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MOUNTFORT, Anne

Coaticooke, Province of Quebec, Canada

ANNE MOUNTFORT

Born an awfully long time ago in Coaticooke, Prov. of Quebec, Canada, buried, I don't know just when, at Mount Hope Cemetery, Chicago. In between these two, went to school in Canada until eleven when the home was broken up, came to the United States with mother to be with her people. Have lived in Indiana, Pennsylvania, Washington, D. C., Chicago, San Francisco, San Diego, New Orleans, Key West, Seattle, El Paso and two or three more places in the United States, forgotten now, several different places in Canada and Mexico, but chiefly in Alabama, mostly in Birmingham and Mobile. Have done practically everything either male or female humans do--flew a plane before I drove a car, prospected along with the desert rats in the mining section of Nevada. Have haunted art centers from coast to coast and from Canada to the Gulf, known poverty to where I had insufficient food, and opulence to the point of private railroad cars and all that goes with it. Now old and forgotten, with neither friend nor relative, I am in the one section of which I knew nothing, because the only roof I owned (and it's about to leak), bought because mama didn't care for Alabama summers, is here.

LITTLE WHITE HOUSE WITH RED BLINDS
BRISTOL ROAD
DAMARISCOTTA
MAINE

Dear Sir - Yesterday I wrote asking to renew "Modern Herbal" 2 vols, but did not have many interruptions so finished making notes today & am returning it now. It's a dandy book. I am also sending you a couple of my little Proges booklets, which I hope you will accept for the Library. They are light little fellows, made last summer &

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sell - & they did - but maybe
they'll come in handy there
some time. If the herbal
doesn't come thro' in a day
& if you couldn't renew it - I
shall owe you 6c or so, but
I'm not sending it as I think
it will get there in time. Let
me know if it does not.

Yours truly
Anne W. Bennett

2/16/37

February 23, 1937

Miss Anne Mountfort
Little White House
with Red Blinds
Bristol Road
Damariscotta, Maine

Dear Miss Mountfort:

I have received the copies of DROGEO LAND, which you so kindly presented to the State Library, and I find them quite charming. The prints used as illustrations are very attractive, and the contents of the book are delightful. I can readily understand its popularity with the summer visitors, and I am indeed glad to have copies for the library.

I am taking the liberty of mailing one back to you, and asking if you would be willing to inscribe it for our Maine Author Collection. Some years ago this project was started, and since then, through the generous contributions of our writers, the collection has increased until now it numbers several hundred inscribed presentation copies of books and pamphlets. I am always greatly pleased to be able to add another name to our roster of Maine authors.

In connection with this project, we maintain a biographical file, in which we keep any information that our writers are kind enough to permit us to have. We like, of course, significant dates, the birthplace, education, subsequent achievements, and any interesting information that occurs to the writer. We would be very grateful for any such material on you and your work, and will appreciate it if, at your convenience, you will write us a few paragraphs for the biographical file.

Again may I express my very sincere thanks for DROGEO LAND, and extend to you a cordial invitation to visit the library and the Maine Author Collection when you are in Augusta.

Very truly yours

HED/lm

State Librarian

March 15, 1937

Miss Anne Mountfort
Little White House
with Red Blinds
Bristol Road
Damariscotta, Maine

Dear Miss Mountfort:

On February 23 we mailed to you a copy of your delightful booklet, DROGEO LAND, asking you if you would be so kind as to inscribe this copy for our Maine Author Collection, an exhibit collection of the work of Maine authors.

Since we have not received the booklet, we wonder if perhaps it may have gone astray in the mails.

We would also be extremely appreciative of any biographical information which you may be willing to send us, as of course we like to have all the material possible on our writers.

We enclose a return label for your convenience in returning DROGEO LAND, if it has not already been mailed. May we again assure you of our gratitude for the gift copies of these most interesting booklets.

Very truly yours

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Dear Sir - Please, please pardon my unexcused delay. I haven't even had flu, I wish I had, have no legitimate excuse but the explanation is this. While Progo was at the printers last summer a York county free woman friend looked thro my carbon - it was very ratty, a decent first page + inked page was at the printers, but mine was pretty bad. She wanted me to do one of her county, would finance it. I'm su-

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tirely alone in the world & its
not often anyone evidences
that much interest or faith
in me. I wanted to do the best
I could. York is bigger as far
as happenings go. I have a single
track mind - We lived York
day & night & Sundays for
ever so long. Your letter came
& I was much flattered but
laid it one side. York next
day your ^{equid} letter came - not
finished, it will have to be gone
over & some 60 wood blocks
cut, but temporarily I have
a little time, started on my

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returned mss., by now 14
strong, & when I came to
yours, all neatly clipped to-
gether, I wondered "what kind
of red'd mss. is that?" I was
born in Coaticooke Prov of
Dane, buried in Chicago, at
least my stone is all fixed,
but I suppose you want the
in-between. The mail man
collects but once a day in
winter & that once is 7:30 a.m.
I'll not be able to make it-
with anything but this until
tomorrow morning but I cer-

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truly will them, and thank
you for the compliment.
Yours truly
Anne W. Moffat-

3/18/37

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MAINE

Dear Sir - Here's my effort,
will it do? Sorry to have
been so slow.

Yours truly
Anne Upout Fort-

3/19/37

"effort" (biographical material) on reverse
of first page

March 22, 1937

Miss Anne Mountfort
Little White House
with Red Blinds
Bristol Road
Damariscotta, Maine

Dear Miss Mountfort:

We have received the autographed copy
of DROGEO LAND for the Maine Author Collection,
and also the biographical information which you
so kindly and humorously wrote for us.

Thank you very much!

Very truly yours

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Dear Sir - Under separate cover
I'm sending a couple of "Witch
Trot Land" if you'll do me the
honor to accept them for
the library. I think they're a
whole lot better, as well as bigger,
than Brogeo was.

Yours truly
Anne Worrestford

6/12/37

June 16, 1937

Miss Anne Mountfort
Little White House with
Red Blinds
Bristol Road
Damariscotta, Maine

Dear Miss Mountfort:

We have received the two copies of WITCH
TROT LAND, and find them delightful, as well
as valuable historically. The woodprints
are fascinating -- we presume they, like the
DROGEO illustrations, are your work.

Please accept our very sincere thanks
and appreciation for your kind generosity.

Very truly yours,

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I'm sending my "Grandmother's
Herbs & Simples", just out. I've
enjoyed the library's books so
much that I like to show
my gratitude with what little
offerings I have.

Yours truly
Anne W. Moffat-

2/26/38

after April 1st at: Bristol
Road, Damariscotta, Me.

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March 9, 1938

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Molton Hotel
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Miss Mountfort:

Thank you very much indeed for the attractive GRANDMOTHER'S HERBS AND SIMPLS. This contains a great deal of useful information, and is so charming in appearance that it will be a prized addition to any person's library.

We are very grateful for your kind words, and for your generous presentation copy. This is being placed in the Maine Author Collection, and we will appreciate your sending another copy, with a bill, so that we may have one in our general lending section.

Very truly yours

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