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# Marguerite McIntire Correspondence

Marguerite Gertrude Pearman McIntire 1902-1984

Mrs. Glenn R. McIntire 1902-1984

Hilda McLeod  
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MCINTIRE, MARGUERITE  
Born in Washington, D.C.  
Resident of Brunswick

Marguerite McIntire was born in Washington, D.C. of English parents, She writes:

"In 1921 was a freshman at Massachusetts State College -- Tufts College the other three years-- majored in English and was a student in the theological department. In 1925 went to Norway, Maine, as assistant to the minister in the Universalist Church and a year later, on the death of the minister, took over the church, and was ordained.

"In 1927, married Glenn R. McIntire and gave up my job for that of being Mrs. McIntire. In 1932 moved to Brunswick, where Mr. McIntire is Bursar of his college-- Bowdoin. Have three children, do much of my own housework, good deal of church work, like to cook, talk, read, and play sonatas badly on the piano.

November 21, 1939

Mrs. Glenn R. McIntire  
56 Federal Street  
Brunswick, Maine

Dear Mrs. McIntire:

Recently we have been led to believe that it may be possible to claim you and your novel, FREE AND CLEAR, as additions to Maine's literary roster.

You may perhaps know of the Maine Author Collection, an exhibit of about a thousand volumes, most of them are inscribed presentation copies. This collection is admittedly being built for the future, and its present deep interest presages its future value to students and researchers in Maine's contribution to literature.

Our authors have been gratifyingly interested in this project since its inception some years ago; they have contributed generously of their books, and also for the biographical and photographic material which we assemble for our files. All correspondence is preserved, and with reviews and critical articles, you can readily comprehend the nature and scope of the collection.

We always count ourselves fortunate to be able to add another name, and we do hope it is going to be possible to include yours, and also an inscribed copy of your book for the collection. Perhaps at your convenience you will be so kind as to send us some biographical data also. We are unfailingly grateful for the cooperation of our authors.

Please accept our sincere wishes for the success of FREE AND CLEAR, and a cordial invitation to visit the Maine Author Collection when in Augusta.

Very truly yours

MAINE STATE LIBRARY  
BY

9 Page Street  
Brunswick, Maine  
December 8, 1939.

Miss Hilda McLeod  
Maine State Library  
Augusta, Maine.

Dear Miss McLeod:

I am sending you a signed copy of my book,  
Free And Clear, for the Maine Authors' collection.  
You will find some biographical material on the  
jacket.

If there is anything more that you wish, please  
let me know.

Very truly yours,

*Marguerite McIntire*

MM/D

Marguerite McIntire

January 10, 1940

Mrs. Glenn R. McIntire  
9 Page Street  
Brunswick, Maine

Dear Mrs. McIntire:

The copy of FREE AND CLEAR which you stated in your letter of December 8 that you were sending to the Maine Author Collection has not arrived.

We hesitated to write to you, believing that in the holiday season it might have been delayed; but anxiety to include it in the exhibit prompts us to inquire about the book.

It is a pleasure indeed to be assured that we are able to claim you as a Maine author; and since seeing the book (in our traveling library section), we are even more glad! It is a fine book, and one that we feel certain will enjoy popularity and success.

Very truly yours

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September 16, 1940

Mrs. Glenn R. McIntire  
9 Page Street  
Brunswick, Maine

Dear Mrs. McIntire:

While we were impatiently awaiting the proper date on which to send our congratulations, your publishers, so we are informed, issued a special State of Maine edition of the new HEAVEN'S DOORYARD! Do let us congratulate you upon the new book, and upon the novel idea of a special state edition, for which we hope we are not too tardy.

HEAVEN'S DOORYARD we wish might join FREE AND CLEAR; and if your generosity toward the Maine Author Collection continues, we would be extremely happy to place an inscribed copy upon the exhibit shelves.

The best of success to the second novel, and may there be many more!

Very truly yours

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9 Page Street,  
Brunswick, Me.  
Sept. 18, 1940

My dear Mrs. Jacob,  
I will try to see that  
you get a copy of Heaven's  
Dooryard for the Maine  
Authors Collection. Thanks  
for your good wishes.

Sincerely,  
Marguerite M. Jentura



October 3, 1940

Mrs. Glenn R. McIntire  
9 Page Street  
Brunswick, Maine

Dear Mrs. McIntire:

Your generous gift of HEAVEN'S DOORYARD has been received; and we are of course delighted: with your kindness, and with the novel, which seems to us unusually satisfying and warm with the strength and cleanliness of the days and characters you have portrayed.

It is a happy addition to the Maine Author Collection, a fitting sequel to your first fine book FREE AND CLEAR; and we are proud that we may claim you as a Maine author.

Thank you very much for your interest in the exhibit, and for the gift copy of HEAVEN'S DOORYARD, which we hope will enjoy a long and popular life.

Very truly yours

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