issue of 6 July 1918.

845 JULIA ANN STRINGFELLOW (b 7 March 1807; d 20 August 1808).

846 SUSAN HERNDON STRINGFELLOW (b 1 April 1809; d 23 September 1867) m 18 December 1828 JOHN SCOTT WALKER (b 2 July 1809; d 18 February 1893, Madison County, Va.), son of John Walker (b 20 August 1773; d 27 July 1838), a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College, and his first wife, Judith Wood who were married 28 December 1795. [Edward Walker migrated from Wales to Virginia and married Mary Daniel, of Caroline County. Their eldest son was James Walker (b 5 April 1726; d 18 December 1801), graduate of William and Mary College, member of the Virginia House of Burgesses, 1761-1771, from Orange County, married 20 February 1763 Sarah Jane Ware (b 31 January 1740; d 1819), of King and Queen County. Their son John became the father of John Scott Walker, above.]
Issue:

- (1) Eliza S. Walker (b 5 December 1829, d unm., 22 January 1871);
- (2) Mary Walker (b 18 October 1832; d.s.p. 28 September 1852) m David Tennant, of Richmond;
- (3) Sarah Walker (b 27 July 1834, d unm 19 July 1893);
- (4) Joseph Walker (b 28 June 1836; d unm 22 October 1862);
- (5) Robert Stringfellow Walker (b 19 October 1840; d 14 March 1914) served as Captain, CSA; founded in 1889 Woodberry Forest School for Boys near Orange, Va.; married 25 January 1874 Nannie Carter Goss (b 8 July 1848; d 28 March 1928) and had issue, six sons and no daughters: John Carter Walker, Joseph Walker, John Scott Walker, Robert Stringfellow Walker, Frank Stringfellow Walker, and Albert Stuart Walker.

847 WILLIAM THORNTON STRINGFELLOW (b 2 April 1811; d 3 November 1817).

848 ANGELINA STRINGFELLOW (b 5 November 1812; d 31 March 1814).

Robert Stringfellow married secondly MARY PLUNKETT (b 12 February 1779; d 1 January 1844), and had by her four children, listed below for reference purposes, who were not Herndon descendants:

- (a) Frances Woolfolk Stringfellow (b 5 February 1815; d 2 August 1816);
- (b) Benjamin F. Stringfellow (b 3 September 1816) who was for some years reporter of the Court of Appeals of Missouri and later attorney-general of that State;
- (c) John Henry Stringfellow (b 4 November 1819) who later became first speaker of the House of Representatives of Kansas;
- (d) Charles Addison Stringfellow (b 22 June 1821; d 4 August 1823).

#193 ELIZABETH HERNDON [31 Joseph] was born 22 February 1759 and died 25 December 1777. In 1776 she married WILLIAM CRUTCHFIELD who was a corporal of infantry in Taylor's Virginia Regi-

ment¹ and later sergeant in the Third Regiment of Light Dragoons. He "died in the service of the States", leaving Philadelphia Crutchfield as only daughter and heir.²

Child of William Crutchfield and Elizabeth Herndon:

849 PHILADELPHIA CRUTCHFIELD, b 18 February 1777; d 13 October 1784.

#194 EDWARD HERNDON [31 Joseph] was born 16 January 1761. He married first 16 November 1780 MARGARET WHITELEER (b 12 December 1763; d 1 July 1808) and secondly 13 July 1809 MRS. ELIZABETH (MAURY) LEWIS.¹

On 26 June 1831 Edward Herndon executed the following affidavit:²

Edward Herndon, aged seventy years, being first duly sworn saith, That in the latter part of the year 1779 he was appointed to act as Commissary of issues at Fredericksburg when Dr. John Julien acted as Hospital Surgeon and gave orders for rations for the soldiers in the Hospital. That after the surrender of Cornwallis, a part of the soldiers were marched to Fredericksburg . . . He believes that Dr. Julien attended upon the sick in the Hospital as long as this affiant remained in the issuing department which was to the end of the war or as long as rations were called for and untill all the stores both of the Commissary and Quarter Master in Fredsburg [*sic*] were ordered to be sold.

The statement that he "declined a Revolutionary pension"³ is inaccurate, for a pension was granted him at the rate of \$540 per annum under the Act of 1832 which was paid him until his death 17 October 1837. In November 1851 [slightly more than 14 years after the death of the pensioner] Reuben Herndon in his capacity as administrator of the estate of his deceased grandfather, this Edward Herndon, attempted to secure an increase in the pension previously allowed on the ground that the services of his grandfather had not been correctly evaluated. In support of this claim he filed the following Order of the Jefferson County, Kentucky, Court:⁴

¹ *Gwathmey*, 197.

² *Crozier*, 524.

¹ Whether she was widow of Capt. James Lewis, of "Portland", as stated in 11 VMHB 100, or of William Lewis, the compiler does not know.

² *Wm. and Mary Quarterly*, Vol. 27, First Series: 81.

³ 11 VMHB 100.

⁴ Pension File S-#30,478.

commissary, and commissary of issues. One cannot say with certainty what was its exact military equivalent in recognized grades such as corporal, sergeant, ensign, lieutenant, and captain; but that he advanced in designation and responsibility cannot be doubted. Of course, we now know that the papers on which Reuben Herndon relied to prove that his grandfather Edward Herndon had been a lieutenant and later a captain pertained to Edward Herndon of Goochland and Campbell Counties.^{6a} Moreover, nothing in the file justifies the belief that Reuben Herndon was not acting in perfectly good faith in asserting that his grandfather had served in the various capacities which Reuben had ascribed to him. Although the Jefferson County Court adopted an order that was erroneous, so far as it asserted that Edward Herndon, Reuben's grandfather, had served as Lieutenant, Captain, and Assistant Commissary General in the Virginia Line during the War of the Revolution, it did so upon evidence that seemed reasonable to it. We are, in fact, indebted to that Court for spreading on its minutes so detailed a statement about many of the descendants of Edward Herndon.

Edward Herndon died at his home "Locust Grove" 17 October 1837. He had made his Will 26 November 1834. In it he mentioned his wife Elizabeth and his then living children. It was probated 4 December 1837.⁷

Children of Edward Herndon and his first wife Margaret Whiteler:

850 JACOB WHITELER HERNDON (b 9 June 1784, d 18 June 1848 in Spotsylvania County, Va.) m 14 October 1807 in Campbell County, Va., MARY PANNILL (b 29 January 1791, d 14 February 1862), fourteenth child of William Pannill and his wife Ann Morton. Jacob W. Herndon was a Baptist minister of prominence; builder of churches; soldier of the War of 1812. He and his wife had issue, 5 sons and 6 daughters:

- (1) Reuben Herndon (1809-1890, Decatur, Ga.) m, as her first husband, his cousin, Mary Eliza Hicks.
- (2) Margaret Whiteler Herndon (b 23 March 1811; d 1884) m 1st 1829 Dr. Henry Laurens Minor (d 1832) of "Woodlawn", and had 1 son who d in infancy; m 2nd in 1835, as his second wife, Reverend James Fife (b 1794, Edinburgh, Scot.; settled in Virginia 1812; d 1876) and had issue, 1 son and 1 daughter.
- (3) Nancy Morton Herndon (1813-1815).
- (4) Joseph Edward Herndon (b 5 May 1816, Spotsylvania County, Va.; d 27 June 1881, Sterling, Texas) m in Georgetown, Ky., 17 December 1840 Mary Ann Briscoe (b 1876; d 19 November 1877, of Scott

^{6a} He filed an affidavit in the Campbell County Court in which he stated, "I have neither wife nor child."

⁷ *Spotsylvania County Will Book P: 231.*

- Co., Ky.; lived in Warren County, Ky., 1850; issue, 2 sons and 3 daughters.⁸
- (5) Isabella Jane Herndon (1818-1847) unm.
 - (6) Fanny Pannill Herndon (b 8 October 1821; d 23 March 1850) m 2 December 1840 Edward Harrison Gordon, her cousin, of "Western View," who was born 15 March 1819; d 28 December 1850, and had issue, 3 daughters.
 - (7) Mary Elizabeth Herndon (b 4 February 1824, "Hazel Hill"; d 5 July 1899, Charlottesville) m 25 March 1851 William Jay Fife (b 1826; d July 1870, Charlottesville, Va.) son of Rev. James Fife and his first wife, ——— Miller) issue, 2 sons.
 - (8) Jacob Whiteler Herndon (1827-1836).
 - (9) John Pannill Herndon (b 16 January 1829, Spotsylvania Co., Va.; d 1884, Snyder, Texas) m in Spotsylvania 25 May 1851 Ann Eliza Anderson (b 22 June 1832; d 28 March 1898, El Paso, Texas), daughter of Dr. John M. Anderson and his wife Ann Alsop, daughter of Samuel Alsop, of "Fairview"; issue 4 sons and 3 daughters.
 - (10) Lucy Ann Herndon (1831-1838).
 - (11) Henry Minor Herndon (1834-1835).
- 851 JANE HERNDON, b 1786; d unm., leaving Will dated 13 October 1829, probated 3 January 1831.⁹
- 852 ELIZABETH HERNDON (d 1844) m 20 November 1806 BRODIE STRACHAN HULL, lived at Holly Springs, ^{Misc} and had issue, 5 sons and 4 daughters:
- (1) Jane Herndon Hull m Dabney Minor, and had issue, 1 daughter.
 - (2) John Hull m first Lucy Ann Meriwether, who dsp; m secondly Ann ⁴⁹³Crump, and had issue, 1 son and 2 daughters.
 - (3) Margaret Ann Hull m Charles Lewis nomas, and had 5 daughters.
 - (4) William Hull m Mary Lewis Clayton, and had 5 sons and 3 daughters.
 - (5) Isaac Hull, nfi.
 - (6) Dabney Hull, unm.
 - (7) Lucy Hull, unm.
 - (8) Edward Brodie Hull m Ellen Clark, and had 1 son.

#197 MARY HERNDON [31 Joseph] was born 4 May 1770. She married JOHN CARTER, Jr. (d leaving Will dated 4 Apr 1815¹), lived in Berkeley Parish, Spotsylvania, and had issue:²

- 853 MARY MINOR CARTER who m 24 September 1830 CAPT. THOMAS H. HORN.
854 JOSEPH CARTER.

⁸ J. H. Brown: *Indian Wars and Pioneers of Texas*, 543.

⁹ *Spotsylvania County Will Book N*: 78.

¹ John Minor Herndon was the executor. His bond was in the sum of \$6,000 with Reuben Frazer and Stapleton Crutchfield as securities, 2 October 1815, *Spotsylvania Will Book I-J*: 40.

² The order of the birth of the foregoing children is not known to the author of this book.

- 855 JOHN CARTER.
 856 JAMES CARTER.
 857 WILLIAM CARTER.
 858 SARAH CARTER who m KEVEREND PEREGRINE ECHOLS.

#199 WILLIAM HERNDON [31 Joseph] was born 29 December 1774. He married 3 November 1800 MARY ANN ELLIS. He died in 1854 leaving a Will dated 10 June 1845, recorded 5 February 1855.¹ Therein he left to his wife a life interest in all he possessed; provided that after her death his estate should be converted into cash and divided into four parts; one part to his daughter Matilda W. Lumpkin and her children; one part to his daughter Eliza E. Martin and her children; one part to his son William E. Herndon; and one part to the children of his deceased daughter Amanda A. Stevenson. He designated [his nephew] John M[inor] Herndon, his son William E[llis] Herndon, and [his son-in-law] Lemuel Martin. His son Dr. William Ellis Herndon did not qualify as executor, and later on Robert C. Duerson was appointed administrator, c.t.a.²

Children of William Herndon and Mary Ann Ellis:

- 859 AMANDA A. HERNDON m 3 February 1818 RICHARD LEWIS STEVENSON.
 860 MATILDA W. HERNDON m JAMES M. LUMPKIN.
 861 ELIZA C. HERNDON m 8 October 1825 LEMUEL E. MARTIN.
 862 WILLIAM ELLIS HERNDON, b 1818, a physician living in Barbour County, Va., in 1850 with his wife MARY ———, and their two children: Paulina, b 1847, and Ellis, b 1849.

#201 LUCY HERNDON [31 Joseph] was born 23 August 1779 and died 12 August 1832. She married 20 January 1800 DABNEY MINOR (b 22 July 1779; d 8 March 1822) of "Woodlawn", Orange County, Va., a cousin on her mother's side of the family, being a son of Dabney Minor (d 1797) and his wife Ann Anderson. Lucy (Herndon) Minor wrote interesting family letters. Some of those to her daughter Mrs. Ann M.

¹ *Spotsylvania County Will Book U*: 393.

² *Spotsylvania County Will Book W*: 13, 64, 90.

Scales, written in 1827 and 1828 postmarked Orange Springs and River Bank, Orange, Va., have been preserved by her descendants.¹

Children of Dabney Minor and Lucy Herndon:

- 863 MARY ANN MINOR (1801-1851) m GARRET MINOR MERIWETHER and had:
- (1) Lucy Ann Meriwether m John Hull, son of Brodie Strachan Hull and his wife Elizabeth Herndon; dsp.
 - (2) Miles Meriwether m ——— Smith.
 - (3) Louisa Minor Meriwether.
 - (4) Robert Dale Meriwether.
 - (5) Dabney Minor Meriwether.
 - (6) Minor Meriwether m ——— Arcey; issue.
- 864 ANN MERIWETHER MINOR (1803-1872) m 1827 PETER SCALES, and had 7 children:
- (1) Ellen Scales (d young).
 - (2) Mary Scales m George N. Robinson, issue.
 - (3) Joseph Watkins Scales m Hall M. Barker; issue.
 - (4) Henry Minor Scales m ———; issue.
 - (5) John Laidly Scales.
 - (6) Lucy Minor Scales m ——— Humphrey.
 - (7) Dabney Minor Scales m ———; issue.
- 865 JAMES LEWIS MINOR (1805-1826) unm.
- 866 DR. HENRY LAURENS MINOR (1807-1832) m 1829 MARGARET WHITELER HERNDON, daughter of Jacob Whiteler Herndon #850, his first cousin.
- 867 CORDELIA LEWIS MINOR (1810-1843) m 1829 DR. SAMUEL HOPSON DABNEY, and had:
- (1) Cordelia Dabney m, as his second wife, James W. Gray, and had issue.
- 868 ELLEN MINOR (1811-1826).
- 869 DABNEY MINOR (1814-1862) m JANE HERNDON HULL, eldest daughter of his first cousin, Elizabeth (Herndon) Hull #852.
- 870 JOHN MERCER MINOR (1816-1831).
- 871 FRANCIS MINOR (1820-1843) m VIRGINIA LOUISA MINOR.

#203 DABNEY HERNDON [31 Joseph] was born 14 April 1783 and died 20 December 1824. He married 17 November 1806 ELIZABETH HULL (b 12 January 1789; d 20 April 1825). Some interesting family items which have been gleaned from the Pension File of Capt. Edwin Hull's widow Ann (Eustace) Hull W-#14, 316 follow:

Northumberland County Court 8 January 1810

Ordered, That it be certified that it appears to the satisfaction of the Court, that

¹ Miss Lucy Herndon Ewin, of "Sunnyside", Biloxi, Miss., a great granddaughter of Peter and Ann Meriwether (Minor) Scales, has these and furnished a copy of them to the compiler 21 February 1939.

John Hull, Thomas G. Hull, Brodie S. Hull, and Elizabeth who intermarried with Dabney Herndon are the only heirs of the late Colonel John Hull, deceased, and that the said Col. John Hull was the heir at law of Edwin Hull, late of Northumberland County, deceased.

The rank of Edwin Hull was Captain. He was killed on the battlefield and his non-cupative Will is in this File.

His widow was Ann (Eustace) Hull. She married secondly Capt. Joseph Blackwell, according to affidavit by Elizabeth Digges, 81 years of age, of Fauquier County, in March 1837. Witnesses to this affidavit were Porcia Digges and Sarah D. Digges. A certificate was filed by Wheeling Digges, Justice of the Peace of Fauquier County.

Paul Hull, John M[inor] Herndon, B[rodie] S[trachan] Herndon, A[nn] H[erndon] Maury, M[atthew] F[ontaine] Maury, Mary S[trachan] Herndon, and Charles Herndon signed a power of attorney in this matter 26 July 1845, and were listed in a Minute of the Henrico Court, dated 4 August 1845, as all being heirs to Captain Edwin Hull.

The following sketch of Dabney Herndon was written by his grandson Mr. John Waterhouse Herndon in 1903: ¹

In 1805 he was a magistrate for the corporation of Fred[ericksburg]; in April, 1809, was employed at the Farmer's Bank; in August, 1812, was made cashier, which position he held until his death; was elected vestryman of St. George's in 1809 and in 1812 attended the Convention of the Church as its representative; in 1823 was treasurer of the Fred[ericksburg] Classical Academy. He and his noble young wife, who soon followed him, left a large family of young children, yet not before they had firmly planted in their young minds so strong a belief in God that they could not but honor man and to serve their State and country when they came to years of discretion. . . . His wife's parents were Col. John Hull and Ann Strachan.

Children of Dabney Herndon and Elizabeth Hull:

373 JOHN MINOR HERNDON (b 14 May 1808; d 19 September 1871), attorney-at-law; cashier of the Bank of Commerce of Fredericksburg; Secretary of the Commonwealth of Virginia; judge of both the County and Corporation Courts; Presbyterian; m 28 April 1835 MARGARETTA LOUISA PATTON (b 1810; d 2 July 1852), daughter of Robert Patton, a native of Scotland, and his wife Anne Gordon Mercer, daughter of General Hugh Mercer. John M. and Margaretta Herndon had issue:

(1) Ellen Mercer Herndon (b 29 April 1836; d 29 January 1888) m 19 April 1855 Seth Barton French; issue, 2 sons and 2 daughters.

(2) Ann Gordon Herndon, unm., 1 August 1862.

(3) Elizabeth Fairlee Herndon, d unm., 3 January 1892.

874 DR. BRODIE STRACHAN HERNDON (b 7 July 1810, Fredericksburg, Va.; d 7 August 1886, Washington, D. C.), chief surgeon of the hospitals of Richmond 1861-65; vestryman of St. Georges Parish Church, 1847-65; first surgeon "to perform the Caesarian operation in this country", m 25 November 1830 LUCY ELLEN HANSBROUGH (b 6 June 1813; d 8 December 1880),

¹ See 11 VMHB 334 for this excerpt and the record of the descendants listed.

daughter of Joseph Hansbrough, of Culpeper, and his wife Sarah Myers; issue:

- (1) Dr. Dabney Herndon m Mary Zulette Waterhouse; issue.
 - (2) Dr. James Carmichael Herndon m Mary Lightfoot; no issue.
 - (3) Dr. Brodie Strachan Herndon m Mary Wallace Gordon; issue.
 - (4) Sarah Parker Herndon m George Anderson Nicoll; issue.
 - (5) Elizabeth Hull Herndon m Maj. Henry Triplett Botts; issue.
 - (6) Lucy Herndon m Robert Blackie; no issue.
 - (7) Ann Maury Herndon m George Anderson Mercer; issue.
 - (8) Mary Eliza Herndon m Joseph Clay; issue.
- 875 ANN HULL HERNDON (b 8 August 1811; d February 1901) m 15 July 1834 her cousin MATTHEW FONTAINE MAURY (b 16 January 1806; d 1 February 1873), "Pathfinder of the Seas". For the record of his achievements see *The Dictionary of American Biography*. Issue:
- (1) Elizabeth Herndon Maury m William Arden Maury; issue.
 - (2) Diana Fontaine Maury m Spotswood Wellford Corbin; issue.
 - (3) Richard Launcelot Maury m Susan Crutchfield; issue.
 - (4) John Herndon Maury (1842-1861) unm.
 - (5) Mary Herndon Maury m James Rhodes Werth; issue.
 - (6) Eliza Hall Maury m Thomas Withers, as his first wife; no surviving issue.
 - (7) Matthew Fontaine Maury m Rose Robinson; issue.
 - (8) Lucy Minor Maury m Meverell Locke Van Doren; issue.
- 876 DABNEY HERNDON, died in infancy.
- 877 WILLIAM LEWIS HERNDON (b 25 October 1813; d 12 September 1857) m 9 March 1836 FRANCES ELIZABETH HANSBROUGH (b 10 October 1817; d 5 April 1878), whose sister Lucy Ellen had m his brother Dr. Brodie Strachan Herndon. William Lewis Herndon, explorer of the Amazon, commander of the "Central America" which foundered off Cape Hatteras and was lost but from which he succeeded in removing all the women and children and a few of the men passengers; reckoned one of the greatest of naval heroes. For nearly 50 years the monument to his memory was the only monument on the grounds of the Naval Academy. For the details of his life see *The Dictionary of American Biography*. He and his wife had issue:
- (1) Ellen Lewis Herndon who married Chester Alan Arthur, later President of the United States; issue.
- 878 MARY STRACHAN HERNDON, b 20 January 1816, Fredericksburg; d unm. 5 July 1908, Richmond, Va.
- 879 DR. DABNEY HERNDON (b 17 January 1820; d 19 October 1870), assistant surgeon, U.S.A., from 30 September 1841 to 23 September 1842, serving at Carlisle, Pa., Palatka, Fla., and Cedar Keys, Fla.; lived Sumter County, Ala., 1850-1852, and Mobile County, Ala., later. He married twice. His first wife was the mother of all his children. His second wife whom he married 1867 was SARAH A. TART, sister of his first wife, MARGARET ANDREWS TART (b 11 August 1829; d 14 September 1854) whom he had married 8 December 1847, and by her had issue:
- (1) Mary Ann Herndon m William Andrews Turner; issue.
 - (2) John Minor Herndon (1851-1852).
 - (3) Charles Lewis Herndon (1854-1889), unm.

- 880 CHARLES HERNDON (b 13 October 1822; d 17 December 1883), a lawyer of high standing; he was a member of City Council of Fredericksburg at the first meeting held after the fall of the Confederacy in 1865, Member of the House of Delegates from Spotsylvania 1865-1867, and of the State Senate, 1869-1877; married at "Prospect Hill", Caroline County, 25 March 1858
- LUCY WOODFORD GORDON (b 1 December 1837), daughter of Bazil Gordon and his wife Lucy renn Taylor and granddaughter of Samuel Gordon and his wife Susanna Fitzhugh Knox. Charles and Lucy Herndon had issue:
- (1) Lucy Taylor Herndon, b 6 February 1859.
 - (2) Bazil Gordon Herndon (1861-1883) unm.
 - (3) William Lewis Herndon (1861-1861), twin.
 - (4) Ann Maury Herndon m Alexander Keene Phillips; issue.
 - (5) Charles Herndon m Corinne De Forrest Young, and had issue; m secondly Rosalie St. John; issue.
 - (6) William Lewis Herndon (1869-1869).

HERNDON

On September 12, 1857, the "Central America" was lost at sea in a great storm off Cape Hatteras. Captain William Lewis Herndon of the Navy was in command. His tranquil courage preserved discipline up to the last, and until his passengers, officers and crew were all in the boats. Seeing that the last boat was already overloaded, Captain Herndon refused to add to its danger, and ordering it off went down with his ship.

Ay, shout and rave, thou cruel sea,
In triumph o'er that fated deck,
Grown holy by another grave,
Thou hast the captain of the wreck.

No prayer was said, no lesson read,
O'er him, the soldier of the sea;
And yet for him, through all the land,
A thousand thoughts tonight shall be.

And many an eye shall dim with tears,
And many a cheek be flushed with pride;
And men shall say, There died a man;
And boys shall learn how well he died.

Ay, weep for him whose noble soul
Is with the God who made it great;
But weep not for so proud a death,
We could not spare so grand a fate.

Nor could humanity resign
That hour which bade her heart beat high,
And blazoned duty's stainless shield,
And set a star in honor's sky.

O dreary night! Oh grave of hope!
Oh sea, and dark unpyting sky!
Full many a wreck these waves shall claim,
Ere such another heart shall die.

Alas! how can we help but mourn,
When hero bosoms yield their breath!
A century itself may bear
But once the flower of such a death.

So full of manliness, so sweet
With utmost duty nobly done;
So thronged with deeds, so filled with life,
As though with death that life begun.

It HAS begun, true gentleman!
No better life we ask for thee;
Thy Viking soul and woman heart
Forever shall a beacon be.

A starry thought to veering souls,
To teach it is not best to live;
To show that life has naught to match
Such knighthood as the grave can give.

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