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August 25, 1977

Dear Ms. Thayer:

In response to your request of August 23 I have mailed (yesterday) an inscribed presentation copy of my book SONG OF THE WHITE-THROAT for inclusion in the Maine Author Collection in the Maine Room of Maine State Library, a room I hope to visit some day.

I am enclosing the biographical you also requested. Hope it isn't too lengthy - blame its length on this typewriter, once it gets into action it seems to want to keep going.

The M.S.L. has already purchased two copies of SONG, presumably for the general loan collection.

Thanks for your interest.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Danforth

Gee, how wild can my typewriter get when I give it free rein? Ed
Danforth, Edward J.

Place of birth: Newfane, Vermont

Date of birth: 20 February 1902

Home address: '20 Westwood Drive, Orono, Maine

Publications:

Article in The New Hampshire Troubadour - March 1935

Nature Walk column in Somerset Messenger-Gazette (Somerville, N.J.) 772 successive weeks beginning in early 1964. Also a couple of special articles for this paper.

Nature Walk column in weekend edition of Bangor Daily News (Bangor, Maine) 368 successive weeks, and still running. Also a few special articles for this paper. Cover illustration (sketch) for one edition of the B.D.N. weekly supplement, Maine Event.

Song of the White-throat, a 171 page book of nature (and human nature) anecdotes. Illustrated and self-published. April 1977

Biographical information:

Education:

Because of poor health as a youngster did not attend a regular school prior to high school (a retired teacher bore with me for an hour a day at her home).

Secondary - Conant High School, East Jaffrey, N.H. 1 year
New Brunswick High School, New Brunswick, N.J. 1 year
Rutgers Preparatory School, " " " 2 yrs. Grad. 1920

College - Graduated from Rutgers Univ. " " " B.Sc. in Agriculture 1925 (Minored in education) Did some graduate work in Education.
1 year as special student at University of Puerto Rico's Mayaguez campus (College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts). One course in Art at New York University. One course in English at University of Maine at Orono.

Occupational experiences - Taught physics and general science at Somerville High School, Somerville, N.J. September 1925 through June 1928. In later years did some substitute teaching in two New Jersey high schools (North Hunterdon Regional and West Morris Regional).
Various Accounting Department assignments (mostly staff work) with New York Telephone Company, New York City 1928 to 1963.
Operated a small landscape nursery at Califon, N.J. (Califon Nursery)
Have spent considerable time and effort on wildlife photography and have lectured widely on nature.
Other - Served on Boards of Education in Somerville, N.J. and Lebanon Township, N.J.