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WYMAN, Bernice Bassett (Mrs. A. Percival)

b. Indiana, 1891 - (b. July 20, 1890 PEE)
MRS. A. PERCIVAL WYMAN
WATERVILLE—Mrs. Bernice Bassett Wyman, 71, wife of A. Percival Wyman, died in her Mayflower Hill Drive home yesterday after a long illness.

Born in Greencastle, Ind., July 20, 1890, she was the youngest child of the late Rev. Thomas J. and Anna Ridpath Bassett. John Clark Ridpath, historian, was her uncle.

She was educated in Indiana schools and was graduated from De Pauw University in 1910. She did graduate work at the University of Illinois, taught languages and home economics in Indiana public schools before going to Japan to teach in 1919 under the Methodist Board and was there during the great earthquake of 1923.

On Aug. 7, 1929, she married A. Percival Wyman and made her permanent home in Waterville, where she became interested in church, club and civic affairs.

She was a member of the Waterville Congregational Church, of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Waterville Woman's Club, the American Association of University Women, and a charter member of the Zonta Club.

She was a member of the Waterville Friends of Music, a past president of the Maine Writers' Club, the board of directors of the New England Home for Little Wanderers and the Waterville Garden Club.

She was the author of one book, "A Strand Of Pearls From Old Japan," and was collaborator on another. She had contributed to the Ladies Home Journal, and to magazines, newspapers and periodicals.

She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Miss Claranne Wyman, Boston; a son, Paul H. Wyman, Waterville; a sister, Mrs. R. B. Walsh, Portland, Ore.; two nephews, C. B. Walsh, Portland, Ore., and E. W. Bassett of Danville, Ill.; two nieces, six grandchildren and several grandnephews and nieces.

Services will be held in the Congregational Church at 2 p.m. tomorrow.
June 9, 1954

Mrs. A. Percival Wyman
Mayflower Hill Drive
Waterville, Maine

Dear Mrs. Wyman:

A STRAND OF PEARLS FROM OLD JAPAN does not seem to be in the Maine Author Collection. This is rather an oversight, because the collection is supposed to contain all the books of all Maine writers. You probably know of it: a permanent exhibit collection, most of the volumes inscribed presentation copies, now numbering about two thousand. It constitutes a valuable and fascinating collection, and of course you should be represented here.

We hope that you will want to inscribe a copy of A STRAND OF PEARLS FROM OLD JAPAN for this purpose.

Did the cookbook about which we read some time ago ever come to publication?

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

Christopher, $2.25
already noted in bulletin
Mayflower Hill Drive  
Waterville, Me.  
June 12, 1957

Mrs. F. M. Jacob  
Maine State Library  
Augusta, Me.  

Dear Mrs. Jacob,

Thank you for your recent letter expressing interest in my book. No doubt you have received an autographed copy by this time.

In answer to your inquiry about my Christmas cookbook, it has satisfied many unexpected tastes and hit many maws. I shall send you a copy if or when it appears in book form.

Sincerely yours,

Bernice Barrett Wyman
June 15, 1954

Mrs. A. Percival Wyman
Mayflower Hill Drive
Waterville, Maine

Dear Mrs. Wyman:

Thank you very much for the autographed copy
of your book, A STRAND OF PEARLS FROM OLD JAPAN.
We are placing it in the Maine Author Collection
with appreciation of your kindness, and gratification
the the collection now includes this charming and
perceptive book.

We do not seem to have biographical information
about you on file. At your convenience, would you
be willing to let us have a few vital statistics to
complete this part of our Maine authors file?

It's too bad about the Christmas book book,
but we shall hope that in time the obstacles will
be overcome, and that we shall see the printed
pages. It sounds like such a wonderful idea.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
June 15, 1964

Dear A. Perceval Wyman,

Mayflower Hill Drive
Westonville, New

June 21, 1964

Waterville, Me.

Dear Mrs. Jacob,

In reply to your recent letter of inquiry about myself, I feel that I have little to contribute. These are the skeleton facts which you may want:

I went to Indiana where I received my education through a scholarship.
Dear Mr. W.:

Some of the children's work in school includes painting, needlework, Morse code, and other activities. The school also offers classes in music, physical education, and other subjects.

Ms. A. Percival Wyman
Waterford, Maine

June 15, 1954

Miss A. Percival Wyman

Graduate Study, Univ. of Illinois

Further study at Yeshiva University, New York

Daughter in America (N.Y. S.):

 LATTE, GERMAN AND ENGLISH, AND LATER, HOME ECONOMICS

FOR SEVEN YEARS AND IN

JAPAN, THIRTEEN YEARS, THEN

Taught English, French, Mathematics, and English Literature, Adult Cooking, Art, and Sewing Classes.

Married J. A. Percival Wyman

Civil Engineer, from N. Y. Maine.
my name is Collector. I have had both poems and articles published in a number of magazines, including Scholastic, Jofield, Three Beautiful D.A.R. magazine, Music Club magazine, Hobbies, Jim's Herald, and others.

Member of the Woman's Club, Garden Club, D.A.R. Congregational Church, D.A.E., D.F.R.A., Mayflower Descendants, Maine Writers' Research Club, Delta Zeta Sorority, Federation of Music Clubs. That's enough.

Incidentally, I am sixty-three years old.

Sincerely,

Bernice Bessett Wyman
June 23, 1954

Mrs. A. Percival Wyman
Mayflower Hill Drive
Waterville, Maine

Dear Mrs. Wyman:

Thank you very much for sending us the biographical information. We appreciate your kindness.

Sincerely yours

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In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
State Librarian,
Augusta, Me.

Dear Madam,

Do you care to have for any possible genealogical help of might give the accompanying family sketch of my own ancestor which I have recently written? If you wish it, please keep it with my compliments.

Sincerely yours,

Benett B. Wyman
(Mrs. George?)
July 30, 1954

Mrs. A. P. Wyman
Route 3
Skowhegan, Maine

Dear Mrs. Wyman:

Thank you very much for your gift of LOVELY MOUNT... We are indeed pleased to have it to add to your other work, and appreciate your thought of us.

Sincerely yours

hmj

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Maine Author Collection