

CULBERSON, Augustus L. 1st Lt., Company E

The National Archives files for Georgia, 39th Infantry, contain fifteen documents for Augustus L. Culberson. The endorsement on the Treasury note is assumed to be an autograph memento as there is no date or inscription of issue. No signatures by Culberson were found on National Archives documents for comparison, but the name is unique in the Fold3.com listings.

Augustus L. Culberson was elected 1st Lieutenant reporting to Company E of the 39th Regiment Georgia Infantry, Cumming's Brigade, Stevenson's Division, Lee's Corps, Army of Tennessee, on July 10th, 1862, at Blaine Crossroads, Tennessee; Google maps indicate a location for Blaine, Tennessee, at about ten miles northeast of Knoxville. He was captured at Champion Hill during the battle of Baker's Creek, Mississippi, on May 16th, 1863. Arriving at Indianapolis on June 5th, 1863, Culberson was transferred to Johnson's Island (Sandusky, Ohio) on February 14th, 1864, and was again transferred to Hammond General Hospital on April 30th, 1864, where he was paroled on May 3rd and transferred to Maj. John E. Mulford, Asst. Agent for Exchange, for delivery at City Point, Virginia. An inspection report of Cumming's Brigade dated September 16th, 1864 noted that Culberson was absent by authority of the Hammond U.S.A. General Hospital, Point Lookout, Maryland, which noted that Culberson was afflicted with "chronic diarrhoea" and was 24 years of age.

More information on the 39th Georgia Infantry can be found on the website, last updated January 23rd, 2014:

39thgavolnfrgt.homestead.com/39thHomepage.html

According to this website, the 39th Georgia Infantry was organized at Dalton, Georgia, and taken into the Confederate service on March 20th, 1862, at Camp McDonald, Big Shanty, just north of Marietta, Georgia. Company E was named the Walker Light Guards from Walker County. The regiment surrendered at Vicksburg on July 4th, 1863, and was paroled.

This website also references material from the *Roster of Confederate Soldiers of Georgia, 1861-1865*, Volume 4, pp. 249-340, published by Longino & Porter, Hapeville, Georgia, 1959, which quotes James B. Hill, a member of Company E:

"We first camped at Big Shanty, Georgia, on the W. R. A. Road. Our first service was in East Tennessee in the spring and early summer of 1862. In the latter part of the summer and fall of 1862, we made the Kentucky campaign under General E. Kirby Smith. We then crossed the Cumberland Mountains at the Cumberland Gap back into East Tennessee. From there we were ordered to middle Tennessee and to Murfreesboro. From there our Division was ordered, about the 20th of December 1862, to Vicksburg, Mississippi. Made the Mississippi campaign, fought through the battle of Baker's Creek, Mississippi on May 16th, 1863; fell back into Vicksburg the next day; went through a forty-eight days' seige, and surrendered on the 4th day of July 1863, and were paroled."

And from the same document:

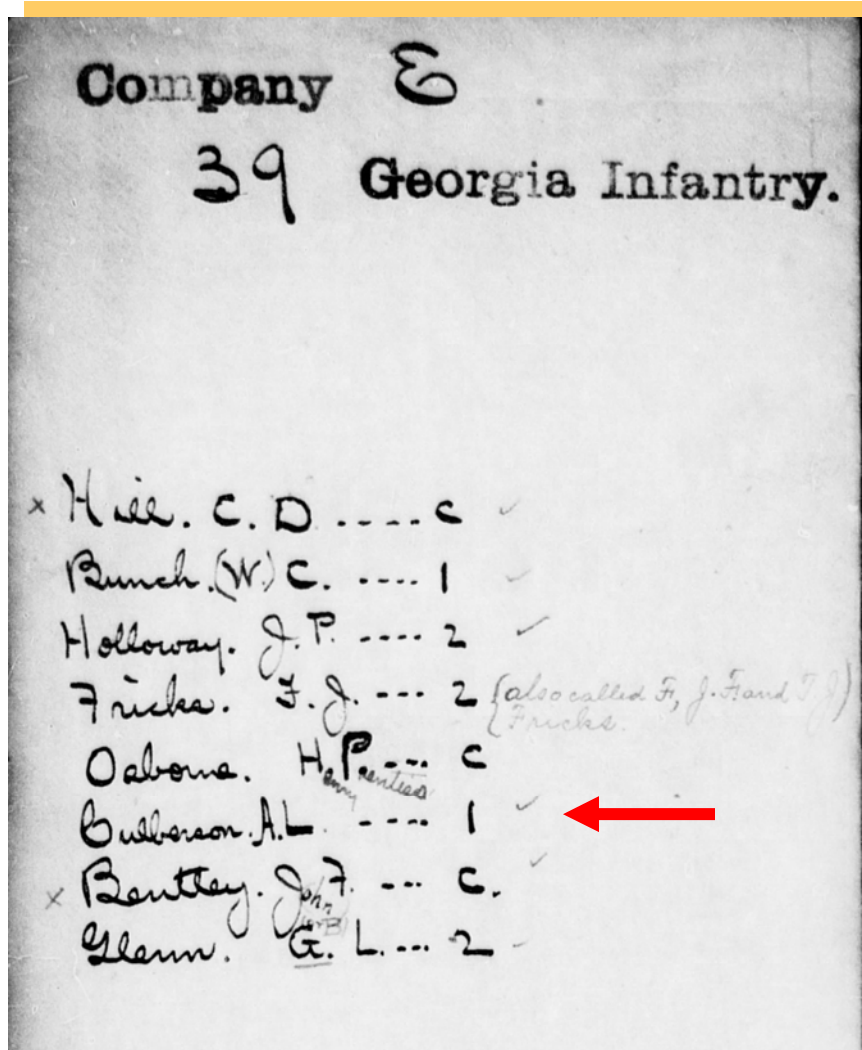
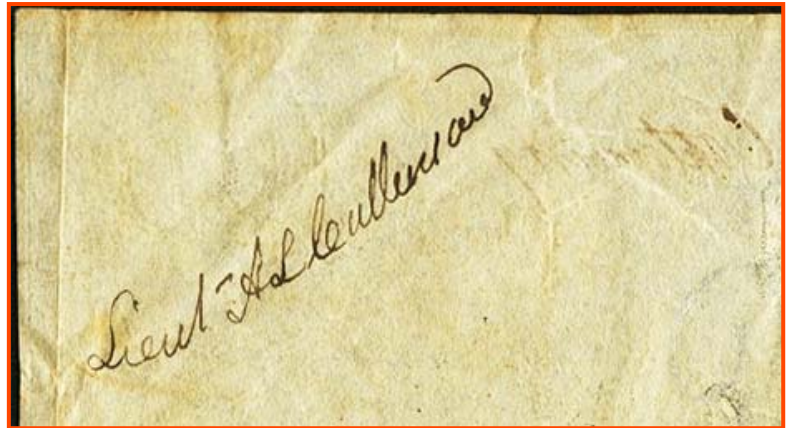
"Culberson, A. L. – 1st Lieutenant – July 10, 1862. Captured at Baker's Creek, Mississippi May 16, 1863. Paroled at Point Lookout, Maryland and transferred to City Point, Virginia for exchange May 3, 1864.



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Received at Aiken's Landing, Virginia May
8, 1864. No later record."

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Unit card for the 39th Georgia Infantry, Company E, with an
annotation for 1st Lt. A. L. Culberson.
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