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WALKER, Ernest G.

Born at Embden, September 1, 1860
Died Washington, D.C., February 6, 1944.

November 7, 1929

Mr. Ernest C. Walker,
2112 S. Street,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Walker;-

We are sending to you today a copy of your own book. Will you please autograph it for us, adding an inscription, if you will, or some note about the writing of it, so that we may add it to our Maine Author Collection.

Perhaps I neglected to mention this collection to you. For some time, the Maine State Library has been assembling autographed copies of the works of authors born in this state. These books are not for loan, but constitute a permanent exhibit, known as the Maine Author Collection.

To add to the collection's value as a reference source, we are collecting biographical and critical material about our authors and their works. Will you send us information about yourself--something more personal than "Who's Who" offers, please- and, if possible a picture of the house where you were born, so that we may have in our special files first hand information about you for the use of present and future students of Maine literary history. Clippings about you and your work will be very welcome and all correspondence

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with you will be kept.

I hope that you will continue your work in
Maine history. Embden is such a valuable addition to the town
histories of the state that I like to think that we may
look to you for more books of the same type.

Very truly yours,

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We enclose return postage for Embden

ERNEST G. WALKER HISTORIES

CAPT. SOLOMON WALKER'S KIN
WENTWORTHS OF THE REVOLUTION

EMBDEN TOWN OF YORE
UPPER KENNEBEC FRONTIER

2112 S STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Nov.15,1929.

Mr. Henry E. Dunnack,
State Librarian,
Augusta, Maine.

Dear Mr. Dunnack:

Do you think the Indians of Maine and their wars, which, perhaps, I would call "Red Men and Red Wars in Maine", would be a worth while history topic and if you do will you please cite some sources for reading? Williamson's History, of course, has considerable very good material.

I have been told that such a book might meet with some success and, if I thought it would, I might undertake it. I assume, it would not take a tremendous amount of time and I might be able to work well through it before spring. Incidentally, it might fit in with that Maine History you have suggested to me and which attracts me more and more strongly as I think about it.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest G. Walker

November 20, 1929.

Mr. Ernest G. Walker
2112 S. Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Walker:

I have suggested the Indians of Maine and their Wars to a great many people as a subject for investigation. So far nobody has undertaken the work. Of course, one cannot be sure of the sale of these items. It seems to me, however, that this subject would have as great an appeal as any I could suggest at this time.

I should discuss the Indians in general, try to separate the various tribes and to designate their origin, discuss the separate tribes in their various locations, and what finally became of them. I would also have a chapter on Indian Trails, and one on the meaning of Indian names.

I am enclosing a list of reading material on the subject, all of which is available at the Maine State Library. I think additional titles may be found dealing with the Indian Wars. As soon as we have opportunity, we will check this section up.

Did you receive the copy of Embden Town of Yore which we sent to be autographed? We are anxious to add this to our collection.

Very truly yours,

HD/S.

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UPPER KENNEBEC FRONTIER

2112 S STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Nov. 21, 1929.

Mr. Henry E. Dunnack,
State Librarian,
Augusta, Maine.

Dear Mr. Dunnack:

Thank you for your very good letter, listing reading matter regarding the Maine Indians. Very much of this, I suppose, I can find here in the Congressional Library. When I learn what part of your list is not here, I will write to ask if you are permitted under your rules to send me here in Washington certain of your books.

I am turning the subject over in my mind, somewhat as you suggested only, perhaps, a little more comprehensively. I would make a chapter or so about whatever beautiful features there may have been in the lives of this vanished race, perhaps bringing together some of the best legends and anecdotes. They have left some monuments, meager, perhaps. One of them is on a ledge in the Kennebec in my town. I should want to lighten the subject up as much as could legitimately be done but make it rather comprehensive. I suppose I will find in your list something about the number of Indians now left in Maine, whether they have intermarried with the whites and other like current data.

Thank you for sending a copy of my book, which I have autographed and returned as requested. I have no picture of the house in Embden where I was born but am trying to get one and will forward it to you together with some other information about myself.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest G. Walker

January 8, 1934

Ernest G. Walker
3307 R St., N.W.
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Walker::

FORTY-EIGHT GRIDIRON YEARS has just arrived; we send you our thanks for this addition to the State Library. Now I am sure you know at this point I would like to write half a dozen lines of appreciation for the good work you have done in producing this book, and as many additional lines in regard to the value, and twice as many more, expressing our appreciation that this is the work of a Maine man, and that he has placed a copy in the State Library. But all this is impossible. The book is too far beyond any childish words of praise; therefore, we simply say: "Thank you, Sir," and take this opportunity of sending you the good wishes of the entire Library staff.

Sincerely yours

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State Librarian

July 9, 1937

Mr. Ernest G. Walker
3307 R Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Walker:

We have noticed in a recent newspaper article that your latest book, WALKERS OF YESTERDAY, has just been issued. Please accept our congratulations on the assembling of such important and interesting material.

That you are familiar with the Maine Author Collection we know, from your generous gift of FORTY-EIGHT GRIDIRON YEARS. We hope that we will be privileged to add an inscribed copy of WALKERS OF YESTERDAY to the collection. We will of course want to purchase a copy for the regular lending section of the library, and such a book with its Maine background and author, is certainly a most desirable addition to the Maine Author Collection.

We extend our very best wishes for a pleasant summer, and we hope that when you are again in Maine, you will call at the library.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

Washington, D.C.,
3313 O Street, N.W.,
July 12, 1937.

The State Library,
Attention of Hilda McLeod, Secretary,
State House, Augusta, Maine.

Dear Miss McLeod:

I appreciate very much the letter from the Maine State Library -- received this morning -- regarding my "Walkers of Yesterday" -- requesting an inscribed copy for the Maine Authors' Collection and stating that the Library wished to purchase a copy (\$3.75) for the lending section.

I will be very glad to comply in both instances and am mailing two copies of the book by parcel post. Thank you and the Library ever so much. Kindly remember me to Dr. Dunnack and Miss Stuart.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest G. Walker

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July 16, 1937

Mr. Ernest G. Walker
3313 O Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Walker:

The two copies of WALKERS OF YESTERDAY have been received, and we are delighted to add one to the Maine Author Collection and the other to our genealogical section. The bill for the latter copy will go to the Treasurer's office shortly for payment.

Mr. Dunnack has been absent from the office for some time, on account of illness; otherwise he would wish to add a personal note. Miss Stuart returns her good wishes to you, and was very pleased to receive yours.

Thank you very much for presenting a copy of WALKERS OF YESTERDAY to the Maine Author Collection. It is certainly a valuable contribution to family history, and will doubtless find many appreciative persons.

Very truly yours

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