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## Alice May Douglas Correspondence

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Henry Ernest Dunnack 1867-1938

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DOUGLAS, Alice May

Bath, Maine, 1865-

Douglas, Alice May

Miss Douglas was born in Bath, Maine and has always made her home there. Most of her paternal ancestors were Friends.

She has published volumes of verse and prose and has written serials for adults and children.

Being greatly interested in natural history, she made a special study of the history of the Pine Tree State and the legends of Maine Indians.

The juvenile peace society PEACE MAKERS was originated and organized by Miss Douglas.

She had no training in writing and says "All my poems and stories are the result of inspiration."

From: LEWISTON JOURNAL, May 10, 1930.  
(Maine Biography File).

Back Ms. June 10-22

Dear Friend: A few years ago I suggested to Mr. Lunnack that it would be well to have collected in the State Library poetry (published or not) written by Maine poets, and he gave me permission to collect the same. The errand a few was widely published in Maine papers and much verse came to me, which I will try to send to you soon. He told me that when I purchased a book needed the library would pay for this. It has never been necessary for me to send in a bill. I had never a thought of an anthology. I never spoke of one anywhere. Other libraries make similar collections. They may be of use in the future. I have not until the collection before used thought you were to have a new library in care  
Alice May Derrighe

July 14, 1938

Miss Alice May Douglas  
23 York Street  
Bath, Maine

Dear Miss Douglas:

For some time we have regretted that the Maine Author Collection has included none of your books. This collection, with which you are doubtless familiar, includes several hundred volumes, inscribed presentation copies of books written by Maine persons, and kept for exhibit purposes only.

That such a well-known author should not be represented is unfortunate. Perhaps you would like to send inscribed copies of your books to this collection. The generous response which we have met in most of our authors is gratifying, and should you care to make this splendid gift to the library, we assure you that it would be deeply appreciated.

Please accept our sincere wishes for a pleasant summer, and a cordial invitation to visit the library and Maine Author Collection when you are in Augusta.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

October 31, 1939

Miss Alice May Douglas  
23 York Street  
Bath, Maine

Dear Miss Douglas:

The enclosed is a copy of our letter to you written July 14, 1938. Perhaps it did not reach you: that is our misfortune, for the omission of your books from the Maine Author Collection is to be regretted.

We do hope that it will be possible for the state to include your books in this exhibit, and if we may be of assistance to you in securing them, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Very truly yours

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Bath, Maine

Wilda McLeod, Secretary  
Maine State Library  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Madam:

A long time ago I sent you a copy of my 42-page book "Gems Without Polish" and I may have sent you four volumes of poems in cardboard covers.

If you want some, let me know and then you can ask for a copy of Professor Upham's poems. He was the Professor of Morrill Philosophy at Bowdoin at the time that Professor Stowes was there and were very intimate.

If you cannot get a copy, I can furnish one. I will be on the outlook for books from you.

Yours truly,

Alice May Douglas

December 16, 1939

Miss Alice May Douglas  
23 York Street  
Bath, Maine

Dear Miss Douglas:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your books. You state that you have already sent us GEMS WITHOUT POLISH, and also your poems in cardboard covers. Since we do not have any record of receiving them, or owning them at any time, we can only believe that some accident occurred to prevent our adding them to the library.

If it is possible for us to secure a copy of each of your books, we would be very glad to purchase them for the general lending section of the library. We do not have them in the Maine Author Collection, which is not for lending, but for exhibit only; and we hope you will want to inscribe copies and present them to the collection.

We feel the lack of your work very keenly, and sincerely trust that this situation may be remedied.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

June 22, 1940

Dear Friend:

I am sending you some books for the library. I could not buy one of my own books as they are all out of print, so I send you my copy as I have a duplicate.

I can send you other books later. I also send you books by James Perigo; and 3 by Flora Longfellow Turbott. She was a Bath girl.

Dr. Dunroak told me the library would pay expenses of sending them.

Sincerely,

Alicia May Douglas

August 13, 1940

Miss Alice May Douglas  
23 York Street  
Bath, Maine

Dear Miss Douglas:

It was very kind of you to send the books to us for the Maine Author Collection, and we appreciate your thoughtfulness. Please accept our sincere thanks for your kindness and generosity.

Very truly yours

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