

SNEAD, William E. Capt., ACS

The National Archives Confederate files for Officers contain 36 documents for William E. Snead, six documents for W. E. Snead, and two documents for Wm. E. Smead. The files for the State of Tennessee contain eleven documents for William E. Snead in the Third (Clack's) Infantry, and the files for the Third (Lillard's) Mounted Infantry contain three documents for W. M. Snead. The confusion of finding documents for the same man in two different units was resolved by noting that Snead's vouchers showed that he served in Virginia in 1861, and this identified his unit as Lillard's 3rd Tennessee Mounted Infantry. A useful history of the unit which correlates well with Snead's documents can be found at:

www.tngenweb.org/polk/reg3rd

William E. Snead was mustered into the State of Tennessee service on May 29th, 1861 and was mustered into the service of the Confederate States on June 6th. He was appointed Captain & ACS on July 11th, 1861, by Col. Vaughn, with acceptance on August 5th and confirmation on December 13th, 1861. Snead signed a voucher for food and supplies at Fair Fax (sic) Station, Virginia, on August 24th, 1861. On December 13th he was paid by Capt. H. McD. McElrath, AQM. A letter dated December 18th located Snead at Centreville, Virginia.

On February 11th, 1862, at Winchester, Virginia, Snead filed his returns for the quarter of June 1861. Snead filed his 1861 fourth quarter returns on March 24th, 1862, at Clinton, Tennessee, noting that his Post Office would be at Knoxville. On April 24th, 1862, Snead received \$2,000 in Commissary

funds from Maj. Wm. H. Thomas, Chief Commissary, at Knoxville, Tennessee. On May 8th he received the same amount from Maj. Thomas at Clinton, Tennessee, for the purchase of subsistence stores for Gen'l Barton's command.

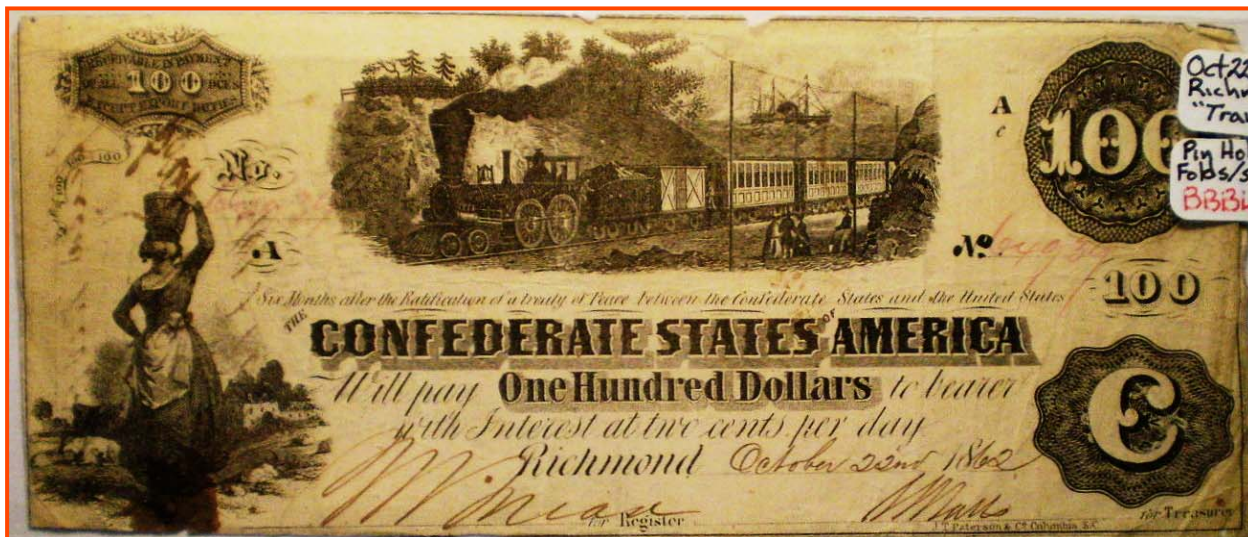
A voucher for 14,459 pounds of beef was signed by Snead at Vicksburg, Mississippi, on February 28th, 1863; he signed for the 1st Brigade, Stevenson's Division. Snead was taken prisoner at Vicksburg, Mississippi, on July 4th, 1863, and paroled the next day. On August 18th, 1863, he was appointed as Major and CS, reporting to Gen'l S. M. Barton, taking rank on May 15th, 1863 as the Brigade Commissary, and confirmed on February 17th, 1864. On August 31st, 1863 the Second Auditor's Office of the Treasury Department notified Snead that he had a balance of \$441.78 due to the Confederate States. Snead also served as a Commissary Agent in the employment of Maj. R. T. Wilson, Chief Commissary of Subsistence for the State of Tennessee.

Snead appeared before the Court of Cobb County, Georgia, in January of 1864, and stated for the record that hogs and sacks of corn in his possession had fallen into the hands of the enemy at Athens and Cleveland, Tennessee, on November 29th, 1863.

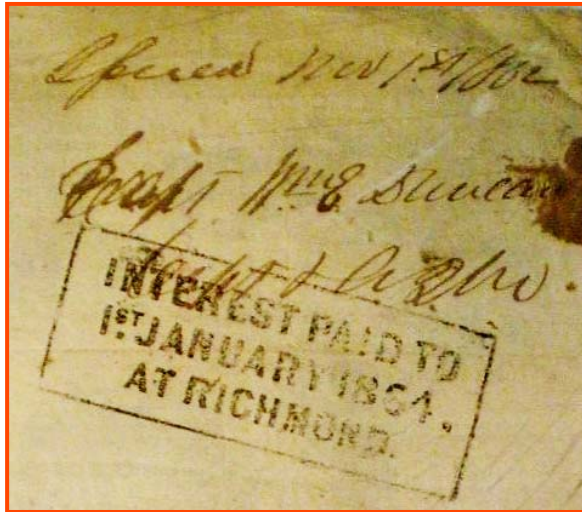
William E. Snead signed an oath of allegiance to the United States at Chattanooga, Tennessee, on May 21st, 1865. He was listed as a Private in the 3rd Regiment Tennessee Mounted Infantry, with a fair complexion, dark hair, blue eyes, a stature of 5 feet 8 inches, and a residence in Marion County, Tennessee.

Snead's unit formed a part of the escort for President Jefferson Davis until their surrender at Washington, Georgia, on May 9th, 1865.

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W. E. Snead's signatures from the National Archives.

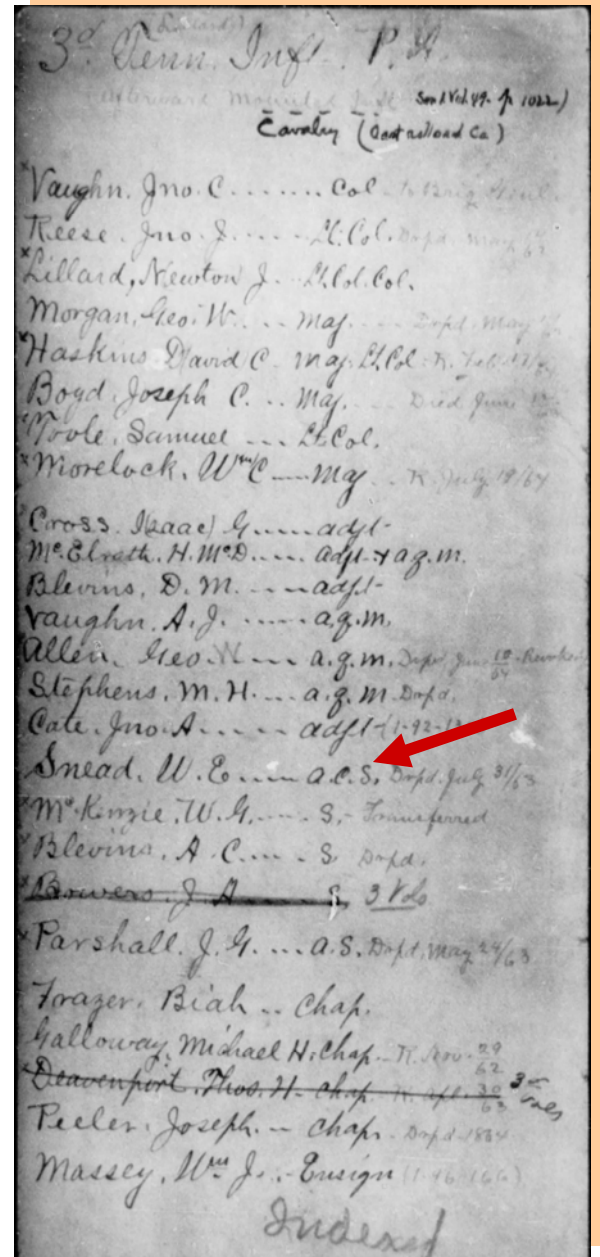
The earliest known example, signed on August 21st, 1861, at Fairfax Station, Virginia, as "Asst Comsy, 3rd Regt Tenn Vols."

Signed on April 24th, 1862, at Knoxville, Tennessee, as "Capt & A.C.S."

Signed on December 31st, 1863, at Acworth, Georgia, as "Ag(en)t."

Signed on April, 1864, at Whitfield County, Georgia, with no rank or title.

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Unit card for the 3rd Tennessee Infantry (Lillard's) with an annotation for W. E. Snead, ACS.

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Barton's Brig
Buckley's*

Prepared by *W. E. S.*, Examined by *J. M.*

Armistead's-Barton's-Stuart's Brig.

SNEAD, WILLIAM E., Major & C. S.

May 15, 1862. Apptd. Maj. & C. S. from Tenn., Aug. 18, 1863; to rank May 15, [1862] to report to Gen. S. M. Barton. (Report A. O.)

Aug. 7, 1863. Gen. Barton asks for commission as Brig. Comsy. for Capt. W. E. Snead, Com. Sub. 3d. Tenn., to date May 15, 1862, the date he was assigned to duty as Brig. Comsy. (Personal papers.)

Nov. 1 to Dec. 31, 1863. Paid \$244 for service as Commissary Agent employed by the Chief Q. M. of Tennessee. (Personal Papers.)

The National Archives career summary for William E. Snead.

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VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI, JULY *5th* A. D. 1863.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, KNOW YE THAT:

I *W. E. Snead* a *Capt. 29th Reg't 2^d Vols.* *Provisional Army*, C. S. A., being a Prisoner of War, in the hands of the United States Forces, in virtue of the capitulation of the City of Vicksburg and its Garrison, by Lieut. Gen. John C. Pemberton, C. S. A., Commanding, on the 4th day of July, 1863, do in pursuance of the terms of said capitulation, give this my solemn parole under oath—

That I will not take up arms again against the United States, nor serve in any military, police, or constabulary force in any Fort, Garrison or field work, held by the Confederate States of America, against the United States of America, nor as guard of prisons, depots or stores, nor discharge any duties usually performed by soldiers against the United States of America until duly exchanged by the proper authorities.

W. E. Snead Capt. & C. S.
P. C. S. A.

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Vicksburg, Miss., this *5th* day of July, 1863.

J. M. Pemberton 29 Reg't 2^d Vols.,
Pro Mas AND PAROLLING OFFICER.

William E. Snead's parole document dated July 5th, 1863, at Vicksburg, Mississippi.

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