McGown, Pearl K.
b. Clinton, Massachusetts, February 27, 1892.
Born: Clinton, Maine, Feb., 27, 1892

Many years a resident of West Boylston, Mass.
Has one son, Winthrop H. McGown, of West Boylston.
Vocation: Business activities, most of the time in Law.
Avocation: Search and restoration of the creative work of New England women in the hooked rug handi-craft.
August 29, 1939

Miss Pearl K. McGown  
c/o Bruce Humphries Co.  
30 Winchester Street  
Boston, Massachusetts  

Dear Miss McGown:

Recently our attention has been directed to your forthcoming book, THE DREAMS BENEATH DESIGN, and inasmuch as the subject matter is Maine, we will of course obtain a copy for the State Library, to be used for reference and loan.

We are writing to you at this time, however, regarding the Maine Author Collection. This is an exhibit of the works of Maine persons, comprised of about a thousand volumes, inscribed presentation copies. The library is, we believe, the one place in which are gathered all the books of all Maine writers; in addition to the volumes, we collect all available critical, biographical and photographic material. Naturally such a collection is of present interest, and we welcome visitors; but the present interest is outweighed by the potential future value of such an exhibit. Future research students may here discover a treasure of information concerning Maine's contribution to literature, and for that reason, we are anxious to make the collection as complete as possible.

We hope that you will want to inscribe a copy of THE DREAMS BENEATH DESIGN, and present it to the Maine Author Collection. Such a volume, we think, should be included. Also, at your convenience, will you be so kind as to send us some biographical information for our files? We enclose a return envelope for this purpose.

Please accept our best wishes for the success of your book, which we anticipate eagerly.

Very truly yours

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State House,
Augusta, Maine.

Attention of Miss H. McLeod.

Gentlemen:

I am pleased, indeed, to present an autographed copy of my book "The Dreams Beneath Design" to be added to the Maine Author Collection. While I do not qualify as a Maine author, much of my material was secured from Maine residents.

It gives me particular pleasure to know that the historical facts that I have gathered in regard to Edward Sands Frost, (a Biddeford resident) are going to be filed in his home State Library.

The biographical information regarding the author may not interest you because of my residence. However, if it is of interest, the author was born in Clinton, Massachusetts, February 27, 1892, the daughter of Duke M. and Emma Kinnear, who were both born in New Brunswick. For many years now she has been a resident of West Boylston,
Massachusetts, and has one son, Winthrop H. McGown, of West Boylston.

Her vocation has always been found in the business world, most of the time in Law.

Her avocation for many years has been the search and restoration of the creative work of New England women in the hooked rug handicraft.

Cordially yours,
September 19, 1939

Miss Pearl K. McGown
West Boylston
Massachusetts

Dear Miss McGown:

Your prompt and generous response to our letter of August 29 brings you in return our very sincere thanks and appreciation.

The book which you so very kindly inscribed and presented to the Maine Author Collection is a most valuable contribution to the field which it represents; and apart from its interest as one of an exhibit, we will find ample opportunity to call upon it in our reference work. We have needed just such a book to answer many queries about hooked rugs; and it is particularly useful to have the information regarding Mr. Frost in convenient form.

Thank you, too, for the biographical information, which is exactly what we wished. We regret that we cannot claim you as a Maine born author, but we feel that the book should be in the collection, and we are happy that you have presented this copy for that purpose.

Please accept our sincere thanks for THE DREAMS BENEATH DESIGN, and our very best wishes for the success of the book.

Very truly yours

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