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# Mary Alice Wyman Correspondence

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WYMAN, Mary Alice.

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June 27, 1935

Dr. Mary Alice Wyman  
Edgehill Inn  
Spuyten Duyvil, New York

Dear Dr. Wyman:

We have had a request from a patron for information about "Mary Alice Wyman, author of TWO AMERICAN PIONEERS." Great was our surprise to find not one authoritative bit of data regarding you in any of our reference books. We are appealing, therefore, directly to the source of all your personal information, hoping that you will be so very kind as to send us some biographical material - the date of your birth,, place of birth, and the more important facts in your life.

We regret the necessity for troubling you with such a request, but we deplore the lack of such information in our general files, and also we have a very vague but hopeful idea that you perhaps may be a Maine born writer.

Very truly yours,  
Maine State Library

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Secretary

Newcastle, Maine

Hilda McLeod  
Secretary  
Maine State Library  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Miss McLeod,

Your letter of June 27th has followed me to my summer home in Maine, and I am glad to give below the bibliographical data for which you have asked.

Mary Alice Wyman, daughter of Rev. J. M. Wyman, Baptist clergyman, and Minnie Haynes Wyman ( both natives of Maine). Born Nov. 16, 1888, Roslindale, Mass. A.B., Wellesley College, 1912; A.M., Columbia University, 1918; Ph. D., Columbia University, 1927. Teacher of English, Lincoln Academy, Newcastle, Maine, 1913-1917; University of Maine, 1918- 1921; New York High School System, 1923- 1928; Assistant Professor of English, Hunter College, New York City since 1928.  
Writing : Editor of Selections from the Autobiography of Elizabeth Oakes Smith; Author of Two American Pioneers, Columbia University Press, 1927; Contributor to Dictionary of American Biography (articles on Anne Charlotte Lynch and on Seba Smith); Contributor to Art Bulletin, published in Italy (article on literary sources of mediaeval ivories at Metropolitan Museum, N.Y. C.). First book listed published by Lewiston Journal Co., 1925, taken over later by Columbia University Press.  
Travel: Three summers in England and on the continent. Trip around the world the year of 1933-34, two months in Italy, three months in China.  
Clubs : Maine Writers Research Club; American Association of University Women; New York Wellesley Club; National League of American Pen Women; Modern Language Association; English Speaking Union.

May I take this opportunity to ask what books you may have published within the last two or three years, on Wordsworth, Coleridge, or Keats ?

Very sincerely yours,

Mary Alice Wyman

COPY

July 15, 1935.

Dr. Mary Alice Wyman  
Newcastle  
Maine

Dear Dr. Wyman:

Thank you very much for your kindness in sending the biographical detail. We appreciate this, and have not only been enabled to answer our patron's request, but have filed the information, that we may have it for future consultation.

Regarding the recent books on Wordsworth, Coleridge and Keats, we regret that we have no very recent ones, the latest being: Rader, M.M. Presiding ideas in Wordsworth's poetry. 1931. Univ. of Wash. Pub. in lang. and lit., v. 8, no. 2. 821 W92.Yr. We would be very glad to send this book to you if you wish to have us do so.

We are asking Columbia University Press to send one copy of TWO AMERICAN PIONEERS to you, and we hope that you will be kind enough to autograph it. We wish to include it in our Maine Author Collection. This is an exhibit collection of several hundred inscribed volumes, written by Maine men and women. We feel that we can claim you as a Maine author, since your parents were natives of this State, and since your background and summer home are Maine.

We regret that we have not before added this splendid book to our Maine Author Collection - of course we have it in the main library for lending. But we hasten to do so now, and enclose a return label and postage for your convenience. We thank you for your assistance and interest, assure you of ours, and wish to express our wishes for a very pleasant summer.

Very truly yours,

Maine State Library

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Secretary

Newcastle, Maine  
July 23, 1935

Miss Hilda McLeod  
Secretary  
Maine State Library  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Miss McLeod,

I am honored to have Two  
American Pioneers placed in the exhibit  
of books by Maine writers, and am mailing here-  
with the autographed copy of the book.

Thank you for your answer to my query  
about books. As I have seen the one you  
mentioned on Wordsworth, I will not ask you  
to send it.

I appreciate as always the readiness of  
the staff of the Maine State Library to be  
of assistance.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary R. Wyman

COPY

July 24, 1935

Dr. Mary A. Wyman  
Newcastle  
Maine

Dear Dr. Wyman:

We have received the autographed copy of TWO AMERICAN PIONEERS, and thank you very much for cooperating with us in securing the book for our Maine Author Collection. We are exceedingly proud to claim you as a Maine Author, and especially glad to add this book about Maine people.

We do hope this is not to be the last work from your pen; and when the next book is published, we hope to include it in the Collection.

Very truly yours,  
Maine State Library

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Secretary

May 25, 1960

Dr. Mary Alice Wyman  
Bristol Road  
Damariscotta, Maine

Dear Dr. Wyman:

Congratulations on your new book, THE LURE FOR FEELING. We look forward to seeing a copy soon, and hope that its reception may be all you hope.

Some years ago you very graciously presented a book to the Maine Author Collection, and we wonder whether you might not like to do so with the new one. As you probably recall, this is a permanent exhibit of inscribed presentation copies of books written by Maine authors (those born here, or living in the state) and books about Maine. Certainly we have a claim on you through residence, do we not?

If the suggestion meets with your approbation, know that we should be proud and delighted to place THE LURE FOR FEELING with the other Maine author books.

And you have our very good wishes for a warm welcome for the book, and a successful life for it.

Sincerely yours

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In Charge of  
MAINE AUTHOR COLLECTION



Damariscotta, Maine

May 28, '60

Mrs. Hilda McLeod Jacob  
In charge of Maine Author Collection  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

Under separate cover I am  
sending a copy of my book The Lure for  
Feeling for the Maine Author Collection.

I believe the book you have must be two  
American Pioneers, Seba Smith and Elizabeth  
Oakes Smith.

This and the earlier Selections from the  
Autobiography of Elizabeth Oakes Smith I am  
sure are in your circulating library, and I  
trust The Lure for Feeling may also be includ-  
ed. The Bangor Library has ordered it.

I have lived a large part of my life in  
Maine; parents and grand-parents were born  
here, the first ancestor on my mother's side  
coming here in 1635.

Thank you very much for your good wishes.

Very sincerely yours

Mary A. Wyman  
Mary A. Wyman

June 2, 1960

Dr. Mary Alice Wyman  
Bristol Road  
Damariscotta, Maine

Dear Dr. Wyman:

Thank you, thank you, for your friendly letter and for THE LURE FOR FEELING, which we place in the Maine Author Collection with pleasure and with appreciation for your generous interest.

Yes, indeed, we shall have THE LURE FOR FEELING in the regular lending section of the library. It went on to our order list as soon as we learned of it. The most attractive jacket has its own lure, and will invite readers to share the adventures of your studies. Surely your enjoyment so radiant in these pages will be infectious.

You are right: TWO AMERICAN PIONEERS was the other book which you presented to the Maine Author Collection; so now we have two, and thank you for them both.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection