

***CW/VFM-98: Letter from Samuel Greene, Lieutenant and Executive Officer on the Monitor, to his Mother***

This letter deals directly with Greene's time onboard the Monitor. It was begun on March 14, 1862 and chronicles the battle at Hampton Roads between the two frigates, Monitor and Merrimack, moment by moment. The USS Congress, USS Minnesota, and USS Cumberland were also involved in this battle. The initial stand-off between the two frigates CSS Merrimack and USS Monitor lasted about four and a half hours; during this time, the Monitor sustained damage to its turret. The loss on the Union side was devastating, 409 sailors to 24 on the Confederate side. The letter describes the chaos of the aftermath of this engagement in a lot of detail.

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Correspondence between David T. Hendrick and Byron Noone  
Letter from Noone to the Chair of the History Dept.

This letter is simply an account of the acquisition of this copy of the letter from Samuel Greene to his mother.

Letter to History Dept. from Noone:

\*9/23/91: 2pp

Correspondence between Noone and Hendrick

\*10/4/91: 1pp

\*10/21/91: 1pp

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