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Henry Ernest Dunnack 1867-1938

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AVERILL, Dr. Lawrence A.

Born at Alna, Maine, May 1, 1891.
Wiscasset, Me., R. F. D. 1, 
July 23, 1927.

My dear Mr. Dunnack,

Just a line to inform you that we have succeeded in locating "Fort Benton" since we talked with you on last Monday. We find it was in Stanley, Del., and therefore of no interest to Maine folks.

Regarding copies of my books, I beg to say that as soon as I return to Massachusetts, as I shall shortly after Labor Day, I shall be glad to send you the three for inclusion in your interesting collection of books by Maine authors.

May I take this opportunity to thank you most cordially for the assistance rendered us in the past by yourself and by your very courteous assistants?

Cordially yours,
July 26, 1927

Mr. Lawrence A. Averill
R. F. D. 1
Wiscasset, Maine
My dear Mr. Averill:

I am very glad you have located your Fort.

I am wondering if you were over to Thomas- ton yesterday at the celebration. I intended to go but tangled the date up and thought it was a week from Monday.

You may be sure I am looking forward with keen anticipation to receiving the books you have written and don't forget that I should like any that Mrs. Averill has written.

Very truly yours

HED
ME

Henry E. Dunnack,
State Librarian
September 14, 1927.

The Librarian,
Maine State Library,
Augusta, Me.

My dear Mr. Dunnack,

In compliance with your suggestion of last summer, I am forwarding you under separate cover three of my books for inclusion in your "Maine Authors' Alcove". I shall be pleased to keep this splendid invitation in mind, and to send other volumes as they appear.

Thanking you for past courtesies,

Cordially yours,

[Signature]

Dr. Lawrence A. Averill.
September 17, 1927

Dr. Lawrence A. Averill
State Normal School

My dear Dr. Averill:

We send you many many thanks for your generous contribution to our "Maine Authors' Alcove". Please do not forget I want a photograph and a little personal sketch to go with your sketch.

Very truly yours,

HED  
ME

Henry E. Dunnack  
State Librarian
October 20, 1950

Dr. Lawrence A. Averill
Ancestral Acres
Wiscasset, Maine

Dear Dr. Averill:

Congratulations upon your retirement and return to Maine, and congratulations upon the new edition of PSYCHOLOGY APPLIED TO NURSING. Upon publication, it will be purchased for the lending section of the library, and we hope that the Maine Author Collection may include an inscribed presentation copy.

You will perhaps recall that this is a permanent exhibit of the works of Maine writers. It steadily increases in size and in worth, and attracts visitors and students throughout the year. The collection has some of your earlier volumes, and it would be a pleasure to know that we may anticipate the new edition of PSYCHOLOGY APPLIED TO NURSING.

We trust that your physical incapacitation is of brief duration, and that you will enjoy an interesting retirement.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
Oct. 22, 1950

Dear Mrs. Jacob,

Thank you for your cordial letter, and also for the very helpful bibliographic assistance at a time when I could not myself physically get to Augusta to get the references without bothering anybody.

I shall be happy, when the fourth edition of PSYCHOLOGY APPLIED TO NURSING is received (sometime in early 1951), to see that you receive a copy for the Maine Author Collection. If there are any other titles of mine which you do not have, I would be happy to add them also.

Cordially yours,

Lawrence A. Averill
October 30, 1952

Dr. Lawrence Augustus Averill
Ancestral Acres
Wiscasset, Maine

Dear Dr. Averill:

Two years ago you very kindly wrote that when the fourth edition of your PSYCHOLOGY APPLIED TO NURSING was published in 1951, you would inscribe and send a copy for the Maine Author Collection. This must have been overlooked, for it has not come to honor the collection. We should, of course, be happy if we could say that all your books were here.

We have four, which we are sending for your inscription: ADOLESCENCE, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILD, HYGIENE OF INSTRUCTION and INTRODUCTORY PSYCHOLOGY. The others which we have are already inscribed. Now we believe we lack only one, MENTAL HYGIENE FOR THE CLASSROOM TEACHER, beside the 1951 volume.

We hope that somehow this missing book can be found, to make the representation of your writing complete for the Maine Author Collection.

Enclosed is a label, and also postage, for your convenience in sending the books back to us. We very much appreciate your kindness in adding the inscriptions. They are a distinguishing mark of the collection.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

Encls.
November 4, 1952

Dr. Lawrence Augustus Averill  
Ancestral Acres  
Wiscasset, Maine

Dear Dr. Averill:

Thank you very much indeed for inscribing the Maine Author Collection copies of your books which we sent to you, and for adding the fourth edition of PSYCHOLOGY APPLIED TO NURSING, and MENTAL HYGIENE FOR THE CLASSROOM TEACHER.

It is a great satisfaction to be able to say that this exhibit now includes all your books, and we appreciate your trouble and generosity in helping us to attain the goal.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection
September 15, 1953

Dr. Lawrence A. Averill
Ancestral Acres
Wiscasset, Maine

Dear Dr. Averill:

What a perfectly delightful book! Of course, with a title like that, it was off to a good start before we even opened the covers; and then to find inside such a downright good story was wonderfully satisfying. We wish it a long life and a rewarding one.

We bought a copy at once, and it is proving as popular as we anticipated. Do you recall the Maine Author Collection? We hope that you may want to inscribe and present a copy of PIE FOR BREAKFAST to accompany your earlier, respected valued, but different!, volumes in this exhibit.

The book has been noted in our quarterly list of Maine books in the Bulletin of the Maine Library Association, so that all the librarians may know of it. We do hope there will be more books to come from your new life. Good luck to this one.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
September 24, 1953

Dr. Lawrence A. Averill
Ancestral Acres
Wiscasset, Maine

Dear Dr. Averill:

Thank you very much, and Mrs. Averill, too, for inscribing a copy of PIE FOR BREAKFAST for the Maine Author Collection. It is a fine addition to the exhibit.

I'm sorry that responsibilities connected with the meeting of the Maine Library Association prevented my being here and thanking you personally last week. We appreciate your interest, as well as your book.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection