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## Rev. William C. Adams Correspondence

William Cushing Adams 1871-1943

Henry Ernest Dunnack 1867-1938

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ADAMS, William C.

Searsport, Maine

1871



THE LAFAYETTE

PORTLAND, MAINE

20 April 1937.

Rev. Henry E. Duane, Litt. D.,  
Librarian State Library,  
Augusta, Maine.

Dear Henry:

Our Cassmate Fred Dole  
informed me you would like my  
autograph for the State Library copy  
of "Jon. E. Adams, D.D. and Maine Carlinus".  
Enclosed please find Signature on  
my Bookplate, which I trust will  
answer, & may be affixed at proper place  
to your copy.

I am here at "The Lafayette" till  
the first of May, & leave with me  
a bound copy of "Benjamin Cushing and Some of  
His Deeds and Acts".  
Reprint from N.E. Historical Reg. - Oct 34 & Oct 35  
with signatures of some bound in & red leather.  
Also copy pp. art. - "Miscellaneous Maine Antiquities"  
from Portland Sun-Telegram (Aug 11 - 1935)  
pasted in - Shall I letter titles in India  
Ink on front covers, or do you have an  
expert at that art. who will letter from  
my suggested readings?

Kindly write me at your early convenience.  
So I can mail you above copy.  
If you are to be at the N.E. Hist. Conf. this week,  
hope to get in touch with you. Sincerely, William B. Brown

April 23, 1937

Rev. William C. Adams  
The Lafayette  
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

In Dr. Dunnack's absence, on account of illness,  
we are acknowledging your letter of April 20.

Please accept our thanks for your kindness in  
sending the autographed bookplate for JONATHAN  
E. ADAMS, D. D. AND MAINE CONGREGATIONALISM. We  
are placing this in the book, to which it will add  
interest and value.

We would be very glad to letter the bound copy  
of BENJAMIN CUSHING AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS,  
but perhaps the individual distinction of your  
own lettering would attach more significance and  
worth to the volume. We will be glad to act upon  
your suggestion in the matter, however.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

April 29, 1937

Rev. William C. Adams  
The Lafayette  
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

Some time ago we noticed mention of the book which you are now writing, a book of reminiscences of professors of Bangor Theological Seminary. This is something to anticipate. We have your splendid JONATHAN EDWARDS ADAMS, D. D., AND MAINE CONGREGATIONALISM in the Maine Author Collection, and hope that we may have a copy of the new book when it is completed.

Please accept our very best wishes for the reminiscences' success.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

P.S. I shall be here, at The Lafayette until  
Wednesday p.m. May 5th.

Cambridge address is 55 Garden Street,  
Cambridge, Mass.



THE LAFAYETTE

PORTLAND, MAINE

May 1-1937.

Maine State Library,  
Hilda McLeod, Secretary,  
Augusta, Maine.

Dear Miss McLeod:

Your letter of Apr. 23 & 29  
duly received. Very sorry to learn of  
Dr. Dummer's critical illness.

Have sent him a brief message of  
sympathy.

I note you received the autographed  
Bookplate for the State Library copy of  
"Jonathan Edwards Adams & Maine Emigration",  
and thank you for cordial appreciation.

The Bound & Lettered "Benjamin Perkins  
of Brunswick, Maine" with signatures of original  
Register articles included, & "Miss Anna's  
Maine Antiquarian House" pasted in will be  
sent soon. Similar copies have gone to  
the Harvard College Library, Bowdoin  
College, and another is ready for Bangor  
Seminary, and for the Maine State Library.

As I return to Cambridge next  
Wednesday, May 5th, your copy will  
be sent soon after. A young man at  
the Portland Art Museum has  
done expert cutting for about a dozen  
of the books, & just finished to-day.





# THE LAFAYETTE

PORTLAND, MAINE

near labels for several copies  
not with me, so I may retain your  
copy as a guide in fixing labels  
to the yet unlabeled copies -

Have ordered about a dozen more  
copies bound up at the Brethren Press,  
to match the Life of my Father, & stamped  
in gold on the back.

As to the Reminiscences of Darius & Prof.  
Seminary Professors - They are to be  
published in three or four quarterly instal-  
ments in the Darius Sem. Hour - Full title  
under the title "Memories & Impressions  
of Anglo-Theological Seminary Professors,"  
(1886-1936)

(1886-1906)  
The April Bulletin is now in press, &  
I hope the first instalment may be there.  
Perhaps you have a file of this Bulletin.  
It may be that you could paste in  
some of the forthcoming articles on the  
remaining pages of the signatures in Cadell's  
book sent you & thus cover the irrelevant printed  
pages, as I have with the Marie Antoinette  
article, & the Harvard Library did in their  
copy with the clippings I furnished.  
Thanking you again for your interest,  
I am, sincerely yours,  
William C. Adams



5/12/37

Have sent to-day by  
parcel post (insured)  
~~your copy of~~  
"Benj. Bushings Descendants"

"Miscossetts Marie Antoinette  
House" - titles lettered  
on cover -

Suggest you catalogue  
each title - "Benj. Bushings"

(2) Miscossetts - (& perhaps

(3) Marie Antoinette), with  
author card for 1 & 2,  
as has been done at  
Harvard College Library -  
Would appreciate notice  
of safe delivery of above -

Sincerely,  
Rev. William C. Flannery.

May 17, 1937

Rev. William C. Adams  
55 Garden Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts .

Dear Sir:

The very valuable and appreciated gift of BENJAMIN CUSHING AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS, and WISCASSET'S MARIE ANTOINETTE HOUSE, which you have so kindly inscribed, lettered, and presented to the Maine State Library, has been received.

We are placing this item in the Maine Author Collection, and are very grateful for the generosity which prompted you to send us a copy.

Please permit us to refund the amount of postage which was necessary to mail this most interesting book. We enclose thirteen cents in stamps.

Mr. Dunnack will, on his return, be delighted to learn of this new gift, and we will call it to his attention at the earliest opportunity. He is improving steadily, and although he is not, of course, able to be out yet, we receive very encouraging reports from his family.

Very truly yours

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7-7-37.

Am sending under  
separate cover the first  
article on B.T.S. Professors  
as promised. Have trimmed,  
so you can paste along  
marked edge into my  
book, inside back cover,  
or into bound Cushing-  
manic Autobiottle book,  
which I gave you.

Kindly advise me  
of safe arrival of above.  
Am working on the  
remaining articles.  
Think it will take 3 or 4  
more installments to  
finish. All are working  
now on Dr. Hamilton &  
Prof. Stearns & Pease -  
Best regards,  
Prof. Wm. C. Stearns,  
P.O. Box 67, Cambridge, Mass.

August 5, 1937

Rev. William C. Adams  
P. O. Box 67  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Although you notified us some time ago that the first article on "B. T. S. Professors" had been completed, and that you were sending it for the Maine Author Collection, we have not yet received it at the library.

Has there been a delay in mailing, or is it possible that the package was lost in the mails? You are indeed kind to remember the Maine Author Collection, and we appreciate your generosity.

We look forward with pleasure to receiving the articles which you are now writing, and we will paste them in the Cushing-Marie Antoinette book, as you have suggested.

Very truly yours

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THE LAFAYETTE

PORTLAND, MAINE

8-26-'37.

Maine State Library,  
Hilda McLeod, Sec.,  
Augusta, Maine.

Dear Miss McLeod:

Did you receive copy of the  
Alumni Bulletin sent from Bangor?  
The other copies sent at same time with  
your last copy have been accounted for,  
but I shall send future copies first  
class postage to insure safe delivery.  
Ark II will appear soon, & Ark III, I  
am now working about  
Oct 1st. Will bear the Maine State  
Library in mind, that your file may  
be complete.

My kindest regards to Dr. Dumnack.  
Please write to my Portland address,  
c/o The Lafayette - do not return to Cambridge  
till about a week after Labor Day or Sept 13th.

Kindly inform me how I could  
secure a copy of Dr. Dumnack's Maine Book,  
also Maine Memorials printed by the State 1922.  
Prefer to have them sent after return to Cambridge.  
Sincerely Yours, (Rev) William O. Adams

August 27, 1937

Rev. William C. Adams  
The Lafayette  
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Adams:

The Alumni Bulletin did come, but at that time we did not realize that it contained your article, and so, thinking it would be of interest to Mr. Dunnack, we sent it to him. He has been ill for some time, as you probably know, and is at present confined to his home.

It is with great concern that we discover that your article, intended for the Maine Author Collection, appeared in the bulletin, and we are at a loss to know what to do, as it came some time ago, and Mr. Dunnack does not keep such bulletins after reading them.

As soon as you have returned to Cambridge, we will be very glad indeed to send you a complimentary copy of THE MAINE BOOK, and also one of MAINE HISTORICAL MEMORIALS.

We will look forward to having the next of your articles in the library, and we will be sure that they do not escape us hereafter.

Very truly yours

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THE LAFAYETTE

PORTLAND, MAINE

8-28-'37.

Maine State Library  
Hilda McLeod, Sec.,  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Miss McLeod: Yours of 27<sup>th</sup> received,  
and I thank you for of Complimentary Copy  
of "Maine Historical Memorials", also Dr.  
Dammon's "Maine Book". I Base send  
out after Mon. Sept. 13, the day I plan  
to return to Cambridge, Mass., #55 Garden St.

I don't quite understand about the Bulletin  
with my first article? Was the 1<sup>st</sup> copy sent  
in July lost in the mail, & did you not  
receive the 2<sup>d</sup> copy, sent at your request  
from Bangor? Dr. Dammon, as an alumnus  
of Bangor Seminary would have copy anyway.  
Kindly let me know, if you fail to locate  
copy with art I on B.T.S. Professors, and  
I will try to have a 3<sup>d</sup> copy sent you  
from the Seminary direct. Hope you  
may have the complete set of 6 or 7  
articles, for insertion in the Marie

P.S. - Antoinette Bushing book, as I suggested

If you have list  
of some Maine  
books you have  
printed, would  
you kindly  
send me some.

Sincerely Yours,  
Rev. William C. Adams.

c/o The Lafayette

Portland, Maine

W.C.A.

September 3, 1937

Rev. William C. Adams  
The Lafayette  
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Adams:

After receiving your letter of August 28, we secured a copy of the April issue of THE ALUMNI BULLETIN, with your second article in it, but we have not located the first article. Very probably it was sent down to Dr. Dunnack, and after reading, destroyed. For this we are extremely regretful. We will, however, watch carefully for the third article.

Regarding your request for a list of Maine books which we have printed, we do not quite understand just what you wish. The State has not published any books of this nature. Occasionally the legislature appropriates a certain sum of money with which we may purchase a number of copies of one work, and perhaps it is to this type of book that you refer.

Some of these books we have for sale, some for distribution, and some are not obtainable through the library. We have the books listed as "available for new town libraries," and "Selling price of State books," available; but those listed as "Histories of Maine," and "What to read about Maine," are available only on



Rev. William C. Adams/hm  
September 3, 1937  
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our regular lending terms.

Perhaps this information is not at all what you desire, and if that is so, we will be very glad to hear from you regarding the matter.

We look forward to receiving the third article which you are now writing, and we are of course very grateful to you for keeping the State Library in mind to receive these most interesting sketches.

Very truly yours

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THE LAFAYETTE

PORTLAND, MAINE

9 Sept. 1937.

Miss Hilda McLeod,  
Secretary,  
Maine State Library,  
Augusta, Maine.

after Sept 13th  
@ Cambridge, Mass.-  
(55 Garden Street)  
P.O. Box 67

Dear Miss McLeod:

Enclosed I am sending copy of  
Article I (B.T.S. Professors 1886-1936)  
kindly insert with Art. II & articles to follow  
in Cushing-Marie Antoinette Book on pages  
of the signature of Percentage & original  
Cushing descendants Register articles, i.e. on  
pages of print other than my writings -  
Thus all the 7 or 8 B.T.S. articles will be in  
bound Cushing Book -

Am leaving for Cambridge next  
Monday, Sept 13, and shall be pleased  
to receive <sup>the day after</sup> the corresponding copies of  
Dr. Duane's Marie Book & Maine Historical  
Memorials (with the Baxter memorial, as he  
figured so prominently in my Marie Antoinette)  
Thank you for Bibliog. - Index of Maine -  
My desire is to have on file any lists of books  
by Maine writers (bio, history, fiction & about Maine).

Yours sincerely,  
(Rev) William C. Adams.

September 10, 1937

Rev. William C. Adams  
55 Garden Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Adams:

The first article on the B. T. S. Professors has been received, and we thank you very much. We will place the first two articles, which we now have, in the Cushing-Marie Antoinette book, as you suggest.

We will also send to you the first of next week a copy of THE MAINE BOOK and MAINE HISTORICAL MEMORIALS.

We are enclosing a selected list of Maine authors, which is by no means to be considered complete. Regarding your request for lists of books by Maine writers, there is no existing bibliography of this nature. It is impossible, unless a research worker has an unlimited amount of time, to compile such a bibliography, valuable as it might be. In a small way, while the Library Bulletin was being published, we attempted to do something along this line, and we are sending you a copy of the following issues: January, 1928 (Akers and Millay), April, 1928 (Poets since 1900), and July, 1928 (Women fiction writers). These may prove interesting to you.

We regret that we can be of no more assistance to you in this search for such a list.

Very truly yours

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WILLIAM C. ADAMS  
P. O. Box 67  
(55 GARDEN STREET)  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

30 Dec. 1939.

Miss Hilda McLeod,  
Secy, Maine State Library,  
Augusta, Maine.

Have you the III Article on Bangor  
Theol. Sem Professors in the Oct. Bulletin  
just out? Also, do you think there  
will be room in the *Leading Men* Cent.  
Book, for the remaining articles 8 or 9 in all?  
If not, why not put them in a separate *Index*?  
I had you for Dr. Sumner's "Maine  
Book," & "Maine Memorials" you kindly  
sent me.

Do you need a copy for the  
Maine State Library of —

"*Rems of the Rt. Rev. George Burgess,  
Bishop of Maine*" — pub. 1868,  
Hartford, Brown & Cross. ?

I could send you my copy,  
gltr edges, & in good condition,  
if you wish it.

Yours Sincerely,  
(Rev.) William C. Adams,  
P. O. Box 67  
Cambridge, Mass.

January 3, 1938

Rev. William Cushing Adams  
55 Garden Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Adams:

No, we regret that we have not received the third article on the Bangor Theological Seminary professors as yet. There are fifteen pages remaining in the Marie Antoinette book, and we find it difficult to estimate whether or not this will be sufficient space, for we do not know the length of the forthcoming articles in the series. Perhaps, if there are not enough pages in the book for the articles, we could insert ones, thus keeping the material together, as it was started in this manner.

Thank you very much for offering us a copy of the Right Reverend George Burgess' book of poems, but we already have two copies in the library.

Very truly yours

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Rev.

WILLIAM C. ADAMS  
P. O. Box 67  
(55 GARDEN STREET)  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

6 Jan. '58.

Maine State Lib.,  
Hildan M. Lead, Sec'y,  
Augusta, Mass.

Dear Miss M. Lead:

Yours letter of 3 Jan 58 received -  
I am sending (enclosed) Bul. Oct. '37,  
with art III on pp. 3, 4, 5 -

Please insert Bul. entire in Maine Anth.  
Book, partly as indicated, on left hand  
& right pp. - art II. You could paste  
p. 3 entire on r. hand page, if you wish,  
but suggest page 1 - only on marked  
edge on left hand page of Mar. Anth. Book,  
as all matter on page 1 is pertinent to my  
article on Prof. Stearns -

Hope to save as many of old 8 or 9  
(8 page) Bulletins for binding at my  
own expense, - to make book of 75 or more  
pages, so may not be able to spare  
future Bul. - why not write B. I. S.

Alum. Bul. (see address on same) to  
put Maine State Lib. on their mailing list

Please write me, when you  
have inserted Bul. w. art III in my  
Book - Glad to have at least three 3  
Buls in the Book -

Sincerely yours,  
William C. Adams.

January 24, 1938

Rev. William C. Adams  
55 Garden Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Adams:

Thank you for sending the October, 1937, Alumni Bulletin, with your third article. We will, as you suggest, request the Bangor Theological Seminary that the name of the Maine State Library be placed on their mailing list, so that we will certainly receive all your articles.

Very truly yours

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