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SNOW, ALICE ROWE.

Born Rockland, Maine, October 23, 1868.
Mrs. Alice Rowe Snow was born October 23, 1868, at Rockland, Maine, daughter of Joshua N. Rowe, a sea captain. Mrs. Snow spent many of her younger years aboard ship with her parents on numerous voyages. She married Edward Sumpter Snow who was born in Rockland and died August 17, 1943. They had four sons.

Adapted from letter from Mrs. Snow July 14, 1944, and Current Biographical Reference Service, 1944, page 97.
Miss Alice Rowe Snow  
c/o Meador Publishing Company  
324 Newbury Street  
Boston, Massachusetts  

Dear Miss Snow:

A review of your recently published book, LOG OF A SEA CAPTAIN'S DAUGHTER, brings to our attention the fact that you were born in Maine; to our congratulations, therefore, we add an expression of delight that another name may be added to Maine's literary roster.

Possibly you know of the Maine Author Collection, an exhibit of about fifteen hundred books written by people born in Maine, living here, or writing about the state. The books are inscribed and presented for this purpose, and the inscriptions bring distinction in their tributes to Maine, pen-and-ink sketches, original verses, or other original bits from our authors' pens. These books, together with all available biographical and critical material on Maine writers, form a valuable and fascinating display, which is assured of permanent care and preservation.

We hope that it may be possible to include you and LOG OF A SEA CAPTAIN'S DAUGHTER in the Maine Author Collection. Although we lack definite information, we understand that you were born in Rockland, and we are therefore hopeful! You have our good wishes for the book, and our cordial invitation to call at the library and see the collection when you may be in Augusta.

Sincerely yours

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Secretary
To the Maine State Library

I am reading one of my books, "Log of a Sea Captain's Daughter," for your Maine Author Collection.

Thank you for letting me know about it. I hope some day to look at the collecta, and feel honored to belong to it.

Very sincerely,

Alice Rose Swar
Mrs. Alice Rowe Snow  
59 Cottage Avenue  
Winthrop, 52, Massachusetts  

Dear Mrs. Snow:

Your delightful LOG OF A SEA CAPTAIN'S DAUGHTER which you have so very kindly inscribed for inclusion in the Maine Author Collection is being placed there with pleasure. It is fine indeed to have this permanent record of your experiences, and we congratulate you upon the book.

We are noting proudly that your birthplace is Rockland, and possibly at your convenience you will be so kind as to let us know the date.

Our very good wishes for the success of the book, and again our appreciation of your generosity.

Sincerely yours

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Dear Mrs. Jacobs,

Thank you for your nice note and postage.

Yours born Oct 23rd 1868 in Rockland Maine.

Her parents were engaged at the beginning of the Civil War and in Feb 1865 were married. On their honeymoon they attended Abraham Lincoln's 2nd Inauguration and about six weeks later they mournfully attended his funeral.
I wrote my father's life, gathered from letters, notes and diaries. I did not get the facts but I am glad I tried, as I brought all items, and all I covered, and as my mother was thin a life I had her keep. Some day I may put it all in a book.

Part of his diary was published in the American Neptune magazine of Salam Blaes, Oct. 1943 and Jan/44 at this time he was on the Crystal Palace built in Eastport, Maine and sold to
As that time my future fate
was in the U.S. Navy on the
U.S. Louis, and later on the
Mercedita.

My father, Joshua M. Rowe,
was born in Frankfort on the
Potomac River. His family
moved to Rockland, Maine,
while he was very young, so
he grew up in Rockland.
He had an extremely eventful
life, was shipwrecked 3-
times, once among Indians.
The "Atlantic Monthly Magazine"
offered a $5,000. "prize" for
the best biography, and
New Bedford, Mass., 1850s.

My mother was born in Rockland, Maine, Dec. 14, 1841. Her father was Capt. Richard Keating and mother was Delia Snodall of Rockland, Ohio.

Capt. Keating died I was band in Calcutta, India, leaving a family of seven children with their mother. He was only 47.

My husband died last Dec. 1943. He was born in Rockland, Maine. Two of my three cousins. Our 2 older sons were in World War One, two younger in World War Two. I guess that is enough family history.

Yours sincerely, Alice Smith Snow.
THE PUBLISHERS ANNOUNCE

LOG OF A SEA CAPTAIN'S DAUGHTER

ON THE WAY TO CRUSOE'S CAVE
HERE is a story of Robinson Crusoe's Island for all the young folks and the young-feeling old folks. It includes adventures of a four-year voyage on a sailing vessel in the 1880's which will appeal to all lovers of the sea. But let us read the author's introduction:

"Mother and I went on many voyages with father. My first trip was on the Village Belle at the age of eleven months.

My parents were my companions, as well as my teachers. Mother taught me the common school lessons, guitar music, and sewing. Father showed me how to box the compass, steer the ship, and take the sun. As we paced the deck each day for exercise, he told me story after story of pirates, ship-wrecks, and Civil War adventures. Often he made little pictures to help out his stories, and I took after him making little pictures to help out my stories, as you will see when you read this book. Of course there were no cameras in those days for us to take photos, so we had to use pencils and do the best we could.

At one time mother and I lived on a banana plantation which father had charge of for about a year, at the island of San Domingo, shipping the fruit on fast sailing vessels to New York.

The next interesting event was sailing on the brig J. Bickmore to England. When we stopped at Queenstown for orders, a great square rigged sailing ship ran into the stern of our vessel. This caused much trouble for my father as he had to have our brig repaired, then go to Liverpool and conduct a lawsuit to recover damages. Meanwhile he put another captain in the J. Bickmore to take her a short trip. This man wrecked our ship and we never saw her again.
BARK RUSSELL ’MIDST A SCHOOL OF WHALES
Father got into business here and we stayed a number of years in Liverpool. Then the longing for the sea made him accept the offer to command the Bark Russell. That is how we happened to start our four and a half years' voyage from that port.

Through the eyes of this young girl, we see the ship being surrounded by an immense school of whales, and feel the excitement of their nearness. Then with her we discover the beautiful coastline of Brazil, and enjoy the strange sights there. Later, off the terrible Cape Horn, in the little sailing vessel, we feel the tempest's roar and wonder if it can be possible for a ship to survive such frightful storms!

Upon seeing the grand Andes mountains, her enthusiasm is great, but when she finds that the ship is to go to Robinson Crusoe's Island, her joy knew no bounds, and we are carried right along to this glorious and romantic place, enjoying, with her the many thrilling adventures which she and her parents have with sea-lions and water-snakes; also wonderful trips to Crusoe's Lookout and Crusoe's Cave, and other wild places on this rugged island.

Log of a Sea Captain's Daughter is a beautifully bound cloth book of 108 pages. There are 22 pictures. The price is $1.00 postpaid. Ask at the bookstore, or order from the publishers.

Meador Publishing Company
324 Newbury Street
Boston 15, Massachusetts

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Gentlemen:

Please send me _______ copies of Log of a Sea Captain's Daughter by Alice Rowe Snow. I enclose $1.00 per copy in payment.

Signed_________________________________________

Address________________________________________

Date________

2.00 if pictures are colored

(Fill out this Order Form and hand it to your Bookstore or send it to the Publishers.)
July 19, 1944

Mrs. Alice Rowe Snow
59 Cottage Street
Winthrop 52, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Snow:

Your recent letter in answer to our request for biographical details reads like the first chapter of a most exciting story!

We are very grateful indeed for such a wealth of interesting facts about your family; and we certainly hope that one day you will find it possible to publish your father's biography. This is the sort of material which makes not only fascinating reading, but also valuable reference historically.

We have the American Neptune, so that part of your father's diary which appeared in this magazine is available here, and we shall look forward to the time when it may be read in its entirety.

Again our thanks go to you for your interest and courtesy toward the Maine Author Collection; for sending us so promptly and fully, and with such a friendly personal note, the biographical material; and especially for making the gift copy of LOG OF A SEA CAPTAIN'S DAUGHTER one with colored illustrations, which lend charm to an already delightful book.

Sincerely yours

hmj
Secretary