7-9-2014

John T. Greenan Correspondence

John Thomas Greenan 1889-

Hilda McLeod Jacob
Maine State Library

Maine State Library

Follow this and additional works at: http://digitalmaine.com/maine_writers_correspondence

Recommended Citation
Greenan, John Thomas 1889-; Jacob, Hilda McLeod; and Maine State Library, "John T. Greenan Correspondence" (2014). Maine Writers Correspondence. 68.
http://digitalmaine.com/maine_writers_correspondence/68

This Text is brought to you for free and open access by the Maine State Library Special Collections at Maine State Documents. It has been accepted for inclusion in Maine Writers Correspondence by an authorized administrator of Maine State Documents. For more information, please contact statedocs@maine.gov.
GREENAN, John T.
August 5, 1958

Mr. John T. Greenan
38 Inwood Road
Chatham, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Greenan:

Announcement of the publication of your new book, WAY DOWN EAST IN MAINE, has just reached us; and we are delighted to be able to anticipate this story. From the announcement we cannot tell whether you have given your readers straight history, or whether perhaps a historical novel has emerged. At any rate, we look forward happily to seeing a copy, and shall of course order it for the library.

We write at present about the Maine Author Collection. This is a permanent exhibit of books with a Maine background, or written by Maine people. Most of the volumes are inscribed presentation copies, a distinguished array, which attracts visitors and students, and give us much cause for pride and satisfaction.

We also gather all available biographical and critical information about our authors, to enable us to answer the many questions about Maine writers which we receive.

Naturally we hope that you may want to inscribe and present a copy of WAY DOWN EAST IN MAINE for inclusion with these Maine books. Can we also claim you as Maine-born?

Our very good wishes for the success of the book.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
38 Inwood Road,
Chatham, N.J.,
August 8, 1958.

Miss Hilda McLeod Jacob,
Maine State Library,
Augusta, Maine.

Dear Miss Jacob:

Thank you very much for your kind letter and order for a copy of WAY DOWN EAST IN MAINE. However, it does leave me in somewhat of a dilemma. This is a highly documented true story of the coast of Maine about which not too much has been written. Since it was or is a historical work it was necessary for me to have it privately printed. It was written as a work of love and not with any expectation of profit. The selling price, $3.95, is exactly what it cost me to have it printed and bound. Under these circumstances I cannot give a library discount. As a matter of fact I do not know what the customary library discount is. Would the cost price be acceptable to the Maine State Library?

I cannot claim the distinction of having been born in Maine. The closest I can come to it is by marriage, education and the habit of spending my summers there. My wife's people settled in Steuben in 1782 and I am a graduate of Bates College, Class of 1915. I spent thirty-five years in the East Orange, New Jersey, school system, and I am now retired. Additional information may be obtained from "Who's Who in the East", and if that volume is not available I shall be glad to answer additional questions.

Sincerely,

John T. Greene
Mr. John T. Greenan
38 Inwood Road
Chatham, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Greenan:

Although we may not have the honor of claiming you as a Maine native, your book is certainly a most suitable and desirable one to be included in the Maine Author Collection; so we shall hope that some day it may be possible to have one for the exhibit.

Meanwhile, yes, indeed, we do want to buy it for the library's general reference section, so we are returning our order 58041 with the understanding that no discount will be extended. We look forward to seeing the book, and hope that the orders for it are most encouraging to you.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
September 4, 1958

Mr. John T. Greenan
38 Inwood Road
Chatham, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Greenan:

Thank you very much for presenting a copy of WAY DOWN EAST IN MAINE to the Maine Author Collection, and inscribing it so nicely for us. We are delighted to add this book to the other Maine books, and appreciate your interest.

Not a great deal has been written of this general locality, which is sufficiently rich in history and character to provide material for many volumes, one would think. We congratulate you on your perception, and your industry in organizing the material at your disposal and putting it in book form.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection