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Mobile 6174  
Alabama

Frances Herndon  
widow of Reuben Herndon  
who was a Private  
in the Va Line  
Va

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of  
\$0 Dollars 00  
Cents per annum, to commence on  
the 4th day of March, 1843.

Certificate of Pension issued the  
24 day of Sept 1844  
and sent to

W. O. Winston  
Valley Head  
Ala

[Act of March 3, 1843.]

Recorded in Book

June 17, 1844

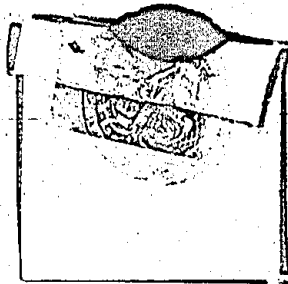
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Married 6 November 1788, Rebecca Johnson to James Kennedy  
By Rev. John Williams

State of Virginia, Charlotte County Court:

I William Robinson Clerk of the County Court of Charlotte  
in the State of Virginia, do hereby Certify that the foregoing is  
a true Copy of the registration of the said marriage from the register  
of marriages now in my Office -



In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
and affixed the Seal of my said Office this  
6<sup>th</sup> day of January 1789

William Robinson

## Family Record

Reuben Herndon and Francis Canada  
were married AD Nov 16<sup>th</sup> 1787 in Virginia  
Charlotte County at Mossy-ford Meeting house  
on Swittys Creek by John Williams an  
Baptist Preacher — Children of Reuben and  
Francis Herndon were as follows first  
Sarah Herndon was born AD Feb 22 1791  
James Herndon was born AD Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1792  
William Herndon was born AD April 12<sup>th</sup> 1795  
John Herndon was born AD Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 1797  
Elisha Herndon was born AD Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 1799  
Sarah Herndon was born AD Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1801  
Reuben Herndon was born AD Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 1804  
Enoch Herndon was born AD Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 1806  
Jane Herndon was born AD Nov 26 1809

Declarations,

In order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> July 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows."

State of Tennessee  
Hamilton County 3<sup>rd</sup> d.

On this fifth day of December, 1843 personally appeared before me, Isaac C. Rowden, an acting justice of the peace, and also one of the justices of our county court, which is a court of record, in and for our said county of Hamilton, Frances Merdow, a resident of the County of Hamilton and State aforesaid, aged seventy eight years on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June 1843, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows": -

That she is the widow of Reuben Merdow who was a private in the Army of the Revolution, she had not a personal knowledge of his services, but shortly after the war, understood and verily believes that at about the age of nineteen years he entered the military service of the United States as an enlisted soldier, in the State of Virginia, and continued in this service for the term of three years - and that he, being older, and having first entered the service, was most of his time in company with his brother, James Merdow, who she understands

was a prisoner under the laws of the United States for revolutionary services. - She declares that from the oft repeated statements of her said husband and other information from the family, she feels confident in the belief that her said husband was in "Bliford's defeat" - was, with his brother James, taken prisoner there, and confined as a prisoner of war at Lunenburg Courthouse, until released by Lord Harrington an American Officer. - She states further that she understood, her husband on leaving the service took a certificate, which was of value to him, and which was sold by his father, Jacob Herndon, - Her said husband was a "one eyed man"; but whether the certificate had reference to these circumstances or not she is not now able to state, but the impression is upon her mind that it had. -

She further declares that she was married to the said Reuben Herndon on the eleventh day of November in the year Seventeen hundred and eighty seven, in Charlotte County, Virginia, at Mosey Hord's Meeting house on Twelfth Creek by John Williams a Baptist preacher - and further that her husband, the aforesaid Reuben Herndon died on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 1810. - that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January Seventeen hundred and

number four, viz; at the time above stated. - Declarant further states that the original records of the family marriages heretofore was destroyed by the burning of her house in the lifetime of her husband, that a second record upon the dispersion of the family fell into the hands of Enock Herndon his youngest son, and the bible containing it has long since been destroyed. - That she caused a third one to be made, and that the paper hereto attached headed "Family Record" is a true record of her marriages and the number years ages of her children.

She further states that she never intermarried with any man except the said Reuben Herndon, and that since his death she has remained and still is a widow.

Sworn to & subscribed before me  
the day and year above written,  
and I certify that said declarant  
by reason of her great age and  
bodily infirmity is unable to appear  
in a court of records.

her  
Francis Herndon  
mark

Isaac C. Rowdwell

Justice of the peace and  
justice of Hamilton County  
court, a court of records.

State of Tennessee, I Asahel Rowdwell Clerk of the County Court  
Hamilton County, do certify that Isaac C. Rowdwell  
whose signature appears to the foregoing certificate, is his own proper.

Record Division.

3-525.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Bureau of Pensions,

Washington, D. C., \_\_\_\_\_, 190\_\_\_\_\_

In reply to your request of \_\_\_\_\_, received \_\_\_\_\_ for a statement of the military history of Reuben Herndon a soldier of the REVOLUTIONARY WAR, you will find below the desired information as contained in his (or his widow's) application for pension on file in this Bureau.

*Wed 11/23-*

DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT.	LENGTH OF SERVICE.	RANK.	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED.		STATE.
			CAPTAIN.	COLONEL.	
	<i>3 yrs.</i>	<i>Priv.</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>Abraham Buford</i>	<i>Va.</i>
<i>He was taken prisoner at Col. Buford's defeat (Battle of Hanging Rock) and confined at Lancaster. Col. Houston visited him and by Gen. Harrington.</i>					

Battles engaged in, *see above*

Residence of soldier at enlistment, *Ent. in Va when 19 yrs old date of place of his birth not stated*

Date of application for pension, *Dec 5, 1843. Her claim of -*

Residence at date of application, *Hamilton Co. Tenn.*

Age at date of application, *He was born June 6, 1765*

Remarks: *Solomon son of Charlotte Va. Nov 6, 1788. Francis Kennedy (also spelled Kennedee and Fanney Kennedy) He died Mass. 11, 1813. Their children were Sarah b. Feb 22, 1791. James b. Oct 12, 1792. William b. Apr 12, 1795. John b. Oct 19, 1797. Elizabeth b. Sept 26, 1799. Jane b. Oct 5, 1801. Reuben b. Feb 9, 1804. Emory b. Feb 7, 1806. James b. Nov 25, 1809.*

Very respectfully, \*

Commissioner.

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*1843*  
*7/3*  
*1765*  
Officers on packet not correct. I think James not used. *Soldier's brother James Herndon, priv. ser. file 1669. states that he escaped at time of battle of Hanging Rock and does not mention Reuben at all.*  
last Parker as time of Hanging Rock battle under Col Buford.