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Walter H. Rich Correspondence

Walter Herbert Rich 1866-

Mrs. Walter Rich

Helen E. Naylor

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April 25, 1936

Walter H. Rich
Falmouth Foreside
Maine

Dear Mr. Rich:

We were delighted to notice a brief article in a Lewiston paper concerning your brochure on THE HORSE MACKEREL OR GIANT TUNA FISHERY OF MAINE. The facts here mentioned are interesting, and we wonder if perhaps you would like to inscribe a copy of this work for the Maine Author Collection.

Some years ago an exhibit collection of the writings of authors born in Maine or residing here, was started. This group of books now numbers several hundred, most of them inscribed and presented. Of course the collection increases steadily in size and value, and the books form a very interesting background of Maine's contribution to literature.

We assure you we would be delighted to add this brochure to the Maine Author Collection, and we hope you will be so kind as to assist us in securing a copy.

Please accept our best wishes in your work, and a cordial invitation to visit the library and the Maine Author Collection when you are in Augusta.

Very truly yours

Maine State Library

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Secretary
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF FISHERIES

Portland, Maine, May 11, 1936

Miss Hilda McLeod, Secretary
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

My dear Miss McLeod:

Enclosed herewith is the requested paper on the Horse Mackerel Fishery. My delay in its sending is due to the fact that I had no copy at hand and was obliged to write to the Washington office to procure one.

I fear it must fall far short of expectations, but such as it is---

Yours very truly,

Agent, U. S. Bureau of Fisheries
May 12, 1936

Walter H. Rich, Agent
U. S. Bureau of fisheries
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Rich:

We have received the paper which you very kindly sent us on THE HORSE MACKEREL, and we assure you that we do not consider it to "fall far short of expectations," as you suggest. On the contrary, it is an exceedingly interesting and informative brochure, and we are very grateful for your kindness in presenting this copy to the Maine Author Collection.

Possibly some time you would be willing to send us a few biographical facts, that we might have them on file for future reference.

Please accept our thanks for your interest and generous assistance.

Very truly yours

Maine State Library

Secretary
October 29, 1948

Mrs. Walter H. Rich
Falmouth Foreside
Maine

Dear Mrs. Rich:

Permit us to add our expression of sympathy to those of your many friends upon the loss of Mr. Rich. He was a distinguished son of Maine.

Some time ago Mr. Rich very kindly presented to the Maine Author Collection a copy of his HORSE MACKEREL FISHERY OF MAINE. This collection, as you may know, is a permanent exhibit of the works of Maine writers. Its interest and value increase each year, and we are unusually proud of the variety of writing here assembled.

Unfortunately, the collection has never had Mr. Rich's other writings. We always hoped that this lack might be remedied. If you have copies of them, and care to present them to the collection, we should be most grateful.

Please accept our invitation to call at the library some time when you are in Augusta, and see the Maine Author Collection.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
Mrs. F. W. Jacobs,
Maine State Library,
Augusta, Maine.

Dear Mrs. Jacobs:

Mrs. Walter Rich has asked me to acknowledge your kind letter to her of October 29th.

Enclosed is Mr. Rich's last book, "The Swordfish and The Swordfishery".

Please accept it with Mrs. Rich's best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Helen E. Naylor.
November 23, 1948

Miss Helen E. Naylor
29 Greenway Drive
Falmouth Foreside, Maine

Dear Miss Naylor:

Please thank Mrs. Rich for so very kindly making it possible for the Maine Author Collection to include a copy of her husband's last work, THE SWORDFISH AND THE SWORDFISHERY OF NEW ENGLAND. We are glad to have this book to place with his others, and deeply regret that it must be the final addition to this collection.

Sincerely yours

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In Charge of
Maine Author Collection