

2121 Sacramento Street
San Francisco 9, Cal.
February 4, 1953

Mr. Click Relander
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Yakima, Washington

Dear Mr. Relander:

I recently wrote to the Department of Archives of the State of West Virginia, regarding the spelling of the name Corrick when all references to the matter spell the name Carrick, as Carrick's Ford and in reply from Mrs. Roy Bird Cook, Director, she mentions that you are doing quite a bit of research on the life of Gen. Garnett. Immediately, I was interested in knowing, not so much the purpose of your research, as to who you are? Living way up in Yakima and being interested in a Virginian.

Are you Southern? Are you kin to Gen. Garnett or just interested, because he was outstanding? If you are Southern, do you take the United Daughters of the Confederacy magazine?

I have done quite a bit of research on Gen. Garnett myself. In the Main Library here, there is a wonderful Librarian and it amazed me how she could ferret out things and place before me just the things I was hunting for. We seriously considered naming our new UDC Chapter for Gen. Garnett.

I am not asking for any secrets, but it would please me very much if you would tell me how you happened to become interested in Gen. Garnett and what you are working to accomplish.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Harold W.)

Betty Ball Webb
Betty Ball Webb, President pro tem
The San Francisco Chapter UDC

2121 Sacramento Street
San Francisco 9, Cal.
February 19, 1953

Mr. Click Relander
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Yakima, Wash.

Dear Mr. Relander:

If you will tell me where you get the name Click, maybe I won't ask any more questions. Your background as to family is about the same as my husband's. His father came from Sullivan County, New Lebanon, Indiana, and his grandfather was in the Union army, though one branch of the family was Southern and he seems to be proud of it. My husband is a native son of California and a member of the Pioneer Society and very interested in his state, in history and in travel. It would suit him wonderfully to be doing the kind of work that you are doing and to write a bit. I am a Texan and lived in Seattle for nearly two years quite a long time ago, so know a bit of the Northwest.

I told you that my interest in Gen. Garnett is Confederate. Some friends of mine, who are quite students of history, were roaming thru the old Ferry Bldg. at the foot of Market Street here in S. F. one day, the bldg. has a lot of interesting things, particularly on the second floor. They came across a replica of the Great Seal of the State of California and the plaque which accompanied it, explained that it was designed by Major R. S. Garnett, USA. They recognized the name and immediately knew that it was Gen. Robert Selden Garnett, CSA. They told me of the discovery and our searches thru the Cal. Blue Book, etc. did not in any way connect the two names. At that time, Mrs. Greenhaw was not a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, so I brought it for up before my chapter and before the State Convention, and asked approval of its being a project for the Markers' Committee. Our aim was to establish that he was one and the same person and to ask the State of Cal. to include his Confederate rank on the plaques. An article on the subject I believe would be new in the Historical Magazine and I have enough material. Major Greenhaw was ill for several months in a government hospital in Idaho and while they were gone, I did all that research on the subject that I sent to the State Historian. So that is my story, or our story, rather. You spend a lot of time on these things, then of necessity get busy about other things and it seems hard to get around to thinking things out, completing the research and getting it typed up.

It was thoughtful of you to enclose the newspaper clipping of the article you wrote on the Wanapums. It is easy to see that you have a wealth of material. The chances are that I can find time to help you check a few things thru our library, as you suggest, but I think I know of something better. My experience in the Library of Congress and in most libraries is that you get no help, but in the Main Library, Larkin & McAllister Sts., Reference Room or Dept., I ran into a Miss Caddell. She is young, but I gather that she is in charge, for no books are supposed to go out

and when my husband came by one day when I was there, they got to talking and she let him have two rare books to take home without any library card or any thing. We deeply appreciated it, for one can read at home much better than in a library and more comfortably. Miss Caddell was alert and as interested as I was in the subject. She had stacks of books awaiting me each time I came in, with markers in certain places. It was wonderful. I was also trying to find more facts on the camels which Jefferson Davis imported in 1855, when he was Secy. of State under Pres. Pierce, for military transportation and trying to prove or refute a little item sent me for publication in the UDC Magazine on whether Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston, Commander of the Dept. of the Pacific, was at Drum Barracks after he resigned his command on April 9, 1861. You could hardly see me at the table, I was so buried in stacks of books she found on the subjects. You are from California. Maybe so and maybe not, but Miss Caddell MIGHT send you what you need. It is worth thinking about, anyway.

Fort Simcoe sounds most interesting and it is a relief to hear of some one who wants to preserve historical sites. Here in San Francisco, there is great urge to destroy every thing that is of historic value. As tragic as it is to some in taking their land, we must build dams and conserve the water. Drowths must be conquered and adequate water supply must be guaranteed cities. In the United States, we have been most cruel to the Indians and the North was so inhumane towards the South in the War. Two big blots upon us.

You should be very proud of yourself that you have your manuscript completed, entitled "Drummers and Dreamers," and it is especially fine if you have worked in the history of the Indians.

You have such knowledge of the matter, I cannot imagine any way in which I might be of any help to you, but if you think I can be, don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Harold W.)

Betty Ball Webb

2121 Sacramento Street
San Francisco 9, Cal.
April 25, 1954

Mr. Click Relander
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Yakima, Wash.

Dear Mr. Relander:

I have meant to answer your letter of 3/27, but it got buried in the mass of unanswered correspondence I have strewn on the dining room table, where I do my typing, and to save me, I could not find it, though I searched and searched. My apologies, please

I found most interesting the brochure you enclosed and am very pleased that you brought out the Confederate affiliations of Gen. Garnett.

Your "Drummers and Dreamers" should be most interesting, too, and I am sure it will be most gratifying to you to at last see the results of your efforts in print. To feel that you have achieved something is most gratifying.

I am ashamed to admit that I have not done a thing further, other than to have good intentions, about Gen. Garnett and the Great Seal. To tell you the truth, I do not actually know what to do. As I wrote you, I spent a lot of time in the Library of Congress, here in the library with the wonderful help of the librarian whose name I gave you, I worked hard on it, and I assembled my data, with references to prove it, that Major R. S. Garnet, USA, and Gen. Robert Selden Garnett, CSA, was one and the same and that he designed the Great Seal, and I sent a record of all my research to the State Historian and to Mr. Knowland, Director of the Historical Markers, asking that his Confederate rank be included on plaques accompanying the Great Seal. I did not find any books which linked all these things together and I thought I was "smart" in figuring out a way to do it and in doing it and it was my plan to write an article for the Historical Society here or in West Virginia, which invited me to do so, but I have not gotten around to doing it, being too involved in some matters which gained nothing for me personally. Also, I have never had any experience along this line and have not known too much about how to proceed.

As I recall the story, the original seal is lost, but there are copies or suggested copies. I telephoned around and was told that I could get a picture of the Seal. Do you wish a copy of the original seal or of the Great Seal of Cal. as it is at present? The original has been added to since Garnett submitted the original design. I have been worried about the replica in mosaic in the Old Ferry Bldg., for that building is to be converted to some other use. There were articles in the paper about removal of the wonderful (landscape maps, etc.) (topographical)

I am involved right now in trying to help an old friend, become senile, who has been fleeced of her fortune

by an unscrupulous man who got her every penny and was putting her in a state institutuion before the friends learned of what was going on and got busy. I go to Santa Barbara on a convention on the 11th, and besides this trial, I have clothes to get, etc. Less than two years ago, I organized a new chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, have some how or other managed to do every officers' work, which has taken a lot of time. As soon as I can, I'll come down to earth and get to the library. For one thing, I have been wanting to do some genealogical work. Keep reminding me and I'll get back on the beam as soon as I can. Meanwhile, may I repeat, that I think you are doing a wonderfully interesting work there.

Sincerely yours,

Betty Ball Webb

(Mrs. Harold W.)

So that I do not get any undue credit, I think I told you previously that it was a Mrs. Anthohy Greenhaw, student of So. History, a friend of mine who made the discovery about Major Garnett of the Seal and Gen. Garnett. Her husband was ill, in the hospital for a long time and that is how it came about that I took over the research. She did not have the time.

2121 Sacramento Street
San Francisco 9, Cal.
October 6, 1954

Dear Mr. Relander:

You would not judge so, by how slow I am in writing, that I am tremendously interested in your work there and have found the clippings you so kindly sent, of great interest. It is WONDERFUL how you are doing things. Also, I am gratified that you are interested in our Southern General, Robert Selden Garnett.

I have never been in that part of the country. I have lived in Seattle for over a year, have made several trips by train and one by car, on the west side, up to Vancouver and Victoria, etc., then we drove to the Dalles, spent the night there, and rode across the river on the Annabelle twice, we were so fascinated with the local color. This was the summer of 1949, I believe. We returned from an extended trip in the east on the Great Northern, January, 1952, to Spokane, then on down to Portland on a day trip, but we really know nothing of the eastern portion of the State of Washington. Thru the effort you have put forth, you have me very interested in seeing Fort Simcoe and the things under development.

The Archer letters were a wonderful find, weren't they? Isn't it fortunate that the sitters were not the kind to burn up every thing? Apparently you secured the best kind of printer for your book, or publisher, rather. Is it off the press as yet?

In the clipping of 9/14 on Archer letters, it reads, "On 9/9/50, when California became a state, the flag contained 31 stars. The addition of Minnesota, 5/11/58 made it 32 and the stars were unchanged until Oregon joined the Union on 2/14/59." Is that correct? If that is so, I wonder why there is a book, "The 32nd Star," with California supposed to be the state representing the 32 star in the flag?

I once gave you the name of the head of the Research Dept. of the S.F. Public Library, Civic Center, for she was so very helpful to me and I thought she would be glad to help you. To answer your queries about the Cal. Great Seal, I wanted to contact Mrs. Helen C. Giffen, in charge of the California Pioneer Society, 486 McAllister St., S.F., a writer of note herself, well informed, my husband is a life-member of the Society, I know Mrs. Giffen, personally, and she has not been in the previous times I phoned. Mrs. Giffen says the 1950 issue of the California Blue Book was the issue which contained special material on the Great Seal and on Gen.

Garnett so that is the issue which would interest you. To write to the California State Library and she was sure that they would lend you a copy of the Blue Book on Inter-Library Loan. The State Library can advise where to procure a copy of the Great Seal, as it now is, but if I recall from my own personal correspondence, I think the Secretary of State has charge of that. Mrs. Giffen said the California Pioneer Society had the original impression of the Seal as made by the Clerk of the meeting held in Monterey in Sept. 1849, to draw up a Constitution for the proposed state, etc. My mind is not working today. I can't think of the name of the clerk to whom Gen. Garnett turned over his design, the man claiming it as his own and it was some years later that it was definitely determined that Gen. Garnett was the real designer and the one to whom the credit should be given. There is a photograph of the original ~~impr~~ design in the 1950 Blue Book.

I can help others, along lines where I have had experience, but there are times when I do not know how to help myself. I know I should do something further regarding my material on Gen. Garnett, for I went to considerable expense and effort to get it, but I do not know WHAT to do, or how to do it. One aim I had was to try to get the Cal. State Historian to include Major Garnett's Confederate rank of General, in the Blue Book, where he is listed as Major of United States Army and to get this included in any new plaques made; if they would not include it in existing plaques, which are not costly. I collected all my proof that he was one and the same, a tremendous amount, put it in chronological order, along with the request, and sent it to the State Historian and also a copy to Mr. Knowland, Head of the Markers' Committee of the State. Both acknowledged my material, thanked me for it, and that is as far as I got. Frankly, I do not know HOW to push it further. I gave them what represented a lot of work to me. In writing to West Virginia capitol regarding material on Gen. Garnett, the woman who gave me your name, said she would be pleased to print in the State Historical Magazine my article on Gen. Garnett and I would assume that the Cal. Historical Society, which shares the bldg. on McAllister with the California Pioneer Society, would be interested, if the article were written well enough. I have been involved in other things, or wasting so much time on other things, I have let my enthusiasm die down. If you care to make me any helpful suggestions, I shall be glad to get them, or if you care to scold me, maybe I will get back on the beam. I wish I could help you more about the Seal. Meanwhile I will buy a new ribbon.

Sincerely yours,

Betty Ball Webb

2121 Sacramento Street
San Francisco 9, Cal.,
26, June, 1956

Mr. Click Relander
1212 No. 32nd Avenue
Yakima, Wash.

Dear Mr. Relander:

I have thought of you many times and of the interesting work you were doing there and have wondered if you had published your book on General Robert Selden Garnett? I would be interested in it, if you have.

I continue to devote a lot of time to the United Daughters of the Confederacy and am a member of the San Francisco Chapter #2192. During the past two years, I was also Chairman of the California Division Memorial Markers Committee and the project I just completed was that of ~~of~~ having made a bronze plaque commemorating the arrival in California in 1857 of the first and only U. S. Army Camel Corps under Lt. Edward Fitzgerald Beale, at Fort Tejon near Bakersfield. You may recall that in 1856-57, when Jefferson Davis was Secy of War under Pres. Pierce, he sponsored the importation of 77 camels to be used primarily to transport military supplies to the West Coast? As there are over 1,000 members of the UDC in California and we have marked very few things connected with the south and with the Confederacy, **we were happy** to place this marker. It will not be placed in a permanent location in Fort Tejon State Historical Monument until plans for re-building the old Fort are completed.

My next project I hope to make that of reminding people that the Designer of the Great Seal of the State of California was a Confederate General. If you have any suggestions which you think will add interest, I shall be glad to have them.

O yes, in one of your letters you mentioned the Archer letters. About a year ago, there was announcement in the UDC magazine of the death of a Miss Archer, along with her picture, who apparently was "some body" in her state and I wondered if she were the daughter of the Confederate who wrote the letters.

Sincerely yours,

Betty Ball Webb
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(Mrs. Harold W.)

2121 Sacramento Street
San Francisco 9, Cal.
July 16, 1956

Dear Mr. Now Tow Look:

I quite appreciate your having troubled to send me the clippings from the local papers on the Indians, the water project under development, etc. and I believe you have done much to help a helpless people. I gather that you have put forth much thought and effort in behalf of the Indians there who have received such unfair treatment from the members of the white race since they invaded the Indians' country. My meager efforts have resulted in my having great admiration for a person working for a cause or for an ideal. You would not rate the Indians' confidence if you did not deserve it. I think you should be very pleased and happy.

I am interested in buying a copy of your Drummers and Dreamers, not only because I think it will be of interest, but because I feel I have watched you develop your idea. I assume it will sell for around \$3.50? Only I would like an autographed copy. I have mentioned to several of my chapter members the date on which it will appear on the shelves here, and I shall bring it to their attention when we meet, after the summer vacation, in September.

On my idea as Chairman of Memorial Markers Comm. of California Division to place a marker to Major Garnett, USA and Brig. Gen Garnett, CSA as designer of the state seal, on the Colton Hall grounds at Monterey, I am writing letters and feeling my way along, for I have no one to counsel with and must find out myself what I can do and how to go about doing it. The Div. of Beaches and Parks, State of Cal., referred me to the Mayor of Monterey for permission, so I have written to him. I may not get any where with the idea, but nothing ventured, nothing gained. You realize that not all people out here are Southern sympathizers.

When I was doing a lot of research here and in the Library of Congress on Garnett several years ago, I had a yen to write an article on him for the State Historical Society, in fact, was invited by them to do so, but just never got it done. I may try to do so if I see any reasonable hope of placing the marker to him at Monterey. Any ideas from you I shall appreciate.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Harold W.) 0

Betty Ball Webb

2121 Sacramento Street
San Francisco 9, Cal.
February 26, 1957

Dear Mr. Rehlander:

You may recall that I once wrote you that a Miss Caddell, Head of the Research Department, Main Library, San Francisco, gave me much personal assistance when I was doing my research work on the camels and on Gen. Robert Selden Garnett and I suggested that she would assist you, gladly. I have phoned her a number of times about things and dropped in a time or two to see her, but not in recent months. Ever since you wrote that your book, *Drummers and Dreamers*, would be on the book shelf on Oct. 6th, I have been intending, in going to town, to drop by a book store, see it, and if I could get up courage to part with six dollars, to buy it. Meantime I have mentioned it to any number of people in person and in letters, but no one has reported to me that they bought a copy.

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Well, I had occasion yesterday to phone Miss Caddell for help. A school teacher in a small village in the Philippines had appealed in the papers for books and after a lot of effort, I sent a good shipment. The Mrs. Marigold Arizabal of Butuan City wrote very nice letters expressing appreciation and in another letter, received yesterday, she asked for my help about schools, scholarship, etc. for she has applied for the Fulbright Travel Grant and wants to come to the United States to a University for a year to do further work in Graduate School of Librarianship. I called Miss Caddell for advice and she went to great lengths to help me and today, in talking to her, I got out your last letter, with the announcement of your book, etc., read it to Miss Caddell, along with some of the other interesting clippings and items. She was very interested. The Library does not have your book and today she put thru a request for it. She asked for the name of the publisher and I assume that "Americana" answers that.

At the same time, I told her about the other author, H. Dean Guie of Bugles in the Valley and she ordered that, too. I did not know the publisher. She is very interested and happy to order both. I am pleased.

I wrote you of my project of erecting the bronze plaque at Fort Tejon, 35 miles from Bakersfield, commemorating the Camel Trail and dedicated at the May U.D.C. convention. I am still Chairman, Memorial Markers Committee, and since that convention, have been working on a plaque to place on the grounds at Colton Hall, Monterey, honoring Gen. R. S. Garnett, designer of the Seal and if all materializes, the dedication will be on May 4th, when we have our convention at Carmel, Hotel La Playa.

Sincerely,

Betty Ball Webb

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The obstacle I had to overcome about the plaque was getting a 6 inch in diameter mold made of the Great Seal, as the one the State has is three inch. The State is making that for me, costs them \$375.00 plus tax. Ahem! The problem now is to get the Division to pay for the plaque. If I put it thru, I plan to write another article for the UDC magazine on Gen. Garnett, and it should be mostly about him in California. You once mentioned having some extra material, so if you have a sentence or two that you want to pass on to me, it is likely that I can use it shortly.

So I shall be reading your book and Mr. Guie's before long.

2121 Sacramento St.,
San Francisco 9, Cal.
May 26, 1957

Mr. Click Relander
1212 No. 32nd Ave.,
Yakima, Wash.

Dear Mr. Relander:

You very kindly sent me a sheet from the Yakima Herald of Sunday, Aug. 12, 1956 which featured the Commandant's House at Fort Simcoe and included pictures of Maj. Robert Selden Garnett and Marianne Nelson Garnett. If I could do so, without too great expense, I would like to get a glossy print, or what ever it is that one needs to print a picture. Can you make me any suggestions as to how I could get a copy?

I think I wrote you that for the past three years, I have been Chairman, Memorial Markers Committee, California Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and besides trying to get existing markers in better shape, my project for this past year, was the planning and erecting of a marker to honor General Robert Selden Garnett, designer of the Great Seal of the State of California, on the grounds of Colton Hall, Monterey, which was dedicated at 4 o'clock, Saturday, May 4th, by California Division, with even music for the preceding half hour by the 5th Infantry Band from Fort Ord, the State Historian, Dr. Aubrey Neasham, invited to be the principal speaker, etc. I was very proud of my year's work, in view of the fact that I had almost insurmountable obstacles to overcome, as no mold of the Great Seal of the right diameter for use, etc. Not every one would understand, but YOU would appreciate the problems and how to surmount them. Anyway, it is there and it is beautiful to behold. The Museum Board picked out the very nicest spot on the grounds for it and the minute one starts up the walk, it is clearly visible and it is beautiful. The granite monolith into which it is embedded, was brought by the City Manager from Pacific Grove, it has hen and chickens plants growing out of the top, moss growing on the back, they at once planted flowers around it and it appears to have been there since 1849, during the Constitutional convention. Since, in my prejudiced eyes, I think it gives long-delayed recognition to a young Major who contributed a beautiful Seal for our state, I want to submit an article to the Historical Magazine ~~here~~, if they want it, and if not, to West Virginia, where the Mrs. Bird once invited me

to do so, and I thought it would add to the interest of the article if I had a picture of Maj. Garnett if not of his wife, also.

By the way, I wrote you some time back of contacting the Reference Dept. of the Public Library and Miss Caddell placed an order or request for your book and for Bugles in the Valley. When I last talked to her, she said she had received no notice of their arrival, but assured me that they would be received.

Summed up, I think Major Garnett's life was quite tragic. I shall appreciate your suggestions about how to get a glossy print, or what ever it is that I should have.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Harold W.)

Betty Ball Webb

We had our U.D.C. convention, May 2-4th, at La Playa Hotel, Carmel and when I learned that we were to meet near Monterey, it made the setting right to develop this project.

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Feb. 3, 1963

Mr. Click Relander
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Tpppenish, Washington

Dear Mr. Relander:

I am both interested and pleased to see that you have written "Strangers on the Land," the story of the Confederated Yakima Indian Nation and I thank you for remembering to send me an announcement.

You are doing an excellent job in this particular field of endeavor and I hope you get the recognition you well deserve from the historical and literary world. It must be a lot of satisfaction to you to know that you are recording facts and events for posterity which are fast fading.

As I may have written you at the time, I got your worth-while book, "Drummers and Dreamers" placed in the Main Public Library here and also the other book you recommended. I forget the name for the moment. I want to keep this announcement just received, but would suggest your mailing me another and I'll see what I can do at the library. We have had such drastic, political changes there, my contacts are gone. We lost the Sutro Library (I have reference to the valuable genealogical department which the citizens built up, thinking it would always be available at the public library) to the University of S.F., a private institution.

We moved in November, a year ago, bought a little house on a hill where we have a nice view. We enjoy the sunsets in the Pacific Ocean, see the Farallone Islands, some 27 miles out in the ocean on clear days, see the ships sail in and out of the Golden Gate. If you know San Francisco, Fanning Way is but one block long and is near 14th Avenue and Quintara Street in the Sunset District.

With all good wishes for the success of your new book, I am

Sincerely yours,

Betty Ball Webb

Betty Ball Webb

(Mrs. Harold W.)

Am still a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and interested in any thing you chance upon that is Confederate, especially for an article for the UDC magazine.