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BIRMINGHAM, ALA., 7/14/15

Mrs Anna G. M. Fry,

Selma, Ala,

Dear Mrs Fry:

I received your valued favor, giving me the address of Dr A. W. Jones to whom I have written in an effort to establish his identity with the Doctor who was the Surgeon of our Company by the name of Jones. The Head Quarters Surgeon of Gen Forrest was Dr J. B. Cowan, who died some time since at Tallahoma, Tenn. His Assistant was a Doctor Jones, then quite a young physician, and your author for the incident of the meeting of Gen Forrest & Gen Wilson may be one & the same with our Doctor above referred to.

I am enclosing you a letter by me in yesterday's News, as the Age-Herald, returned the article I sent them for some unexplained reason.

I started from Marion with Gen Forrest for Cohoba, but after going a few miles he saw the horse I was riding & pointing to a brand on its hoof as follows: "Co. D. 4th U.S.C." the horse I had gotten in the incident that I mention in my letter, Gen Forrest ordered me to return to Corb. I was informed on the return of the detachment that accompanied Gen Forrest to Cohoba,

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As to the story of a Capt Robinson, whom you say credit you from Anniston, about the unauthorized hanging of some prisoners in his charge, I know nothing of such an incident, & it does not ring true to an old Soldier, from the simple fact that prisoners were never hung, by the Soldiers of either Army, but many were shot without authority. Spies alone were hung.

I regret not meeting you on your passing through Birmingham but I was not in reach of phone. & there is another of my name & initials, here with whom I am often confused. My mother was a Miss Cary, & her Mother, (my Grand Mother) was a Sledge, who had many descendants in that part of Alabama. Yours truly. N. J. Thompson,

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