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Arthur C. Bartlett Correspondence

Arthur Charles Bartlett 1901-1964

A. H. Wilde

Hilda McLeod

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BARTLETT, Arthur C
Norway, 1901

February 7, 1935

Mr. Arthur C. Bartlett
R. F. D. 1
Westport, Conn.

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

Recently we noticed the announcement of the publication of A SON OF THE WILD PACK, and as we understand that you are a Maine-born author, we are anxious to include you in our Maine Author Collection.

Possibly you are acquainted with the State Library, and know that some years ago we started an exhibit collection of the works of Maine Authors. We have found our literary folk so cooperative that we now boast several hundred volumes, all inscribed, and most of them presented for this collection.

In addition, we have a reference file in which we have accumulated much material difficult to find concerning the lives of our authors. We are extremely appreciative of our writers' kindness in contributing books and biographical data. We hope that you will want to send us a sketch of your life, touching upon items a little more personal than the Who's Who would!

If we could add your book, A SON OF THE WILD PACK, to our shelves, we would indeed be delighted. May we hope for an inscribed copy?

We extend our congratulations on the publication of this volume, and assure you that we will appreciate any courtesy you may render us.

Very truly yours

Maine State Library

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Secretary

The Country Home

THE CROWELL PUBLISHING COMPANY

250 Park Avenue
New York

Editorial Rooms

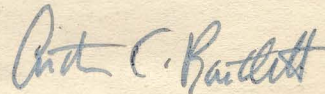
February 19, 1935

Miss Hilda McLeod, Secretary
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Miss McLeod:

In response to your letter of February 7th, I am sending you a copy of one of my books, "Pal". I have no more copies of, "A Son of the Wild Pack", but I am glad to be represented by this book in your collection.

Yours very truly



Arthur C. Bartlett

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P.S. I am asking Mr. Wile, publisher of the books to send on the information about myself.

ACB

February 25, 1935

Arthur C. Bartlett
The Country Home
250 Park Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

We have received "Pal," which you have so kindly inscribed, and are very grateful for this book. It is indeed a splendid dog story, and one which we are proud to include in our Maine Author Collection.

Mr. Wilde has sent us the biography, which we are placing in our reference files. We have also received from Mr. Wilde a copy of "A Son of the Wild Pack," for which we express our sincere thanks. We are sending this book to you, with the request that you autograph it for our collection. We will appreciate this very much ,

Since you are a Maine-born author, we shall endeavor to secure a copy of each of your books for our collection. We hope that you will be so kind as to autograph them for us, when we do obtain them.

Meanwhile, please accept our thanks for your generous cooperation; and may we hope to be remembered when you publish your next book?

Very truly yours

Maine State Library

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Secretary

Enc:

Return label & postage

W. A. WILDE COMPANY



PUBLISHERS

131 Clarendon Street, Boston, Massachusetts



February 21
1935

Miss Hilda McLeod
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Miss McLeod:

We have just received a request from Arthur C. Bartlett that we send to you direct biographical information in relation to himself.

Also, we note from his letter that he was unable to forward to you a copy of A SON OF THE WILD PACK, so we are glad to forward a complimentary copy to you in his name. This goes to you under another cover.

The enclosed biographical sketch, we hope, will be of service to you.

Very truly yours

W. A. WILDE COMPANY

W. A. Wilde

AHW:M
Enc.

ARTHUR C. BARTLETT

Mr. Bartlett, a native of Maine and a graduate of Bowdoin, has probably done as much as any living writer to encourage a finer and deeper respect for dogs. As a dog lover, himself, he needs only to put his heart into his books to make them actually live.

Mr. Bartlett was born in Norway, Maine, the son of Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Bartlett. He graduated from Bowdoin College in 1922. His newspaper work began on the "Portland Press Herald," subsequently he worked on the "Edmonton Alberta Bulletin" and "The Sioux City Tribune." When he returned East he joined the staff of the "Boston Herald," then back to the "Press Herald and Evening Express," and is now connected with the staff of the "American Magazine," published by the Crowell Publishing Company of New York, where he is associate editor and staff writer. Mr. Bartlett is married and has two children.

He is perhaps best known in the literary field as the author of boys stories about animals. In fact, animal lovers all over the country await with eagerness each of his new books.

His first volume entitled: "Spunk, Leader of the Dog Team," was inspired while he was connected with the "Boston Herald" and was reporting for the champion sled dog races. His love of dogs, his earlier companionship with them, his years of effort in training them and as an eyewitness to their sturdy qualities in competitive racing, all surged in upon him as he wrote "Spunk, Leader of the Dog Team;" a name which has become familiar to every boy reader.

His story of "Spunk, the Leader of the Dog Team" was followed by "The Sea Dog," "The Runaway Dog Team," "Gumpy, Son of Spunk," "Pal," together with two stories about horses, "Game-Legs" and "General Jim."

It was while Mr. Bartlett in his capacity as a news gatherer visited the Seeing Eye, that wonderful institution where a German shepherd dog is taught to lead the blind and where the blind learn to be guided by this faithful companion, that he saw that great opportunity of giving to the young people of the country a picture of just what a tremendous blessing was being given to the blind by the training of these dogs. In "Skipper, the Guide Dog," the author has done one of his finest pieces of work, receiving the commendations of the most critical of literary reviewers.

His latest book issued in 1934 entitled "A Son of the Wild Pack" is a truthful portrayal of a pup who became lost out of a wandering pack of wild dogs. He came into civilization and was raised and trained by a boy, but he never lost his hereditary characteristics.

In all of Mr. Bartlett's stories pathos and adventure abound, a boy's life ripens and develops with the companionship of a faithful dog, and boy intuition and dog cunning serve to overcome all obstacles and character grows as dog and boy shape one another. Whenever the reader closes Mr. Bartlett's book, whether young or old, he cannot help feeling very much refreshed with his understanding of dogs greatly enlarged.

March 5, 1935

Mr. Arthur C. Bartlett
The Country Home
250 Park Ave.
New York City

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

We have received A SON OF THE WILD PACK, which you so kindly autographed for our Maine Author Collection, and we send you our sincere thanks.

Very truly yours

Maine State Library

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Secretary

March 26, 1935

Mr. Arthur C. Bartlett
Country Home
250 Park Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

We want to include as many of your early animal stories as possible in our Maine Author Collection, to which you have kindly contributed "Pal."

May we hope for some of these from you? We assure you we would greatly appreciate it if you could help us in this matter.

Very truly yours
Maine State Library

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Secretary

April 15, 1935

Mr. Arthur C. Bartlett
The Country Home
250 Park Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

We are ordering from Biblion, Inc.,
in Boston, seven of your books. These
will be sent to you, and we hope you will
be kind enough to inscribe them for our
Maine Author Collection.

Very truly yours
Maine State Library

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The Sea Dog
Spunk, leader of the Dog Team
Gumpy, Son of Spunk
The runaway dog team
Game-legs
General Jim

April 23, 1935

Mr. Arthur C. Bartlett
The Country Home
250 Park Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Bartlett: :

Thank you for inscribing and forwarding your books for our Maine Author Collection. We appreciate your kindness. However, one book, GENERAL JIM, is not included. Our publisher's bill indicates that it was sent to you, and it possible escaped your notice when mailing the others. We enclose a label and postage for sending GENERAL JIM, for of course our collection of your books would not be complete without this splendid story.

Very truly yours
Maine State Library

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Secretary

The Country Home

THE CROWELL PUBLISHING COMPANY

250 Park Avenue
New York

Editorial Rooms

May 14, 1935

Miss Hilda McLeod, Secretary
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Miss McLeod:

I received this morning, from Biblion Inc., a copy of my book "Skipper the Guide Dog." I assume this is intended for you although I have received no definite word about it. I was under the impression that I had already autographed a copy of this book for you though I may be mistaken. In any event if you will instruct me about it I will be very glad to autograph it and send it on, or whatever you wish.

Yours very truly,



Arthur C. Bartlett.

ACB/cm

COPY

May 15, 1935.

Mr. Arthur C. Bartlett
The Country Home
250 Park Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

The copy of "Skipper the Guide Dog" which you have received from Biblion, Inc., is, as you assumed, intended for our Maine Author Collection. We regret that it was late in arriving; it was ordered with the books which you received in April and inscribed for us.

We enclose a label and return postage, and hope you will be kind enough to inscribe this book for us. This completes our set, I think, and we assure you we will trouble you no further for autographs until your next book is published!

Very truly yours,
Maine State Library

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Secretary

September 27, 1935

Arthur C. Bartlett
250 Park Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

May we congratulate you upon your latest book, YANKEE DOODLE. The advance notices are complimentary, and we feel certain that your usual standard of good juvenile literature has been surpassed, as not only is there an admirable dog story, but also a picture of Colonial days, which is apparently authentic.

We intend to include this in our Maine Author Collection, of course, and we have requested your publisher, W. A. Wilde Co., of Boston, to forward a copy of YANKEE DOODLE to your office. We trust that with your usual kindness, you will inscribe this book and return it to us. We will appreciate this very much.

Very truly yours
Maine State Library

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Enc: Return label
and postage

Secretary

October 7, 1935

Arthur C. Bartlett
250 Park Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

We have received the copy of YANKEE DOODLE which was sent to you for your inscription, and we thank you for your interest and kindness in the Maine Author Collection. We are happy to add to it such a fine dog story as YANKEE DOODLE.

Very truly yours
Maine State Library

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Secretary

March 16, 1937

Mr. Arthur C. Bartlett
250 Park Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

We notice that the Maine Author Collection lacks a copy of your most recent book, PILGRIM AND PLUCK, DOGS OF THE MAYFLOWER. We are asking your publisher, W. A. Wilde Company, to send you a copy.

Will you continue your past kindness, and inscribe it for the Maine Author Collection? We will appreciate your assistance, and we assure you that we are delighted each time we are able to add another of your thoroughly enjoyable and worth while dog stories to the shelves of this collection.

Very truly yours

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The Country Home

THE CROWELL PUBLISHING COMPANY

250 Park Avenue
New York

Editorial Rooms

March 19, 1937

Miss Hilda McLeod
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Miss McLeod:

I shall be delighted to autograph the book, "Pilgrim and Pluck", and will forward it to you as soon as it arrives.

Thank you for the honor you do me in keeping up this collection.

Sincerely,



Arthur C. Bartlett
Managing Editor

ACB/imp

March 25, 1937

Mr. Arthur C. Bartlett
Managing Editor
The Country Home
250 Park Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

The book, PILGRIM AND PLUCK, has been received at the library, and once again we thank you for inscribing a copy of a splendid dog story for the Maine Author Collection. It is always a pleasure to anticipate one of your books, and even more of a pleasure when the time comes for us to add it to the Collection.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

September 13, 1938

Mr. Arthur Charles Bartlett
250 Park Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

With regret and dismay, we discover that we lack your latest book, HUSTLER, THE FARM DOG, in the Maine Author Collection, and we are therefore requesting your publishers to send you a copy. Will you be so kind as to inscribe it and return it to us under the enclosed label and postage.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

Essex, Conn.,
October 4, 1938.

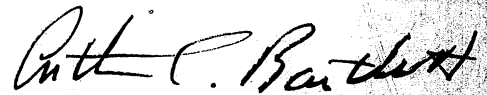
Miss Hilda McLeod,
Maine State Library,
Augusta, Maine.

Dear Miss McLeod:

Your request for an inscription on
HUSTLER, THE FARM DOG was forwarded to me by my former
associates of The Crowell Publishing Company, with whom
I am no longer officially connected. I am giving all my
time to writing now.

I am glad to inscribe the book, and am
also sending with it an inscribed copy of 4-H COWBOY,
which has just been published. Please accept it with my
compliments.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Arthur C. Bartlett", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Arthur C. Bartlett

October 11, 1938

Mr. Arthur C. Bartlett
Essex
Connecticut

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

Please accept our thanks for the gift copy of 4-H COWBOY, and for inscribing HUSTLER, THE FARM DOG, for the Maine Author Collection. Your generosity and kindness are truly appreciated. We are especially glad to add such fine stories for young people to this collection, and are delighted to learn that your activities are now devoted to writing. This is interesting news, and we shall await each new volume with the same eagerness as heretofore.

These admirable books are a distinction in the collection, and we are certain that your youthful readers find fun and profit in their pages. Our best wishes are yours for increasing success.

Very truly yours

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January 22, 1942

Mr. Arthur C. Bartlett
Essex
Connecticut

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

Two terrible gaps exist in the Maine Author Collection. They are between 4-H COWBOY and GAME LEGS, and between THE SEA DOG and SKIPPER, THE GUIDE DOG. Of course you know at once -- the books which should be there are FIND YOUR OWN FRONTIER and SERGEANT SQUIFFY, ARMY DOG.

It is through your generous interest in this project that we can boast of your other books, and we do hope that you will want to continue to inscribe and present your work for the exhibit.

Our best wishes to you in your present work, and for your books which are constantly bringing joy and profit to young readers.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

February 10, 1942

Mr. Arthur C. Bartlett
Essex
Connecticut

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

One of the things for which we are, in these turbulent times, very grateful is the interest which our authors manifest in the Maine Author Collection. Your prompt generosity in sending us inscribed copies of FIND YOUR OWN FRONTIER and SERGEANT SQUIFFY is deeply appreciated.

We are delighted to add another of your splendid stories of a dog and a boy; certainly SERGEANT SQUIFFY is a particularly fine one at this time. FIND YOUR OWN FRONTIER is rather a departure from the type of book which we have grown to expect from your pen, and perhaps for this reason especially do we find it interesting.

Please accept our thanks for your kindness in sending these books to make complete the representation of your work in the Maine Author Collection.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

September 13, 1951

Mr. Arthur Bartlett
Essex
Connecticut

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

You have always been very kind and interested in the Maine Author Collection, and we are glad that these exhibit shelves include all your books.

At present BASEBALL AND MR. SPALDING is not there. We purchased a copy for the lending section of the library, and later were given a copy. We think this copy might well be sent to you for an inscription, if it is agreeable with you, and then placed in the collection. May we send it to you for this purpose?

This book has been popular with sports enthusiasts, and we are finding it very useful in reference work with schools.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

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ARTHUR BARTLETT
ESSEX, CONN.

October 8, 1951

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

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

I am sorry not to have answered more promptly your letter of September 13th, but I have been away much of the time and my correspondence piled up.

Of course I would be happy to inscribe the copy of BASEBALL AND MR. SPALDING which was presented to you for the Maine Author Collection. If I had an extra copy available, I would be glad to save you the trouble of mailing one for the purpose, but my supply seems to be exhausted.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Arthur Bartlett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and a long, sweeping underline.

October 10, 1951

Mr. Arthur Bartlett
Essex
Connecticut

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

Thank you very much for permission to send your book for an inscription. It is being mailed to you today, and we enclose a return label and postage for your convenience.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

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October 23, 1951

Mr. Arthur Bartlett
Essex
Connecticut

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

Thank you very much for inscribing BASEBALL AND
MR. SPALDING for the Maine Author Collection, to which
the volume is being added with great pleasure.

Sincerely yours

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Maine Author Collection