

WALKER, George Capt., AQM

The National Archives files for Officers contain two documents for Geo. Walker; there are seven documents for George Walker in the files for Arkansas, Fourth Infantry. The endorsement on the Treasury note is very problematic. The script "Issued Decr 1st 1862" is written in red ink in a different hand than Walker's signature; the signature "Geo. Walker" is a poor match to the only known example of George Walker's signature in the National Archives files and it is written in black ink in a less fluid hand. Having stated the problems, here follows the very brief history of Capt. George Walker, AQM, who may be a very different from the person who signed the Treasury note. There are many civilians in the Fold3 files named Geo. Walker and George Walker, but no signatures are remotely similar.

George Walker, aged 43 years was mustered into the service by Lt. Col. D. McRae at a camp near Mt. Vernon, Missouri, for a period of 12 months. He traveled 380 miles to his rendezvous point; his horse was valued at \$165.00 and his equipment at \$15.00. He was appointed on October 29th, 1861, as Capt. & AQM reporting to the 4th Arkansas Regiment, taking rank on August 17th, 1861, with confirmation on September 30th, 1862. On November 4th, 1861, Walker purchased ordnance equipment for his unit at Fayetteville, Arkansas, and this document exhibits his only known signature, illustrated to show the poor correlation to the endorsement on the Treasury note.

Walker deserted on an unrecorded date and was replaced by Capt. William J. Ferguson, AQM, on March 20th, 1862, long before the issue date of the note. There is some irony in the confirmation of Walker's commission apparently after the date of his desertion. There are no further records.

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G. Walker's signatures from the National Archives.

The only known example, signed on November 4th, 1861, at Fayetteville, Arkansas, as "A. Quartermaster, CSA Fourth Ark. Regt."

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