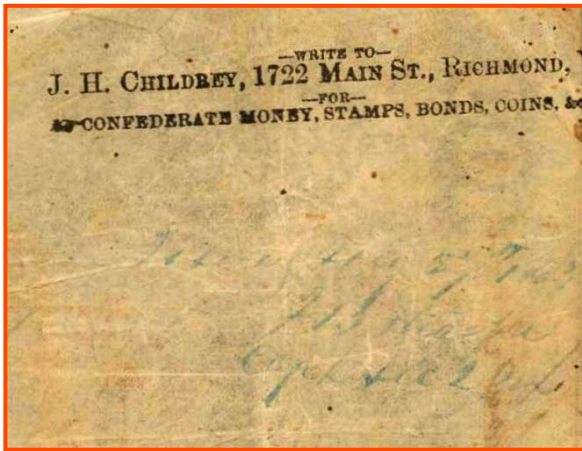


HODGES, John F. Capt., AQM

The National Archives contain sixty-nine documents for John F. Hodges in the files for Officers and twenty-six documents are found for Jno. F. Hodges in the files for the State of South Carolina, Holcombe Legion.

The discovery note bears an Interest Paid stamp for Richmond dated January 1st, 1864 and the imprint of the noted Richmond numismatic dealer, J. H. Childrey. The faint, blue-ink endorsement reads:

Issued Feby 24th 1863
J. F. Hodges
Capt. & AQM



The endorsement reads: "Issued Feby 24th 1863, J. F. Hodges, Capt & A. Q. M." An 1864 Richmond Interest Paid stamp appears on the note (not illustrated).

Hodges's signature shows more variation than is typically seen on the documents of Confederate officers. Several examples are shown to illustrate this variety.

1862 Born in South Carolina, John F. Hodges enlisted at Camp Hampton on December 28th, 1861, for a period of one year as a 2nd Lieutenant in Company F, Holcombe Legion, South Carolina Volunteers. He was appointed by Governor Pickens. In March of 1862 he extended his enlistment for a period of two years or the duration of the war. On May 1st, 1862, the Holcombe Legion entered the Confederate Service. Hodges was appointed Capt. & AQM on November 22nd, 1862, taking rank

retroactively to October 16th, and confirmed on April 30th, 1863.

The Holcombe Legion was named after Lucy Holcombe Pickens, the wife of the Governor of South Carolina. It defended Charleston until it was ordered to the defense of Richmond in July, 1862. The unit surrendered at Appomattox Court House. Hodges' name does not appear on the Appomattox Court House parole lists.

1863 A voucher dated July 30th, 1863 for the receipt of a scale and a knife placed Hodges in Forrest, Mississippi. A communication dated January 11th, 1864 by T. L. Lipscomb, commanding the 2nd South Carolina Cavalry sheds light on Hodges' documents in late 1863 which describe his location as "in the field."

"I certify that Lieutenants Hodges [perhaps acting out of his role as Capt. & AQM] and (illegible name) 2nd So Ca Cavy with eighteen men were detailed verbally while in the field by Maj. Gen. Wade Hampton to act as scouts and were absent on such detail from 24th November 1863 to 2nd December 1863."

1864 Receipts for Quartermaster stores were dated May 1st and May 17th, 1864 at Tarboro, North Carolina. A requisition for forage dated June 21st, 1864 located Hodges at Stony Creek, Virginia, a few miles due south of Petersburg, Virginia. An "Abstract of Articles Expended, Lost, Destroyed, in the public service, sold, &c, at *in the field*," which included wagons, horse collars, nails, and lumber, may represent losses incurred during the defense of Petersburg. A roster dated November 1864 noted that the Holcombe Legion reported to Elliott's Brigade, Johnson's Division, Anderson's Corps, Army of Northern Virginia.

1865 A letter written by Hodges to S. Cooper, Adj. General in Richmond, is dated January 17th, 1865 at Petersburg, Virginia; the microfilm copy is extremely poor, but it establishes a time and location. A letter from Hodges dated March 17th, 1865 at Smithfield, North Carolina was written on a portion of a commissary form to Maj. C. L. Randolph, Chief Quartermaster. The war is clearly falling apart:

"Major, I have arrived here from Warsaw day before yesterday after having driven all night. I left Mssrs. Graydon & Cubbard (from my detail) at Warsaw with instructions to stay with the fodder and the Yankees come, then burn it up. I have since

learned that a force of the enemy passed by Warsaw so in all probability the fodder is lost. I shipped 101,107 pounds of corn to Capt. Divine, A..Q.M. at Goldsboro & am waiting here to get an order for it at Weldon. Capt Divine has not left Goldsboro yet. I have sent the wagons (have only three) in the direction of Franklinton expect to catch up with them. Today will commence bailing somewhere out. Then will let you know as soon as I stop. Everything & everybody down here are in a terrible state of confusion. Two of the negro boys Capt Miller sent down with Edmondson, Silas & Nevel, have gone to the Yankees—started this morning.”

Hodges appears on a list of Quartermasters on duty in the Army of Northern Virginia dated March 5th, 1865; he was noted as a forage Quartermaster in Johnson’s Division. There are no documents of surrender or parole for Hodges. The last documents suggest that he was in North Carolina when the Army of Northern Virginia surrendered at Appomattox, and that would explain why he doesn’t appear on the Appomattox parole lists.

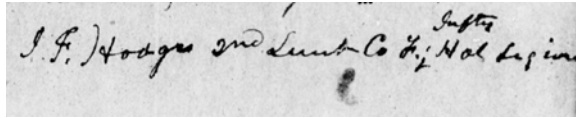
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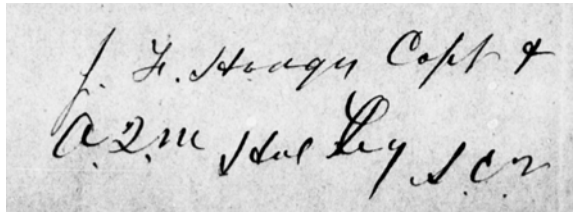


J. F. Hodges' signatures from the National Archives.

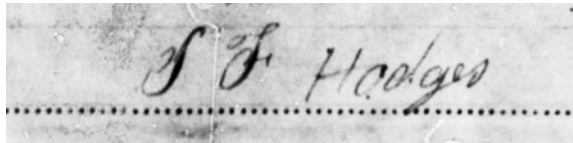
The earliest known example, signed on August 9th, 1862, on a pay voucher, as "2nd Lieut Co F, Inf(an)try, Hol(combe) Legion."



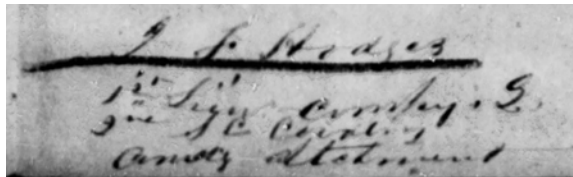
Signed on February 13th, 1863, on a pay voucher, as "Capt & A.Q.M, Hol(combe) Leg(ion), S(outh) C(arolina) V(olunteers)."



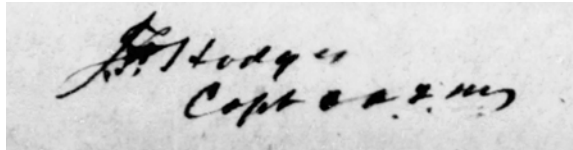
Signed on June 23rd, 1863, for a Special Requisition for Gen'l Randle's Brigade, at Post Monroe, with no rank or title.



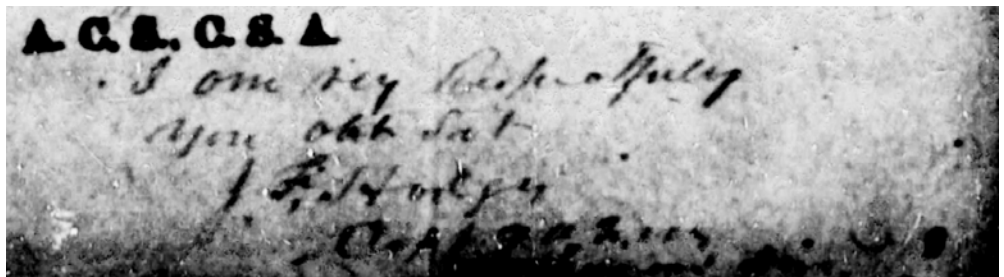
Signed on September 26th, 1863, while on a detachment, as "1st Lieut Company G, 2nd S(outh) C(arolina) Cavalry, Com(man)d(in)g detachment."



Signed on November 21st, 1864, on a pay voucher, as "Capt & A.Q.M."



Signed on March 17th, 1865, at Smithfield, North Carolina, as "Capt & A.Q.M." This is the signature on the transcribed letter written on a scrap of a commissary form.



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HODGES, JOHN F. Capt., A.Q.M.

Holcombe Legion . S.C.Inf.

Nov. 22, 1862. Appointed Capt. & A.Q.M.; to rank Oct. 16, 1862; to report to Holcombe Legion, S.C.Inf. (Report, A.O.)

Was commissioned 2nd Lieut. Co. F, same Legion Dec. 28, 1861.

Oct. 6, 1864. ~~Mentioned as~~ Capt. & A.Q.M., Holcombe Legion, *he dropped* (END. on Q.M.G.O.-10-W.Bk.12.)

Sept. 13, 1864. Capt. & A.Q.M. Reports under G.O. 71. (Report, A.O.)

Dec. 15, 1864. Major C.L. Randolph, Q.M. Johnson's Division, asks that Capt. Hodges, former A.Q.M. Holcombe Legion, be assigned as Forage Q.M. of that Division. (A.G.O.-3437-H.)

Jan. 10, 1865. Capt. A.Q.M., assigned to duty as forage Q.M. of Johnson's Division, A.N.Va. (S.O. 7(14), A.&I.G.O.)

Jan. 17, 1865. Signs as Capt. & A.Q.M., Johnson's Division. (Personal Papers.)

Reports his reassignment and
and Nov. 26, 1864. requests action be suspended.

Nov. 21, 1864. Rosta reports him transferred. (Report A.O.)