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SMITH, Wynifred
April 10, 1963

Mrs. Wynifred Smith
c/o Mrs. Abbie Norton
Dixfield, Maine

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Your prospective book, PINES AND PIONEERS, is good news indeed, and we extend to you our very good wishes for a satisfactory conclusion to the pre-publication work. We look forward to seeing the book, and have already placed an order with Mrs. Norton.

We think it is probable that we can claim you as a Maine author. Certainly your book is a Maine book. Because of this, we think you will be interested in the Maine Author Collection, a permanent exhibit collection of books about Maine and by Maine people. Most of the books (there are about three thousand now) are inscribed presentation copies. The inscriptions are varied and original, and lend color and distinction to the books. This collection, together with the biographical and critical material which we collect, is available for browsing and study, and we welcome the opportunity to add a new Maine volume to the shelves.

We hope that when PINES AND PIONEERS is published you will want to inscribe a copy for the collection. Good luck to the book.

Sincerely yours

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In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
Pines and Pioneers

by

WYNIFRED SMITH
Announcing —

Pines and Pioneers

by

WYNIFRED SMITH

Hannibal had his elephants; Truman had his Atom Bomb. More successful and with no dangerous side-effects was the Secret Weapon of 1814. It was the Taller-Masts-than-the-World-had-ever-Seen; masts that gave our harassed shipping the ability to out-sail, out-cargo and out-maneuver everything on the Seven Seas.

Pines and Pioneers, by Wynifred Smith, is the story of two patriots who worked at the ship-building docks after they had lain down their Revolutionary War muskets at Bath, Maine. Haunted by an ever-recurring whisper, "Taller Timber Up the River," they at last left their jobs for a few days. Being devoutly religious, they ascribed to God the leading instinct which took them without swerving, directly to a hidden pocket of gigantic pines on the shore of Webb Lake in Weld and Carthage, Maine.

This is the story of how they moved their families into the unsettled frontier, found it necessary to build an Indian fort; but finally delivered the logs by drive. The crossing of the Red Sea and the Jordan by the Israelites was fraught with no more labors than this impossible task of getting the longest logs ever seen, fourteen miles down the tiny Webb River into the Androscoggin with its dangerous rocks and falls, and safely delivered at Bath.

The author is a lineal descendant of those pioneers of shipbuilding, and has had access to the source material, up to now, unpublished. The book has over twenty chapters. Each chapter is built around a true dramatic incident of great human interest. For instance, there is the butter tray that was discovered lost at nightfall on a lonely trail. They had forgotten that the six-month-old baby boy was strapped in it.

Mrs. Smith is well-known in musical circles, a private student of a famous conservatory of music. Little wonder then her prose moves with an ever-changing tempo; and a lilt and a melody that refuse to let you put the book down until it is finished.

The author has decided to sell the first thousand copies at cost, which will be $4.50 per copy. After that, a charge will have to be made for handling and delivering.
Please reserve ............... copies of “PINES AND PIONEERS” by Wynifred Smith, at $4.50 per copy.

(If check is enclosed, postage will be prepaid.)

Name ..............................................................................................................................

Address ...........................................................................................................................
You will remember that some time ago, when word reached us about your then prospective book, PINES AND PIONEERS, we wrote to you about the Maine Author Collection, and our hope that you would want to inscribe and present a copy for inclusion in the exhibit.

Recently we saw, briefly, a copy of the book. Those we ordered have not been received, but probably will arrive soon. We look forward to examining the story in more detail.

You have our warm wishes for its success.

Sincerely yours

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