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# Marion Catherine Bagley Correspondence

Marion Catherine McCarty Bagley 1913-2004

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BAGLEY, Marion Catherine (McCarty)

b. Trescott, May 15, 1913



September 6, 1956

Mrs. Marion M. Bagley  
Machias  
Maine

Dear Mrs. Bagley:

It is good to know that your MAINE HISTORY CAN BE FUN is now available, and we shall order copies for library use immediately. We are eager to see it, for Maine is our specialty, and something which will encourage the study of it is more than welcome.

Do you know about the Maine Author Collection? It is a permanent exhibit of books written by Maine people, or about the state. Most of the twelve hundred volumes are inscribed presentation copies, and form an outstanding collection of Maine literature. We also gather all possible biographical and critical information about our authors, so that our files may answer the requests we receive about Maine writers and writing.

We hope that you may want to inscribe a copy of MAINE HISTORY CAN BE FUN for the collection. It certainly should be with the other Maine books, and it would give us particular pleasure to include it. Best wishes to the book -- may it have a warm welcome, wide distribution and enduring success.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection

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## Text Proves History's Fun



Marion M. Bagley

History can be painless to pupils if source and teaching materials are up to date. So believes Marion M. Bagley of Machias after 21 years of teaching in elementary schools.

The proof is in her textbook, "Maine History Can Be Fun," published this month by J. Weston Walch of Portland. The text book is accompanied by a teacher guide also compiled by Mrs. Bagley.

"Maine History Can Be Fun," is heavy paper bound, offset printed with many illustrations. It contains 80 pages of text material, 40 regular lessons, and 13 extra credit lessons.

Mrs. Bagley describes her book as an activity text, for it suggests where to read about Maine and to whom to write for Maine

historical information.

Mrs. Bagley was graduated from Lubec High School, Washington State Teachers College, and studied at Mt. St. Vincent College, Halifax, N. S., and is working for her master's degree at the University of Maine. Her teaching experience includes 11 years with the Lubec union and 10 years in the Machias Union.

Publisher J. Weston Walch was for 27 years a teacher in Portland. His plant is at 1145 Congress St.



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Maine, Maine  
Sept 8, 1957

Dear Librarian

Thank you for your kind interest in "Maine History Can Be Fun". I shall be very happy to send a copy for the Maine Collection. You will receive it in the near future.

Is there a form or questionnaire to help one on the biographical information? It is much easier than to write one in paragraph style! If not I shall do my best. School opens Monday so the next few days will be quite busy, but I shall attend to that too.

Gratefully  
Marion M. Dagley

September 14, 1956

Mrs. Marion M. Bagley  
Machias  
Maine

Dear Mrs. Bagley:

The copies of MAINE HISTORY CAN BE FUN which we ordered for the library have come, and we are delighted to see such a lively approach to the subject, which of course can be fun. This book certainly ought to prove that you will be happy with its success.

We look forward to receiving the copy for the Maine Author Collection, and will acknowledge its arrival.

As for the biographical information, again you have surprised us by asking for a questionnaire -- usually people shudder at the mention of a questionnaire! No, we don't have one; but of course you could give us the information in that form, if you like. We want to know where and when you were born, a little bit about your education and work -- just a sort of Who's Who item. It need not be long or detailed, but it would be most helpful to us.

Thank you for taking the time during your busy opening days of school to attend to these details.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection

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Machias, Maine  
Oct 28, 1956

Mrs. F. J. Jacobs  
Maine State Library  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Jacobs

At long last I have assembled a few facts which you requested in connection with "Maine History Can Be Fun." There is probably more than you will want to use, but not knowing just what was best am including these:

Born: Marion Catherine McCarty to Charles and Ida Murray McCarty, at Trescott, Maine May 15, 1912. Attended a one room rural school in that town (two miles distant by the way!); graduated Lubec High School 1931; matriculated at Mount Saint Vincent College, Halifax, N. S.; B.S. in Education from Washington State Teachers' College, Machias; now doing graduate work at the University of Maine.

Started teaching at age 19 in a rural school in Trescott; have taught 21 years - 11 in the Lubec Union - 10 here in Machias. In that time I've taught rural, both sections of a two-room building, grade 8 and now Social Studies and Reading in the Machias High School. So, I've contacted and taught boys and girls of all ages and love them all.

I attend the Catholic Church and teach a class of Sunday School each week.

My husband, Burton, and I have one daughter, MaryAnn who is now 14.

Through my teaching I am a member of three Educational Associations: Machias Parent-Teachers (past pres.); Machias Valley Teachers' Club (past pres.); Washington County Teachers' Assoc. (past pres.) M. T. A. and N. E. A. I also belong to two Literary



Clubs of Machias - the Joyce Kilmer Literary Club  
and Ursula Penniman. At present I am  
president of Washington County Council of Catholic  
Women. I often lecture to women's Clubs  
on Maine topics - literature, poets etc and  
tell stories.

Notice I've listed these local activities since  
it might be an indication to some that  
I am (and others can be) very happy and  
busy in a cozy little corner "way up"  
here in Maine! I have great faith in  
Maine's future - we need to keep our sons  
and daughters here - we may never attain  
great wealth either individually or as  
a state but we can attain a state  
state of happiness unequalled anywhere!

Thank you for your great interest in,  
and your kind remarks about "Maine  
History Can Be Fun".

In appreciation for all the help from the  
librarians and the information obtained  
from the Maine Section I gladly donate  
these two enclosed books.

Sincerely  
Marion M. Dagley.

P.S. This would have looked much neater if  
typed but my typist - my husband, who  
by the way typed the book, is away  
tonight so long-hand had to do!!

November 6, 1956

Mrs. Marion M. Bagley  
Machias  
Maine

Dear Mrs. Bagley:

Thank you for many things: for the Maine Author Collection copy of MAINE HISTORY CAN BE FUN, for the intensely interesting biographical sketch (just what we wanted), and especially for gathering the material and making MAINE HISTORY CAN BE FUN possible.

We hope that by now you are encouraged by its success, and that it is finding its way into classrooms all over the state. It would even be a good idea for some who have graduated from classrooms to acquire copies!

Sincerely yours

hmj

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