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An American novelist born in Bangor, Maine, July 21, 1847; died in Munich, Germany, Oct. 7, 1898. She was educated in New York, but in 1878 she removed to Stuttgart, Germany, where she engaged in teaching and also edited for several years a magazine printed in English. She married Baron von Teuffel, a physician, in 189. Her publications include a book of, "One Year Abroad" (1877), and among her novels are "One Summer" (1875); "Aunt Serena" (1886); "Guenn" (1882); "Aulnay Tower" (1886); "The Open Door" (1889); "No Heroes", a story for boys, (1893) "A Fellow and his Wife" (1892), in collaboration with William Sharp; "Seven on a Highway", short stories, (1897): posthumously published "Dionysius the Weaver's Heart's Dearest" (1899) and "Garden of Eden" (1900).

161 Highland Avenue,
Newtonville, Mass.

Miss Miriam Brainerd, Asst. Librarian Maine State Library;

My dear Miss Brainerd,

Yours of Jany 20, is received and it will be a great pleasure to me to give to the special Maine collection the books I offered. I wish I had more data regarding Mrs. Mace for she was a rare woman. Her husband was one of the prominent Bangor lawyers, but I am so uncertain as to data I do not insert anything on the fly leaf. I have retained this fly leaf, as I have always been fond of my father's fine penmanship which he kept till his 95th birthday. The fly leaf of Aunt Serena was altogether too personal so you will see a disfigurement there. I wish I could give accurate details of Miss Howard, but I have forgotten the date of her death, her birth was about 1847. I should not part with any of these books* from my own library shelves except for this collection. Maine is very dear to my heart.

Truly yours,

*except mine.

Jany 29/22.

Mrs. H'E'Carter.
To Bangor belongs Blanche Willis Howard, whose "One Summer," the scene of which is laid in Maine, attracted unusual attention about twenty-five years ago and established at once the reputation of its author. "Guenn," "The Open Door," and others of her later books are the fruits of her long residence abroad, where she was married and made her home. (New England Magazine, vol. 22, page 738, from "Maine in Literature," by William I. Cole.)

A novelist who resided in Stuttgart, Germany, from 1875. One Summer; Aulnay Tower; Aunt Serena; Guenn; The Open Door; No Heroes, a Story for Boys; A Fellowe and His Wife (with William Sharp); Seven on the Highway, short stories; One Year Abroad; European Travel Sketches. (Dictionary of American Authors, by Oscar Pay Adams.)

Blanche Willis Howard, author, was born in Bangor, Me., July 21, 1847. In 1875 she made her first important appearance in authorship by her novel, "One Summer," which was published in Boston, and at once attracted attention and flattering criticisms on account of the brightness and vivacity of its dialogues and its pleasing scenes and incidents. She traveled in Europe, and in 1877 published "One Year Abroad," a sketch of her tour. In 1880 she brought out "Aunt Serena;" in 1882 "Guenn;" in 1886 "Aulnay Tower," and in 1887 "Tony the Maid," a novellette. She settled in Stuttgart, Germany, where she has, since 1886, edited a magazine published in English. "Guenn," says the "London Academy," "is one of those books that not only charm but satisfy."

(National Cyclopaedia of American Biography, vol. 1, page 304.)

"Women authors of our day in their homes," by Francis Whiting Halsey, contains a chapter on "Blanche Willis Howard in Munich, Bavaria," by Olivia Howard Dunbar. (Pages 155-163.)
Howard, Blanche Willis

One Year Abroad
One Summer
Aunt Serena

Inscription (in each book):

Gift of Lydia Augustus (Paine) Carter.
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