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Name: Tyler, Ralph Waldo

Place of birth: Roxbury, Mass.

Date of birth: Oct. 4, 1893

Home address: Was - South Thomaston, Maine.

Publications:

Waldo Tyler's World.

Biographical information

R. Waldo Tyler passed away March 30, 1976.
I could not begin to write about the many years
of Waldo's interesting and wonderful life.

I think about the best source ~~is~~ of information is
in the "Introduction" written by Sidney Cullen
in ^{Waldo's} his book "Waldo Tyler's World." Thank you

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ralph Waldo Tyler,

Ermine H. Tyler.

(P.S.) Please pardon mistakes,
I have been away and have
so many things to do that I
feel hurried. E.H.T.

Please return to Shirley Thayer at your earliest convenience.

INTRODUCTION

There's a man down in Maine who has done with his life what so many of us would like to have done — lived it at the pace best suited to him, lived it in a manner which brought the greatest enjoyment and complete satisfaction with accomplishments to himself and enrichment to the lives of others through his yarn spinning and photography.

Ralph Waldo Tyler, self-taught naturalist, was perhaps Maine's first ecologist. He has been close to nature all his days, for his home is in the 'Keag, or South Thomaston Village, if you wish. It is close on the borders of the Marsh and the tidal Wessaweskeag River which reaches from Penobscot Bay in the Clark Island area to the Salt Marsh bounded in its upper reaches by Buttermilk Lane. It is not a great land area, a few thousand acres perhaps. Rockland is but four miles away and Thomaston a like distance. The towns of the St. George Peninsula border another side and the sea the fourth.

Legend has it that Waldo not only can, but does speak the language of the birds and the animals and understands the lives of the flowers and the trees. Those of us who have been privileged to know Waldo over many years, and who have read his stories and enjoyed his photographs

for years in the pages of The Courier-Gazette at Rockland would never deny it. Rather, we would be stout defenders of the legend.

In fact, Waldo is a legend himself. So, too, is his good wife Ermine, who has joined in his adventures and his writings and encouraged him in his work, in addition to raising a family of two sons and a daughter and watching fondly over ~~19~~²⁰ grandchildren and ~~12~~¹³ great-grandchildren. If there is to be an aristocracy in Maine among naturalists, nature writers and photographers, this delightful couple would be among those first chosen.

Waldo Tyler's World is a compilation of articles published in his columns "Outdoors Around Knox County," "Afield With Ty" and "Bird Watchers' Notebook." They cover a span of years in story and pictures condensed into one full year from spring through summer and fall into winter and the advent of another spring. The snow recedes, the ice leaves the Marsh, and Waldo's World thrills again to the promise of God's eternal miracle — another year of life.

Sidney L. Cullen
Publisher
The Courier-Gazette