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ARMS, Dorothy Noyes.

Author born in Brooklyn, N.Y. June 11, 1887.
November 9, 1938

Mrs. Dorothy Noyes Arms
C/o Macmillan Company
60 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mrs. Arms:

You are to be congratulated upon your recently published FISHING MEMORIES. The book will appeal to countless angling enthusiasts, and we are of course particularly pleased that you write of Maine waters.

We have, in fact, addressed this letter to you on that especial account. In the library we gather books written by Maine born authors, and those who write about the state or are intimately connected with it. In the latter class are such eminent authors as Booth Tarkington, Laura E. Richards, Gladys Hasty Carroll, Eric Kelly, Kenneth Payson Kempton, Elizabeth Etnier, and Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

These books are for exhibit purposes only, and are inscribed presentation copies. Critical and biographical material regarding the writers is also assembled, and all correspondence preserved, comprising a valuable source of data for future students. So interested and cooperative have our writers been, that the collection now numbers nearly a thousand volumes, and is constantly expanding.

We hope that you will want to inscribe and present a copy of FISHING MEMORIES to the Maine Author Collection: such generosity would find us extremely appreciative. You have our best wishes for the success of the book.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY
November 17, 1938

Maine State Library
Augusta
Maine

Dear Sirs,

It will give me great pleasure to send a signed copy of "Fishing Memories" for your Maine Author Collection. I appreciate your considering it worthy of inclusion, and I am also glad to show my affection for the state which was the scene of the first of these memories, and in which we later spent so many happy months.

As soon as I receive a copy from Macmillan I will inscribe and send it on.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Dorothy Konya Ames
December 9, 1928

Mrs. Dorothy Noyes Arms
Millstones
Greenfield Hill
Fairfield, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Arms:

Your very graciously inscribed FISHING MEMORIES has delighted us, and we send you our sincere thanks for making it possible to add such an altogether alluring book to the Maine Author Collection.

Perhaps at some leisure moment, you will be so kind as to send us in the enclosed return envelope some biographical details. These form an interesting and valuable feature of our author files, and we are always anxious to obtain the fullest possible information regarding Maine writers.

Please accept our genuinely appreciative acknowledgment of your generous interest in the Maine Author Collection, and our cordial invitation to visit the library and this exhibit when you are again in our state.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY
December 10, 1938

Dear Miss McLeod:

The enclosed, slightly facsimile, biography is all I could think of that might be of help to you.

I apologize for the haphazard but my typewriter is being overhauled and I did not want to wait for its return.

Yours truly,

Dorothy W. Arms
Dorothea Hayes Ames
Daughter of Henry S. Hayes and Harrie L. Richardson
Born June 11, 1887, at Brooklyn, New York
Educated private schools: Brooklyn and Mrs. Davis' School, Briarcliff Manor, New York

Married to John Jayfor Ames (architect, later atelier) in 1913. (Wedding trip at the Pleasant Island Camps, Cappaftic, Maine; first game - fishing expedition.)

Three children - Margaret (Mrs. Lewis Roberts)

John Jayfor III

Henry Hayes

One grandson - Lewis Jr. (most important)

Hobbies - fishing, travel, etchings, and fan collecting

Occupation - writer (at times)

Publications: "Hill Towns of France" 1929
"Hill Towns and Cities of Northern Italy"
"Design in Flower Arrangement" 1936
"Fishing Memories" 1938

All published by The Macmillan Company. The first two illustrated by reproductions of etchings and drawings by J.S.A. text by D.W.R.

"Design in Flower Arrangement" in collaboration with J.S.A.
ides in many periodicals - "Paint Collectors Quarterly", "Prints", "Avocations", etc., Booklet on Ken Eby in American Etchman series, Article in first volume of "Romance of Fine Prints" 1936 silver medal from Italy for "Hill Towns".

Europe became possible in search of subjects for J.J.A.'s etchings - largely architectural and especially Gothic. Church legends special interest D.N.Y.

Summers of 1919 and 1920 spent on a farm in Waldoboro, Maine. Many vacations in various parts of Maine.

Resident of Fairfield, Connecticut since 1921 with most winters in New York.

Clubs and organizations - Cosmopolitan Club, Society of Woman Geographers, Town Hall Club, Fairfield Garden Club, and the usual men of yacht, bridge, and country club affairs.
December 13, 1938

Mrs. Dorothy Noyes Arms
Millstones
Greenfield Hill
Fairfield, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Arms:

Thank you very much indeed for your prompt and friendly response to our inquiry for biographical information. The sketch contains just the sort of material which we want.

Best wishes for continued success, and sincere greetings of the season!

Very truly yours

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