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# Kate Vannah Correspondence

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Kate Vannah 1855-1933

Helen Freeman

Getrude E. Heath 1859-1935

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VANNAH, KATE.

Born at Gardiner.

Died 1933.

September 19, 1932

Miss Kate Vannah  
160 Mt. Vernon Street  
Boston, Massachusetts  
My dear Miss Vannah:

A few months ago I found in the Flag Day Manual of a western state a Flag Song by an author and composer whom I recognized as belonging to Maine, Gertrude Heath and Kate Vannah are names well-known to me but the flag song I had not seen. I wrote to Dr. Heath about her connection with the song and she told me where I could obtain a copy of it. This I am sending to you, asking that you will be good enough to autograph it for us, as Dr. Heath has already done. It will be a most interesting item to add to our Maine Author Collection.

I enclose a label and stamps for the return of the song. If you care to add an inscription to your autograph that will be delightful.

Very truly yours,

RESEARCH LIBRARIAN

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept.  
1932

160 MOUNT VERNON STREET  
BOSTON

My dear Mr Fuller:

Thank you for a nice note, but I  
have done up the ragged little sheet of music  
and sent it off to you already!

Dr. Death was so fearfully modest  
in crouching down in the corner that I had  
to get down there so as not appear too  
pleased with myself as the extinguished com-  
pagan, you see. What a wretched little  
bit of a song it looks printed on such mean  
clinky paper!

I'm going to send Lilian Burdette  
for sending Dr. Death out in such a shabby  
rig! "Dear Lane!"

It comes to my memory I met you:  
Did you ever teach in Gardiner High School?

160 MOUNT VERNON STREET

BOSTON

With cordial greetings whether you did  
or did not look thru

Kakanaah

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160 MOUNT VERNON STREET  
BOSTON  
MASSACHUSETTS

This is the photograph of  
Kate Vauech  
used at the Suckaiote Congress  
in Chicago in 1926. Her  
"Setting" was chosen for the  
Congress Hymn. "The Nation's  
Consecration". The words of  
which were written by Sister Mary  
of the Angels of St. Francis Xavier  
College in Chicago.

Miss. Vaneck always felt this  
was the crown of her musical  
work, and it seems fitting that  
the Maine State Library have  
this photograph in its files.

Very truly:

Helen Vaneck.

Remember:  
1933.



THE REYNOLDS STUDIO  
BOSTON, MASS.  
GRANDIER, N.E.



December 22, 1933

Miss Helen Freeman  
160 Mount Vernon Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

My dear Miss Freeman:

Thank you for the lovely portrait of Missannah which you so thoughtfully sent us for the Maine Author Collection. Although I never had the privilege of meeting Missannah I had, at one time and another, a number of letters from her. These letters were used by Miss Lord in her interesting article on Missannah. The last letter I had from her was written in September, 1932, and was about her flag song. I have a delightful letter about the Eucharist Congress in Chicago humm. I have never heard this, but it must be very beautiful or it would not have been chosen.

The picture is very fine and we are delighted to have it here.

With cordial Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year.

Very truly yours

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March 28, 1934

Miss Helen Freeman  
160 Mount Vernon Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Freeman:

We have recently received from Miss Kate Vannah's  
Gardiner  
/friend, Dr. Gertrude Heath, a photograph of Miss  
Vannah of a somewhat earlier period than the one which  
you so kindly sent us. I don't know the date - it  
was taken when ostrich feather boas and transparent  
yokes were worn. I thought that it might interest  
you to know that we have this picture.

Very truly yours

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160 MOUNT VERNON STREET  
BOSTON  
MASSACHUSETTS

Dear Miss Fuller: —

How very nice of you to  
write me of the gift to the library  
from Dr. Heath, of these photos of  
Dear Miss. Vernal. Taken in the days  
long ago. I have seen of the  
very same. but haven't the least  
idea of its vintage. tho' it must  
be well back in the 18<sup>th</sup>.

How quaint these old costumes  
are! They certainly make one

Just seen Eggs Today however —  
 I am so glad to know that this collect-  
 ion of one of Maine's "Juncos" Camp-  
 . . . is growing. It is nice to feel too,  
 there is this little nucleus in the  
 State she loved so dearly.

Thank you for sharing with  
 me this latest acquisition.

Sincerely,  
 Allen S. . . . .

March 28/34.

March 26, 1934

Dr. Gertrude Heath  
Gardiner  
Maine

My dear Dr. Heath:

Thank you very much for the picture of Miss Vannah which you sent by Miss Cochrane for the Maine Author Collection. You are very kind and generous to part with what must have been a cherished souvenir of your lovely and distinguished friend.

Miss Vannah's friend Miss Helen Freeman, of Boston, who wrote us about a photograph of Miss Vannah later sent us one, a reproduction of a picture taken at the time of the Eucharistic Congress in Chicago, so now we have two pictures of her. Yours is, I think, of a somewhat earlier period and is, I believe, the better portrait of the two. What a fine and beautiful face she had!

We are delighted to have this portrait of Miss Vannah and we are deeply appreciative of your kindness in sending it to us.

Very truly yours

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