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SMALL, HAROLD ADAMS

Oakland, 1893 -

Harold Adams Small was born in Oakland, April 19, 1893. He was graduated from Colby College in 1915, A.B. Teacher in Latin and French, Choate School, Wallingford, Connecticut, 1915-16; reporter and correspondent, Hartford Times, Hartford, Connecticut, 1917-; Private, U.S.A., 1918.

FROM Colby College Catalog, 1920.

He is now editor at University of California Press, Berkeley, California.

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BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

April 8, 1939

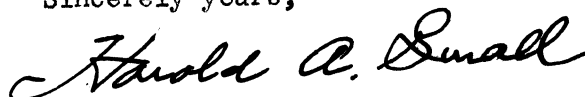
State Librarian
State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Sir:

I am sending you today with my compliments
a copy of "The Road to Richmond."

Once again I would acknowledge with thanks
the assistance you gave me.

Sincerely yours,



Harold A. Small
Editor

HAS:AH

April 20, 1939

Mr. Harold A. Small, Editor
University of California Press
Berkeley, California

Dear Sir:

The complimentary copy of THE ROAD TO RICHMOND has been received.

Please accept my congratulations for making publicly available this account, and for the excellence of your editing task.

The period is of particular interest to me, and I am always delighted to chance upon a new book dealing with these days.

I find THE ROAD TO RICHMOND a very fine picture of the situation; and I am glad to include it in this library. Please accept our sincere thanks for the gift copy.

Very truly yours

OLH/hm

State Librarian

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA PRESS
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

April 28, 1939

Oliver L. Hall, Esq.
State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mr. Hall:

I am pleased to know that my father's book has fallen into the hands of one who knew some of his friends. I suspect that you have some advantage of me in years, but I too knew Captain Fairbanks well. His son I did not know, but his daughter Nora remains very pleasantly in my memory. What has become of her?

Can you tell me whether Colonel Tilden's son, Charles Tilden, is still alive and available? I should like to have from him, if I might, a copy of General Robinson's letter to Colonel Tilden concerning the services of the 16th Maine in the first day's fight at Gettysburg.

You are a Colby man, are you not? My class was '14--originally; I was graduated with the class of '15.

Yours truly,



Harold A. Small
Editor

HAS:AH

May 8, 1939

Mr. Harold A. Small, Editor
University of California Press
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Small:

Thank you for your letter of April 28,
and you are correct: I am a Colby man, of
the class of 1893.

Colonel Tilden's son, Charles, died some
eight or ten years ago, but his daughter
Frances Tilden Osborne (Mrs. W. A. Osborne),
lives at 197 Jason Street, Arlington, Massa-
chusetts; and it is possible that she would
have or could obtain for you the copy of
General Robinson's letter to Colonel Tilden.

Nora Fairbanks has been away from Bangor
for a good many years, and I do not know her
address. I tried to obtain it when I went
home over the weekend, but Mrs. Hyland
Fairbanks, widow of Captain Fairbanks' son,
was not at home -- in fact, nobody was at
home. I am writing her, however, to secure
her address for you.

I hope you are coming back for Commence-
ment this year, and if so, I shall make an
effort to hunt you up.

With best regards

OLH.m

State Librarian

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA PRESS
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

May 15, 1939

Mr. Oliver L. Hall
State Librarian
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mr. Hall:

Thank you for your information about Charles Tilden and Nora Fairbanks. I have this morning received a note from Mrs. Hiland Fairbanks telling me that Nora died some years ago.

I shall not be able to come back so far to Commencement. I wish I might.

With best regards,

Harold A. Small

Harold A. Small

HAS:AH

May 3, 1940

Mr. Harold A. Small, Editor
University of California Press
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Small:

Recently Mr. Hall called to our attention the deplorable fact that you are not represented in the Maine Author Collection, although THE ROAD TO RICHMOND is in the lending section of the State Library.

Upon investigation, we find that since you were born in Maine, we have indeed been remiss in not claiming you previously.

The Maine Author Collection is an exhibit of about 1500 inscribed presentation volumes, written by Maine persons. We also preserve all available information about and correspondence with our authors. You will readily understand, therefore, the importance of such a collection, and our regret at your omission in it.

Our policy has been to accept gift copies of Maine authors' books for the collection, and to purchase copies of the non-fiction titles for general circulation. Inasmuch, however, as you have already been so kind as to present the library with a copy, we would not of course request another gift. We therefore ask if you will not inscribe a copy of THE ROAD TO RICHMOND, and send it to us with an invoice, so that your work may be represented in the exhibit.

Very truly yours

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA PRESS
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

May 14, 1940

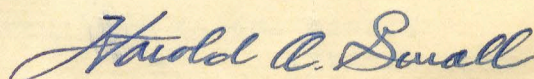
Mrs. F. W. Jacob, Secretary
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

My dear Mrs. Jacob:

Thank you for inviting me to a place in the Maine Author Collection--though the book is not mine, but my father's. I send you one today with my compliments.

I also send you a real find. In a second-hand book store in Oakland, California, I found one day the copy of the "History of the Fifth Regiment Maine Volunteers" which the author, the former chaplain of the regiment, had inscribed to the man in whose house he had written the book. It seemed to me that the Maine State Library would be the most comfortable place for this book to spend the rest of its useful life in.

Yours very truly,



Harold A. Small
Editor

HAS:AH

May 21, 1940

Mr. Harold A. Small, Editor
University of California Press
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Small:

Your instant generosity awes us! We did not expect to have another copy of THE ROAD TO RICHMOND presented to us; and added to that, comes the HISTORY OF THE FIFTH MAINE!

There seems to be nothing further which we can say, except, most enthusiastically and gratefully: thank you.

The inscription in the regimental history is indeed interesting and your thoughtfulness in placing this copy in the library of the State of Maine is sincerely appreciated.

Please accept our fervent thanks and best wishes.

Very truly yours

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