

DEER CREEK, Mississippi

An unusual endorsement, deciphered by Roger Adamek, reads: "Issued Deer Creek, Miss June 1, 63." This is an unusual place designation in that it is not a single place but rather a creek which runs south through the Mississippi Delta and the counties of Bolivar, Washington, Sharkey, Issaquena, and Warren, along with the communities of Scott, Metcalf, Stoneville, Leland, Burdett, Arcola, Hollandale, Panther Burn, Nitta Yuma, Anguilla, Rolling Fork, Cary, Onward, and Valley Park.

As part of Gen'l Ulysses S. Grant's several attempts to take Vicksburg, Deer Creek proved the

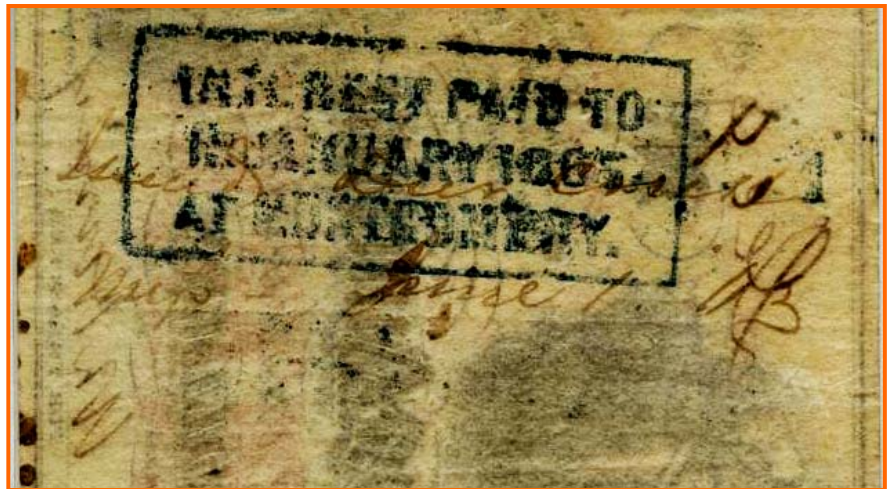
undoing of an effort to attack Vicksburg from the north. Federal gunboats became mired in Deer Creek, came under attack, and were rescued by Major Gen'l W. T. Sherman's troops on March 22nd, 1863. The gunboats retreated north and returned to the Mississippi River on March 27th.

The illustrated Treasury note was issued on June 1st, 1863, two months after this retreat, with no indication as to the exact place of issue.

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Deer Creek,
Mississippi
Mississippi Delta, Mississippi

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Deer Creek at Scott, Mississippi

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