

January 30, 1942

P. P. F.

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Dear Cator:

That nice message of birthday congratulations is appreciated more than I can say. Thank you ever so much for your generous words.

Very sincerely yours,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Cator Woolford, Esq.,
Brunswick,
Georgia.

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(Cator Woolford)

*Pres. has never
written to this man*

The White House
Washington

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FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT

WASHINGTON DC

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY I HOPE IT WILL BE A
HAPPY ONE YOU HAVE DONE SO MUCH FOR THE PEOPLE OF THIS
COUNTRY IN FACT THE WHOLE WORLD THAT YOU DESERVE HAPPINESS.
YOU HAVE MADE EVERYONE BETTER WHO HAS THE OPPORTUNITY OF
COMING IN PERSONAL CONTACT WITH YOU YOUR PHYSICAL DISABILITY
WAS A BLESSING IN DISGUISE AS IT GAVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY
TO THINK AND WORK AT THE PROBLEMS AHEAD WHICH OTHERS DID NOT
TAKE THE TIME AND THOUGHT TO SEE. GOD BLESS YOU
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BRUNSWICK GA JAN 29 1942.

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

NIGHT LETTER

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Cator Woolford, Esq.,
Altama Plantation
Sterling, Georgia

A birthday should bring no worries to one who like yourself
is too busy with the affairs of life to bother about counting the years.
Hearty congratulations and all good wishes.

FROM

The White House
Washington

February 6, 1943

... P.P.R.

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FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

"F.D.R."

P.P.F.

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January 25, 1944

My dear Mr. Woolford:

The President has asked me to drop you a line and tell you how much he appreciated your thoughtful invitation to visit your plantation should he come to Camp Stewart for the celebration on January twenty-second. He deeply appreciates your thinking of him, and would write you himself were it not for the fact that he is terribly pressed for time at the moment.

For your information I enclose herewith copy of letter which I wrote Colonel William V. Ochs, Commandant of Camp Stewart, at the President's direction, under date of January 18, 1944.

The President sends you his best wishes, in which I join.

Very sincerely yours,

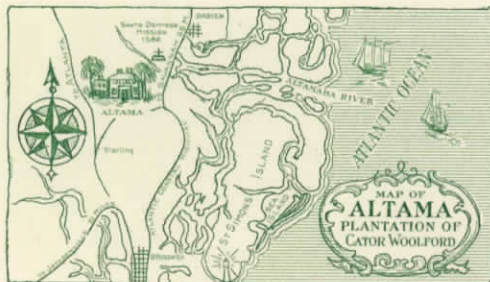
EDWIN M. WATSON
Major General, U.S. Army,
Secretary to the President.

Cator Woolford, Esq.,
Brunswick,
Georgia.

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Darien, Georgia



January 21, 1944

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Roosevelt:

It is my understanding that you have been invited to attend the celebration of awarding an honor to Camp Stewart, Georgia, on February 22nd, for the sale of bonds. I earnestly hope that you will find it possible to be in your adopted state at that time and to accept the Camp Stewart invitation.

My plantation is located about forty miles from Camp Stewart and would be open to you and your party if you should wish to make your headquarters in a private home. Also, it is three miles from the Savannah-Brunswick highway and would afford you utmost privacy.

I sincerely hope to have the pleasure of seeing you at Camp Stewart on February 22nd, and would be greatly honored to share my home with you for any length of time during your visit in our section.

Respectfully yours,

Cator

CW:RP

x Invitation Darien, Ga,

POST OFFICE, STEPHENSON, GEORGIA
RAILWAY, BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
TELEPHONE, BRUNSWICK 1481

Darien, Georgia

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February 9, 1944

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Roosevelt:

It is with appreciation most sincere that I acknowledge your letter of February 1st in regard to my birthday. To be remembered by you in such a friendly way is indeed gratifying.

I sincerely wish for you the best of health and continued usefulness to our Nation in the coming years.

Sincerely yours,

Cator
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CW:RP

P. P. F.

February 1, 1944.

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Dear Cator:

I am thinking of you as your birthday
draws near and trust it will bring you many happy
memories of useful years.

With every good wish,

Very sincerely yours,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Cator Woolford, Esq.,
Altama Plantation,
Darien, Georgia.

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February 1, 1944.

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Cator Woolford, Esq.,
Altama Plantation,
Darlea, Georgia.

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RETAIL CREDIT COMPANY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Mr. Harcourt

CATOR WOOLFORD
FOUNDER

January 27, 1944

Miss Grace Tulley
Private Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Tulley:

You may recall that in February, 1943, the President extended his personal greetings to Mr. Cator Woolford on the occasion of the latter's birthday. That message meant more to Mr. Woolford than words can express, and because of his sincere pleasure and appreciation in connection with that message, I am taking the liberty of writing you at this time in regard to his approaching 1944 birthday.

Mr. Woolford will be seventy-five years old on February 7th but is to celebrate his birthday on Saturday, the 5th, at an informal dinner of a limited number of intimate friends.

This information is being passed on to you in the event that the President might be so inclined to remember Mr. Woolford again this year. If so, the address is as follows:

Mail: Altama Plantation
Darien, Georgia.

Telephone: Brunswick, Georgia.

Knowing how highly Mr. Woolford values his past friendship and contact with the President, I can assure you that any message the President might see fit to send would make his seventy-fifth birthday a memorable one.

Yours truly,

Ruth Pannell x

Ruth Pannell,
Secretary to Mr. Woolford.

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The family of
Mr. Cator Woolford
deeply appreciate
your kind expression of sympathy

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March 21, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Ballenger:

A long and singularly useful life has closed with the passing of your much loved father. As you know, he had been my faithful friend for years and years.

He had a genius for getting things done and was tireless in good works in behalf of his fellow man. How we shall miss him in the work at Warm Springs to which he gave not only his means with great generosity, but also invaluable counsel in times of stress and anxiety.

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So I desire to record my own sorrow in the sorrow which has been laid so heavily on the family. Please accept for yourself and for all who mourn with you this assurance of heartfelt sympathy.

Very sincerely yours,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Mrs. William Ballenger, x4
1815 Ponce de Leon Street, N.E.,
Atlanta, Georgia.

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Returned 3-28-44 marked "moved, left no address";
remailed 3-28-44 to Mrs. Ballenger at Altama Plantation, Darien, Ga.

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Cator Woolford Dies; Helped Found Hall At Warm Springs, Ga.

By the Associated Press.

CAMBRIDGE, Md., Mar. 20.—The body of Cator Woolford, 75, philanthropist and founder of the Retail Credit Co., who died yesterday at his plantation home near Brunswick, Ga., was brought here today for burial.

He had been ill for several weeks with a kidney ailment and resulting complications.

A native of Woolford, Dorchester County, Md., Mr. Woolford was a close friend of President Roosevelt and helped found Georgia Hall at the Warm Springs (Ga.) Foundation, where the President often spends vacations.

Aided Negro Schools.

His philanthropies included co-operating with the Rosenwald Foundation in setting up training schools for Negroes and the founding and maintenance of the Georgia College student placement office.

Mr. Woolford also established the University of Georgia's personnel department and contributed toward vocational guidance libraries in eight Georgia colleges. He received recognition for introducing dental health service in Atlanta schools.

The Retail Credit Co., which Mr. Woolford founded in 1899 in Chattanooga, Tenn., grew from its one small room to an international organization which in peacetime had offices or representatives in almost every nation. Its headquarters are in Atlanta.

Ended Active Service in 1931.

Mr. Woolford retired in 1931, having served successively as general manager, president and chairman.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John S. B. Woolford of Woolford. Educated in Dorchester County public schools, he attended the Maryland Agricultural College, now the University of Maryland.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. William Ballenger and Miss Isabelle Woolford, both of Atlanta; two brothers, T. G. Woolford, Atlanta, and Reece Woolford, Chattanooga, and a sister, Miss Bell Woolford, Cambridge.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow with burial in the churchyard of the Old School Baptist Meeting House, Woolford.

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(Mrs. Sachelden)

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