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# George S. Wasson Correspondence

Geroge Savary Wasson 1855-1932

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WASSON, George S.<sup>awary</sup>

Born at Groveland, Massachusetts, 1855.

Died, Bangor, Maine April 28, 1932

Son of David A. and Abby Talcott (Smith) Wasson

per me. Bureau of Vital Statistics

Copy.

November 10, 1931.

Mr. George Wasson,  
173 Pine Street,  
Bangor, Maine.

My dear Mr. Wasson;-

Can you send us a list  
of your early sketches of Maine Coast islands? Mr. Lincoln  
Colcord says that there are several volumes of them, and  
suggests that they be included in our bibliography on Maine  
ships and shipping.

Very truly yours,

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(Signed MCF)

GEORGE S. WASSON  
173 PINE STREET  
BANGOR, MAINE

Nov. 11. '31

Dear Mrs Fuller,

The books Mr. Coleord  
refers to are all out of print, and  
only to be had occasionally through  
second hand book dealers. They were

"Cap'n Simeon's Store -"	Houghton & Mifflin,	1903
"The Green Shag?"	" "	1902
"Home from Sea."	" "	1905

I am sorry, for it would be a  
pleasure to have them with you.

Another book dealing with the  
once famous Lumber Trade on the  
Penobscot River is to be brought out  
by the "Marine Research Society" but I can't  
tell yet just when. Yours sincerely

Geo. S. Wasson

Copy.

November 12, 1931.

Mr. George S. Wasson,  
173 Pine Street,  
Bangor, Maine.

Dear Mr. Wasson:-

Thank you very much for your prompt response to my request for a list of ~~your~~ books about Maine island people. I am sorry that all three are out of print and I hope that we shall be able to obtain them from a dealer in secondhand books. I have written to Mr. Huston, of Portland, about them.

I hope that the Penobscot River lumber trade book will be ready soon. Mr. Dow and Mr. Colcord both wrote me that it is in preparation. It will be a fine thing to have and I am delighted that the Marine Research Society are printing it.

Very truly yours,

(Signed MCF)

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173 Pine Street,  
Bangor, Maine.  
December 6th, 1931.

George Francis Dow, Esq.,  
The Marine Research Society,  
Salem, Mass.

My dear Mr. Dow:-

I have had a letter from Lincoln Colcord in which he seems to be disturbed over the form in which the lists in the appendix of my book ought to be printed. As you know, that part of the volume is quite outside my province.

When I found that Mr. Colcord had so much material at hand, and was able and willing to take charge of the lists, even to writing and introduction for them, I was both delighted and relieved. I feel that it is a distinct advantage to have his name associated with us. There is, in my opinion, no one in the state so capable of handling the lists, nor one who has such a rare combination of ability and interest. Of course, as you know, his standing as an authority on such affairs is well established, and I felt that to have him interested was a rare piece of luck.

I should hesitate to do or say anything which would deter him in his wish to cooperate. My only hesitation in accepting such an overwhelming amount of time and work from him, was that he would not be sufficiently repaid for the effort. It seems that he is not trying to make anything out of it, but I am certain that Mrs. Connors of Castine would not undertake any such task as the one indicated at the Custom House without pay. In fact, I can imagine no reason other than remuneration, which would induce her to act.

There is very little interest in these matters among the natural legatees of shipping history. That is why it is so fortunate to find someone who has both the passionate interest of a sea born man and the intelligence and time to give to the research. Lincoln Colcord will add prestige to the book by appending his name to the lists. He or anyone familiar with conditions around here will tell you that it is impossible to make the lists complete, but he will make them as nearly so as can be done.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) George S. Wasson