Reuben Anderson Ham, Sergeant, Co. C 33rd MS Infantry C.S.

1833 May 22: Ham was born to James and Lucy Ham in Mississippi.

1850 October 5: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Lawrence County, MS showed 17 year old “R.A.” living with his parents and siblings. His father, James, was a farmer.

1860 August 26: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Monticello, Lawrence County, MS showed 27 year old “Anderson” living with his widowed mother and siblings. The slave schedule listed him as owning 1 male slave, 20 years old.

Between 1860-1864 Married Samantha.

1862 May 7: Enlisted in the C.S. Army in Grenada, MS.

April 1 – August 31: Company Muster Roll. Present. Remarks “Bounty due”


1863 March & April: Company Muster Roll. Present.


July & August: Company Muster Roll. Absent. Remarks “absent without leave since July 1863”

September & October: Company Muster Roll. Absent. Remarks “absent without leave”

November & December: Company Muster Roll. Present. Remarks “Lost 20 cartridges. 20 caps. 1 musket. 1 cartridge box $32.50”
1864 March & April: Company Muster Roll. Present. By this time Reuben has been promoted to 5th Sergeant.

July & August: Company Muster Roll. Presence not stated.

November 30: Wounded at the Battle of Franklin. Company Muster Roll for period remarks “wounded and left at Franklin, Tenn.”

December 17: Captured in Franklin, Tennessee.


March 5: Reuben Ham died in Nashville, TN of erysipelas (infection) from his finger amputation. He was buried in grave #12400 at the City Cemetery.