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SPECK, FRANK GOULDSMITH.

b. Brooklyn, N.Y. 1881-

SPECK, Frank Gouldsmith.

Mr. Speck was born in Brooklyn New York November 8, 1881. He received his A.B. degree from Columbia University in 1904 and has held several positions on the faculty staff of the University of Pennsylvania, at present being Professor of Anthropology at that institution. Since 1923 he has been a lecturer in anthropology at Swarthmore College, has been on the staff of several anthropological publications and member of various technical organizations in this field. He has done extensive work on American Indian Anthropology and has written several books on Indian customs, folk lore, mythology, arts, religion, etc. At present his home is in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

Adapted from WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA, 1940-41.

August 28, 1940

Mr. Frank G. Speck  
Professor of Anthropology  
University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Speck:

When your book, THE PENOBSCOT MAN, was issued, we immediately placed our order for a copy. The University of Pennsylvania Press also presented us with one. We have made excellent and constant use of these two copies, retaining one as a reference volume, and permitting one to be lent.

We write you now in regard to the Maine Author Collection, of which possibly you know. It is, briefly, an exhibit collection of books by Maine authors, about Maine, or by writers who have some connection with the state. They are for the most part inscribed presentation copies; and so far as we know, this project represents the only complete collection of Maine-iana.

THE PENOBSCOT MAN, we feel certain, should be included, and we earnestly hope that you will wish to present an inscribed copy for the exhibit.

We trust that others are finding it as invaluable a reference book as we are, and we send you our congratulations upon its excellence.

Very truly yours

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October 19, 1940

Mr. Frank G. Speck  
Professor of Anthropology  
University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Speck:

The Maine Author Collection copy of your very fine book, THE PENOBSCOT MAN, has been received. We are grateful for your interest and courtesy in this matter.

Although we believe that we have previously expressed our constant delight and satisfaction in the volume, we do want to say again that we find it one of the most valuable reference volumes we have. Our research librarian makes daily use of it, and recently ordered a copy for her desk, so that it might always be at hand.

Please accept our sincere thanks for the exhibit copy, and our best wishes for its success.

Very truly yours

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Anthropology

Oct. 21 1940

Dear Mrs. Jacob, I assure you that  
I am pleased with your interest  
in the fate of my book Peubsed  
Man, and with your encourag-  
ing comments.

Sincerely yours  
Frank G. Speck