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George B. Dorr Correspondence

George Bucknam Dorr 1853-1944

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DORR, George Bucknam

Born Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, December 29, 1853.

Resident of Bar Harbor, Maine
August 8, 1942

Mr. George B. Dorr, Superintendent
Acadia National Park
Bar Harbor, Maine

Dear Mr. Dorr:

It was with great pleasure that we recently learned of the publication of your book, ACADIA NATIONAL PARK, ITS ORIGIN AND BACKGROUND; and we have hoped that we might examine a copy, but, having been unable to ascertain the publisher, we now write to inquire whether or not this is a government publication. We want to purchase a copy for the library files, for such an item will be extremely valuable to us.

It is also possible that you may wish to inscribe and present a copy to the Maine Author Collection. Perhaps you already know of this exhibit of the works of people born in Maine, resident here, or writing about the state. The books are inscribed interestingly and originally, presented to the library for exhibit purposes only, and form an unusual representation of Maine writing. We should be happy to include a copy of your book, and trust that it will be possible.

You have our best wishes for the success of the volume. We hope it may reach the many people who will undoubtedly be interested in the account of your fascinating work and notable achievement at Acadia National Park.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY
The Maine State Library,
Augusta, Maine.
Attention Mrs Jacob.

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

My book on the Origin of Acadia National Park, a very slender volume, but the result of much condensation and omission of non-essentials, which, if I live to do it, will ultimately be followed by other related publications -- telling of the background -- only in part my own, I most gladly autograph and give copy of, through you, to the Maine Author Collection. But the copy for the Maine State Library, at the same time, for tradition's sake and my own standing as an author, I shall be glad to have the Library purchase for its files. The price, two dollars, represents considerably less than the actual cost of the secretarial work involved and the printing. I am forwarding both copies together, the inscribed one for the Maine Author Collection, the other for the files.

It has been an interesting piece of work about a most interesting subject whose accomplishment will, I trust, endure so long as people care for noble scenery and our National Government gives thought to its protection.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Dorr
August 11, 1942

Mr. George B. Dorr, Superintendent
Acadia National Park
Bar Harbor, Maine

Dear Mr. Dorr:

The two copies of ACADIA NATIONAL PARK, ITS ORIGIN AND BACKGROUND, have been received; and we are delighted with your promptness and generosity. Thank you very much for inscribing the Maine Author Collection copy. As for the other, we do indeed want to purchase it, and we shall approve the amount of two dollars ($2) at once. You should receive a check from the State Treasurer in about two weeks.

This is a valuable piece of work which you have made available to the public, and we are sure that it will be in demand, particularly in such reference libraries as ours. It gives us pleasure to know that this record exists; and we shall hope to see the future ones which you mentioned.

Please accept our thanks for your kindness in this matter, and our best wishes for a continuation of your fine work.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY
Dear Mrs.,

In some manner my copy — for files — eludes me that if Mr. Dorv’s inscription in the Park history which he gave the Maine Author
Collection.

Will you kindly copy out the few words and return in the enclosed envelope? Mr. Dow is blind and in keeping him to miswrite.
3. the book, I either failed to take copies or have mis-filed it.

I am writing this at home and the flu has caused me arthritis in my hands and somewhat, my writing is even poorer than usual.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Grace M. Oakes

(Secretary to Dept. Dir.)
August 13, 1942

Miss Grace M. Oakes
Secretary to Mr. Dorr
5 Hamor Place
Bar Harbor, Maine

Dear Miss Oakes:

Following is the inscription which Mr. Dorr so graciously wrote in the Maine Author Collection copy of ACADIA NATIONAL PARK, ITS ORIGIN AND BACKGROUND:

To the Maine Author Collection wherein I feel proud to have this book find a place

August 10, 1942

George B. Dorr

We are glad to be of assistance to you. At any time that we may be of service, please let us know.

Very truly yours

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