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Bill Geagan Correspondence

Bill Geagan 1899-1974

William Henry Geagan 1899-1974

Mrs. Alice Geagan

Hilda McLeod Jacob
Maine State Library

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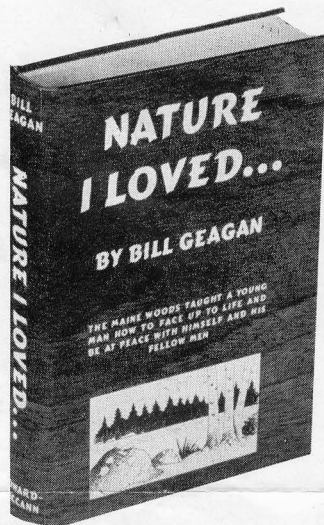
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April 4, 1952

Mr. Bill Geagan
54 Ohio Street
Bangor, Maine

Dear Mr. Geagan:

Congratulations on the publication of your book, NATURE I LOVED. We added it to our order list as soon as we learned of it, and we already have had several inquiries for the book. We look forward to seeing a copy within a few days.

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NATURE I LOVED is a book which we should be happy to see included, and we hope that you will want to inscribe and present a copy for this purpose. Meanwhile, you have our very good wishes for its warm welcome and success.

Sincerely yours

hmj

. In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

May 2, 1953

Mrs. Bill Geegan
54 Ohio Street
Bangor, Maine

Dear Mrs. Geegan:

It was I who wrote the earlier letter to Mr. Geegan about his book NATURE I LOVED. We are delighted to be able to anticipate having a copy for the Maine Author Collection.

Some time ago we received letter regarding Bill Geegan's book Nature I Loved to add to all Maine Authors in your Library. I have misplaced the letter so do not know the woman's name. Will you please advise how to Autograph it also the woman's name and it will be mailed at once.

MAY 2, 1953

Sincerely,
Mrs. Bill Geegan

We have another favor to ask. So far, we have been unsuccessful in locating exact biographical facts about your husband -- such things as birth date, and so on -- the kind of information that makes a sort of Who's Who item. At his convenience, would he be willing to let us have this information?

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

dmj

May 2, 1952

Mrs. Bill Geagan
54 Ohio Street
Bangor, Maine

Dear Mrs. Geagan:

It was I who wrote the earlier letter to Mr. Geagan about his book NATURE I LOVED. We are delighted to be able to anticipate having a copy for the Maine Author Collection.

Your inquiry about how to autograph it is one which we can best answer, I think, by telling you about some of the inscriptions that are in the exhibit books. Robert P. Tristram Coffin draws a charming pen-and-ink sketch in his books usually; Arthur L. Guptill, artist and author of art books, always presents his volumes with a pen-and-ink sketch, the models of which are Maine scenes, and he writes a paragraph of praise to his native state; Mary Ellen Chase's inscriptions vary, but always seem to reflect her love of Maine. Some of the inscriptions are autobiographical in nature; sometimes we find bits of verse; and sometimes, of course, the book is presented bearing simply the signature of the author.

So you see there is no intent to impose a regulation. We felt, rather, that the interest and value of the collection is enhanced by the variation and originality displayed. We shall be happy to have Mr. Geagan inscribe his book as he thinks best.

We have another favor to ask. So far, we have been unsuccessful in locating exact biographical facts about your husband -- such things as birthplace (we know it was Maine, but where in Maine?), birth date, and so on -- the kind of information that makes a sort of Who's Who item. At his convenience, would he be willing to let us have this information?

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection



— Bill Geagan —

Writer

Artist

Sportsman

54 Ohio Street

Bangor, Maine

May 7/52

Dear Mr Jacob;

It was so nice to
received your letter of May 2
and Bill is honored to have
his book Nature I Loved
in the Maine State Library.

Bill said that the jacket
of the book tells a lot of
his life but he will write to
you soon and tell you more.

He is very busy photographing his
books, the sale looks very good!

Bill hopes to hear from you
after you have read it.

Sincerely
Mr Bill Geagan

Mr. and Mrs. Geagan called
at the library in person.
We expressed thanks.

HMJacob

CONSERVE OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

February 7, 1957

Mr. Bill Geagan
54 Ohio Street
Bangor, Maine

Dear Mr. Geagan:

Did you hear us cheering? Because of the new book? It is wonderful to know that SEED ON THE WIND is on the way, and we hope to see it soon. We have noted it for the Bulletin of the Maine Library Association, and put it on our order list.

Now, how about the Maine Author Collection? Will there be an inscribed copy to join your other books?

The best of fortune to it.

Sincerely yours

hmj

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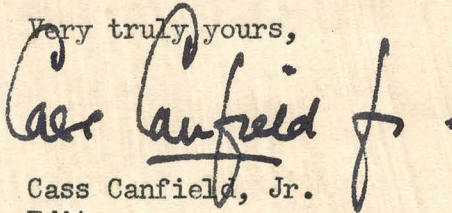
February 25th, 1957

Mrs. F. W. Jacob
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

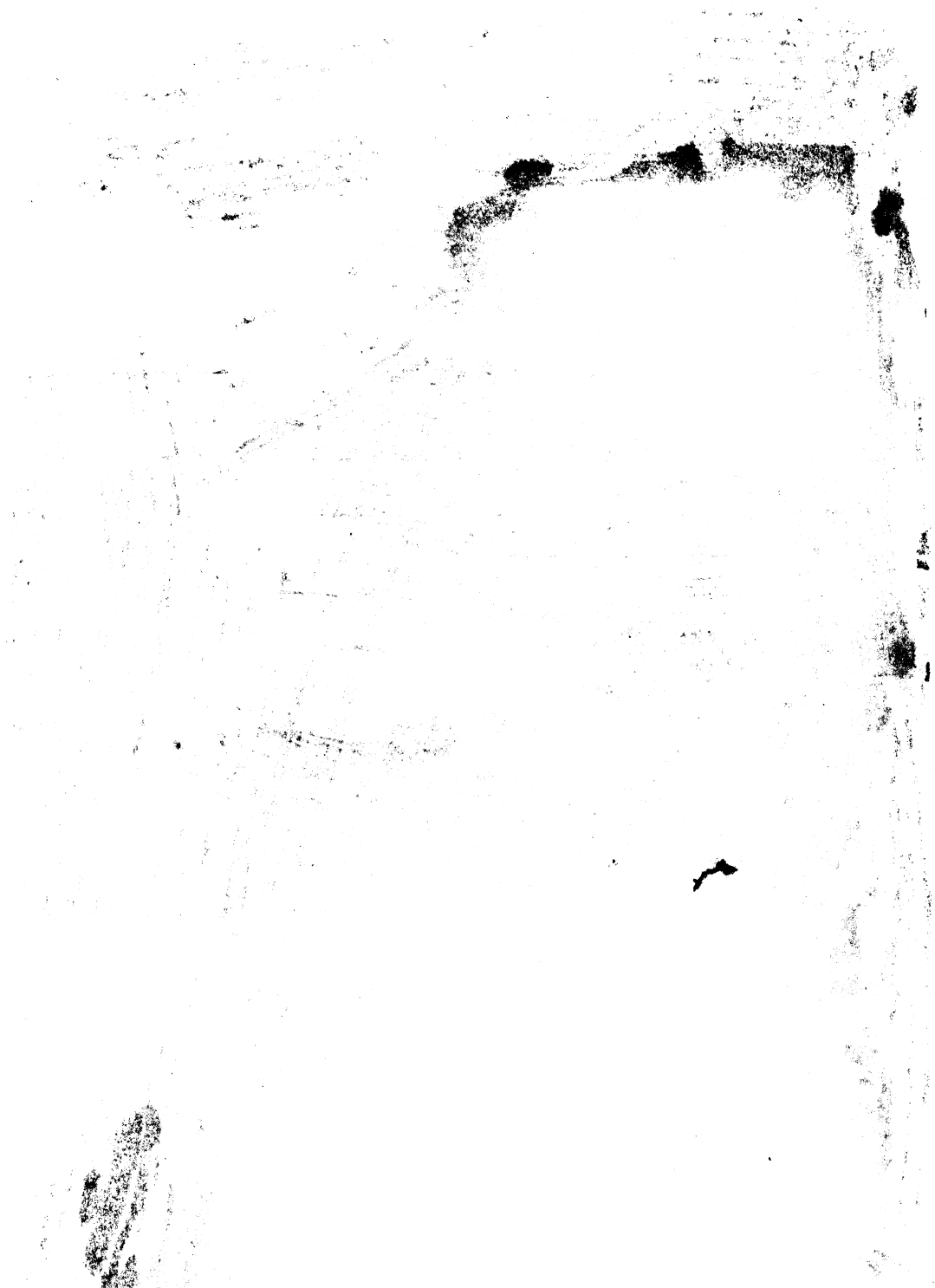
I am pleased to send you a copy of
SEED ON THE WIND by Bill Geagan for your Maine
Author's Collection. I think Bill Geagan has
written an important and timely book that
should appeal to people all over the country,
and naturally we hope that his Maine following
will be even larger on this book than the others.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Cass Canfield Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cass Canfield, Jr.
Editor

cc/ms





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Mrs. F. W. Jacob
Maine Author Collection
Maine State Library
State House
Augusta, Maine.

Feb. 27, 1957

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Dear Mrs Jacob:

Thank you for your good letter of February 7. I contacted the publishers for an extra copy of SEED ON THE WIND, that I might sign it, but it now seems that instead of sending the copy to me it was sent to you. But, hold on to it and I'll drive over to Augusta soon at which time I'll sign it. Regards.

Sincerely

Bill Geagan

Bill Geagan.

March 1, 1957

Mr. Bill Geagan
54 Ohio Street
Bangor, Maine

Dear Mr. Geagan:

What a nice way to start the month -- with your new book, SEED ON THE WIND.

It is a fine plea for conservation and the outdoor life, and makes a moving appeal to readers. Your own gifts for the important combination of boys and nature come through clearly, as well as your shining modesty about the good work you have done.

Thank you very much for seeing that the Maine Author Collection has a copy. Some day when you are here, we'll be glad of the inscription.

I do think a thank you would not be complete without a word about your illustrations. They are lovely!

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

