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BANIS, Josephine Taft

b. Liverpool, England, 1904.

August 11, 1953

Mrs. Josephine Taft Banis
Snug Harbor
Bremen, Maine

Dear Mrs. Banis:

Congratulations upon the publication of your book BAGPIPES TO FOGHORNS. We look forward to seeing a copy, and have placed it on our order list. We will also note it in the August issue of the Bulletin of the Maine Library Association, so that other Maine librarians may be sure to know of its availability.

It occurs to us that the Maine Author Collection would be enriched by the inclusion of BAGPIPES TO FOGHORNS. Do you know about this collection? It is a permanent exhibit of books written by Maine people, or about the state; and it would seem most fitting that your story be among these Maine books. They number about two thousand volumes now, most of them inscribed presentation copies, frequently with inscriptions of unusual appeal. We have pen-and-ink sketches, tributed to Maine, autobiographical sketches, bit of verse -- but they are all original, and lend a particular distinction to this outstanding collection of books. Visitors and students find constant delight and value here; and we also gather all available biographical information about our authors, so that we may answer this sort of question.

We hope that you may want to inscribe and present a copy of BAGPIPES TO FOGHORNS for the exhibit. You have our very warm wishes for its success.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

hmj



John & Jo Banis
SNUG HARBOR
Shore Road
MEDOMAK, MAINE

Telephone Damariscotta B-312

18th August 1953.

Maine State Library
State House
Augusta Maine

Dear Mrs Jacobs.

Thank you for your kind
congratulations. I am deeply honored that you
should wish a copy of my Book from
"Baybibs To Loghorns" for the State of Maine
Author Collection. It gives me much
pleasure to send along a copy which I
am mailing with this letter.

I trust you will enjoy reading it
and thank you again for giving me the
honor of having my Book in the

Maine Author's Collection

With my very best wishes Most Sincerely

Josephine Loft Banis

August 31, 1953

Mrs. Josephine Taft Banis
Snug Harbor
Medomak, Maine

Dear Mrs. Banis:

Your most friendly letter and the graciously inscribed copy of your book, FROM BAGPIPES TO FOGHORNS, are very much appreciated. It is a charming, loyal, cheering, courageous, and wholly captivating story; and we are delighted that the Maine Author Collection may boast an exhibit copy. We are also delighted that Maine may call you one of her authors.

We hope that it is happily successful, and that later we shall have the pleasure of another book to bring us up-to-date. Surely Snug Harbor itself must hold many a story. Thank you for writing the beginning, and for presenting it to the collection.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

82 Valley Road
Montclair, N.J.
07042

Nov. 17, 1971

The Chief Librarian
Public Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Sir:

I have in my possession a beautifully hand lettered and leather bound book containing poems written by Joseph A. Homan, editor of the Maine Farmer. There is with it a clipping describing the book made by my cousin and Mr. Homan's nephew Ashton Homan Thayer of Wakefield, Mass.

Since I am well along in years I would like to feel that this book is in the hands of some one or some organization which would appreciate it. There is surely some historical value aside from the beauty of the handwork.

If you are interested in having it for the Public Library I shall be glad to send it to you.

If it will not fit into your needs would you be kind enough to send me the name and address of some one or some organization which may be interested in having it — perhaps a Historical Society or the "Maine Farmer" if it is still in existence?

Sincerely

(Mrs) Lydia A. Bancroft.

The book measures $5\frac{3}{4}$ " x 9" and $\frac{3}{8}$ " thick.

December 13, 1971

Miss Lydia A. Bancroft
82 Valley Road
Montclair, New Jersey 04042

Dear Miss Bancroft:

Thank you for sending us the book of poems by
Joseph A. Homan who was editor of the MAINE FARMER.

We will be happy to add this book to our special
collection of works of Maine authors. We have a complete
set of the MAINE FARMER in bound volumes, but we did not
have any writings by Joseph Homan until we received your
gift.

We do not have much biographical information about
Joseph Homan so we would appreciate it if you know the
place and date of his birth and of his death or anything
else about him of general interest. We note that the
poems were written in Augusta, Me. and Boston, Mass. At
the time he was editor of the MAINE FARMER, he apparently
lived in Augusta.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Shirley Thayer
Head of Reference Services

ST/jl

