

SHERWOOD, Thomas E. Capt., ACS

The National Archives files for Officers contain five documents for Thomas E. Sherwood. Eighteen documents are found for Sherwood in the files for Texas, Fifteenth Cavalry (Second Regiment, Johnson's). The Treasury note endorsement contains a re-issue by W. H. McMain, MSK, on May 22nd, 1863, and the extremely faint endorsement "Th. E. Sherwood, Aug 6, 63, (illegible)."

Thomas E. Sherwood, aged 27 years, enlisted at Dallas, Texas, as a Private on February 25th, 1862, in Capt. William K. Masten's Company, 2nd Regiment Johnson's Brigade, Texas Mounted Volunteers. He traveled 70 miles to his rendezvous point; his horse was valued at \$200.00 and his equipment at \$35.00. This company subsequently became Company C of the 15th Texas Cavalry. A muster roll dated May 26th, 1862, located Sherwood's unit at Little Rock, Arkansas.

Thomas E. Sherwood was appointed on June 13th, 1862, as Capt. & ACS reporting to the 15th Texas Cavalry, taking rank on March 10th, 1862, and confirmed on September 30th, 1862. A muster roll dated September and October 1862 noted that Sherwood was relieved of duty as ACS on October 21st, 1862.

Sherwood's resignation as an ACS did not terminate his military career. A summary card noted that he held the rank of 2nd Lt. in Company C in the 15th Texas Cavalry when he was captured on January 11th, 1863, at "the Arkansas Post," and that "The Arkansas Post Prisoners were all transferred directly from the Boats in which they came up the river, to the Cars which took them East." He was "forwarded from St. Louis, Mo., by the Provost Marshal General, Department of the Missouri, to Camp Chase,

Columbus, Ohio, January 27th, 1863...." Sherwood was described as 5 feet 9 inches tall, 33 years of age (sic), with grey eyes, black hair, and a fair complexion. On April 10th, 1863, he was transferred to Delaware, and on April 29th he was forwarded to City Point for exchange.

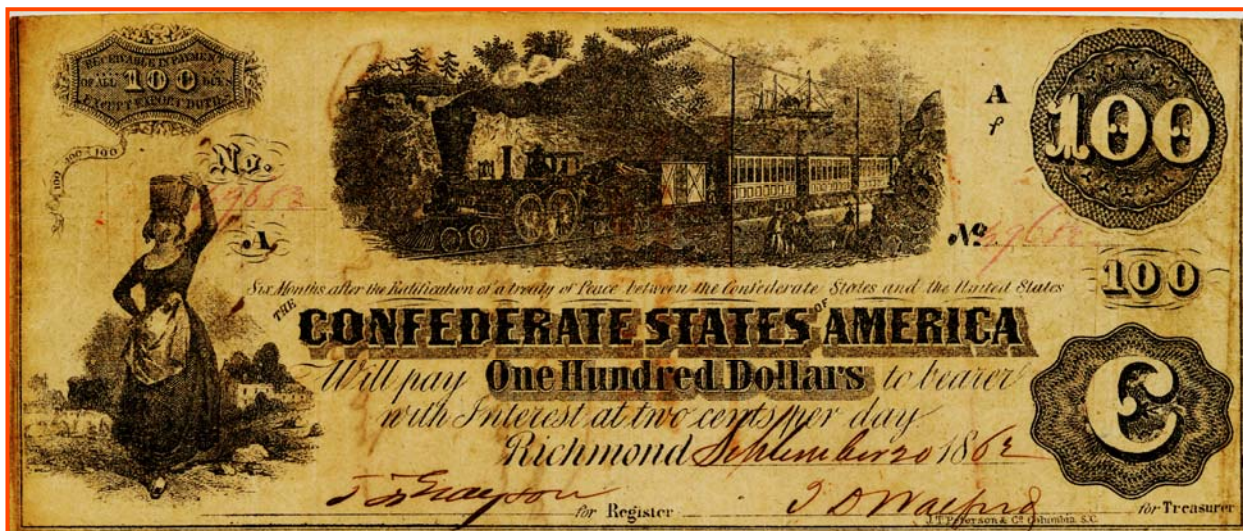
He was dropped from the rolls on February 5th, 1863. On June 2nd, 1863, at Dallas, Texas, Sherwood tendered his "immediate and unconditional resignation as ACS of the 15th Regt Tex Cavly on account of continued bad health." The original letter of resignation on June 2nd is illustrated and contains the only example of Sherwood's signature in the National Archives files; although the match to the Treasury note endorsement is reasonable, there are differences, some which are perhaps the result of the poor condition of the Treasury note. On June 20th, 1863, at Shreveport, Louisiana, Lt. Gen'l E. Kirby Smith issued Special Order No. 64 which accepted Sherwood's resignation to take effect on that date, subject to the approval of the President.

Sherwood appeared on a roster dated October 5th, 1864, at a Camp In the Field of the 6th & 15th Regiments Texas Volunteers, Granbury's Brigade, Cleburne's Division, Hardee's Corps, Army of Tennessee.

The history and intense action of the 15th Texas Cavalry is very well documented at:

tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/qkf08

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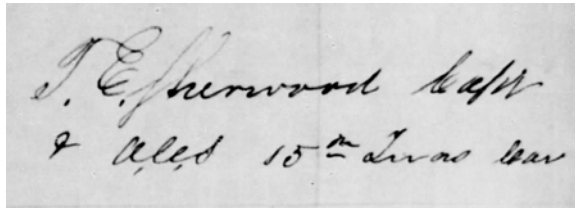


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T. E. Sherwood's signatures from the National Archives.

The only known example, signed on June 2nd, 1863, at Dallas, Texas, on his resignation letter.

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* From copy (made in the R. & P. Office, War Department, in May, 1894) of an original record borrowed from the Adjutant General of Texas. — R. & P. 724374.

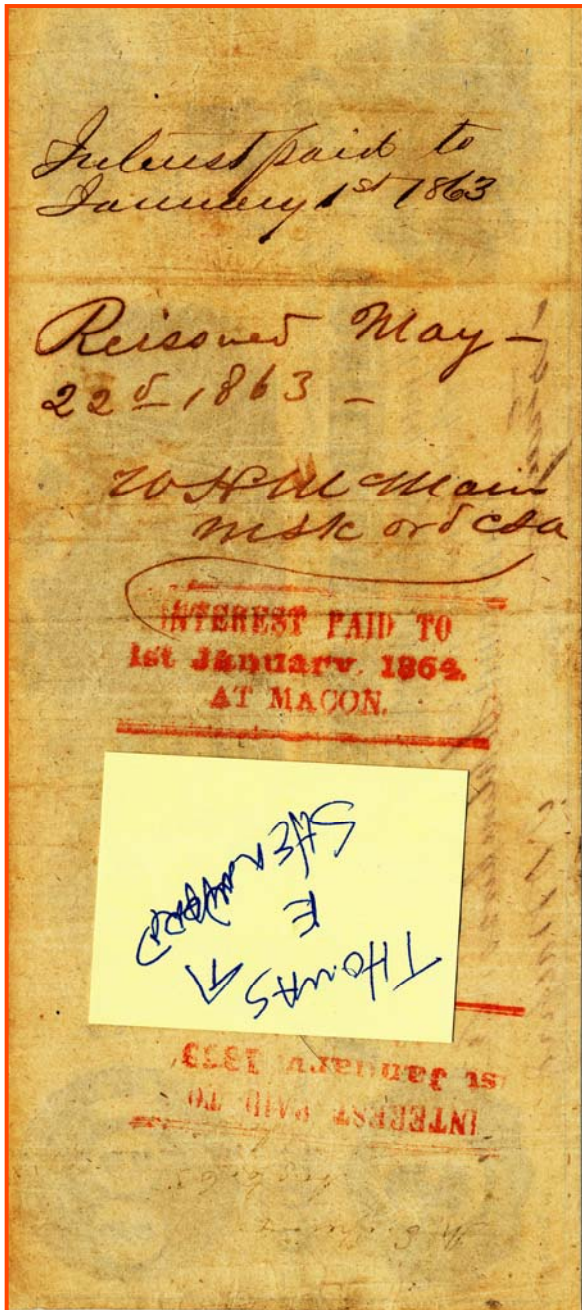
A National Archives description of the history of the 2nd Regiment Johnson's Brigade in which Sherwood enlisted as a Private.

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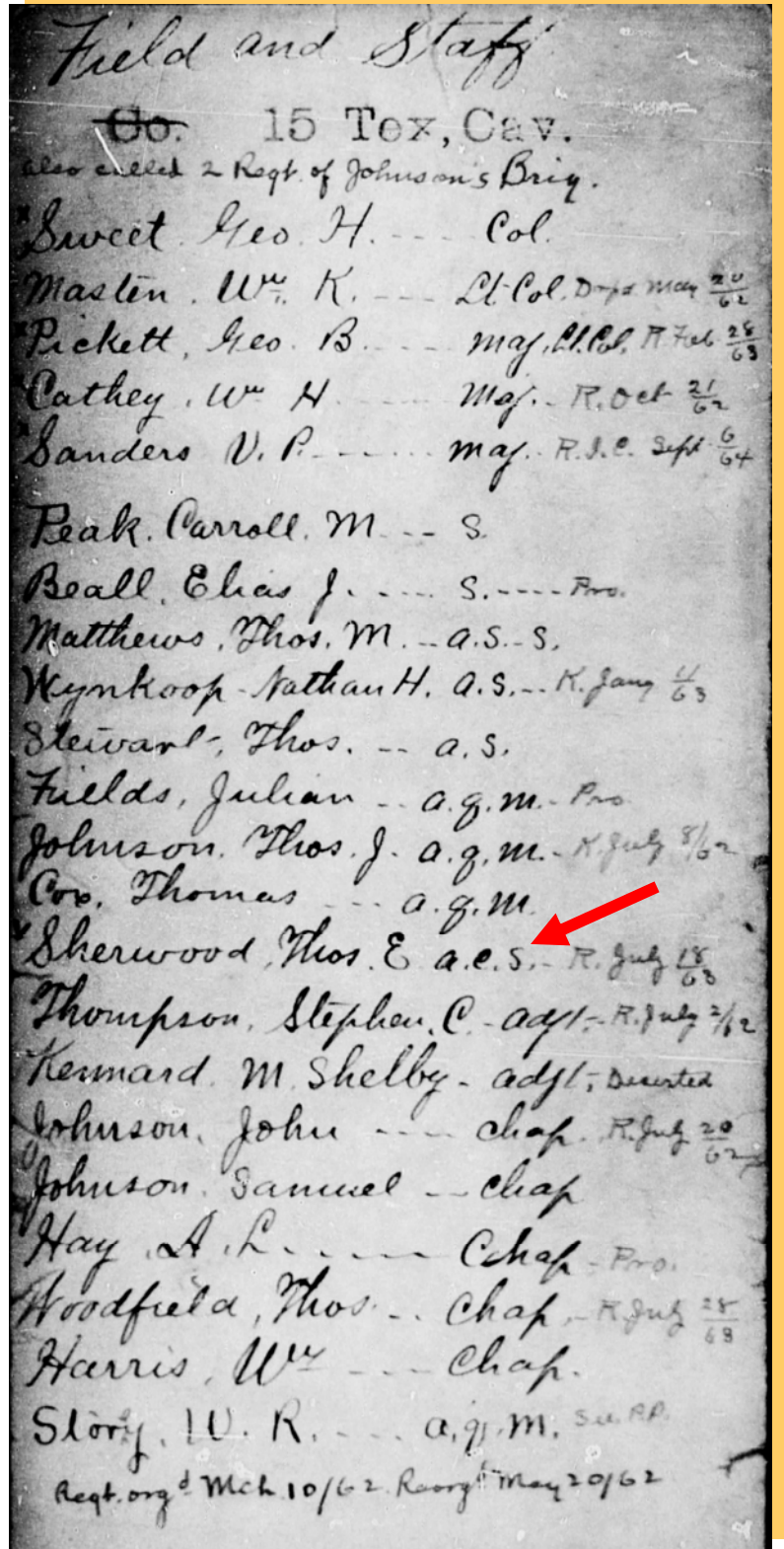
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Images of the full reverse of the Treasury note, showing McMain's re-issue of the note, and an enhanced detail of the area with Sherwood's very faint endorsement.
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Unit card for the 15th Texas Cavalry with an annotation for Thos. E. Sherwood, ACS.
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Dallas Tex. June 2. 1863.

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I hereby respectfully tender my immediate and unconditional resignation as A.C.S. of the 15th Reg^t Tex. Cavalry on account of continued bad health.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Yr. obt. serv^t

J. E. Sherwood Capt
& A.C.S. 15th Texas Cav

Cob J. E. Sherwood
Comm^d 29th 15th Tex. Cavalry

I certify that I have carefully examined Capt. Thomas E. Sherwood, A.C.S. 15th Reg^t Texas Cavalry, and find him unfit for duty because of pulmonary hemorrhage from incipient Phthisis pulmonalis. I recommend that his resignation be accepted.

Chas. R. Pryor, Surgeon
One of Board of Examg Surgeons
5th Congressional District
Texas

Dallas Texas. }
June 2nd 1863 }
Having carefully examined Capt. Sherwood, I fully con-
cur in the above opinion.

H. J. Russell Surg. C.S.

Thomas E. Sherwood's letter of resignation as an ACS on June 2nd, 1863, at Dallas, Texas. This document contains the only known signature of Sherwood.