Gertrude E. Finney Correspondence

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b. Morocca, Indiana
March 23, 1960

Miss Gertrude Finney
o/o Longmans Green & Co.
114 Fifth Avenue
New York City 3

Dear Miss Finney:

Your book STORMY WINTER should have had our good wishes before now, because we are particularly interested in all books with a Maine connection. Have you one yourself?

We try to maintain a file of biographical and critical information about Maine authors and books, especially in connection with the Maine Author Collection, which is a permanent exhibit of books about Maine, or by Maine writers, including those born here or resident in the state. These books (about two thousand now) are for the most part inscribed presentation copies, and we delight in the variety and originality of the inscriptions, which lend distinction and interest to a valuable and growing collection which attracts students and visitors constantly.

Perhaps you will want to inscribe a copy of STORMY WINTER for inclusion in this Maine exhibit. We would take pleasure in seeing it among the other books of Maine interest; and we'd like to know, if you are willing to tell us, whether you were born in Maine, or live here.

Our very good wishes for a happy continuation of your writing.

Sincerely yours

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In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
April 11, 1960

Mrs. F. W. Jacob
Maine State Library
Augusta

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

Your nice letter reached me via Longmans, Green, New York. As you see, I do not live in Maine but in the country to which Stormy Winter came.

To answer your question, I have never lived in Maine, physically, though through Ruth Moore (Spoon-handle) and Edna St. Vincent Millay, and others, I have spent many vivid days there in imagination. Also, our oldest son and I toured Maine on our way home from his graduation from Boston University.

Through these sources I have what seems to me intimate knowledge of your headlands, and your mountains, and your woods, and your islands in a bay.

Under separate cover I am sending an autographed copy of Stormy Winter, proud to belong in your collection of Maine books.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
May 5, 1960

Mrs. John Montfort Finney
2946 Grandview
Spokane 44, Washington

Dear Mrs. Finney:

What a charming inscription! We are more than delighted to be a third state to claim you, and to have the privilege of adding STORMY WINTER to the Maine Author Collection.

Thank you, too, for your friendly letter, telling us how you came to know Maine. Perhaps one day you will return -- we hope so.

Meanwhile, please accept our thanks for your generous response, and our very best wishes for the continued success of your work.

Sincerely yours

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