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# Owen Davis Correspondence

Owen W. Davis 1874-

Theodore Johnson

Marion Cobb Fuller

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DAVIS, Owen

Born at Portland, January 29, 1874.

Davis, Owen

AUTHOR OF:

Detour  
Icebound

C O P Y

October 28, 1932

Mr. Owen Davis,  
28 East 63rd Street,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Davis;-

We have in our Maine Author Collection, which is an exhibition collection of books by Maine writers, three of your books, Detour, Icebound, and I'd Like to Do It Again. Would it be too much trouble for you to autograph them for us? The books in the Maine Author Collection are, supposedly, autographed and inscribed and not to have yours have your signature seems a serious omission. There are many, many Maine poets, but, as you know, few dramatists of distinction.

I saw you several times at Lakewood this summer but always with so many persons around you that I had no opportunity to tell you <sup>how</sup> much I enjoyed I'd Like to Do It Again. It is, I think, an unusually entertaining autobiography, and the vigor and spirit with which it is written makes it exceptionally good to read in this present Period of Gloom.

I am using the address which is in Who's Who in A-  
merica. I shall not send the books until I hear from you.

Very truly yours,

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Let 31

OWEN DAVIS  
30 WEST 54TH STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

My dear Miss Fuller

I had  
to autograph the  
books but would  
the enclosed do  
well enough to  
justify in them

Owen Davis.

July 29, 1949

Mr. Owen Davis  
Lakewood  
Maine

Dear Mr. Davis:

As a distinguished son of Maine, your work has always been of unusual interest to us, and we are proud that the Maine Author Collection includes your books. It is with delight that we notice an announcement that we may expect publication of MY FIRST FIFTY YEARS IN THE THEATRE. This will be an outstanding book, and one which many readers will anticipate eagerly.

It will of course be purchased for the lending section of the library, and we hope that the Maine Author Collection, which you may remember as a separate permanent exhibit of inscribed presentation copies of Maine books, will be privileged to boast a copy on its shelves.

Our good wishes for its success, and for a cool and happy vacation at your beautiful lake.

Sincerely yours

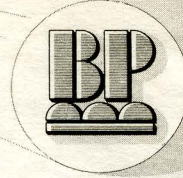
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In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection

# Walter H. Baker *Dramatic Publications* Company

178 TREMONT ST., BOSTON II

ESTABLISHED 1845 ——— INCORPORATED 1921



August 1, 1949

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

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

A letter from Mr. Owen Davis this morning gives an indication of your interest in his book, MY FIRST FIFTY YEARS IN THE THEATRE. I'm making note of this fact so that on day of publication a copy will go to you for your Maine Author Collection.

It will be many weeks before this book comes from the press but you'll have notice of its availability when publication date rolls around.

Thank you for your enthusiastic interest in Mr. Davis' work.

Cordially

TJ EC

WALTER H. BAKER COMPANY

*Theodore Johnson*

March 2, 1950

Mr. Theodore Johnson  
Walter H. Baker Company  
569 Boylston Street  
Boston 16, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Owen Davis' fascinating new book arrived today. Time has so far yielded only the opportunity to glance through the pages, but it is easy to see that MY FIRST FIFTY YEARS IN THE THEATRE will be a real reward for our waiting.

Owen Davis is, of course, one of Maine's most noted sons; but his writing is easy and familiar and is more like a conversation than a book. This story will undoubtedly prove popular in the library, and we are ordering a copy through a book dealer.

We are not sure whether our thanks should be addressed to you or to Mr. Davis, but we are most appreciative of the kindness and interest which make it possible for the Maine Author Collection to include a copy of MY FIRST FIFTY YEARS IN THE THEATRE, and we look forward eagerly to 1997!

Sincerely yours

In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection

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