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SHIPMAN, William D

b. Glen Ellyn, Illinois, November 15, 1925

BOWDOIN COLLEGE

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

BRUNSWICK, MAINE

11 October 1963

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

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

Ah, yes, the biographical material. I had forgotten completely.

I was born and grew up in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Birth date: November 15, 1925. After World War II I abandoned the Middle West in favor of, first, the Pacific Coast, then New York City, then Maine.

I hope this helps. If you need more information please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

William D. Shipman

William D. Shipman

acknowledged by p c 10/25/63/hmj

November 29, 1962

Professor William D. Shipman
75 Federal Street
Brunswick, Maine

Dear Professor Shipman:

Congratulations on the publication of your study of New England's power rates. We have, of course, placed the title on our order list, and shall hope to be able to examine the book soon.

Although we can understand a reluctance to make many gifts of such an expensive book, we should like to call your attention to the Maine Author Collection, which is a permanent exhibit collection of books written by Maine people or about the state. Most of the volumes are inscribed presentation copies, and form a valuable display of Maine's literary production over the years.

We also collect all available biographical and critical material, that our files of information on Maine writers may be complete. Often enough we have to ask the authors themselves to share the vital statistics; and we hope you will let us know whether we may claim you as a Maine-born, or an adopted, author.

Our good wishes for the book, and for the project which now engages your attention.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

BOWDOIN COLLEGE

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

BRUNSWICK, MAINE

January 24, 1963

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

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

Belated thanks for your letter of November 29 concerning my book on power costs.

I had hoped by this time to have an extra copy for your Maine Collection, but I am sorry to say I do not. There's a good chance, however, that I can send you one sometime this year. In any event, I will keep your letter in mind and the first extra that turns up will be sent your way.

I cannot claim Maine as my native state, but I guess you could say I had adopted it or, better, it had adopted me. If you need biographical material I can send that along when I send the book. Critical material will be of several sorts; one sort you can always get from the power companies, another from the commissions, another from the newspapers, and still another from one or two professional journals which will probably review the book. Later on you~~xx~~ can let me know what you don't have, and maybe I can fill in some gaps.

Sincerely yours,

William D. Shipman

William D. Shipman

March 26, 1963

Professor William D. Shipman
75 Federal Street
Brunswick, Maine

Dear Professor Shipman:

It was kind of you to hold out hope that the Maine Author Collection may have an inscribed copy of your book sometime this year. We have delayed acknowledging this courtesy, daring to hope that we might be able to acknowledge the book.

We shall indeed be most appreciative, whenever a copy may be available.

Please don't let the mention of critical material trouble you. We usually find such material in reviews, publishers' releases, newspapers, and such media. It is not always easy to come upon the biographical material, however, and frequently we ask an author if he would be willing to let us have a brief sketch -- a sort of Who's-Who paragraph or two.

We shall continue to look forward to including your book in the Maine Author Collection, and please know that we appreciate your interest.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

October 10, 1963

Professor William D. Shipman
75 Federal Street
Brunswick, Maine

Dear Professor Shipman:

You were very kind (brave and persistent, too, considering the condition of the State House corridor at present!) to remember the Maine Author Collection.

We are delighted to acknowledge the generous presentation copy of AN INQUIRY INTO THE HIGH COST OF ELECTRICITY IN NEW ENGLAND. Thank you very much.

Last spring we mentioned biographical material. If at your convenience you would be willing to tell us your birthplace and birthdate, we would appreciate having these facts for our file.

Again our thanks, and now that you have permitted Maine to adopt you, we hope you'll stay here a long time.

Sincerely yours

hmj

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