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Children's Book Department of Houghton Mifflin

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March 29, 1932

Miss Nora Archibald Smith,
Hollis, Maine.

My dear Miss Smith:—

Miss Mary Walsh of the Children's Book Department of Houghton Mifflin has written me about your book, Bee of the Cactus Country and I wish to mention it in the next, that is the July, issue of our Library Bulletin. I should very much like to have biographical information about you of a somewhat more personal nature than the item in Who's Who in America, especially something about your Maine connection. Can you send me a few biographical notes?

Very truly yours,

MAINE STATE LIBRARY

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April 7, 1932

Miss Nora Archibald Smith,
Great Northern Hotel,
118 West 57th Street,
New York City.

My dear Miss Smith;-

Thank you for your very interesting letter and the enclosures. I assume that we may keep the clipping and the leaflet for our reference files.

As you may recall, we have in our Maine Author Collection a set of your sister's books, each one with a delightful inscription by her. The Maine Author Collection is an exhibition collection of autographed books by authors born in Maine or resident here for a long period, especially if they have written about Maine. I think that we should have you, as well as your sister, represented in this collection. I should very much like to have an autographed copy of your book about your sister. Of course both My Garden of Memory and Kate Douglas Wiggin as Her Sister Knew Her, are in the general library, available for loan, but that is not
Miss Nora Archibald Smith

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the same thing as having them in the Maine Author Collection.

What charming books they are! Your references to your family history led me to reread them both, and I found in them fresh delight.

Very truly yours,

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BY MCP

Please make your bill for Kate Douglas Wiggin as Her Sister Knew Her in duplicate to the Maine State Library.
April 16, 1932

Miss Nora Archibald Smith,
Great Northern Hotel,
118 West 57th Street,
New York City.

My dear Miss Smith;-

Sister Knew Her has just arrived. Thank you very much for sending it to us and taking the trouble to autograph and inscribe it for us. It is a great pleasure to add it to our Maine Author Collection. Your sister was interested in the collection and I am sure that it would please her to have your book about her included in it. The inscription in it is in tune with the inscriptions which she wrote for the set of her books which is here.

Very truly yours,

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