

Belts

Most folks who start in Confederate reenacting here in Georgia generally start out with either a Georgia seal oval buckle, or a "CS" oval buckle. While there are documented examples of each, they were comparatively rare compared to three main styles.

1) "Georgia Frame Buckle" (<http://www.regmqm.com/Images/Image106.jpg>)

This was a very common buckle, and was found on both black leather, and black painted canvas belts. Obediah is a great source for these. Avoid russet leather! Most sutlers carry it because they see originals with it, but 95% of surviving examples were dyed black originally, and the unstable iron-based leather dyes have oxidized over the past 141 years.

2) "Forked Tongue Buckle"

<http://www.regmqm.com/Images/Image110.jpg>

See above.

<http://www.homespunwares.com/sub/index.php?id=Belts%20and%20Braces> is a great source for this belt, only \$30, and it's on correctly dyed leather to boot!

3) "Roller Buckle"

(http://www.homespunwares.com/items/roller_belt.jpg)

This was the most common type of civilian buckle in pre-war, (and post war) America. Many of them saw service in the war. <http://www.homespunwares.com> is a great source for this belt. Only \$15!