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Henry Ernest Dunnack 1867-1938

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GAY, Maude Clark (Mrs.)

Born at Waldoboro, September 28, 1876.

GAY, Maude Clark (Mrs.), author; b. at Waldoboro, Me., Sept. 28, 1876; d. Webster C. Mayo and Annie (Atherton) Clark; ed. public and private schools of Waldoboro, and at Lincoln Academy, Damariscotta, M., graduated 1895; m. Waldoboro, M., Feb. 10, 1896, John T. Gay, Jr. Contributed from girlhood to newspapers, magazines, etc., of poems and short stories. Author: The Knitting of the Souls, 1904 L3.



Made Clark Gay.
Dudman, Maine.

Maude Clark Gay born in Waldoboro, Maine, the daughter of Webster Crosby and Annie Clark Mayo. Educated in public and private schools of Waldoboro and at Lincoln Academy, Newcastle. Married to John T. Gay of Waldoboro, has one daughter, Anne Gracia Gay Bailey. Trustee of Waldoboro Public Library and former member of school board. President Maine Writers Research Club and Lincoln County Union of Women's Clubs. Member of first Woman's Advisory Board, Republican State Committee and at present member of State Committee. Member of House of Representatives-1927 and 1929. Former chairman State Endowment Fund, Maine Federation of Women's Clubs. Member Colonel Dummer Sewall Chapter, D.A.R., Bath. During the World War served as secretary of Red Cross and was county chairman of Woman's Branch National Defense Committee. Past

President of Waldoboro Woman's Club. Vice-president Lincoln Home Association. Author of "The Knitting of the Souls," "Paths Crossing" "Five Women" "Echoes From Old Doorways." "Biography of Mary Boylston, the Niece of Paul Revere." Contributor to all three books published by the Maine Writers Research Club and to the "Trail of the Maine Pioneer" published by the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs-being a prize winner in the latter.

February 28, 1923

Dear Madam:

It will interest you to know that I am collecting for the State Library, books written by Maine Authors. This collection will constitute a permanent department in the State Library. The books will not be loaned from this collection.

I am sending you a copy of the Library Bulletin for July, 1922, with a marked article referring to this collection.

We hope the new State Library building will have a special room set apart for this collection, and that it will contain facilities for students and be a place of study for former residents and visitors of Maine, who are interested in literary and historical matters.

I am asking each Maine author to send me a presentation copy of each book they have written and so far as possible to write in each book, anything that might explain the origin of the book, or any interesting item in connection with it. This will add to the value of the collection as the years pass.

I am meeting with a favorable and generous response from everyone. It will be a great favor if you will cooperate with us in this matter to the extent of preparing and sending a copy of each of your books for this collection. I will be very glad to pay any expenses in connection with this project.

Please accept my thanks in advance for anything you can do to assist us in making the collection complete. I am,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. John T. Gay
Waldoboro, Maine

Henry E. Dunnack
Librarian

Waldoboro, Maine, Mar. 5, 1923

Henry E. Dunnack, Librarian,
Maine State Library, A
Augusta,
Maine.

My dear Mr. Dunnack:-

Yours of Feb. 28 received. Your idea of collecting books written by Maine authors and giving them a permanent place in the State Library is characteristic of you. It certainly does seem a suitable and fitting place for such a collection.

I am indeed honored to have you ask for any work of mine in such a connection. Have been interested for years in historical matters concerning the State and my two last books deal with the romance and history of several of the towns and cities of Maine.

I shall be glad to co-operate with you in this matter and will prepare and send you a copy of each of my books as you suggest for this purpose.

With best wishes for your success in this work,

Yours very sincerely,

Mrs. John T. Gay
Mrs. John T. Gay.

January 7, 1929

Hon. Maud Clark Gay
Waldoboro, Maine

Dear Madam:

Will you please send me a complete list of your books, the dates, publisher and titles. This will be a very great favor.

Very truly yours

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MAUDE CLARK GAY
WALDOBORO, MAINE

Jan. 11, 1929

Rev. Henry E. Dunnack,
State Librarian,
Maine State Library,
Augusta, Maine.

My dear Mr. Dunnack:-

Enclosed you will find a complete
list of my books, the date, publisher and titles
as you requested in your letter of the 7th.

Thanking you for the interest shown,

Very truly yours,

Maude Clark Gay.

MAUDE CLARK GAY
WALDOBORO, MAINE

LIST OF BOOKS

- with the
M S L*
- Mar 1924*
- X The Knitting of the Souls, Lee & Shepard 1904
 - X Paths Crossing C.M. Clark Publishing Co 1908
Emerson &
 - X Five Women (Maine Romances) ^ Gray Company 1919
 - X Echoes from Old Doorways Maine Romances 1923
(Lewiston Journal Company)

Biography of Mary Boylston, the Niece of Paul Revere

Written for her grand-daughter and published for

personal gifts.

1925

*Received
X Jan 17, 1924*

SENATE

Dora B. Pinkham, Chairman, Aroostook
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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Committee on Education
AUGUSTA

Waldoboro, Maine, May 6, 1929

Rev. Henry E. Dunnack,

State Librarian,

Augusta, Maine.

My dear Dr. Dunnack:-

I am enclosing my "life history" as you requested for your collection of data concerning Maine writers and am also sending you a photograph of myself under separate cover.

I was indeed delighted to hear of your reappointment by Governor Gardiner. The State of Maine is to be congratulated for having such an able and distinguished official at the head of its Library Department.

We all feel a sense of ~~satisfaction~~ that you will have suitable housing quarters where you may carry on your splendid work without being hampered for room.

I am glad that I was a member of the legislative body that made this possible.

With best wishes and gratitude for past courtesies,

Sincerely yours,

Maude Clark Gay