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BARROWS, John Stuart.

Born at Fryeburg, Maine, March 31, 1865.

BARROWS, John Stuart, newspaper man; born at Fryeburg, Maine, March 31, 1865; son of George Bradley and Georgiana (Souther) Barrows; graduated from Fryeburg Academy, 1884; studied at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, ex-1888; Lowell School of Design, Boston; pupil of Tomasso Juglaris in his studio in Boston, 1887; married Katharine E. Dixon, of Boston, September 6, 1915; one daughter, Georgiana Stuart Barrows. Learned printers trade on Oxford County Record, Fryeburg, 1888; associate editor Congregationalist, Boston, 1891; reported, artist, art editor, assistant to managing editor, Sunday editor, news editor, assistant dramatic editor, Boston Journal, 1892-1903; became connected with Publicity Bureau, Boston, 1903; assistant secretary of Committee of One Hundred for Reciprocity, 1904; associate editor of the Boston Transcript 1905-1935; retired and since engaged entirely in literary work. Enlisted in Troop A, 1st Squadron Cavalry, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, Boston, April 21, 1896; second lieutenant May 21, 1905, 1st lieutenant, May 22, 1906, captain January 29, 1909, promoted to Inspector General's department as major, July 12, 1911, transferred to National Guard Reserves, as lieutenant colonel, April 23, 1917; aide-de-camp to Governor Calvin Coolidge, Massachusetts, 1920-21, Governor Channing Cox, 1922; colonel, (retired), Massachusetts National Guard, January 15, 1923. Secretary, National Guard Association (Massachusetts) 1907-08; national delegate National Guard Association, 1908. President of the Boston Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, 1910, Boston Common Tercentenary Commission, 1935; Trustee Fryeburg Academy, member of National Infantry Association, National Cavalry Association, Society of Colonial Wars, Alpha Delta Phi; honorary member of British Naval and Military Veterans, Fryeburg-Lovell Kiwanis Club, National Lancers (past captain), Republican. Congregationalist. President of Young Men's Congregational Club, Boston, 1900. Author: A SON OF OLD IRONSIDES, 1931; History of the town of Fryeburg, 1938; also articles on military, naval and general topics for newspapers and periodicals. Lectures to patriotic associations, men's clubs, etc., on patriotic, military, historic and general subjects. Home: Fryeburg, Maine.

(From WHO'S WHO IN NEW ENGLAND, Vol.3, 1938.)

February 25, 1938

Col. John Stuart Barrows
Fryeburg
Maine

Dear Sir:

With great interest, we have learned of the forthcoming HISTORY OF FRYEBURG. This volume will be a valuable contribution to the historical literature of the state, and Maine citizens should be grateful to you for your patience, skill and research which have made the compiling of this material possible. You are to be congratulated, and we await the publication eagerly.

We particularly hope that you will wish to inscribe a copy for the Maine Author Collection, which includes several hundred volumes, most of which are presentation copies. This is an exhibit collection, and the books are written by Maine persons, who have been generously interested in the project. We also gather all available biographical material about our authors, and we hope you will be kind enough to send us a few important facts of this nature. We notice that your book, A SON OF "OLD IRONSIDES" is not in the Maine Author Collection: that is another thing to which we look forward.

You will receive the impression that we are asking a great deal of you. We are. Our only excuse is that such requests are made because of the Maine Author Collection, the work of gathering together and preserving these representations of Maine's contribution to literature, and because Maine is your native state.

Please accept our very best wishes for the success of the new book, HISTORY OF FRYEBURG.

Very truly yours,

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Fryeburg, Me.
Sept. 19, 1938.

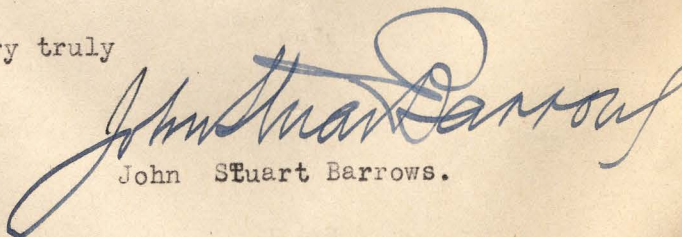
Miss Hilda McLeod,
Maine State Library,
Augusta, Me.

Dear Madam:

In accordance with your request of Feb. 25, ult. that I would give a copy to the State Library of my "Historical Sketch" of Fryeburg, Maine, I am sending to your address, by today's mail a copy, which I hope reaches you safely, and will find a place in the shelves of the Library.

The desire for "A Son of Old Ironsides", I regret to say I can not comply with, as it is out of print at present, and I have no extra copies. Perhaps Lothrop, Lee and Shepard Co., of Boston could procure one for you.

Yours very truly


John Stuart Barrows.

September 22, 1938

Col. John Stuart Barrows
Fryeburg
Maine

Dear Sir:

The autographed copy of your splendid history of Fryeburg has been received, and we are very pleased to add this to the Maine Author Collection.

It is indeed an excellent piece of work, and is a valuable addition to Maine histories. We of course ordered a copy at once for the lending section of the library, and are certain that it will answer a need that has been acutely felt. Students and researchers should be especially grateful to you for providing such a fine history of Fryeburg.

Please accept our most sincere thanks for your kindness and interest in the Maine Author Collection.

Very truly yours,

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