



The Civil War Post

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Only Recorded War-dated Cover from Gen. Colquitt

In my last column, I wrote about collecting areas that are not philatelic in the strictest sense, such as patriotic covers, advertising covers, adversity covers and the like. All are collected for something other than the postal connection, yet are very popular with collectors, either for their aesthetic appeal or for their social or historical association.

One of those collecting areas, popular with Civil War students, is collecting specific addressees, such as the abundant correspondence of Vice President Alexander Stephens, whose envelopes are invariably docketed on the back with details of the often-fascinating letter contents.

With similar appeal are covers addressed to Union or Confederate general officers, the



Figure 1.

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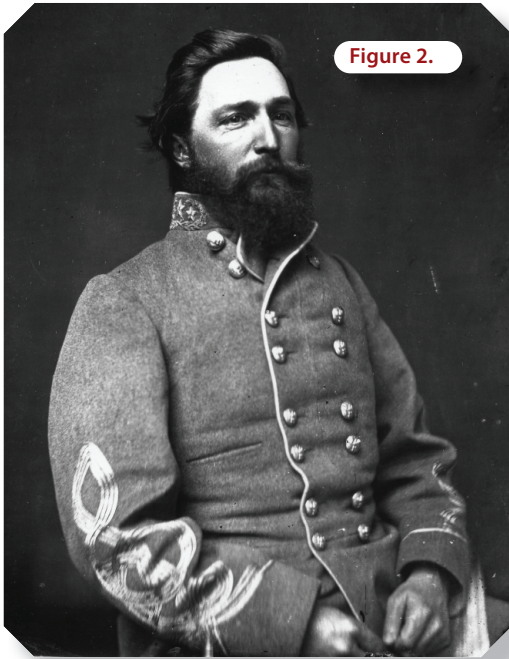


Figure 2.

latter of which are listed in a small section of the *Confederate States of America Catalog and Handbook of Stamps and Postal History* (CSA catalog).

Shown in Figure 1, the featured cover is an example of such an item from the award-winning Green family exhibit of Confederate Generals, which was subsequently in the collection of William J. Stier.

Brian Green states this is the only war-dated cover he has ever seen addressed by Gen. Alfred H. Colquitt. It is made even more interesting and desirable because

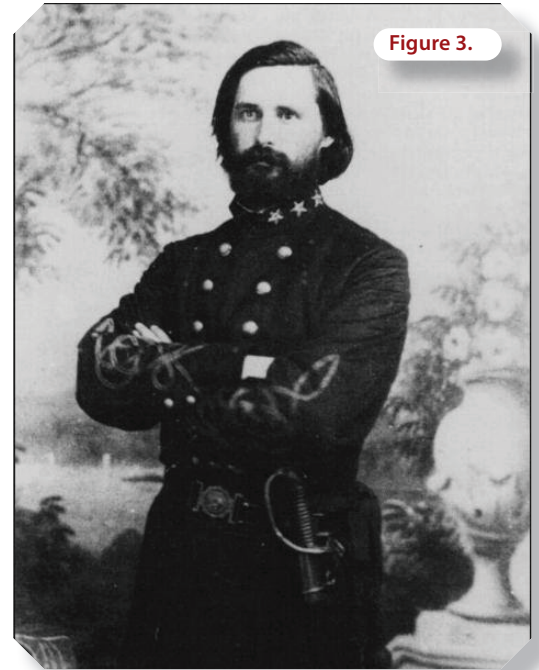


Figure 3.

it is addressed to Colquitt's brother, Peyton, who was killed in action.

The cover is franked with a pair of 5¢ blue letterpress-printed (typographed) local prints (Scott CSA 7), tied to the cover by a Charleston, S.C., Dec. 18, 1862, circular datestamp. The envelope is addressed in Gen. Colquitt's hand to Col. P.H. Colquitt at Columbus, Ga., and is docketed "O.B." (Official Business).

Alfred Holt Colquitt (1824-94) was an American lawyer, Methodist preacher, soldier and politician who served as a major in the U.S. Army before the American Civil War. From the rank of Confederate colonel, he was promoted to brigadier general Sept. 1, 1862. A popular and well-respected politician, he was elected governor of Georgia in 1876 for four years and subsequently elected U.S. senator from Georgia in 1883, serving until his death in 1894.

Gen. Colquitt had an illustrious military career with the Army of Northern Virginia. Sent to Florida to repel a Northern invasion, Colquitt orchestrated the Confederate victory at the Battle of Olustee and became known as the "Hero of Olustee."

Figure 2 is a handsome photo of Gen. Colquitt in full uniform, as preserved in the Valentine Museum in Richmond, Va.

Peyton Holt Colquitt (1831-63) was a Confederate officer from Georgia during the war and was considered a brilliant leader. He was the younger brother of Gen. Colquitt. A colonel who commanded the 46th Georgia Infantry Regiment, the 31-year-old Peyton was mortally wounded at the Battle of Chickamauga while commanding the brigade of States Rights Gist, while Gist was

No. 88.

REQUISITION for Forage for public Horses, *Twenty One* in the service of *Company, 46th* Regiment, of *Geo. Volantier's*, S. Army for *10* days, commencing the *1st* of *April* 1862, and ending on the *11* of *April* 1862, at *Yorktown Va.*

Date of Requisition	Number of Horses	Number of Mules	Number of Oxen	Total number of animals	Number of Days	Number of Rations	DAILY ALLOWANCE TO EACH ANIMAL					TOTAL ALLOWANCE					REMARKS
							Pounds of Corn	Pounds of Hay	Pounds of Oats	Pounds of Hay	Pounds of Fodder	Pounds of Corn	Pounds of Hay	Pounds of Oats	Pounds of Hay	Pounds of Fodder	
<i>April 1st 1862</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>12</i>				<i>14</i>	<i>3570</i>				<i>2940</i>		
Required.....											<i>3570</i>				<i>2940</i>		
On hand, to be deducted.....											<i>000</i>				<i>000</i>		
To be supplied.....											<i>3570</i>				<i>2940</i>		

I certify, on honor, that the above Requisition is correct and just; and that I have now in service the number of animals for which forage is required, and that forage has not been received for any part of the time specified.

Spec. by order of A. H. Colquitt
Wm. J. Stier RECEIVED at *Yorktown Va.* the *1st* of *April* 1862, of *Capt. J. D. White*, Quartermaster U. S. Army, *Twenty One* pounds of corn, *Twenty One* pounds of hay, and *Twenty One* pounds of fodder, in full of the above requisition.

[SIGNED IN DUPLICATE.]

Figure 4.

The Confederate States of America,
To A. H. Colquitt Col & Co Regiment - Dr.

ON WHAT ACCOUNT.	COMMENCEMENT AND EXPIRATION.		TERM OF SERVICE CHARGED.		PAY PER MONTH.		AMOUNT.		REMARKS
	From—	To—	Months.	Days.	Dollars.	Cts.	Dollars.	Cts.	
<i>Pay of Colonel</i>	<i>July 1st 1861</i>	<i>31st Aug 1861</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>00</i>	<i>195</i>	<i>00</i>	<i>195</i>	<i>00</i>	
For myself.....									
For year's service..									
Forage for horses..									
							<i>\$195.00</i>		

I hereby certify that the foregoing account is accurate and just; that I have not been absent, without leave, during any part of the time charged for; that I have not received pay, forage, or received money in lieu of any part thereof, for any part of the time therein charged; that the horses were actually kept in service and were mustered for the whole of the time charged; that for the whole of the time charged for my staff appointment, I actually and legally held the appointment and did duty in the department; that I have been a commissioned officer for the number of years stated in the charge for every additional five years' service; that I am not in arrears with the Confederate States on any account whatsoever; and that the last payment I received was from *the 29th day May 1861* and to the *30* day of *June* 1861.

I, at the same time, acknowledge that I have received of *Capt. J. D. White* this *21st* day of *August* 1861, the sum of *One Hundred and Ninety Five* Dollars, being the amount in full of said account.

Pay, - - - \$ *195.00*
 Forage, - - -
 Amount, \$ *195.00*

(Signed Duplicate.) *A. H. Colquitt*
Col & Co Reg

acting as division commander under Maj. Gen. W.H.T. Walker, leading the Reserve Corps of the Army of Tennessee. He died two days later.

Figure 3 shows Col. Peyton Colquitt in uniform. The officer's jacket he was wearing when mortally wounded is today on display at the Columbus (Georgia) Museum.

Dealing with autographed items can be tricky if you are not a graphologist, especially when the value of the item you are buying is dependent on the correct identification of the handwriting in question.

Today, the collector has the advantage of being able to search the military records in the National Archives and Records Administration for comparison documents. Shown in Figure 4 are examples of Gen. Alfred Colquitt's handwriting on Confederate papers, which are an obvious handwriting match. ☐

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