

Information on Col. Thomas Herndon, 36th Regiment, Alabama Infantry, CSA

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36th Regiment, Alabama Infantry

Overview:

36th Infantry Regiment was organized at Mount Vernon, Alabama, in May, 1862, with men from Mobile, Tuscaloosa, Greene, Fayette, Sumter, and Monroe counties. The unit was involved in constructing the defenses at Oven and Choctaw Bluffs, then was stationed at Mobile until April, 1863. Assigned to General Clayton's and later Holtzclaw's Brigade, it participated in difficult campaigns of the Army of Tennessee from Chickamauga to Nashville. Transferred to the Department of Alabama, Mississippi, and East Louisiana, it continued the fight at Spanish Fort. At the Battle of Chickamauga it was reported that the regiment had 28 officers, 429 men, and 401 guns on September 19; and 20 officers, 338 men, and 316 guns on September 20. It sustained 147 casualties at Chattanooga, and mustered a force of 353 effectives in December, 1863, and about 300 in November, 1864. The unit lost 110 wounded and captured at Spanish Fort, and few were included in the surrender on May 4, 1865. Its commanders were Colonels Thomas H. Herndon, Robert H. Smith, and Lewis T. Woodruff; and Major Charles S. Henagan.

Taken from "The Herndon and Inge Families" by George B. Inge; 1973, reprinted 1995:

Thomas H Herndon was elected Major of the 36th Alabama when first organized. He was promoted to Lt. Colonel and then Colonel, Commanding. He was wounded at Chickamauga and in the battles around Atlanta. Rather than resign, he rejoined the unit in Florence, Alabama in November, 1864, as it made its way toward Spring Hill, Franklin and Nashville. Following the disastrous Battle of Nashville, Herndon led his unit to Spanish Fort, Alabama, where it surrendered in April, 1865. He returned to his law practice in Mobile after the War and became a U.S. Representative in 1878 until his death in 1883.

See attached photo and information from "Alabama Portraits", published by the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Alabama, 1969, p. 163.

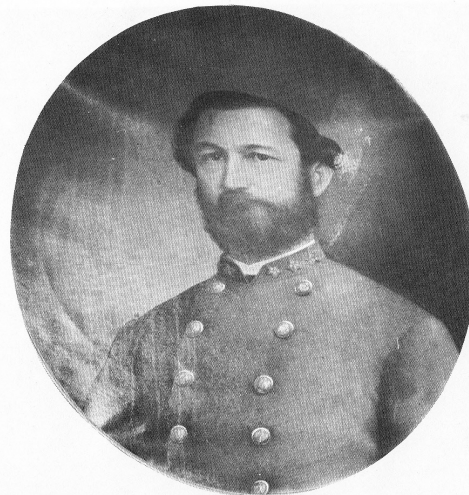
COL. THOMAS HORD HERNDON, JR. 1828—1883
Of Eutaw and Mobile, Alabama; Washington, D.C.

Unidentified artist c. 1865
Oil on canvas 29 x 24

Bust view facing forward. Dark brown eyes, hair. Full beard and mustache. In uniform of colonel in Confederate Army, gray with double row of brass buttons, three gold stars each side of stand up collar.

Was lawyer, state legislator, in Constitutional Convention 1861; member of U. S. Congress. Son of Thomas Hord Herndon and Mrs. Herndon (Emma Sarah Toulmin). Married Mary Edmonia Alexander of Eutaw. Inherited through Deshon family by owner, great granddaughter, Mary Abbie Deshon Berg.

Owner: Mrs. Mervin John Berg, Mobile.



The 36th Alabama was a part of Holtzclaw's Brigade and was positioned in the middle of the line on Peach Orchard Hill on December 16, 1864.

Great, Great Uncle of Fred Crown, Nashville, TN

