

PAYNE & ALISON

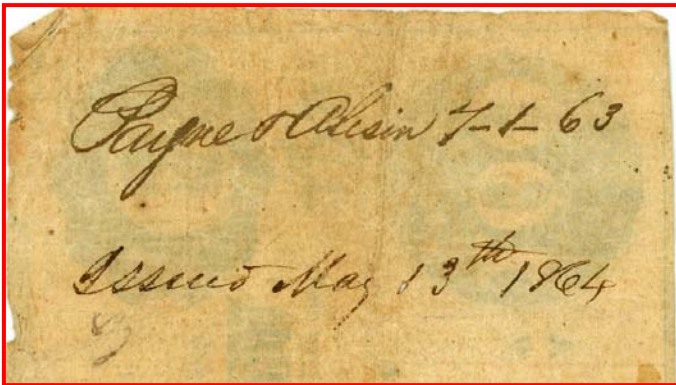
Tool supplier, Austin, Arkansas



Five documents are found in a file for Payne & Alison in the National Archives files for Citizens, Business. The endorsements on the Treasury note read:

“Payne & Alison 7-1-63

Issued May 13th 1864”



The late “issue” date in 1864 is very unusual. The Seventh Issue of currency dated February 17th, 1864 was intended to replace all previously issued currency, including the interest-bearing notes of the Fourth Issue, for two-thirds of their face value. The “issue” date of May 13th, 1864 on this Treasury note suggests that the note was “issued” in a region not well connected to the central government, confirmed by two documents in the National Archives which record two transactions for the sale of woodworking tools by Payne & Alison to the 2nd Brigade, paid on August 28th, 1862 by Capt. J. K. P. Pritchard, Asst. QM, at Austin, Arkansas.

The endorsement by Payne & Alison is likely not an issue date (only agents of the government issued these notes) and it may simply have been endorsed much as we would endorse a check today when passing the note to a bank or other private party. Endorsements by civilians sometimes represented the receipt of interest paid on these notes (it was usually noted as such), and as interest was usually paid on the first of the year, it is improbable for interest to have been paid to the date noted by Payne & Alison.

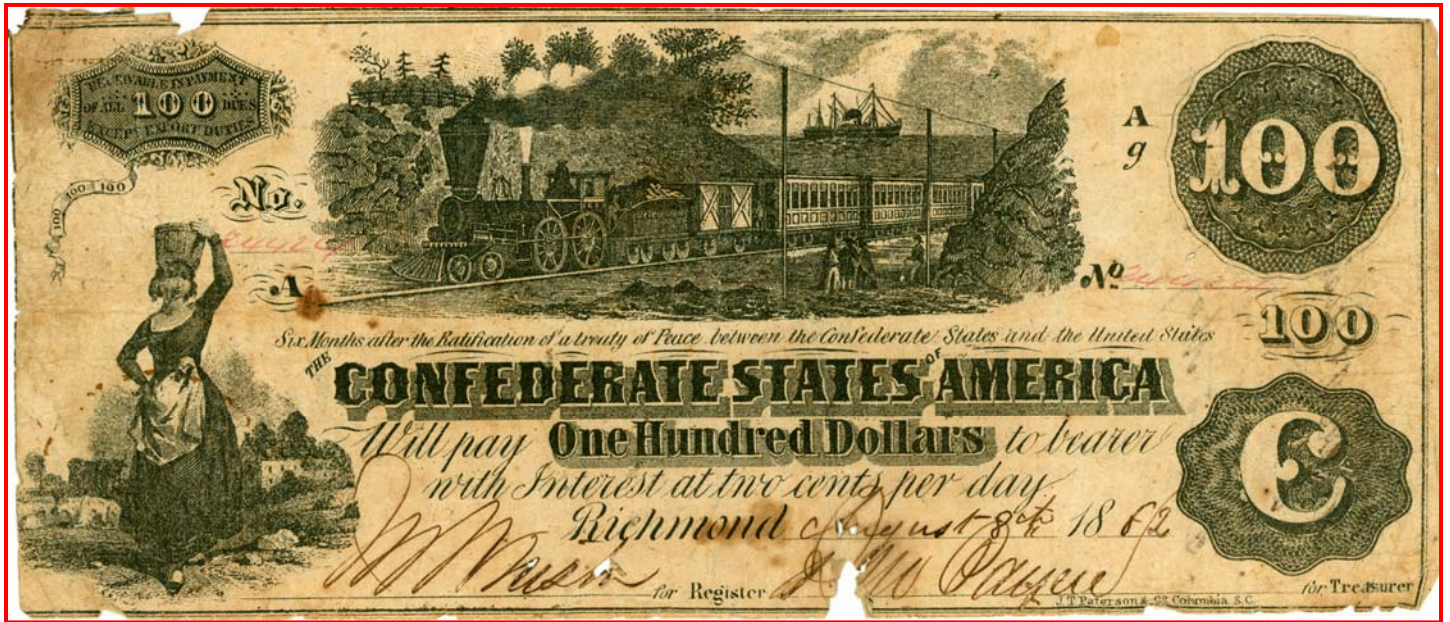
This endorsement was originally observed in the lists of Confederate Treasury notes offered for sale by Pierre Fricke, but no image of the note was available, and the 2016 edition of the book *Confederate Quartermasters, Commissaries, and Agents* simply listed the entry without a description. In November of 2018 Crutchfield Williams found this note, or a similar note, in the collection of Richie Self, sent images of the note to the author, and found a description

of the location of Austin, Arkansas (also now known as Old Austin):

www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net/encyclopedia/entry-detail.aspx?entryID=5600

The Quartermaster on the vouchers to Payne & Alison was found in the files for Officers under the name of J. R. K. (sic) Pritchard. He was based in Arkansas, assigned by Maj. Gen'l Hindman to Col. Burleson's Regiment in 1862, assigned to the post at Clarksville, Arkansas in 1863, and worked as an agent for Tax in Kind in early 1865. Pritchard's file has four documents showing that he exchanged thousands of dollars in the earlier currency issues for Seventh Issue notes in November and December of 1864 at Camden, Arkansas. The very late and unusual “issue” of the illustrated Treasury note in May of 1864 is interesting and appears to be in a different hand than the endorsement by Payne & Alison.

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Winston Payne
24424 Ag
8 Aug 1862

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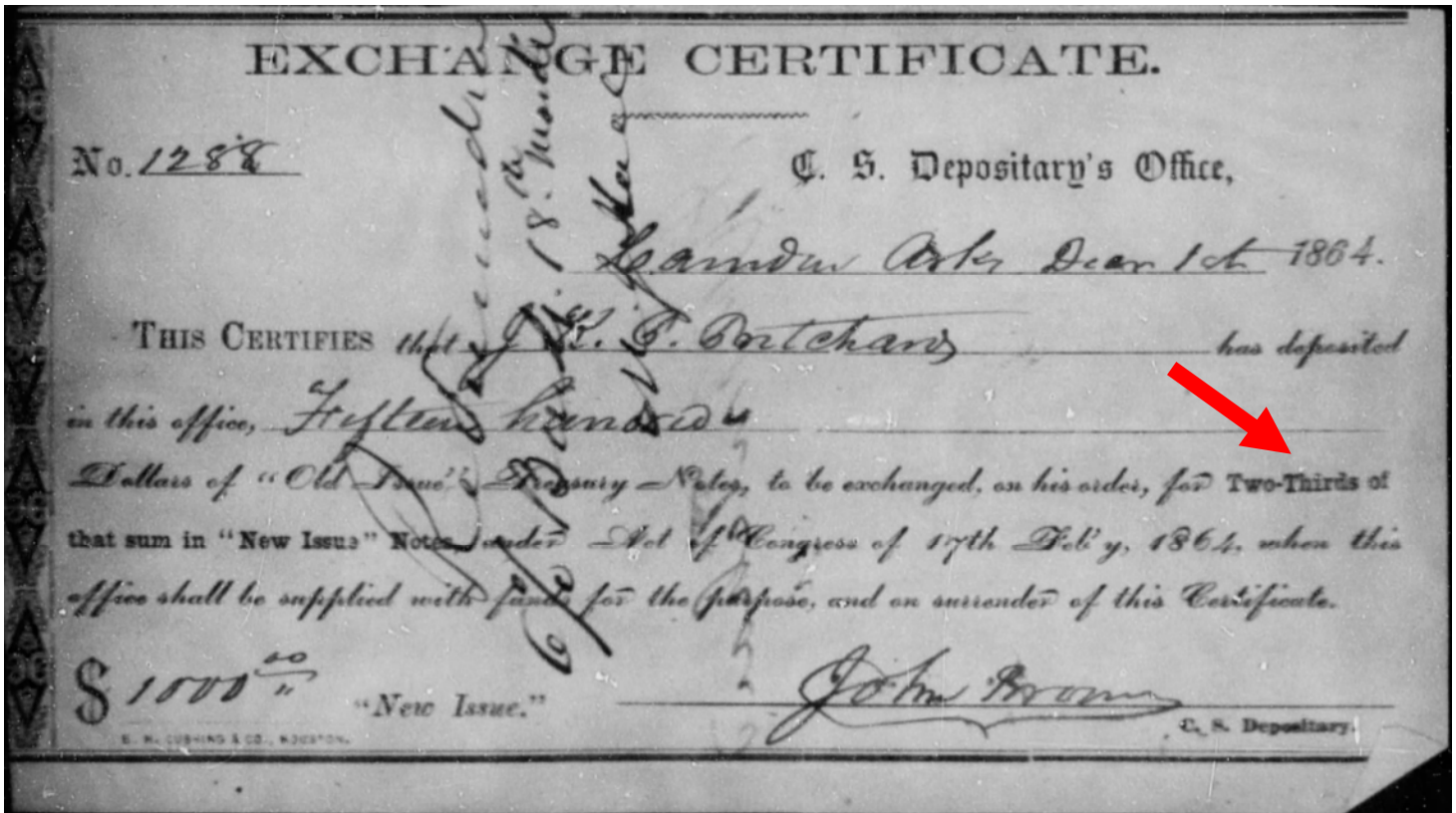
discovery: R. Self

The earliest known signature, signed on September 30th, 1862, at Austin, Arkansas, as "Payne & Alison."

The signature does not match the endorsement on the Treasury note and is apparently signed by the clerk who filled out the duplicate form.

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30th day of Sept 1862
J. K. Pritchard Capt & asst. Quartermaster. Sta
Received at Austin, Ark. the 28th of August 1862
of Capt. J. K. Pritchard Capt. Quartermaster. C. S. Army, Fifteen
dollars and fifty five cents, in full of the account.
Payne & Alison
Sign 1 Duplicates.



An Exchange Certificate for the exchange of notes issued prior to the Seventh Issue for two thirds of their value. These notes were exchanged by the Arkansas Quartermaster, J. K. P. Pritchard who purchased the woodworking tools from Payne & Alison at Austin, Arkansas in 1862.
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