

15, 1861, at the outbreak, he resigned the Secretaryship of the Lighthouse Board at Washington, D. C., and took command of the Confederate steamer Sumter, at New Orleans, ran the blockade at the mouth of the Mississippi, and in July, 1861, captured a number of American vessels in the Gulf of Mexico. In August, 1862, he took command of the steamer Alabama; he sunk the Hatteras, after a brief action, January, 1863, off Galveston. At the evacuation of Richmond, Admiral Semmes had charge of the James River squadron. He surrendered at Greensboro, North Carolina, May 1, 1865.

The following is a list of vessels captured and destroyed by Admiral Semmes: Abbie Bradford, Ben Danning, Ebenezer Dodge, Joseph Maxwell, Machias, Neapolitan, Alert, Amazonian, Baron de Castine, Brilliant, Clara L. Sparks, Content, Elisha Dunbar, Express, Harriot Spalding, Arcade, Cuba, Golden Rocket, Joseph Parks, Montmorency, Vigilance, Altamaha, Annie T. Schmidt, Ben Tucker, Charles Hill, Conrad, Dorcas Prince, Emily Farnum, Golden Eagle, Hatteras, Albert Adams, Daniel Trowbridge, Investigator, Louis Kilham, Naiad, West Wind, Amanda, Annie, Bertha Thayer, Chastelaine, Courser, Dunkirk, Emma Jane, Golden Rule, Jabez Snow, John A. Parks, Kingfisher, Lauretta, Louisa Hatch, Martaban, Nora, Talisman, Olive Jane, Tycoon, Punjab, Virginia, Sea Lark, Weather Gage, Justina, Lamplighter, Lafayette, Manchester, Winged Racer, Morning Star, Nye, Ocmulgee, Tonowonda, Parker Cook, Union Jack, Sea Bride, Wave Crest, Sonora, Starlight, Kate Cory, Lafayette I., Levi Starbuck, Martha Wenzell, Nina, Ocean Rover, Thomas B. Wales, Palmetta, Union, Rockingham, Washington and S. Gildersleeve.

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