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Olive Higgins Prouty Correspondence

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PROUTY, Olive Higgins (Mrs. Lewis I.)
July 13, 1947

Mrs. Olive Higgins Prouty
393 Walnut Street
Brookline, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Prouty:

Because of the Maine scenes in HOME PORT, we venture to write to you, having a naturally strong interest in any writing that pertains to this state.

Some years ago the Maine Author Collection was started. It now includes over fifteen hundred books, most of them inscribed presentation copies. This collection embraces books written by Maine people, those living here, or writing about the state. We realize that you cannot be claimed through birth as a Maine author, but because of the background in HOME PORT, we think perhaps this collection may interest you.

It is the only place where all the books of all Maine authors and those writing of the state are gathered together and permanently preserved as a unit. The interest of such an inscribed collection is instantly apparent, and many are the visitors who call and browse among the volumes. Another value is in the constant availability of these books for students and researchers.

If this would seem to you a suitable place for an inscribed copy of HOME PORT, we assure you that we would be delighted and appreciative of the opportunity to include your fine novel on these shelves.

Please accept our very good wishes for its enduring success.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of

Maine Author Collection
July 21, 1947

393 WALNUT STREET BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS

My dear Mrs. Jacob,

It gives me much pleasure to send you a copy of Home Port, in the collection in the State House.

It is true I am not a native of Maine, but my father was, and my hear always drawn to it - to its people. For years we have spent happy days in your words every fall, often taking our journey to your camping spot at Augusta, almost next to the State House. I am glad to have a copy of my book here.

Sincerely,

Olive Higgins Prouty
July 23, 1947

Mrs. Lewis I. Prouty
393 Walnut Street
Brookline, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Prouty:

It is very interesting to know that your Maine information and background in HOME PORT comes from your own camping trips. The conversation and atmosphere are genuine; we are always glad when authors who use Maine as a setting do so from experience, rather than hearsay!

HOME PORT is in our traveling libraries, which go out all over the state to small communities and libraries; and we know that Murray Vale will make friends for a long time.

Thank you very much for your friendly letter, and for the inscribed copy of HOME PORT which we are placing in the Maine Author Collection with appreciation of the book and of your generosity.

We trust that your fall camping trips will continue to bring you relaxation and enjoyment, and that HOME PORT will continue to bring readers pleasure and satisfaction that the Maine settings and characters are so true.

Sincerely yours

hmj

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