

HILL, Charles D. Capt., AQM

The National Archives files for Officers contain 116 documents for Charles D. Hill. Seventy-five documents are found for Hill in the files for North Carolina, Thirteenth Infantry. Some information on this unit may be gleaned from the website:

13thnc.com/docs/history.html

where the unit is listed as having been engaged in twenty-eight battles. Hill's parole document is signed in a different hand than that seen on the Treasury note and most of the original documents, leading to the speculation that the Treasury note endorsement is in the hand of a clerk. There may also be at least two different clerical scripts in the original documents, or it is also possible that Hill's real signature showed wide variation.

Charles D. Hill, aged 32 years (the National Archives summary card has this reversed at 23 years), enlisted on April 24th, 1861, at Milton, North Carolina, as a Private in Company C reporting to the 3rd Regiment North Carolina Infantry (the regiment was later renamed the 13th). He was appointed as QM Sergeant on June 3rd (or 15th), 1861. He was appointed Capt. & AQM on September 20th, 1861, reporting to the 13th North Carolina Volunteers, accepted the commission on October 1st, and the commission was confirmed on December 24th.

Requisitions in October 1861 located Hill at Camp Ruffin, Virginia, where he signed as "Capt. & AQM, 3rd N(orth) C(arolina) V(olunteers)." An invoice for Quartermaster Stores located Hill at Smithfield, Virginia, on November 1st, 1861, where he signed as "Capt. & Ast. QM, 13th NC Vol."

Requisitions for fuel located Hill at Camp Ruffin for the months of January through April 1862. Hill signed an abstract of stationery issued at Camp Ruffin for the first quarter of 1862. He signed a receipt on March 14th, 1862, at Norfolk, Virginia. Documents dated October 30th through December 2nd, 1862, located Hill at Richmond, Virginia, where he signed as "Maj. & AQM." On October 14th, 1862, Hill sent his resume to Treasury Secretary C. G. Memminger:

"Sir: I have the honor to make application for a first class clerkship in your department. I can furnish you with the highest testimonials as to my necessary qualifications &c. I am now quarter master of the 13th Reg NC and have held the position (sic) for 12 months, and wish now to be relieved of my present position & take another, on account of my health, which has been very much impaired by exposure in western Virginia.

"If you have any place for me, please let me hear from you at Mssrs. Hill & Norfleet in this city in a few days, as I leave for Winchester next week."

Hill signed a cover letter to his First Quarter 1863 Abstracts in Richmond on May 20th, 1863; the letter was signed "Major & QM," although no records exist of a promotion to Major at any time. A summary list of the Abstract exhibits the clerical script and signature matching the endorsement of the Treasury note, and it is signed "Capt. & AQM"; the header reads "Camp Gregg, 13th Regiment of No Ca Troops, Pender's Brigade, A. P. Hill's Division." Hill signed a voucher at Hanover Junction, Virginia, on July 4th, 1863, indicating that he was not present at the Battle of Gettysburg.



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On September 1st, 1863, Hill was detached to collect Tax in Kind for the 3rd Corps. Abstract E, dated December 31st, 1863, located Hill "near Orange Court House, Va." This abstract listed items supplied to other officers, including, forage, stationery, means of transportation, carpenter tools, clothing, camp and garrison equipage.

A Special Requisition for stationery supplies located Hill at Richmond, Virginia, on January 14th, 1864. The header of a quarterly return cover letter dated April 16th, 1864, reads "Quarter Master Office, 13th NC Troops, Scales Brigade, Wilcox Division, 3rd Corps ANVa." An invoice dated April 28th, 1864, located Hill "near Orange C(ourt H(ouse) Va."

A requisition for fuel for the month of July 1864 located Hill at Petersburg, Virginia. He was admitted to the Confederate States Hospital at Petersburg, Virginia, on August 23rd, 1864, furloughed, and absent by authority of Gen'l Lee.

On a roster dated November 24th, 1864, Hill and the 13th North Carolina Regiment reported to Scales' Brigade, Wilcox's Division, Hill's 3rd Corps, Army of Northern Virginia.

On a list dated February 13th, 1865, Hill was listed as Maj. & Chief Inspector of Field

Transportation in the Trans-Mississippi Department, bonded, and appointed by the President. The assignment in this Department was temporary and allowed Lt. Gen'l E. Kirby Smith to use Hill as a temporary replacement for one of his Field Transportation Inspectors who desired a leave of absence; the original letter from E. Kirby Smith requesting Hill's temporary transfer is present in the file and dated March 14th, 1864, at Shreveport, Louisiana. On March 5th, 1865, Hill was listed as Maj. & Paymaster in Anderson's Corps.

Hill appeared on a muster roll of officers and men in the Army of North Virginia not present but paroled at Greensboro, North Carolina, by the terms of the surrender of April 26th, 1865, by Gen'l Joseph E. Johnston. Hill was listed as an Inspector of Field Transportation and Paymaster of Wilcox's Division, 3rd Corps, Army of North Virginia. It is not known where Hill surrendered. On June 19th, 1865, Hill signed an oath of loyalty to the United States of America and was released from confinement at Camp Chase, Ohio. Hill listed his residence in Chatooga County, Georgia; he had a dark complexion, light hair, grey eyes, stood 5 feet 11 inches tall, and listed his age at 36 years.

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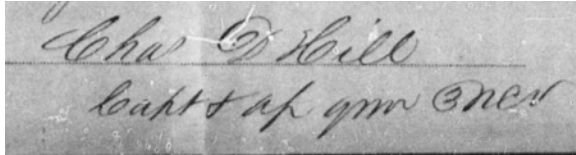
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HILL, CHARLES D., Capt. & A. Q. M., 13th N. C. S. T.
Capt. & Paymaster.

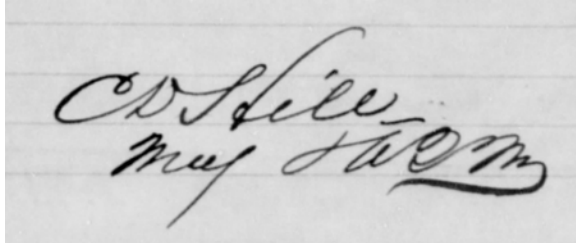
- ✓ April 24, 1861. Enlisted as private Co. C, 13th N. C. S. T., at Milton. (Co. Rolls. Report A. O.)
- ✓ June 3, 1861. Appointed Q. M. Sergt. (Co. Rolls. Report A. O.)
- ✓ Sept. 20, 1861. Appointed Capt. Q. M. Dept. from N. C.; accepted Oct. 1, 1861; to report to 13th N. C. S. T. (1-86-186. Report A. O.; Rel. Rank Book Q. M. Dept.)
- ✓ Sept. 1, 1863. Absent on detached service to collect tax in kind for 3d Corps. (P. & S. Rolls. Report A. O.)
- ✓ Dec. 31, 1863. Present with regiment. (Co. Rolls. Report A. O.)
- ✓ Jan. 4, 1864. Capt. 13th N. C. Troops reported in Richmond by Gen. Winder, order gen. Lee. (W-18, A. G. O.)
- ✓ April 16, 1864. Signs as Capt. & A. Q. M., 13th N. C. S. T. (Personal papers.)
- ✓ Aug. 31, 1864. Present with regiment. (Co. Rolls. Report A. O.)
- ✓ Sept. 15, 1864. Assigned as Capt. & Paymaster Wilcox's Div., 3d Corps, A. N. Va. (Vol. 42-2, p. 1249.)
- ✓ Sept. 27, 1864. Transferred. (Co. Rolls. Report A. O.)
- ✓ Oct. 20, 1864. Signs as Capt. & Paymaster Wilcox's Div. (H-410, Book 12, Q. M. G.)
- ✓ Nov. 11, 1864. Capt. and Paymaster reported assigned to duty. (1-68-147. Report A. O.)
- ✓ April 26, 1865. Paroled as Capt. and Paymaster, Wilcox's Div., 3d Corps. (N. C. Parole.)

Charles D. Hill's signatures from the National Archives.

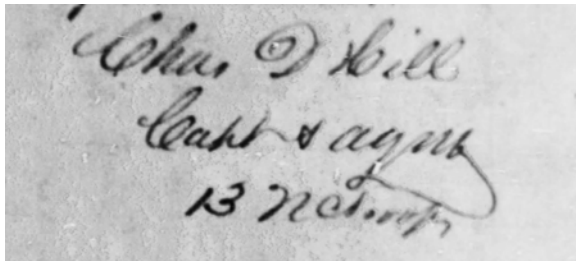
The earliest known example, probably in a clerical hand, signed on October 19th, 1861, at Camp Ruffin, Virginia, as "Capt & Ast QM 3 N(orth) C(arolina) Volunteers."



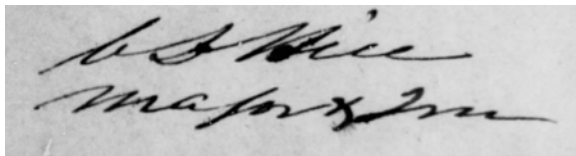
Signed on October 30th, 1862, at Richmond, Virginia, in what may be his own hand, as "Maj & AQM," although no records exist of a promotion to Major.



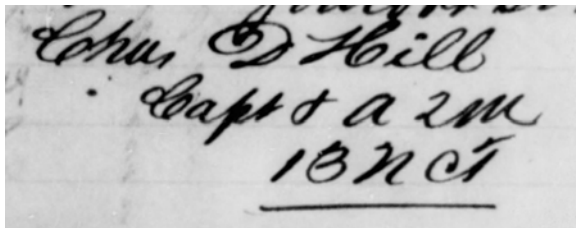
Signed on May 20th, 1863, a week after the endorsement on the Treasury note, at Camp Gregg, Virginia, with an excellent match to the script of a clerk, as "Capt & AQM, 13 NC Troops."




Signed in the hand of a different clerk on November 30th, 1863, at Richmond, Virginia, as "Major & QM."



Signed April 16th, 1864, in the hand of a clerk, at "QM Office," as "Capt & AQM, 13 N C T(roops)."



Signed on June 19th, 1865, on his loyalty oath, at Camp Chase, Ohio.

