

**Names:**

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|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Alabama & Mississippi Rivers Railroad Co. | Coleman, Willie          | Jay, John C.                        | Shepherd, A. K., Colonel |
| Alabama Historical Society                | Croom, Mrs.              | Jones, A. C.                        | Stollenwerck, Henry A.   |
| Beall, Captain                            | Forrest a Road Builder   | Jones, William A., Dr.              | Terry, J. T.             |
| Blackford, W. T., Judge                   | Forrest, N. B., General  | King, Porter, Judge                 | Webb, J. H. Y.           |
| Cahaba, Marion, Greensboro Railroad Co.   | Forrest, Nathan Bedford  | Lee, R. H.                          | Greensboro Watchman      |
|   | Howze, John              | Merriwether, Colonel                |                          |
|   | Huckabee, C. C., Captain | Selma, Marion, Memphis Railroad Co. |                          |

**Places:**

Montevallo, AL

**Types:**

newspaper

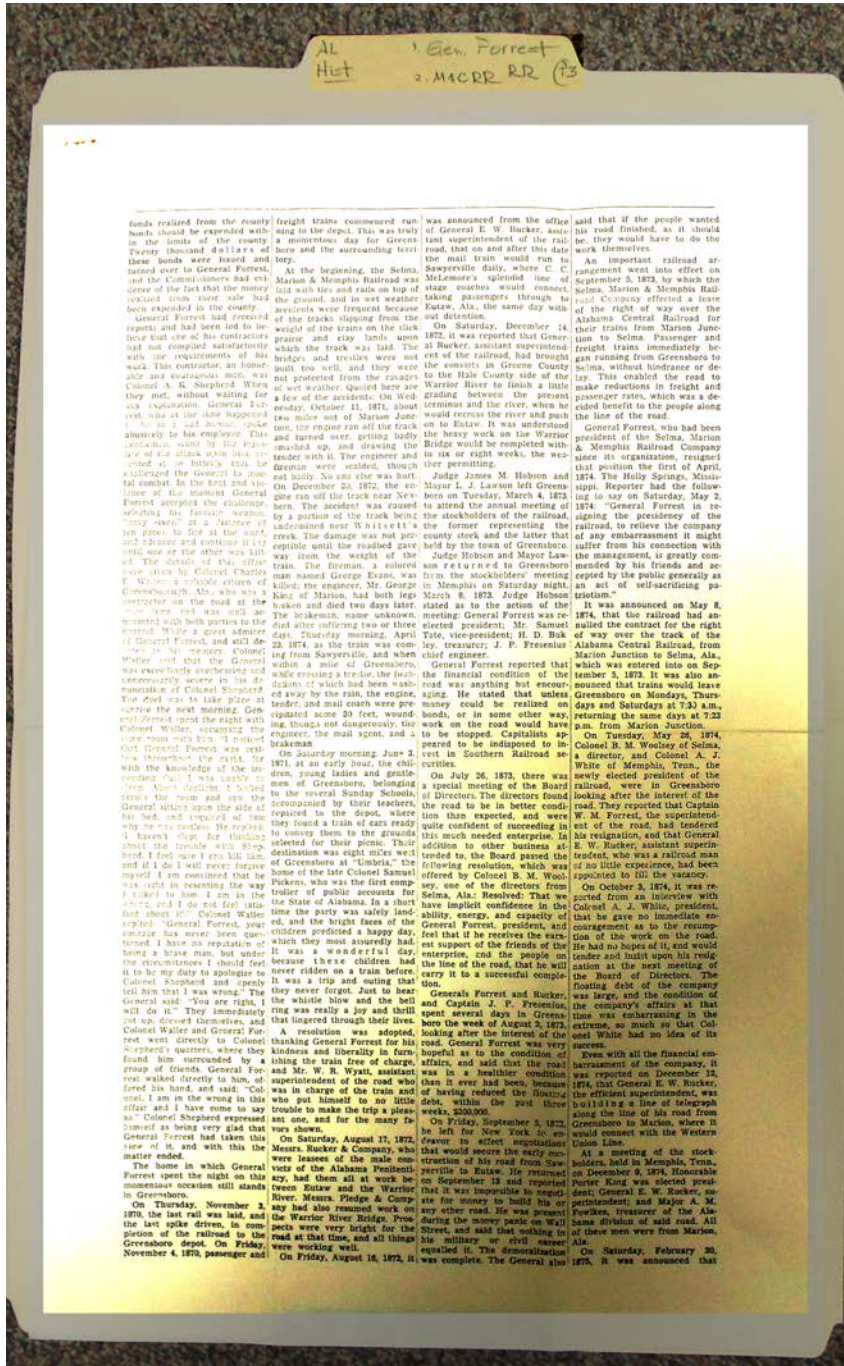
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**Dates:**

Apr 27, 1957

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**Names:**

Alabama Central  
 Railroad  
 Buckley, H. D.  
 Evans, George  
 Forrest, General  
 Forrest, W. M.,  
 Captain  
 Fowlkes, A. M.,  
 Major

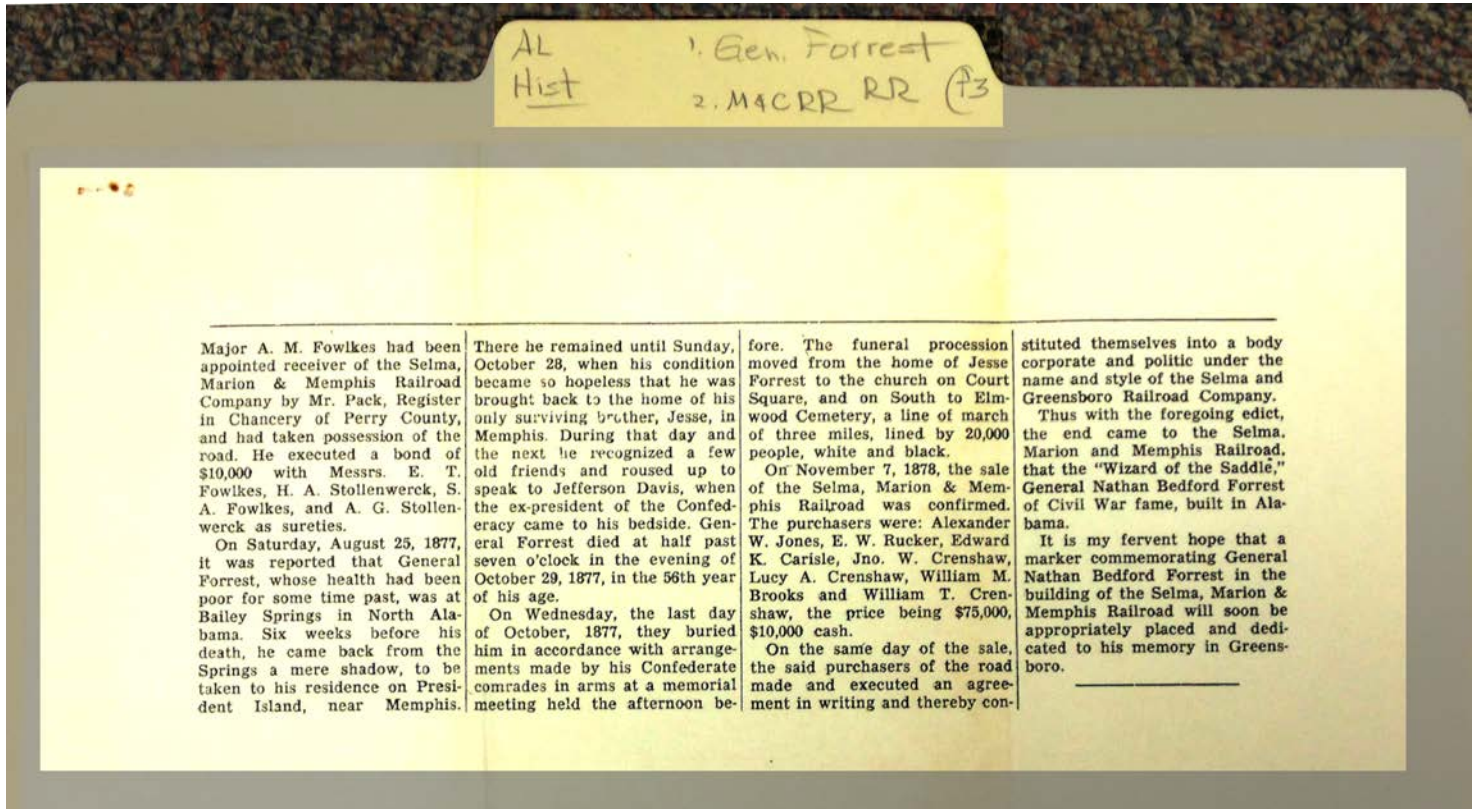
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 Captain  
 Hobson, James M.,  
 Judge  
 King, George  
 King, Porter  
 Lawson, L. J., Mayor  
 McLemore, C. C.

Pickens, Samuel,  
 Colonel  
 Pledge,  
 Rucker,  
 Rucker, E. W.,  
 General  
 Selma, Marion,  
 Memphis Railroad  
 Co.

Shepherd, A. K.,  
 Colonel  
 Tate, Samuel  
 Waller, Charles F.,  
 Colonel  
 White, A. J., Colonel  
 Woolsey, B. M.,  
 Colonel  
 Wyatt, W. R.,

**Types:**

speech



Major A. M. Fowlkes had been appointed receiver of the Selma, Marion & Memphis Railroad Company by Mr. Pack, Register in Chancery of Perry County, and had taken possession of the road. He executed a bond of \$10,000 with Messrs. E. T. Fowlkes, H. A. Stollenwerck, S. A. Fowlkes, and A. G. Stollenwerck as sureties.

On Saturday, August 25, 1877, it was reported that General Forrest, whose health had been poor for some time past, was at Bailey Springs in North Alabama. Six weeks before his death, he came back from the Springs a mere shadow, to be taken to his residence on President Island, near Memphis.

There he remained until Sunday, October 28, when his condition became so hopeless that he was brought back to the home of his only surviving brother, Jesse, in Memphis. During that day and the next he recognized a few old friends and roused up to speak to Jefferson Davis, when the ex-president of the Confederacy came to his bedside. General Forrest died at half past seven o'clock in the evening of October 29, 1877, in the 56th year of his age.

On Wednesday, the last day of October, 1877, they buried him in accordance with arrangements made by his Confederate comrades in arms at a memorial meeting held the afternoon be-

fore. The funeral procession moved from the home of Jesse Forrest to the church on Court Square, and on South to Elmwood Cemetery, a line of march of three miles, lined by 20,000 people, white and black.

On November 7, 1878, the sale of the Selma, Marion & Memphis Railroad was confirmed. The purchasers were: Alexander W. Jones, E. W. Rucker, Edward K. Carisle, Jno. W. Crenshaw, Lucy A. Crenshaw, William M. Brooks and William T. Crenshaw, the price being \$75,000, \$10,000 cash.

On the same day of the sale, the said purchasers of the road made and executed an agreement in writing and thereby con-

stituted themselves into a body corporate and politic under the name and style of the Selma and Greensboro Railroad Company.

Thus with the foregoing edict, the end came to the Selma, Marion and Memphis Railroad, that the "Wizard of the Saddle," General Nathan Bedford Forrest of Civil War fame, built in Alabama.

It is my fervent hope that a marker commemorating General Nathan Bedford Forrest in the building of the Selma, Marion & Memphis Railroad will soon be appropriately placed and dedicated to his memory in Greensboro.

**Names:**

Brooks, William M.  
 Carisle, Edward K.  
 Crenshaw, John W.  
 Crenshaw, Lucy A.  
 Crenshaw, William T.  
 Davis, Jefferson

Forrest, Jesse  
 Forrest, Nathan  
 Bedford, General  
 Fowlkes, A. M.,  
 Major  
 Fowlkes, E. T.

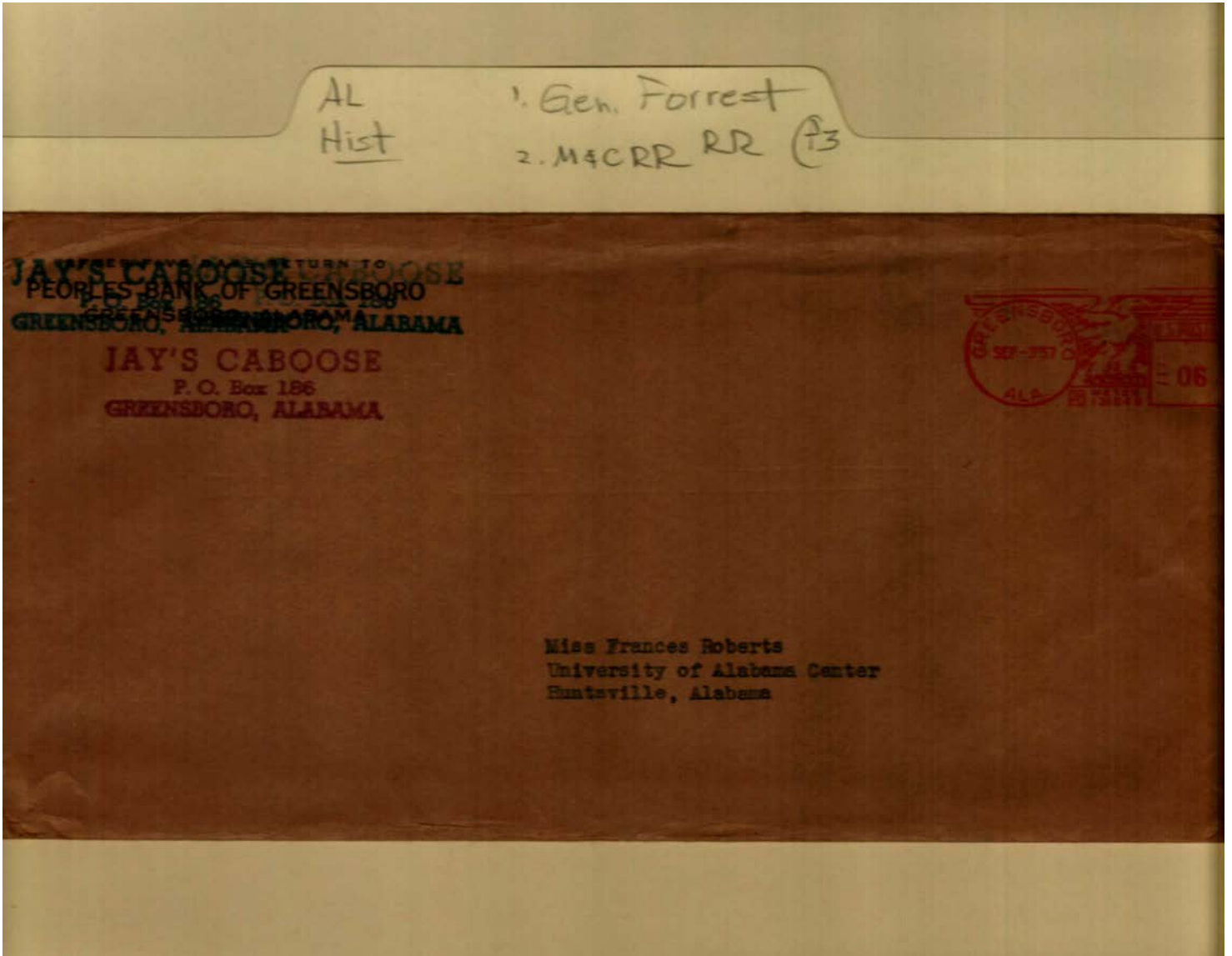
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 Jones, Alexander W.  
 Pack,  
 Rucker, E. W.  
 Selma and  
 Greensboro

Railroad Co.  
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 Memphis Railroad  
 Co.  
 Stollenwerck, A. G.  
 Stollenwerck, H. A.

**Types:**

speech

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**Names:**

Jay's Caboose

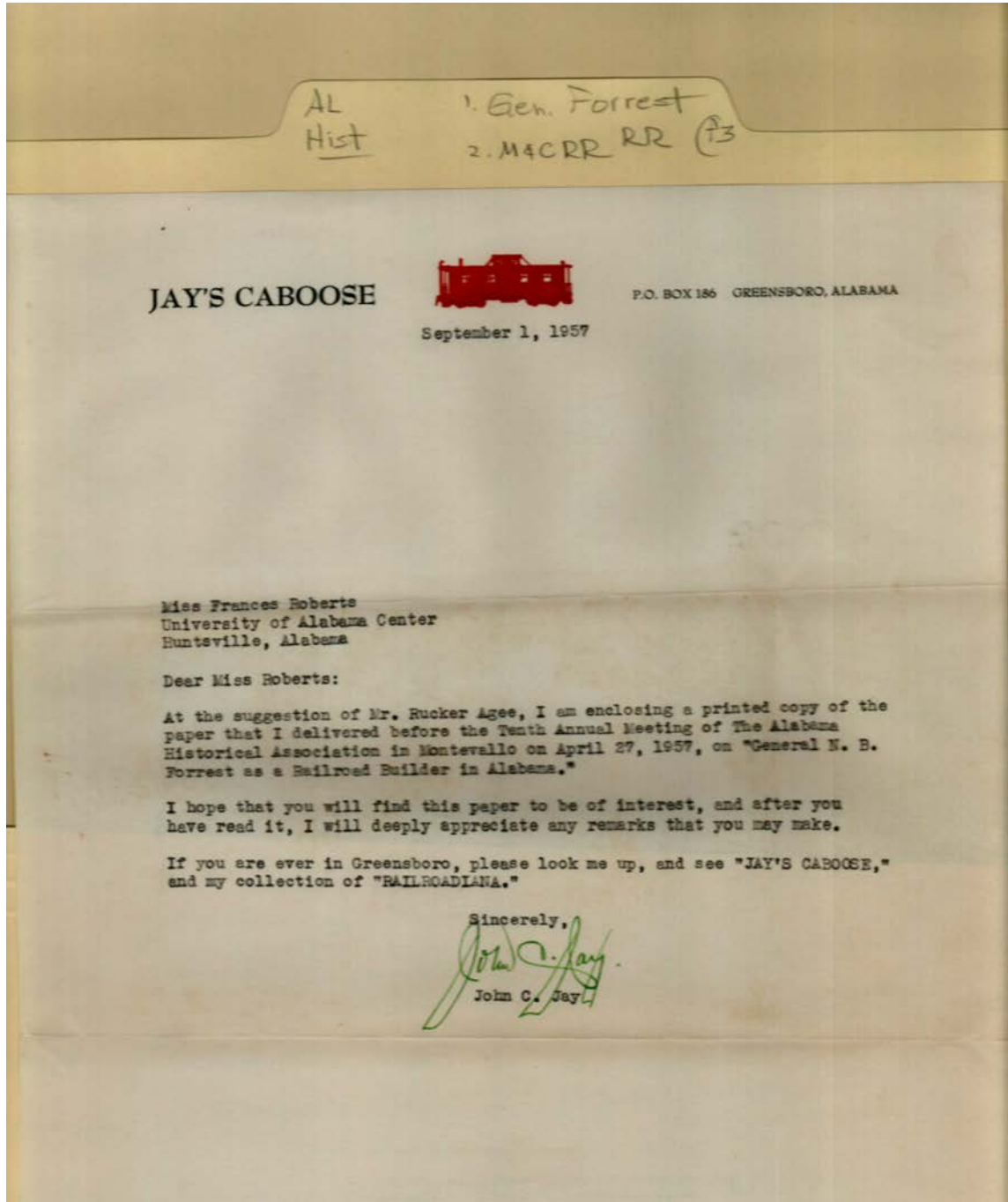
Roberts, Frances,  
Miss

**Places:**

Greensboro, AL

**Types:**

envelope



**Names:**

Agee, Rucker  
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Jay's Caboose

Roberts, Frances,  
Miss

**Places:**

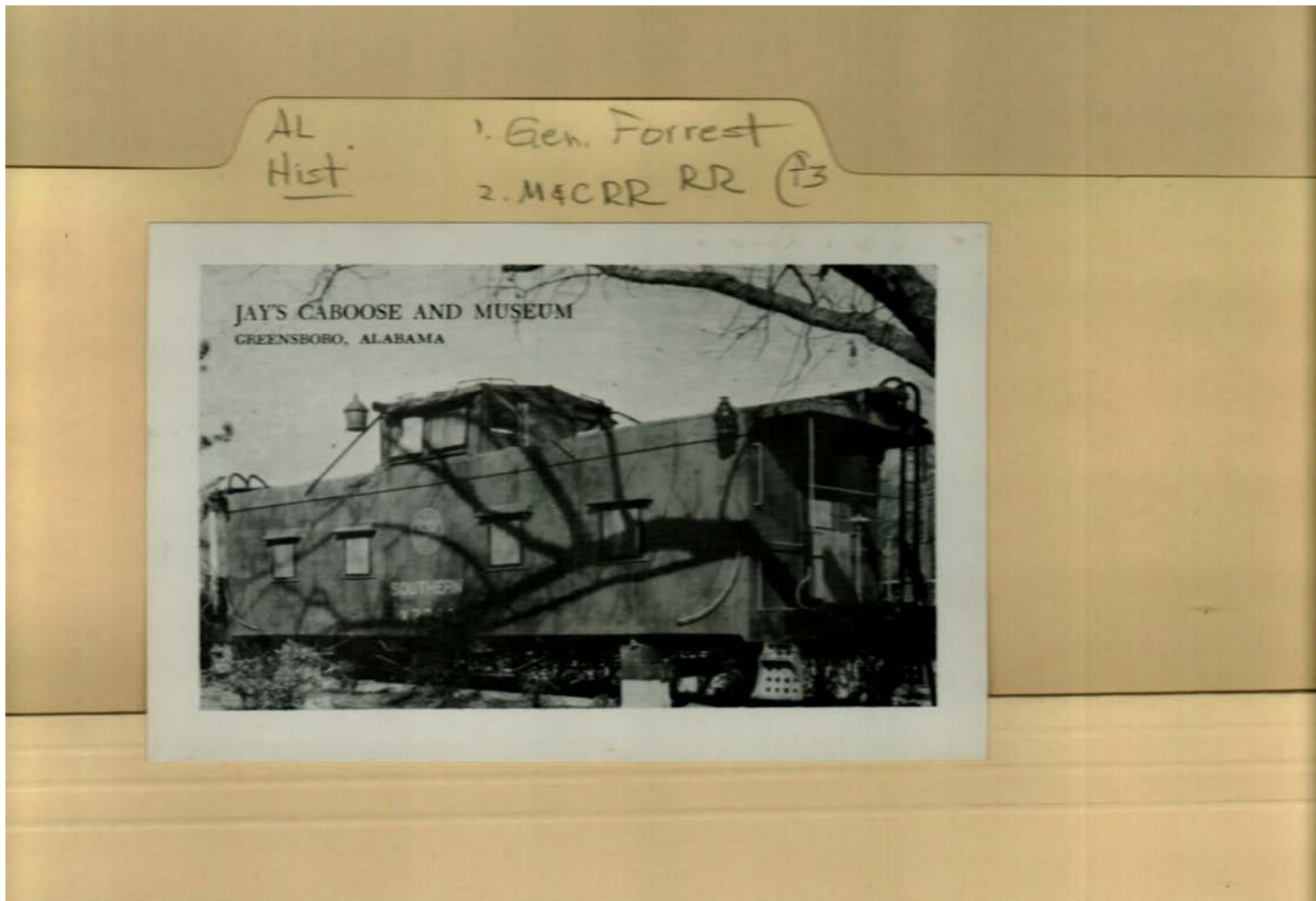
Greensboro, AL

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Sep 01, 1957



**Names:**

Jay's Caboose and  
Museum

**Places:**

Greensboro, AL

**Types:**

photo

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