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STONE, AMY WENTWORTH (MRS. SEYMOUR H. STONE)

Born in Danvers, Massachusetts, on January 25, 1876.

Died March , 1938.

Stone, Amy Wentworth (Mrs. Seymour H. Stone).
Born in Danvers, Massachusetts, January 25, 1876;
daughter of Philip Henry and Harriet Lucetta (Daniell)
Wentworth; married Seymour Howard Stone, April 25, 1901.
Husband's occupation; Deputy commr. of correction.;
Children: Gertrude, born May 9, 1911; Jean, born April 29,
1918. Education A.B., Vassar College, 1898. Phi Beta
Kappa; secretary of college class for life. Previously:
Social Service work. Church: Unitarian. Politics:
Republican. Member Conference of Family Welfare Society.
Author: P-Penny and His Little Red Cart; short stories
in magazines. Home: 12 Emmonsdale Road, West Roxbury,
Massachusetts.

(AMERICAN WOMEN, THE OFFICIAL WHO'S WHO
AMONG THE WOMEN OF THE NATION, 1935-36.)

July 1, 1937

Miss Amy Wentworth Stone
c/o Lothrop, Lee and Shepard Company
381 Fourth Avenue
New York City

Dear Miss Stone:

Your delightful TREASURE FOR DEBBY suggests to us that you may possibly be claimed as a Maine author. We regret that we have no information of this sort in our files, and will therefore have to appeal to you to assist us.

The Maine Author Collection, started some fifteen years ago, includes several hundred volumes of inscribed, presented books, written by those people born in Maine, residing here, or having chosen a Maine subject or setting for their books. The collection is of course extremely interesting, and also valuable, forming a background of Maine's literature over a period of many years.

Our authors have been very generous, contributing inscribed books and biographical information for our files, and we are always grateful to them for this interest.

We hope we may claim you as a Maine writer, and that an inscribed copy of TREASURE FOR DEBBY may find its way into the Maine Author Collection.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

GRAY WINGS
NEW HARBOR, MAINE

July 9, 1937

Miss Hilda McLeod,
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Miss McLeod,

I was pleased to receive your letter, forwarded from Lothrop, Lee and Shepard, and shall of course be glad to send you a copy of TREASURE FOR DEBBY for your Maine collection. It occurs to me that you may also find a place for another of my books HERE'S JUGGINS, which also has a Maine flavor, being founded on the life in this little fishing village. I will accordingly send it with DEBBY. I might also say at this time that a sequel to DEBBY, entitled LET POLLY DO IT, is to be published by Lothrop this fall. This all sounds as if I were trying to load my books upon you, but I do not mean it that way!

I was not born in Maine, and have lived in Massachusetts nearly all my life. But we have owned a small cottage here on the Maine rocks for a good many years, and I love this region as much, I am sure, as a true daughter of Maine.

DEBBY was of course a slight reflection of the
charms of Wiscasset.

Thanking you for your interest,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs) Amy Wentworth Stone

GRAY WINGS
NEW HARBOR, MAINE

July 27, 1937

Miss Hilda McLeod
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Miss McLeod,

I am sending you copies of
TREASURE FOR DEBBY and HERE'S JUGGINS for the
Maine State Library. I am sorry for the delay
in getting them to you, but there was a hold-up
at the publisher's end.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Amy Wentworth Stone

July 28, 1937

Miss Amy Wentworth Stone
Gray Wings
New Harbor, Maine

Dear Miss Stone:

Your gifts to the Maine Author Collection, HERE'S JUGGINS, and TREASURE FOR DEBBY, have been received. Thank you for your generosity in presenting them to us, and in inscribing them.

HERE'S JUGGINS is, of course, delightful. and TREASURE FOR DEBBY will prove a fascinating story for girls of her age. The attraction of Maine backgrounds makes them especially appealing to us. We are already anticipating LET POLLY DO IT. Debby is charming, but now that you have introduced the lively and lovable Polly, she really deserves a book about herself.

Thank you very, very much for both Debby and Juggins -- for writing them, and for presenting them to the Maine Author Collection.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

September 22, 1937

Mrs. Amy Wentworth Stone
12 Emmonsdale Road
West Roxbury, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Stone:

LET POLLY DO IT has reached us for the Maine Author Collection, and we are as delighted with Polly's story as we were with Debby's. Polly is certainly one of the most engaging heroines we have ever met, and we know that all the girls who enjoyed Debby will continue their enthusiasm and delight in this new book.

Thank you so very much for inscribing and presenting a copy to the Maine Author Collection. We are indeed fortunate in being permitted to claim you as a Maine author, and we hope that there will be many more of these charming tales which we may anticipate.

Very truly yours

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12 EMMONSDALE ROAD
WEST ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

September 25, 1937.

My dear Miss McLeod,

Thank you for
your most cordial letter in
regard to my Polly. I do
appreciate your friendliness,
and am glad that my
children have found a
welcome at their Maine home!

Very sincerely
Amy Wentworth Stone

12 EMMONSDALE ROAD - WEST ROXBURY - MASSACHUSETTS

Aug 30, 1938

Miss Hilda M^cLeod
Sec. Maine State Library
Augusta
Maine

Dear Miss M^cLeod;

Mrs. Amy Wentworth Stout,
I am sorry to inform you,
died last March & as her
husband & Executor I have
been looking over her
correspondence & found a
letter from you thanking
her for the contribution of
two of her books with the
scenes laid in Maine.

Her last manuscript
has just been accepted
for publication in book

form by Lottrop, Lee &
Shepard. It is called
"It's Fun to be Eight." While
the scene is not laid in
Maine but in Massachusetts
I thought you would be
interested in knowing
about it.

Yours very truly,
Seymour N. Stone

August 17, 1938

Mr. Seymour H. Stone
12 Emmonsdale Road
West Roxbury, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Stone:

It was with deep regret that we learned of the death of Mrs. Stone, and we send you, tardily, but sincerely, our sympathy. Her stories will be missed, and children will be the poorer for lack of those that might have been written.

We are very grateful to have as her gifts HERE'S JUGGINS, TREASURE FOR DEBBY and LET POLLY DO IT, all of which are charming tales. Thank you for telling us about the forthcoming volume. We will watch for it with pleasure.

Very truly yours

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