

WARFIELD, Amos W. Capt., Post AAQM & AACS

The National Archives files for Officers contain seventy-seven documents for Amos W. Warfield. The Treasury note endorsement exhibits an unusual title of "Dep(ot) A Q Master, CSA," where this term is used a Quarter Master reporting to the QM Department at a Depot.

No records of Warfield's appointment or commission were found in the National Archives records. But there is little doubt that he performed the services of an AQM or ACS with the volume of requisitions, vouchers, and quarterly reports. There is also no listing for A. W. Warfield in Wyllie's listings of the commissions in the Journal of the Confederate Congress. A personal letter of recommendation for Warfield exists, dated April 20th, 1863 at Columbia, Tennessee, and it sheds some light:

"My friend & neighbor Amos W. Warfield in Nov 1862 was appointed Post Qr Master at this place.... He gave bond at this place....On the 2nd of March 1863 Gen'l Van Dorn...assigned him to duty as Depot Qr. Master, and Mr. Warfield again gave bond &c which bond has also been sent to Secy of War. But there has been no reply nor has any commission sent at any time. Warfield has been in active service since Nov. 1st, 1862.... Mr. Warfield is a first rate business man & has been very faithful & (illegible) in the discharge of his duties...."

It is likely that Warfield worked as a Post AQM and ACS for the duration of the war without a formal commission, and as evidence for this he signed his formal quarterly reports to the Commissary General as "Acting Commissary of Subsistence." It is instructive to remember that President Jefferson Davis took upon himself the task of personally approving every military commission and promotion; Warfield apparently did not register on the President's radar or meet his approval.

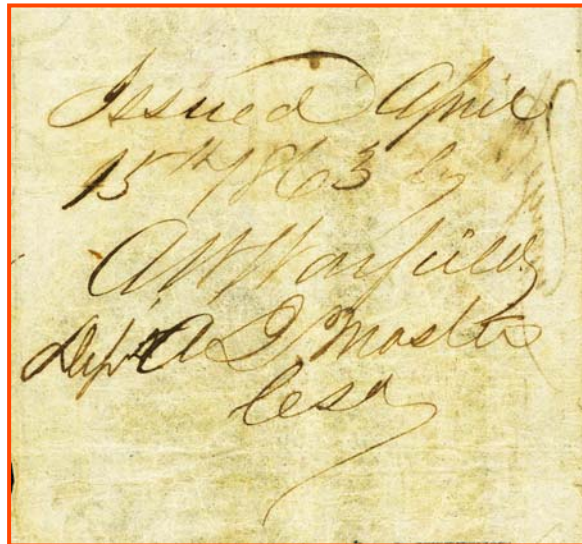
A requisition for stationery supplied by Warfield at Mobile, Alabama was dated February 22nd, 1863. A requisition for forage for teams of horses and mules enroute to Shelbyville, Tennessee, located Warfield at Columbia, Tennessee on March 28th, 1863. He filed a quarterly report from Columbia to Col. Northrup, Commissary General, on April 25th, 1863. A requisition dated August 18th, 1863, at Decatur, Alabama, was signed by Warfield in a

signature style matching that of the endorsement on the Treasury note. This requisition listed food, rations, and fodder for "Couriers, Scouts, Stragglers &c issued by order of Post Commander." Warfield signed many requisitions and vouchers at Decatur during the period from July 1863 to March 1864. He supplied a shop for shoeing horses and a hospital. Warfield also filed abstracts for his services at Decatur as an Acting Assistant Commissary of Subsistence, and in one of those abstracts he mentions supplies to R. W. Keyworth.

March 2nd, 1864, found Warfield at the Selma Arsenal, Alabama, where he bought personal items including an officer's bridle, brass spurs, and spur straps. A voucher with a header "Post Quartermaster's Department" dated April 5th, 1864 was signed by Warfield as "AQM & AACS." A National Archives summary card noted that Warfield was located at Mount Hope, Alabama in August of 1864 and at Russellville, Alabama thereafter. A report dated December 1864 located Warfield at Russellville, Alabama.

Warfield was captured on March 23rd, 1865 by the 2nd Brigade Scouts, 1st Div. C. C., M. D. M., at Russellville, Alabama. He appeared on a roll of prisoners of war at Louisville, Kentucky on April 2nd, 1865, where he was discharged and sent to Camp Chase, Ohio. The roll noted that Warfield was from Nashville, Maury County, Tennessee, had a fair complexion, dark hair, grey eyes, stood 5 feet 7 inches tall, and was 35 years old.

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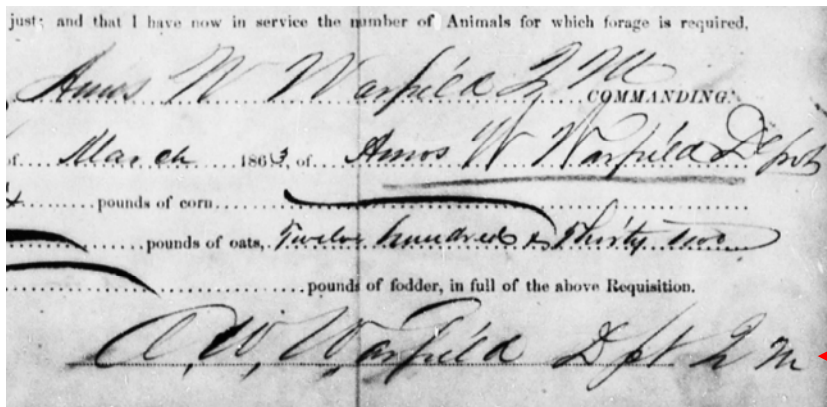
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A. W. Warfield's signatures from the National Archives.

The earliest known example, signed at the bottom on March 28th, 1863, at Columbia, Tennessee, as "D(e)p(o)t QM." The signatures above are in the script of the clerk who filled out the form, and this clerical signature is found on most of the forms. The genuine signature (red arrow) is a good match to the endorsement on the Treasury note.



Signed on April 5th, 1864, at an unknown location for receipt of bacon and wheat as Tax In Kind, as "AQM & AACS." This is a clerical signature.

