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Harlow Wilson Estes 1900-1987

Mrs. Stanley G. Estes

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ESTES, Harlow

Born in Seattle, Washington, December 11, 1900-

January 22, 1942

Mrs. Stanley Goddard Estes
c/o Dodd, Mead & Company
443-449 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Estes:

Since the publication of your two arresting studies of feminine character, HILDRETH and LONG WEEK END, we have been glad to notice the eager acceptance by the public of your work.

Although we know that you were not born in Maine, we understand that Mr. Estes is a native, and that your summers are spent in this state. For that reason, we are writing to you about the Maine Author Collection, which is a permanent exhibit of books written by Maine people. These books (about a thousand at present) are inscribed, presentation copies. In connection with the display, we gather biographical and critical material on our authors, and preserve all correspondence.

Thus the Maine Author Collection is as complete a source of information for students and future researchers on Maine literature and writers as we can make it with the generous cooperation of our authors.

Among our "adopted" authors are such people as Laura E. Richards, Ben Ames Williams, Ethel Calvert Phillips, Mabel Robinson, Rachel Field, and others; and we hope that you will want to inscribe your books for inclusion in the exhibit. We should be delighted to have them, and to call you a Maine author; and we hope that when you are in Maine, you will call at the library and see the collection.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

60 PINCKNEY STREET
BOSTON

February 2, 1942.

Mrs. F. W. Jacob, Secretary,
Maine State Library,
Augusta, Maine.

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

Thank you for your pleasant letter about the Maine Author Collection. I am honored by the invitation to become an "adopted" Maine author although I am afraid my connection with Maine is extremely slight. It is true that my mother still calls herself a Maine woman although she left Portland at the ripe age of four, and my husband's people do still live in Maine, but my husband and I are not even "summer people," which is our loss. A few days each summer are all we are able to manage. However, if I may be "adopted" by your Author Collection on the strength of having friends and relatives in Maine and affection for the state, I shall be happy to send you autographed copies of my two books.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Harlow Estes

Mrs. Stanley G. Estes

February 9, 1942

Mrs. Stanley G. Estes
60 Pinckney Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Estes:

Your very kind letter about the Maine Author Collection delighted us; and since you are agreeable to adoption, we want to do just that! Your connection with the state is really sufficient, although we must of course regret that we cannot claim you through birth. You can understand, through your mother, what a very permanent impression being born in Maine makes on one!

The inclusion of HILDRETH and LONG WEEK END in the collection will be a delightful addition. Incidentally, had you in mind any particular locale for the setting of HILDRETH?

Very truly yours

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February 16, 1942

Mrs. Stanley G. Estes
60 Pinckney Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Estes:

It gives us genuine pleasure to welcome the arrival of the inscribed books, HILDRETH and LONG WEEK END.

You are very kind indeed to present them to the Maine Author Collection, and we appreciate the privilege of adding them to the shelves, and also of claiming you as an "adopted" author.

Please accept our sincere thanks for your generous gift, and our best wishes for future books.

Very truly yours

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