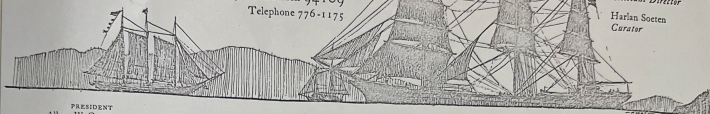


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Mr. Richard N. Schellens
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Dear Mr. Schellens:

Many thanks for the carbons on Redwood City shipbuilding. All new information for us. I will make Xerox copies and send to the maritime historians John Lyman, Jack Kemble, Harold Huycke and Jerry MacMullen. The original will go into our files.

I was interested in the schooner DASHAWAY built by McLeod being the largest vessel built in California. I include a list of vessels owned by Kentfield & Co. The office of this venerable firm was preserved intact into the mid-1930's. An antique dealer by the name of Al Dressler on McAllister St. contacted the maritime antiquarian and collector William Gilman (whose collection has been donated to our museum) to say that he had bought the contents.

Dressler took Gilman to see the office, which, as I recall, was on a second floor. It had been sealed up, in effect, for a quarter century. Coulter paintings of the Kentfield ships were hanging on the walls together with half-models of various vessels. The furnishings included tall bookkeeper desks of such height that the clerk was obliged to stand (Gilman bought six), splendid old chairs with bentwood backs (the museum has two from the Gilman collection) and tightly rolled newspapers (The Guide), stacked from floor to ceiling and so dusty that they looked like a wall themselves.

Some of the paintings and papers were sold to Newbegins (we eventually bought some of them), but a considerable portion is in the Bancroft Library.

I have before me a hardwood staff about 3/4 of an inch

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