John Brahan Patton, Lieutenant, Co. I, 35 AL Infantry, C.S.

1834  May 26: Patton was born to Robert and Jane Patton in Alabama. At the time of his birth his father was a member of the Alabama state legislature.

1835  Sweetwater Mansion, The Patton Family home finished in 1835.

1840  The U.S. Federal Census was enumerated in Lauderdale County, AL. Patton’s father, Robert, was listed as head of household. He owned 24 slaves.

1850  November 25: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Lauderdale County, AL showed 16-year-old John living with his parents and siblings. His father, Robert, was a merchant.

1860  April 23- May 3: Patton’s father Robert represented Alabama at the national democratic convention in Charleston, SC.

       June 11: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Lauderdale County, AL showed John, a merchant, living in a hotel in Florence. His father, Robert, who lived nearby was a Planter Merchant. He owned 118 slaves.

1861  January: Patton’s father Robert, was a delegate at the Secession Convention and voted against secession.

       April 1: Enlisted in the C.S. Army and mustered into Co. K 7 AL Infantry.

       April to June: Company Muster Rolls. Present. Remarks “Elected to 2nd Lieut. from O.S. May 18th 1861.”

       July 28: Patton’s brother William enlisted in the C.S. Army. He mustered into 16 AL Infantry.

1862 April: The 7th Regiment disbanded. Patton enlisted in the 35 AL Infantry.

April 6: Brother William was killed in the Battle of Shiloh.

1864 March 1: Patton’s brother William enlisted in the C.S. Army he was mustered into Shockley’s Escort to General Pillow.

November 30: Wounded at the Battle of Franklin.

1865 April 2: Patton’s brother Robert was killed in the Battle of Selma, AL.

December 13: Patton’s father Robert was inaugurated as Governor of Alabama. He held this position till July 24, 1868.

1870 April 28: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Lauderdale County, AL showed an adult John B., living with his parents and two siblings. He had no occupation listed. His father, Robert, was enumerated as a farmer.

1880 June 1: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Lauderdale County, AL showed John B., living with his parents and brothers. John as well as his father were listed as farmers.
1900    June 16: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Florence, Lauderdale County, AL showed John B., living with his widowed mother. His occupation was listed as “agriculture.”

1902    April 14: Patton’s mother Jane died.

1905    John B. Patton died.

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1 The Centreville Press, Centreville, AL, Thursday, June 8, 1905
DEATH OF JOHN B. PATTON
OF DISTINGUISHED FAMILY.

Was Uncle of Hon. E. R. McDavid,
Secretary of State—Lived a Re-
cluse Most of His Life.

A Florence special tells as follows
of the death of John B. Patton:
John Brahan Patton, the eldest and
the last of the five sons of Governor
Robert M. Patton, died last night at
the old country home of Governor Pat-
ton, Sweetwater, near Florence.

"Mr. Patton was 74 years old and
was never married. He practically
lived a recluse on the fine old Patton
place, although he was tenderly de-
voted to his kinsmen. He served
with distinction as a soldier of the
Confederate army and was endeared
to the cause by reason of the fact
that two of his brothers were slain on
battlefields.

"Although eccentric in recent years
Mr. Patton was of polished education.
He retired to Sweetwater many years
ago and lived alone at the place
around which clustered so many happy
memories of his earlier years.

"Mr. Patton was the last of the
mile line of Pattons, his four younger
brothers having died many years ago.
He is survived by two sisters, Mrs.
John J. McDavid and Mrs. John D.
Weeden of Florence. Hon. Robert P.
McDavid, the present Secretary of
State, were his nephews.

"The funeral services were held at
Huntsville today and Mr. Patton was
laid to rest in the Patton family
burial ground, where his distinguished
father was interred.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN J. BRAHAX
PATTON WEDNESDAY MORNING

Capt. John Brahan Patton, son
of the late Gov. R. M. Patton,
died at the old family homestead,
"Sweetwater Home," two and a
half miles from the city early
Wednesday morning, after a three
days' illness of meningitis.

Capt. Patton was born May
26, 1834, and had spent all of his
years here at the homestead with
the exception of four years of the
Civil War, when he gallantly
fought for "the lost cause," going
out with the Florence Guards, Ter-
ritory, which was attached to the 7th
Alabama regiment, Gen. S. A. M.
Logan in command. After the com-
pany disbanded he joined the coun-
voy's 87th Alabama, was wounded at
the battle of Franklin, from which
wound he never entirely recovered.
He was a member of Camp O'Neal
U. C. V. of this city. Capt. Pat-
ton was a genial, chivalrous man
and every man in the county was
his friend. They esteemed him
highly and will regret to hear of
his death.

He was a member of the First
Presbyterian church and his fun-
eral services were held there Wed-
nesday afternoon, before being
taken to Huntsville, Ala., for
burial in the family lot of the
Pattons there where the members
of the household who preceded
him are buried.

He is survived by two sisters,
Mrs. J. McDavid and Mrs. Jno.
D. Weeden, of this city.

2 The Montgomery Times, Montgomery, AL, Thursday, June 1, 1905.
3 The Florence Herald, Florence, AL, Friday, June 2, 1905, pg. 4.