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WINSLow, Ola Elizabeth

b. Grant City, Missouri
November 5, 1957

Miss Ola Elizabeth Winslow
Sheepscot
Maine

Dear Miss Winslow:

Seeing notice and reviews of your new book, MASTER ROGER WILLIAMS (which we have of course ordered), reminds us that your work is not in the Maine Author Collection.

We know that we cannot unfortunately claim you as a Maine native, but some of our favorite authors are "adopted." Do you know about the Maine Author Collection? It is a permanent exhibit, of about twelve hundred volumes, of books by Maine people or about the state. Most of the volumes are inscribed presentation copies, and it is really a most interesting and valuable array, attracting visitors and students the year round. We also gather all available biographical and critical material on our authors, and are delighted to see the exhibit increase year after year.

Inasmuch as you are making your home in Maine, it occurred to us that we might be privileged to call you a Maine author. If you agree, we would certainly be unusually pleased to be able to include any of your writing.

Meanwhile, accept our congratulations and very good wishes for MASTER ROGER WILLIAMS.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

hmj
Dear Mrs. Jacob,

Your letter of November 5th has just been forwarded to me here from Sheepscot. Thank you for it.

Yes, I had heard about the Maine Author Collection, but did not think myself eligible to be included in it, as I am a late comer to Maine. Sheepscot is now my legal residence for the greater part of the year, however, and it would be a distinct pleasure to me if I might be among the "adopted" ones. At present I think only two of my books are in print, the MEETINGHOUSE HILL, published in 1952, and the MASTER ROGER WILLIAMS, which as you know, has been out less than a month. I have no copy of either just now, but I shall purchase them immediately and send them along. I am sorry that the earlier books are no longer available.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

25 Aberdeen Road
Wellesley 81, Mass.
Nov. 7, 1957
Miss Ola Elizabeth Winslow  
25 Aberdeen Road  
Wellesley 81, Massachusetts  

Dear Miss Winslow:  

Surely there could be no better way to begin the month than by having the pleasure of acknowledging the arrival of MEETINGHOUSE HILL; 1630-1783 and MASTER ROGER WILLIAMS. Thank you for your generous interest, and for making it possible to add these very fine books to the Maine Author Collection.  

We have, of course, known and admired your MEETINGHOUSE HILL for several years. We are presently becoming acquainted with the new biography, and finding it intensely interesting.  

Perhaps sometime we shall have the pleasure of a call from you. The State House is just now untidy with renovation proceedings, and the library is due for more work soon; but after its completion, we expect to have the collection more adequately housed.  

Meanwhile, accept our warm thanks for your gifts to it, and our best wishes for continued success.  

Sincerely yours  

In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection  

hmj
January 26, 1962

Miss Ola E. Winslow
25 Aberdeen Road
Wellesley 81, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Winslow:

Your very fine biography of John Bunyan was purchased promptly on publication for the library, and we are delighted with it.

We wonder whether or not we can interest you in inscribing a copy for the Maine Author Collection. Your home in Sheepscot gave us a chance to claim you previously, you may remember. JOHN BUNYAN would certainly be a distinguished addition to the exhibit, and we hope that we may be privileged to add it.

Our best wishes for the success of the book. We hope you are having a pleasant winter, and that spring will see you back in Maine.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
Dear Mrs. Jacob,

Your kind letter about my JOHN HUNYAN has just been forwarded to me here. I have no copy of the book with me in Boston, but I have sent for one and shall mail it on to you as soon as it is received. Thank you for your interest.

My permanent address is still Sheepscot, and I expect to return after another month.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Mrs. F.W. Jacob
Maine Author Collection
State Library
Augusta, Maine
Dear Mrs. Jacob,

The copy of John Bunyan which I ordered from the Macmillan Company arrived only yesterday. I take great pleasure in sending it on to you, as you requested.

I might add that soon after the first of March I hope to be back at my Sheepscot address, which is always the best place to reach me.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

37 Joy Street
Boston 14, Mass.
Feb. 13, 1962

Mrs. F.W. Jacob
Maine Author Collection
State Library
Augusta, Maine
Miss Ola E. Winslow  
Sheepscot  
Maine 

Dear Miss Winslow:

Thank you so much for JOHN BUNYAN, which we add to the Maine Author Collection with pride and appreciation.

We are sending our note of acknowledgment to Sheepscott, in the midst of a determined snowstorm, hoping that you really can find your way back there, as you intend. Happy traveling, and we know you will be warmly welcomed in that very charming town.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection
February 14, 1964

Miss Ola Elizabeth Winslow
Sheepscot
Maine

Dear Miss Winslow:

SAMUEL SEWALL OF BOSTON was placed on our order list as soon as we learned of it, and we look forward with unusual interest to seeing this book.

We hope that the Maine Author Collection will be distinguished by the addition of an inscribed copy, and that good fortune will attend this new book.

The sun stays longer in our sky each day, and soon you will be returning to your Maine home, we hope.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
4 Chestnut Street, Boston

February 30, 1964

Dear Miss Jacobs,

I am sending a copy of Samuel Sewall of Boston to you today for the Maine author collection in the State Library. Thank you for your interest.

Yes, I am returning to Maine after another week. A pleasant prospect indeed.

Yours sincerely,

O. Elizabeth Campbell
February 25, 1964

Miss Ola Elizabeth Winslow
Sheepscot
Maine

Dear Miss Winslow:

Welcome home!

Thank you very much for the Maine Author Collection copy of SAMUEL SEWALL OF BOSTON. It is such a sympathetic -- almost empathic -- book that regardless of the reader's feeling or knowledge of Colonial times and mores, it becomes a wholly fascinating account.

It is good to call to our attention the trials and triumphs of our forebears. Perhaps it has inspiration or comfort or challenge in the story, but when the telling is as competent and sweeping as this, no one can possibly resist the allure of history.

It's a fine book, which must surely return much satisfaction to you.

Sincerely yours

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

Dear Mrs. Jacob,

Thank you for your most kind letter. I am glad to have my biography of Samuel Sewall in the Author collection, partly for the sake of the Sewalls of Maine, who are of the same family, although not of Samuel's immediate descendants.

Getting back to Maine is a sheer happiness, especially on a day so springlike it might almost tempt the apple blossoms. What a corner of the world it is.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Sheepscot, Maine
March 3, 1954
Miss Ola Elizabeth Winslow  
Sheepscot  
Maine 04566

Dear Miss Winslow:

Thank you very much for remembering the Maine Author Collection with a copy of your new book, JOHN ELIOT. Perhaps this fine biography will bring its particular message of kindness and understanding to today's readers. Certainly this unusual man has long deserved a sympathetic study.

Isn't it lovely weather this October? It must make you want to delay your departure for city life as long as possible.

Sincerely yours

hmj  
In Charge of Maine Author Collection