

GRAHAM, Robert H. Lt. Colonel

The National Archives contains 26 documents for R. H. Graham in the files for the state of Texas, Nineteenth Infantry. A Lieutenant with the same name is found in the files for the state of Georgia, 2d Georgia Cavalry, but the style of the middle initial "H" is consistent and very different from the endorsement on the Treasury note. The endorsement contains no rank or title, and rather than the conventional term "issued," the endorsement reads "From R H Graham 27/2/63." These issues make the identification probable rather than definitive. However, it should be noted that other Texas officers have signed in a similar manner without rank or title, e.g., Col. Peter C. Woods and Lt. Irving L. Miller. The endorsement may signify the transfer of the note rather than an act of issuance. The signature of Graham is not consistent, as the illustrated examples show.

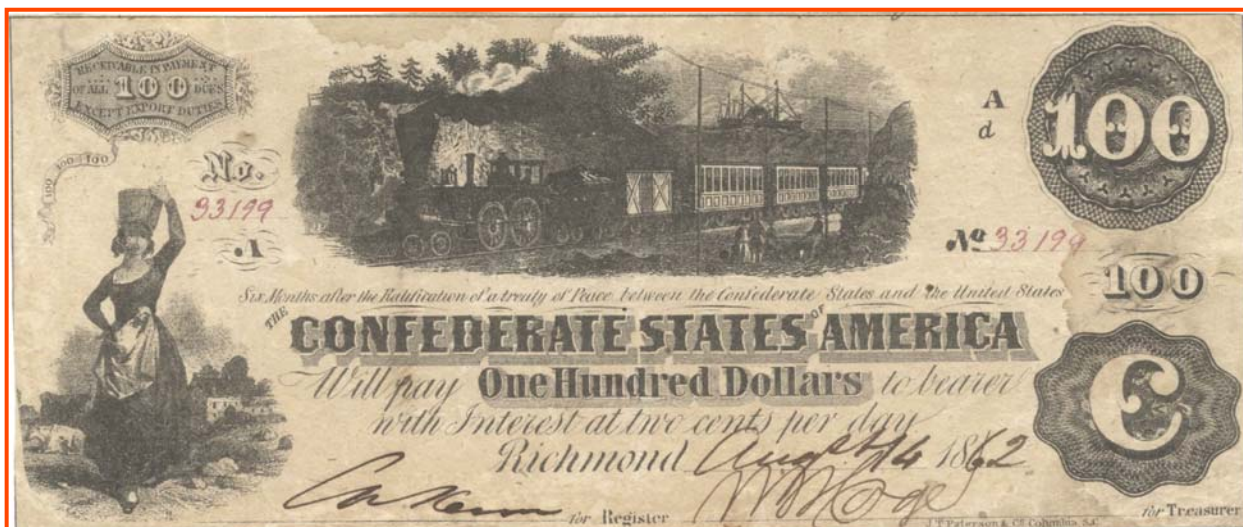
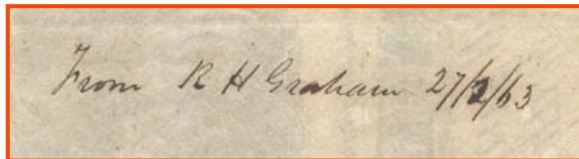
Robert H. Graham, aged 32 years, travelled 65 miles to Henderson, Texas, and enrolled with the 19th Texas Infantry on May 6th, 1862. He was elected Lt. Colonel on May 13th. Muster rolls showed him present at Camp Nelson during September and October. In November and December he was stationed at a camp near Little Rock, Arkansas, where the unit later suffered many casualties from disease and exposure.

Texas units are described in detail by the Texas website tshaonline.org, and the history of the 19th Infantry may be found at: www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/qkn20.

The history of this unit is remarkable and well worth the effort to read it on this website. The unit was mismanaged, but performed well at Vicksburg. Lt. Col. Graham resigned on May 24th, 1863, effective on July 2nd, 1863, stating "...I am impelled to this course by reason of circumstances by which I am surrounded, which I deem unnecessary to mention...." Some of those reasons might be found in the description in the above-mentioned website of what this unit had to endure.

Graham was a member of the Texas State Legislature and had letters of recommendation from Governor Lubbock and many members of the legislature in Austin.

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Austin City Texas
December 30th 1861

To Major General A. Sidney Johnson
Commanding Confederate Troops in Kentucky.

It affords the undersigned
members of the Legislature of the State of Texas great pleasure in recommending

to the kind consideration of General Johnson our fellow-citizen Col Robert H. Graham, a brave and a gentleman of character and standing, who needs his native State Kentucky - where a large portion of his family now resides - for the purpose of aiding in driving the enemy from her soil. It affords us pleasure to recommend him to one whom Texas regards with special pleasure.

N. H. Carnell Speaker of the House of Representatives

Jos. M. Crockett President of the Senate

R. A. Wadley Senator Pryor Leaf

H. A. Cook "

W. H. Graham "

J. A. Harrison "

W. H. Parsons

A. H. Williams

E. D. Thomas

Travis

J. M. Bullock

A. M. Branch

H. B. Brown

E. B. Scarborough

R. H. Grimm

M. W. Hunter

A. G. Hulley

A. B. Locke of Harris

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Jill Kincaid Garrisonville Cooke County

Angel A. Thomas San Antonio Bexar County

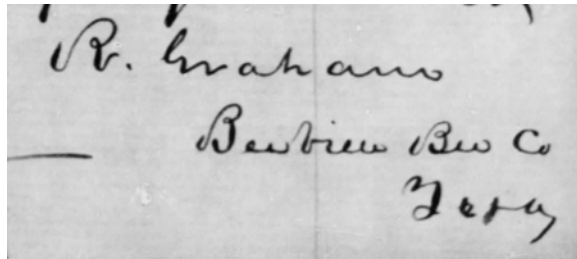
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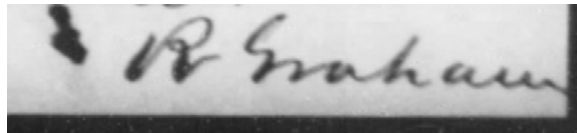
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R. H. Graham's
signatures from the
National Archives.



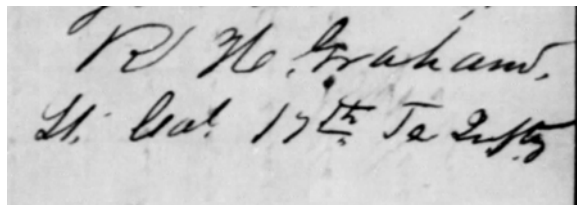
R. H. Graham
Beehive Bee Co
Tex

The earliest known
example, signed on
November 16th,
1861, at Beeville,
Bee County, Texas.



R. H. Graham

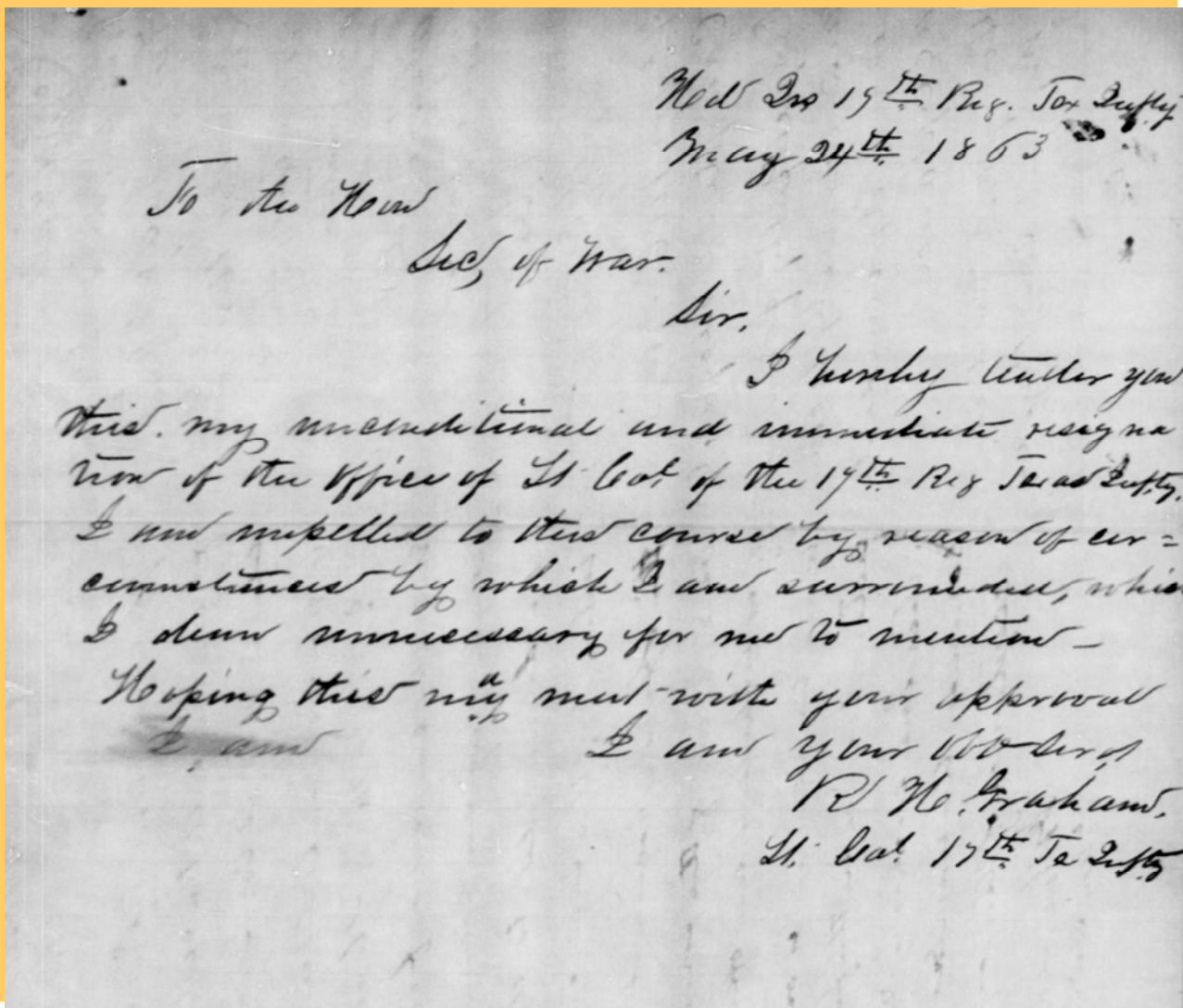
Signed on
December 10th,
1861, at Bee
County, Texas.



R. H. Graham,
Lt. Col. 19th Tex Infy

Signed on May 24th,
1863, at
Headquarters of the
19th Regiment
Texas Infantry, as
"Lt. Col. 19th Tex
Infy."

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Recd Dec 19th Reg. Tex Infy
May 24th 1863

To the Hon
Sec. of War.

Sir,

I hereby tender you
this my unconditional and immediate resigna-
tion of the office of Lt. Col. of the 19th Reg. Tex Infy.
I am impelled to this course by reason of cir-
cumstances by which I am surrounded, which
I deem unnecessary for me to mention -
Hoping this may meet with your approval
I am
Yours Vob. Servt
R. H. Graham,
Lt. Col. 19th Tex Infy

Lt. Col. Robert H.
Graham's letter of
resignation, May
24th, 1863, which
was accepted July
2nd, 1863.

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