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SEARWAY, Ruby Garrison

b. Aroostook
(lives in Ashland)
February 15, 1967

Mrs. Ruby Garrison Searway
Ashland
Maine 04732

Dear Mrs. Searway:

Your book, TIME TO REMEMBER, was noted in the Bulletin of the Maine Library Association, but we believe we have not yet written to you about the Maine Author Collection.

As you may know, this is a permanent exhibit of books by Maine people, and books with a Maine flavor. Most of the volumes are inscribed presentation copies. Some of the inscriptions are humorous, some poetic, some artistic, some of an autobiographical nature; but they are all original and lend an added bit of interest to a valuable collection. We also gather biographical and critical material, and try to have complete information about Maine authors and books.

We hope that you may want to inscribe a copy of TIME TO REMEMBER for inclusion in the collection. It would give us pleasure to place your book on the Maine shelves. Our best wishes go to you for its success.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
Fechland, Maine
Feb 21, 1967

Maine State Library
Augusta, Me.

Dear Mrs. Jacobs:

I am honored to have "Time to Remember" in your Maine Author Edition.

Although retired from teaching, I still substitute teaching in touch with the younger generation. I also paint and cook my vegetables and seeds to my taste. Chick-a-dees and other birds(figs.)

Right now I am busy working on my family tree and shall send request for Dodge, Elliot & Chandler material. Sincerely,

July 7, Seaway
March 7, 1967

Mrs. Ruby G. Searway  
RFD 1  
Ashland, Maine 04732  

Dear Mrs. Searway:

Thank you for your friendly letter and for the autographed copy of the charming *TIME TO REMEMBER*. We are delighted to be able to add it to the Maine Author Collection, and appreciate your generous response.

Today's weather inclines us to think that you will be feeding the peanuts and seeds for some time yet. A fascinating winter hobby, isn't it?

Some time, at your convenience, would you be willing to let us have a few vital statistics: birthplace, birthdate, a sort of Who's Who item for our author files?

The genealogical research takes time, but we hope it will leave a few moments here and there in which you will keep on with the verse.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely yours

hmj  

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Maine Author Collection
Cradled among Aroostook’s hills you lie,  
And cabins face the sunset on your shore;  
A motor’s widening wake disturbs the calm  
Unbroken by the Indian’s silent oar.

Above a circling seaplane’s shining wing  
An osprey hovers, and a loon’s weird cry  
Echoes across the lake and near the reeds—  
Pond lilies in a patch of mirrored sky.

Care drifts away when silver salmon rise,  
And fires on the farther shore burn low;  
Above West Hill the evening star’s soft light  
Caught in your heart becomes a candle glow.

Gift of a wise and beauty-loving God,  
Rare jewel of Fish River’s glistening chain,  
A lonely city dweller far away  
Longs for a friendly camp fire up in Maine.

R.G.S.