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Herbert Granville Jones 1883-1968

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JONES, HERBERT G.

resident of Portland, Maine

b. Southern Wales

JONES, Herbert G.

A native of Southern Wales, Mr. Jones served as a youth with the British Cavalry in South Africa, after which he knocked about most corners of the world. Coming to this country he entered newspaper work, joining the staff of the PHILADELPHIA PUBLIC LEDGER and later the NEW YORK TRIBUNE. He is now a permanent resident of Portland, Maine.

December 14, 1937

Mr. Herbert G. Jones
937 Broadway
South Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Jones:

Please accept our congratulations on one of the most charming books about Maine which we have ever seen. I DISCOVER MAINE is delightful, and of course we purchased a copy at once for the general lending section of the State Library.

Although we realize that we cannot claim you as a Maine man through birth, we believe that residence and the subject matter of I DISCOVER MAINE give us the claim of adoption, and we are exceedingly proud that this is so.

Perhaps you know of the Maine Author Collection, for exhibit purposes only, which numbers several hundred volumes written by Maine writers. Among those who are included by right of "adoption," are of course Laura E. Richards, Henry Beston, Rachel Field, Gladys Hasty Carroll, Kenneth Payson Kempton, and Elizabeth Etnier. These volumes are inscribed presentation copies, and form a fascinating representation of Maine's contribution to literature.

We hope that you will want to inscribe a copy of I DISCOVER MAINE for this purpose, and we hope, too, that a most gratifying success attends your book.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

68 Codman Street
Portland Maine

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Maine State Library
Augusta Me

Attention Hilda McLoud

Dear Miss McLoud:

Many-many thanks for your very nice letter, and of course I am sending you a copy which I hope will be suitably inscribed. I am glad that I happen to have a first edition left-we are now going to press with a third printing.

I expect to go on the air again next month so hope to carry on the good work of 'glorifying' my adopted home land, also, later, another book. Very early in the spring I am going to find my way to your library and meet you in the flesh.

~~In the meantime a very merry Xmas to you~~

cordially yours



December 29, 1937

Mr. Herbert G. Jones
68 Codman Street
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Jones:

Thank you so much for your generous gift to the Maine Author Collection. It is with pleasure in the text and illustrations, and with pride in the author who is expressing his appreciation of our state in such a fascinating way, that we add **I DISCOVER MAINE** to the collection.

We send you our very best wishes for a New Year of happiness and further success, and assure you that we will eagerly anticipate your visit.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

January 16, 1939

Mr. Herbert G. Jones
68 Codman Street
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Jones:

The very graciously inscribed copy of OLD PORTLAND TOWN arrived several days ago, and you should have received an appreciative acknowledgment promptly for such a delightful presentation book.

We are all delighted with the charm of the subject matter, manner of treatment, and the lovely sketches. Thank you very much.

And may we assure you that you must certainly have "measurable atoned for the error" of being born elsewhere than in Maine? I DISCOVER MAINE and OLD PORTLAND TOWN have brought us compensatory prestige!

Very truly yours

MAINE STATE LIBRARY
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SECRETARY

October 19, 1940

Mr. Herbert G. Jones
191 Pine Street
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Jones:

Your extremely delightful courtesy in bringing to the library personally a copy of your utterly charming new book, MAINE MEMORIES, is deeply appreciated. Unfortunately, time has so far permitted only a bit of browsing here and there among its fascinating pages, but one reader at least is completely captivated!

It is a book that should be received with widespread welcome and enthusiasm. Its format and content are appealing to many different types of readers, and we feel certain that you will have many warm praises upon your work.

You are, of course, a source of great delight to us -- with your unbounded pleasure in discovering unprinted historical facts, and in making them available to so many people. Long may you continue in this splendid work -- and may the next one be attentive to our eastern portion of the state.

Mr. Hall forgives you for the book, because he cannot help being charmed by its pages and lovely sketches! He joins with us all in congratulating you, in thanking you for this gift copy, and in wishing you and MAINE MEMORIES great success.

Very truly yours

MAINE STATE LIBRARY
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SECRETARY

April 17, 1945

Mr. Herbert G. Jones
191 Pine Street, Apt. 5
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Jones:

Portland ships have always been good ships, and we are glad that one so sympathetic to their history and present purpose has written a book about them. We are eager to see it.

Do you remember the Maine Author Collection, to which you generously presented your earlier works? We dare to hope that you may want to inscribe a copy of PORTLAND SHIPS ARE GOOD SHIPS for the exhibit. It is a book which we should be especially happy to have on the shelves.

When days of more leisure and freedom of travel return, we shall look for a visit from you. Meanwhile, you have our very good wishes for your patriotically assumed duties, and for the new book.

Sincerely yours

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Secretary

Herbert G. Jones

LECTURER - RADIO COMMENTATOR ON STATIONS WGAN AND WCSH

AUTHOR OF
I Discover Maine
Old Portland Town
Maine Memories

191 Vine St
Portland Me.
May 9. 45

Dear Mr Jacobs:

Forgive me for not answering your nice letter earlier but I had hoped to get some bound copies of the book long before then. The second edition is just a paper-bound stripbound issue and not suitable for the library -

However I shall certainly send you a copy as the earliest moment possible -

Kind regards

Herbert G. Jones

June 21, 1945

Mr. Herbert G. Jones
191 Pine Street
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Jones:

The inscribed copy of PORTLAND SHIPS ARE GOOD SHIPS has been received, and it is with unusual pleasure that we add it to the Maine Author Collection.

It would always be a pleasure to add one of your delightful books to the collection, but this one has the particular value of bringing together many important facts and presenting them in a convenient and permanent form. We suspect that the true worth of this unpretentious book will not become apparent for some time. We have ordered a copy for the lending section of the library, for it seems exactly the sort of material which will be extremely helpful in our reference work.

Please accept our most appreciative thanks for the gift copy of PORTLAND SHIPS ARE GOOD SHIPS.

Sincerely yours

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In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

August 26, 1946

Mr. Herbert G. Jones
191 Pine Street
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Jones:

What delightful news -- that THE ISLES OF CASCO BAY has been published! Immediately, of course, we added the book to our order list, and we anticipate the pleasure of reading the book and enjoying your charming illustrations.

We hope that your generous interest in the Maine Author Collection continues, for certainly THE ISLES OF CASCO BAY belongs here with your other books.

All good wishes to the latest volume.

Sincerely yours,

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

HERBERT G. JONES

AUTHOR · ARTIST

191 ~~PINE~~ STREET · PORTLAND 4, MAINE

72 West Street

I Discover Maine
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Portland Ships Are Good Ships

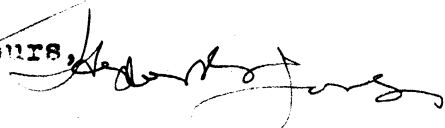
Dear Mrs Jacobs:

Of course there is one duly in the mail for your 'beloved'
collection. Hope you like it !

The Maine Library Bulletin would appreciate a story on it, and
I don't know anyone I'd rather have do it then yourself. I know
the stress all librarians lay on format etc. so the Anthon-
Southworth impression ought to be worth noting.

With every good wish

cordially yours,



(I haven't been in Augusta since I last saw you so haven't neglected you)

August 30, 1946

Mr. Herbert G. Jones
72 West Street
Portland 4, Maine

Dear Mr. Jones:

It is a lovely bright sunny morning; but even if it weren't, we would think it a beautiful day, because here is your fascinating new book, ISLES OF CASCO BAY.

We cannot wait until we have read every page to tell you how we appreciate your friendly letter, and the gift of this book to the Maine Author Collection.

It certainly is a beautiful volume. Your sketches are a large part of its appeal, and of course the Southworth Press is noted for its fine and skillful work. The material which you have gathered together and presented in this most attractive manner is of interest to countless summer guests and other lovers of Maine, so the success of ISLES OF CASCO BAY would seem assured.

Thank you very much for your continuing generosity toward the collection.

Sincerely yours,

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

HERBERT G. JONES

AUTHOR · ARTIST

191-~~PINE~~ STREET · PORTLAND 4, MAINE

I Discover Maine
Old Portland Town
Maine Memories
Portland Ships Are Good Ships

72 West St

Nov 15 46

Dear Mrs Jacob:

I have just received a copy of the Maine Library Bulletin-but alas! no review of my book.

It is very evident that the editor(whoever she may be) has not heard of it,altho it is a best seller down here to the tune of over 1000 copies in less than two months!

May be,~~she killed the story!~~ for its not even listed among the Maine books in print.(A scurvy trick to play upon a subscriber-eh what?

Kindest regards,



November 18, 1946

Mr. Herbert G. Jones
72 West Street
Portland 4, Maine

Dear Mr. Jones:

I am very glad that you wrote to me instead of to the new editor, who is struggling with her first issues in a day of utterly inadequate supplies and service! As a matter of fact, the omission from the list of Maine books is my fault, and mine alone. There was some misunderstanding about lists and reviews, and the result is that ISLES OF CASCO BAY seems to have been slighted. I think I can promise you that the deplorable omission will be corrected by the next issue, and I personally am exceedingly sorry that notice did not appear in the fall number. Will you accept my apology?

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

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HERBERT G. JONES

AUTHOR · ARTIST

191 FINE STREET · PORTLAND 4, MAINE

*I Discover Maine
Old Portland Town
Maine Memories
Portland Ships Are Good Ships*

for Mrs.

Nov. 19, '46

Dear Mrs. Jacobs.

They - they! what inequity!

forgive you wholeheartedly.



Herbert G. Jones

December 15, 1949

Mr. Hergert G. Jones
72 West Street
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Jones:

It is always far too long between your books, but we are so delighted by each new one that we forgive you at once. It is SEBAGO LAKE LAND which prompts this letter. We just learned about it, and have added it to our order list.

We do hope that the Maine Author Collection is to have the privilege of including an inscribed copy.

Our warm wishes for its success, and holiday greetings to you.

Sincerely yours

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Maine Author Collection

HERBERT G. JONES

AUTHOR · ARTIST

191 PINE STREET · PORTLAND 4, MAINE

*I Discover Maine
Old Portland Town
Maine Memories
Portland Ships Are Good Ships*

72 Wall St.

Dear Mrs. Jacobs.

Many thanks for your - as always - delightful letter. As a matter of fact I did not think that a paper bound book would qualify for your esteemed collection. (I rebel against the high price of books you see). However a copy has gone forward to you, with the hope that it won't feel too much like a poor relation amongst such august company!

The very best of the Season's greetings (and indiscretions with eating & drinking) to you.

Cordially
Herbert Jones

December 19, 1949

Mr. Herbert G. Jones
72 West Street
Portland 4, Maine

Dear Mr. Jones:

It is a lovely book, as we knew it would be, and the paper covers wont keep it out of the Maine Author Collection. In fact, we are delighted and grateful to you for making it possible to include SEBAGO LAKE LAND.

It is on our order list, but we wont have it in the library until after Christmas. We always delay book orders at this season, believing that libraries take second place in the holiday rush, but we shall have your book in the library soon.

We are always glad when you capture another section of Maine and put it between covers, and although we miss your sketches, we enjoy these photographs. It is a beautiful country, isn't it? But -- when are you going east of the Kennebec? The Penobscot should be investigated by you, the river, the bay, its rich history, vigorous characters, wonderful scenery. For several years, some of us have been urging you politely, you know. I hope you will do a book on that section some day.

Meanwhile, thank you very very much for the most attractive and useful book on Sebago, and thank you for the prodigal Christmas greeting. The same to you!

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

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December 31, 1953

Mr. Herbert G. Jones
72 West Street
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Jones:

'THE KING'S HIGHWAY has been placed upon our order list, and we look forward to seeing it before long.

It seems far too long between your books, and we earnestly hope that the statement we saw in a paper to the effect that this is to be your last book, is not true. You have yet to go (literarily) east of the Penobscot; and there is a vast expanse of the state to the north. Please don't stop now!

We hope that the Maine Author Collection is going to be able to boast the inclusion of the new book to accompany your earlier ones. All good wishes to it, and may it be not "last" but only "latest."

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

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The Maine Scene in Prose and Picture

The Longfellow Press

*72 West Street
Portland 4, Maine*

January 4th, 1954

*Herbert G. Jones
Author-Artist*

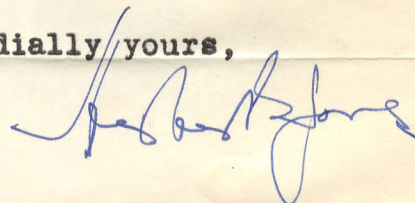
Mrs. F.W. Jacob
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Jacob,

Of course from the date of publication, I have been keeping a copy of "The King's Highway" in reserve for your beloved Maine Authors' Collection, but was just puckish enough to await one of your sweet and ever welcome epistles.

Incidentally they say that this book is my best, but I regard you as an excellent authority on that point, so after you find time to read it, I shall be most pleased to hear from you further.

Always cordially yours,



January 7, 1954

Mr. Herbert G. Jones
72 West Street
Portland 4, Maine

Dear Mr. Jones:

Your subtle flattery is accepted in the spirit with which it is tendered. So is the book!

Thank you very much for the lovely contribution to the exhibit collection. I fear I cannot qualify as a very objective critic: I am far too partial to these attractive and informative volumes with which you grace the literary scene from time to time. The one which I have just been looking at always seems "the best," so how can the latest be judged properly? It is full of the charm which is peculiarly yours and which I do wish we might persuade you to shed upon the rest of the state. Not that the area which you have chosen isn't full of history and interesting legend and landmarks; it certainly is, as these unusual books testify. But it is a shame to keep your skill and art from the rest of Maine. This gentle popularization, with due awareness of the value of leisurely study and reflection, is so much more preferable to some of the blatant advertising to which we are subjected that I want the whole state to have the benefit of it.

Meanwhile, we shall be grateful for another in this series of books, with the quiet distinction of good taste and attention that shines on every page.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

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February 21, 1957

Mr. Herbert S. Jones
72 West Street
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Jones:

How extraordinarily pleasant to be anticipating another book by you! We are adding THE AMAZING MR. LONGFELLOW to our order list, and we hope that the Maine Author Collection, to which you have been so generous in previous years, may include this new book.

Judging from the advance newspaper notice, we shall find a lively, enjoyable book. Longfellow is steadily popular, and a new and informal study of him will be most welcome.

Congratulations and good luck to the book.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

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clipping from Portland Evening Express
February 20, 1957
given to MAW 2.21.57

The Maine Scene in Prose and Picture

The Longfellow Press

72 West Street
Portland 4, Maine
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Herbert G. Jones
Author-Artist

Dear Mrs Jacob

I purposely did not answer your -always- delightful letter as I knew that the best response would be the book itself. It is now in the mail for you. As I think it a 'natural' for librarians perhaps you can squeeze a short note about in the Library Journal.

Always the best to you

Sincerely

Herbert G. Jones

August 20, 1957

Mr. Herbert G. Jones
72 West Street
Portland 4, Maine

Dear Mr. Jones:

In the first place, it's an attractive book, with an external eye-appeal. In the next, the lovely pen sketches catch the attention. And finally, it is a graceful and delightful tribute, written in a manner admirably suited to your subject and his times.

Yes, we think it a lovely book; and of course notice of it will appear in the Bulletin, the fall number. I hope you will have copies somehow at the Maine Library Association annual meeting, which is at Lakewood this year September 5 and 6.

Thank you very much for the copy for the Maine Author Collection. Do you know that the one you sent us is inscribed to "Jim Brown"? Would you like to have us exchange, or is this a real "collector's copy" thereby? At any rate, we are grateful for your generosity, and wish the book all kinds of success.

Sincerely yours

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The Maine Scene in Prose and Picture

The Longfellow Press

72 West Street

Portland 4, Maine

Aug 21.57

Herbert G. Jones
Author-Artist

Dear Mrs Jacob:

Such stupidity on my part. Fast approaching the senile stage. Jim Brown is the nice reporter who wrote me up a few months ago and he is sending you your rightful copy. If you would kindly return the compliment all will be well.

As always

Herbert G. Jones

Jim Brown Jr.
Comics Point
Yonkers N.Y.

September 3, 1957

Mr. Herbert G. Jones
72 West Street
Portland 4, Maine

Dear Mr. Jones:

You will be glad to know that we sent Mr. Brown's copy of THE AMAZING MR. LONGFELLOW to him; and he has returned the compliment.

It certainly couldn't have senility -- it was understandable excitement!

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

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The Longfellow Press

72 West Street
Portland 4, Maine

October 1.59.

Herbert G. Jones
Author-Artist

Dear Mrs Jacob:

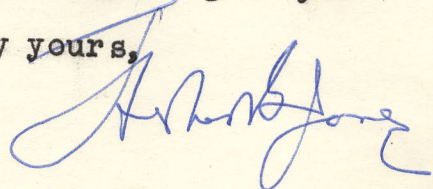
My wife and I happened to find ourselves in Augusta yesterday on a little matter concerning a small legacy left her some time ago. And of course, at the first opportunity I made to the Library-which I think is only the third visit since the far-off days when I knew you as Hilda McLeod. I was grievously disappointed not to be able to greet you in person-hence this letter. Imagine my surprise when I got my first glimpse of all the splendor of your new quarters upstairs after the rather grim recollection of the old days. I really felt like taking my shoes off. As always when entering a metropolitan or college library I go to the catalogue to find how many of my 'babies' I can find there. Like the Portland, Boston, New York, Philadelphia and many other libraries and colleges I was happy to find the complete family.

I approached the nice lady librarian at the desk saying "you have nine of my books in your library and I would be very much interested to know if they are ever read." I was astounded when she greeted me by name. How did she know me? I am sure she is much too young to have met me in the bygone days. And then she told me what I always like to hear, that my books are very popular especially the "King's Highway" which filled a much needed want. Well, I think she is a very nice person!

I was very glad too to meet Miss Hazelton who pleased me very much when she told me that she new Dunnack, Hall, and Miss Stewart, my old friends. She is a very charming and a delightful personalty. My goodness! when I think of the glamorous looking lady librarians of these days as contrasted with the Drexel Library School or Carnegie products of my library days in Philadelphia 50 odd years ago-well, "the world do move"

I certainly hope to have better fortune the next time I come your way-meanwhile the best of everything to you

Always sincerely yours,



October 6, 1959

Mr. Herbert G. Jones
72 West Street
Portland 4, Maine

Dear Mr. Jones:

When I learned that I had missed one of your rare visits, I said harsh words; but when I learned in addition what pleasure meeting you had given to others, from whom I would doubtless have monopolized you, I tried to be unselfish about it.

Come again one day, will you? The last time you were here, you said "Never again," about writing a book. Are you relenting? Let us know, the minute you do.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

P.S. The "nice lady librarian at the desk" was our research librarian, Miss Margaret Whalen, and why shouldn't she recognize you: aren't you famous?