

COLUMBUS, TEXAS

The colorful and sometimes violent history of Columbus, Texas, can be read at:

tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/hgc12

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Columbus, Texas, about 70 miles west of Houston and the beginning of the "Cotton Road to Mexico," is mentioned four times in the book *Confederate Quartermasters, Commissaries, and Agents* on pages 434, 471, 497, and 630.

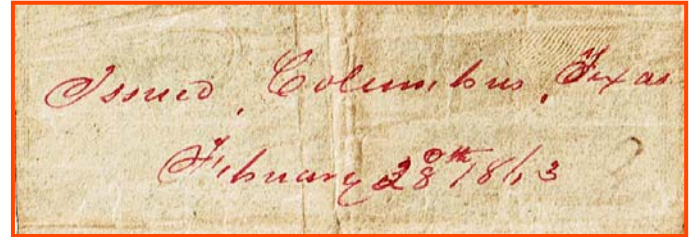
Capt. William O. Martin, ACS to Col. P. C. Woods' 36th Texas Cavalry, was an officer on duty with the Commissary Department at Columbus, Texas, probably in the latter half of 1863. The endorsement on the Treasury note is dated February 28th, 1863, when Martin was located at Camp Sibley (near San Antonio, Texas). The flourishes on the capital letters in the Treasury note endorsement are similar to the script of Martin, but the match is speculative.

Capt. Hector R. McLean, ACS to 7th Texas Cavalry, was paroled at Columbus, Texas, on June 29th, 1865. McLean's script is a poor match to the Treasury note endorsement.

1st Lieutenant Irving L. Miller, Adjutant on Col. P. C. Woods' staff, was also paroled at Columbus, Texas, on August 4th, 1865. Miller's script is also poor match to the Treasury note endorsement.

Maj. Thomas J. Scurry, QM, was located at Columbus, Texas, in 1865. In March 1863 Scurry was appointed to the staff of Maj. Bloomfield in Houston. Scurry's script is a poor match to the endorsement on the Treasury note.

The only possible match of the endorsement script is to that of Capt. Martin, but none of the four officers known to have been located in Columbus used red ink on their endorsements. It is possible that the Treasury note endorsement is written in the hand of clerk for one of these officers or a completely different and unknown officer. Regardless, this is the first known example to be issued from Columbus, Texas, a discovery by Carl Fogarty.



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