

P.S.

My sister Mrs W. G. Rembert
remembers you as a
daughter she is one
of the early members
of Chapter Tanne Jefferson
Davis U.S.C. - and my
cousin Mrs Fred Allen
was also a member. I
have not met Mrs
Rosenborg since your
kind letter came. She
has been quite ill
during the past year.
I was with her at
the Reunion at Richmond
Va 1915. She & Mrs
Stout were very official
at that meeting. I
am enclosing you a
letter that may be of
some interest to you.
I happened to know
Mrs Chesney's father
Capt P. H. Murphy, and
had the pleasure to

be able to quote
down from a Report
made by a U.S.
Aqua Officer. Which
shows the whole
World fight from
the coast of the
Hartford and which
gave to the "Selma"
the credit of doing
more damage to
the "Yankee" fleet
than all the other
Vessels in the C.S.
navy combined.
The notes on the inside
page of her letter were
made by me or I was
making a copy of the
Aqua Officer's Report See
Do write again and
try to get the Paper
I mentioned from
Mr. Chesnut - I am
afraid she may be ill

She was ill & I had a copy of the report

Macon, Ga
7th July -

Mr. Lochiel Cameron Esq.

Dear Sir,

In looking over
the Conf. Veterans for May, I
see Jo. Picture & a Synopsis of
Jo. War Record.

Any allusion to the Battle
of White Bay strikes a very
tender chord in my heart.

My father, Capt. P. A. Murphy
Commanded the gun boat
Selma. I thought it

Might be of interest to you to
know that the flag that was
over the Selma, is in my possession
as also the sword my father
surrendered to Admiral Ingle.

Admiral Ingle has a
warm personal friend of my
father's, & after the war sent
the sword to the Smithsonian
Institute at Washington.
& the flag, & a box containing
an English pistol to a
friend of his in Philadelphia.
This gentleman died, &
by will left these articles

to his son - & who also had died,
leaving a Mother & sister -
The sister wrote to the Naval
Dep. asking if they knew of any
descendants of the ^{Comdr.} Selma - The
reply came back a Mrs Chestney
of Macon Ga, She then wrote
& asked me if I would like
them, saying Admiral Ingham
had sent them to her father
as a souvenir of the war - &
the bravest man he had ever
known - that they had con-
sidered them as sacred, that
as hands had touched the

pistol since my father put it
 in the case - whether had the
 flag been disturbed.

Since then the surgeon
 on the Selma, has ruled me
 Dr. Edwin Booth of Va;
 he has perfectly overcome
 bearing this lattered, blood-
 stained flag.

I kept up a delightful
 correspondence with Admiral
 Somers until the time of his
 death. He returned me
 the sword - I have it

hanging in my hall
between his picture & my
father's.

I am taking the
liberty of writing you these
details, hoping they might
prove interesting; for it
is such acts as these
that cement North & South.

Seeing you are
from Galveston makes

The bearer if you know
my old friend
Mrs. Cornelia Branch Lane?

With kind regards,

Very truly yours
Mrs. Chesney

Mrs. J. O. Chesney

122 Second St.

Nacoochee Ga.

Don't meet her
Arbuckle Mrs
Jan 1866

71.8
Report of Inequal^{ty} Officer
Who was in the company of
the Hartford during the
Wreck

After four hrs. Report,
at a critical moment,
when the whole fleet of
the Yankees had stopped
— a ^{board} of ^{the} ship ^{was} ^{broken} ^{from}
the ^{gun} ^{port} ^{opening} —
and tumbling along and
crushed itself in the most
— but not first leaving the
Americans ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{midst} ^{of} ^{the} ^{confusion}.
had it come to sail first
or had it struck any other
part of the mast than in
the reinforced position where
the heel of the top mast lays

The top of the lower mast -
this contribution to the
literature of the war would
not have been omitted
as the distance to the deck
was some 100 feet

As it was the sudden fire
would have dislodged any
one from the cross trees
had not the sheet from the

"Selma" been visible from
the time it left that sheet
thus giving time to prepare
for it by ~~any~~ an extra gift
around the mast

Taking advantage of the
situation the Commodore
in boat "Selma" kept directly
in front of us - Jack and

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Macon, Ga

4th July

Wm. Lochiel Cameron Esq.

Dear Sir,

In looking over the Conf. Veteran for May, I see yr. picture & a synopsis of yr. war record.

Any allusion to the Battle of Mobile Bay strikes a very tender chord in my heart. My father Capt. P. U. Murphey Commander the gun boat Selma. I thought it might be of interest to you to know that the flag that wafted over the Selma, is in my possession as also the sword my father surrendered to Admiral Jouell.

Admiral Jouell was a warm personal friend of my fathers, & after the war sent the sword to the Smithsonian Institute at Washington- & the flag, & bre. containing an English pistol to a friend of his in Philadelphia. This gentleman died, & by will left these articles to his son--& who also had died, leaving a mother & sister. The sister wrote to the Naval Dep. asking if they knew of any descendants of the Selma Comd. The reply came back to Mrs Chestney of Macon, Ga. She then wrote & asked me if I would like them, saying Admiral Jouell had sent them to her father as a souvenir of the War--& the bravest man he had ever known--that they had considered them so sacred, that no hand had touched the pistol since my father put it in the case--neither had the flag been disturbed.

Since then the surgeon on the Selma visited me Dr. Edwin Booth of Va., he was perfectly overcome viewing this battered, bloodstained flag.

I kept up a delightful correspondence with Admiral Jouell until the time of his death He returned me the sword--& I have it hanging in my hall between his picture & my fathers

I am taking the liberty of writing you these details, hoping they might prove interesting, for it is such acts as these that cement North & South.

Seeing you are from Galveston makes me wonder if you know my old friend Mrs. Cornelia Branch Stone?

With kind regard

Very truly yrs.

Mrs. Chestney.