

PANOLA COUNTY, Mississippi

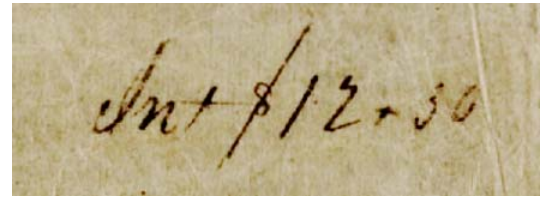


An unusual endorsement reads:

“fr(om the) o(ffice) o(f) m(r.) W C Neill
Panola
Miss
Oct /64”

This is an unusual place designation in that it is not a single place but rather a county in northern Mississippi, just south of Memphis, Tennessee. The name is taken from the Chickasaw and Choctaw words for “thread,” or “cotton.”

The date on the note, October 1864, is unusually late and would not likely be a date of issue but rather a date for payment of interest. While there is no date of issue, other than the date on the front of the note, there is an Interest Paid notation of \$12.30 suggesting that interest was paid January 1863 to October 1864.



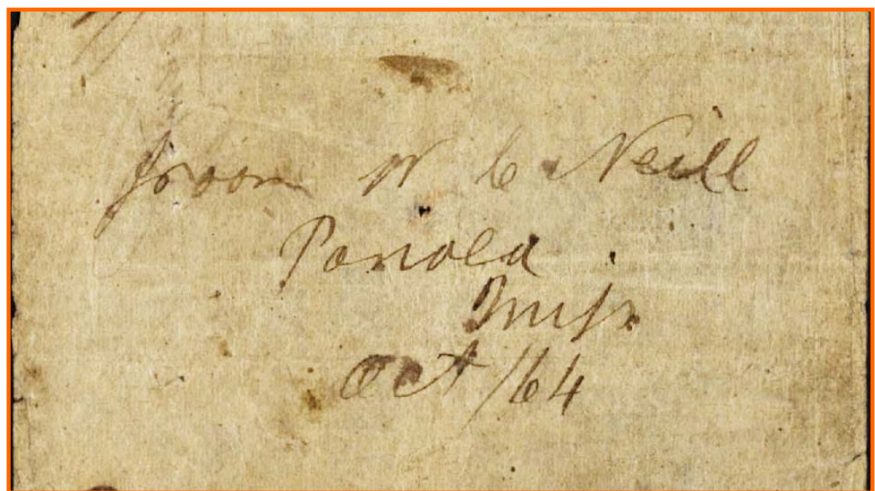
Three notes exist with the enigmatic “froom” at the beginning of their endorsements, and all three have late 1864 dates in the same handwriting. The names of W. C. Neill on the illustrated example and W. McCary on a similar note are assumed to be civilians seeking interest on the notes. Ed Mason, the discoverer of the Panola endorsement, relates that this county was under Union control at the time of the date on the note. It would have been difficult, but not impossible, for a depository to pay interest at this time and location.

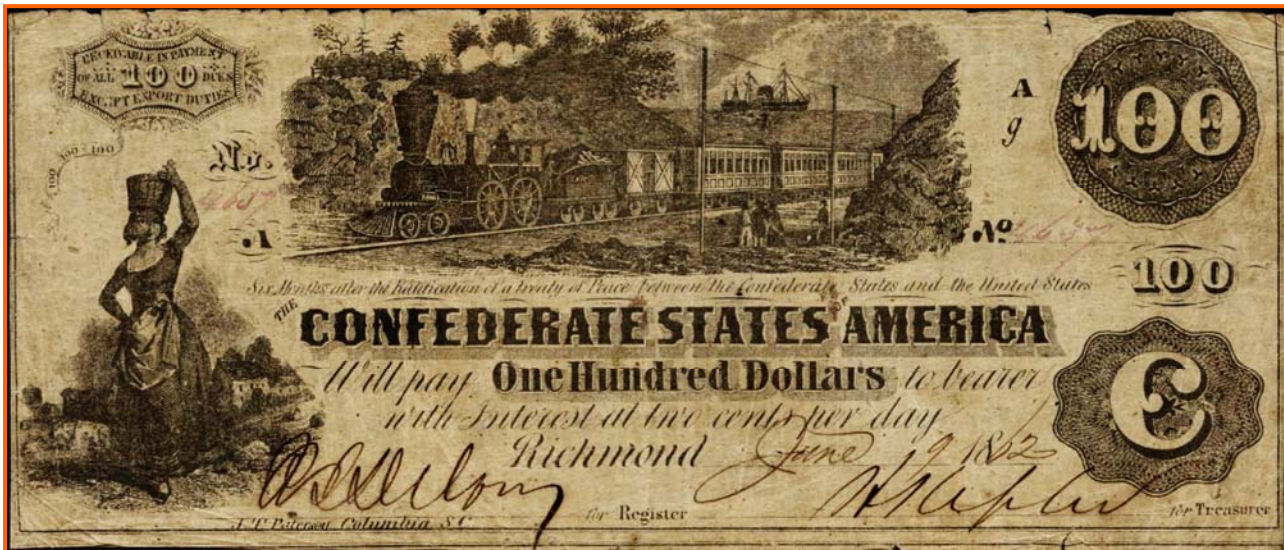
The interpretation of the word “froom” is, of course, speculative. The wording “from the office of Major...” is found on documents in the National Archives, but it is not certain that this applies to the illustrated Treasury note endorsement.

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