

TAYLOR, Robert T. Maj., QM

The National Archives contains four documents for Robert T. Taylor in the files for the state of Virginia, Twenty-first Infantry. Sixty-four documents are found in the files for Officers, Robert T. Taylor.

The history of the 21st Virginia Infantry is described by the Wikipedia article on its commander, Brig. Gen'l Edward Lloyd Thomas. The unit was originally raised as the 35th Georgia Infantry, but was sent to the Richmond area to reinforce Joe Johnson's army. The unit was mustered into the Confederate service in July, 1861, as the 21st Virginia Infantry, and later added to Maj. Gen'l A. P. Hill's "Light" Division. The unit participated in many of the battles fought by the Army of Northern Virginia and surrendered at Appomattox.

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A short history of the 21st Virginia Infantry may be found at:

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The 21st participated in Lee's Cheat Mountain and Jackson's Valley Campaigns. The unit was then "assigned to J. R. Jones' and W. Terry's Brigade, Army of Northern Virginia. It took an active part in many conflicts from the Seven Days Battles to Cold Harbor, then fought with Early in the Shenandoah Valley and the Appomattox Campaign." The unit suffered casualties at First Kernstown, Cedar Mountain, Second Manassas, Chancellorsville, and Gettysburg. Only 6 officers and 50 men surrendered at Appomattox.

Robert T. Taylor, aged 24 years, enrolled at Richmond, Virginia, on April 21st, 1861, as a Private in Capt. Richard H. Cunningham, Jr.'s Co. F, Virginia Volunteers, which subsequently became Co. F of the 21st Regiment Virginia Volunteers. Taylor appeared on the payroll from September 1st to December 13th, 1861, of the hospital at Bath Alum, Virginia, for commissary services; he received \$18.50.

Taylor was appointed on April 29th, 1862, as Maj. & QM reporting to Gen'l J. R. Anderson, taking rank a week earlier on April 23rd, with acceptance on May 1st, and confirmation on September 30th, all in 1862. A voucher dated September 4th, 1862, located Taylor at Aldie, Virginia.

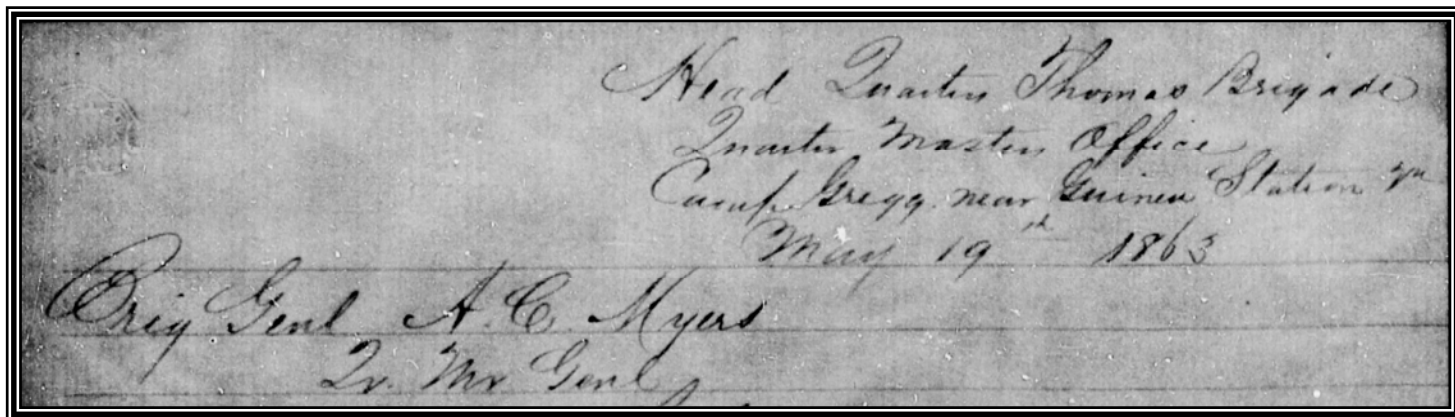
Many vouchers and requisitions located Taylor with Thomas' Brigade in Virginia during 1863 and 1864. The last vouchers are dated in late 1864 near Petersburg, Virginia.

Taylor appeared on an inspection report of Thomas' Brigade dated January 26th, 1865 and again on March 5th, 1865. Robert T. Taylor is noted in the Appomattox Court House parole list as Maj. & QM of Thomas' Brigade; he was paroled on April 9th, 1865.

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R. T. Taylor's
signatures from the
National Archives.

The earliest known
example, signed on
September 4th,
1862, at Aldie,
Virginia, as "Maj. &
Bri(gade) QM."

Signed on May 19th,
1863, at Camp
Gregg near Guinea
Station, Virginia, as
"Maj & QM Thomas
Brigade."

Signed on April 30th,
1864, near Orange
Court House,
Virginia, as "Maj &
QM Thomas
Brigade."

Signed on
September 30th,
1864, near
Petersburg, Virginia,
as "Maj & QM
Thomas' Brigade."

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