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RAND, ROWENA

b. Kenduskeag, Maine, May 23, 1912
September 12, 1952

Mrs. Willard Rand
4 Pershing Avenue
Woodland, California

Dear Mrs. Rand:

News has reached us of the publication of your book NEW STAR SHINING. Please accept our congratulations upon its advent, and our warm wishes for its success.

Do you know of the Maine Author Collection, and is it possible to claim you as a Maine author? This collection is a permanent exhibit of books written by Maine people, or written about the state. They are almost all inscribed presentation copies, and make a tremendously fascinating and valuable display, attesting to the literary achievement of Maine folk. We also collect available biographical and critical material on our authors.

Are you Maine person? We have been unsuccessful in locating biographical information, so we shall simply have to ask. If you are, we hope that NEW STAR SHINING may be included among these Maine books. If you should be in Maine again, please accept our cordial invitation to call at the library and see the collection.

Sincerely yours

hmj
In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
Woodland, California  
September 17, 1952

Mrs. F. W. Jaod  
Maine State Library  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Jaod:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 12, concerning my book, *New Star Rising*.

Yes, I was born in Maine, received my education in Maine schools, and the University of Maine, and would feel broken hearted if living in California for nine years has made me any less a Down E aster! My husband is a Bates graduate. All of his people and many of mine still reside in Maine. Our two daughters were born there, our son in California. We served parishes in Hartland, Bremen, St. Albans, Woolwich and Portland, Maine, also Peabody, Mass., before coming to California. We have returned to Maine several times for our summer vacations, and were there last summer, in 1951. I forgot to tell you that my husband is a Methodist minister.

Several of my stories and poems have been published in *Classmate* magazine. I am now working on another book which I hope will be ready for publication in the spring.

I am enclosing two folders, one with some biographical data, the other with personal comments on *New Star Rising*. I could send you more reviews if you like. I am sending you one from the local paper "Woodland Record," which will give you an idea of the contents of the book, as well as the over-optimism of the reviewer.

I would consider it a very great honor indeed, should *New Star Rising* be included in your collection of works by Maine Authors.

I would very much like to see your collection. Thank you for inviting me.

Cordially yours,

Rowena Rand  
(Mrs. W. F. Rand)

P.S. I will gladly send an uncorrected proof sheet copy of the book, if you desire.

R. P.
September 30, 1952

Mrs. W. J. Rand, Jr.
4 Pershing Avenue
Woodland, California

Dear Mrs. Rand:

Thank you very much for your prompt and friendly reply to our inquiry. We are delighted to know that we may claim you as a Maine author, and that we may anticipate receiving a copy of your fine novel, NEW STAR RISING, for the Maine Author Collection. Yes, indeed, we do want to include it in this permanent exhibit.

We will see that it is listed in the Maine book section of the next issue (November) of the Bulletin of the Maine Library Association, so that Maine librarians will be sure to know about it.

We hope you do not want the review and leaflets returned; but, if you do, will you please let us know. We shall otherwise keep them on file, together with any other reviews or biographical material that comes our way. Perhaps some time you would be so kind as to let us know your birthplace and birthdate. The biographical information in your letter is helpful, but we would like these additional details, if possible.

It is good news that you are working on a new book. We hope the writing goes satisfactorily, and that the success of NEW STAR RISING will encourage you to continue in this field.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
4 Pershing Ave.
Woodland, Calif.
October 22, 1952

Dear Mrs. Jacobs:

On reading your letter of September 30, I note that you requested my birthplace and date of birth. I was born in Kenduskeag, Maine, May 23, 1912. I am sorry that I delayed sending you this information.

The inscribed book was sent the first of the month, and I hope you have received it by now.

Thank you so much for honoring me in this way.

Very best wishes,
Rowena Rand.

P.S. Could you use personal statements concerning 'New Star Rising'? I have several of these from distinguished people?
Dear Mrs. Rand:

Thank you very much for sending us the biographical information. Now our records can be complete, and we appreciate your consideration. The material which you previously sent will, we believe, be satisfactory, but if we need more, we will remember that you have kindly offered to send it.

Again thank you, and best wishes.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

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