

To whom it may concern

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of BISHOPS CAUNDLE HOUSE, BISHOPS CAUNDLE, SHERBORNE DT9 5ND  
I, Robin Leach [address here] attest and confirm that I am a  
descendant of Hugh Rowland Beaver (1842-1879) to whom the 164  
cms x 101 cms, hand-sewn, wool, Second National Confederate  
battle ensign of C.S.S. *Alabama* was presented in gratitude, by an  
officer of the ship following the loss of *Alabama* as a result of an  
engagement with U.S.S. *Kearsage* in the English Channel on 19 June  
1864.

This provenance was validated by my great uncle Sir Hugh Beaver  
writing in the Anglesey Antiquarian Society's *Transactions* in 1928,  
and by my late mother Mrs. J.H. Leach in a letter to the *Mariner's  
Mirror*, Vol. 59, No. 3 in August 1973.

It is the same flag described and analyzed in the June 2010, TEXTILE  
CONSERVATOR'S report by Poppy Singer and Annabel Wylie.

This same flag has remained in my family's possession in England  
since presentation and until its sale at Sotheby's, New York on 17  
June 2011, as Lot # 157 as identified in the auction catalogue.

Signed..... *Robin Leach* ..... [Robin Leach]

Date..... *1/8/11* ....."

Signature of ROBIN LEACH  
identified by production of  
current U.K. driving licence  
with photograph witnessed by:

*Michael Martin*  
MICHAEL GEOFFREY MARTIN  
Notary Public.  
Exeter - England.



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