

January 26th

Dear Mr. Crabtree;

Perhaps you may not have heard that my father passed away, after a long illness, on October 27, 1978.

The enclosed letter will explain to you a project that has become extremely important to all of us. It is a project that he asked me to carry on, just before he died.

Mother is doing well, although it was very hard for her at first. She plans to sell the Andover house and move to Blue Hill permanently. I must say, though, going through all of Dad's papers, etc., is like going through a mini-museum in itself. I've learned more about him since his passing than I ever knew before.

Hope this letter finds you well—
Sincerely,

Mardi Byers

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For many years my father, Douglas Byers, worked on a manuscript describing the importance of a dig known as "The Nevin Shellheap", located in Blue Hill, Maine. This work entailed two summers of carefully plotted excavation and detailed description of his findings. It further involved many years' research and piecing together of that information in both a physical display of artifacts, housed in the Robert S. Peabody Foundation for Archaeology at Andover, Mass., and a written documentary of great importance to the archaeological community. It is unfortunate that he was unable to live long enough to see his work published.

Dr. Richard ("Scotty") MacNeish, present director of the foundation, and his assistants have completed the correlation of Dad's manuscript and drawings and we are now ready to take this work to the Meriden Gravure, Meriden, Connecticut, where it is to be published as: Volume No. IX of the Papers of the Robert S. Peabody Foundation for Archaeology.

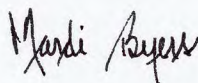
In order to accomplish this objective we must raise the necessary funds, amounting to \$6,000. I am, therefore, inviting you to participate in the achievement of this goal, and to be a part of a most worth-while project.

Should you wish to contribute, checks should be made payable to - The Friends of the Foundation - whose tax exempt account number is: # E 042 103 579, and should be sent to:

Dr. Richard MacNeish
Robert S. Peabody Foundation
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Andover, Mass. 01810

With deep appreciation I remain

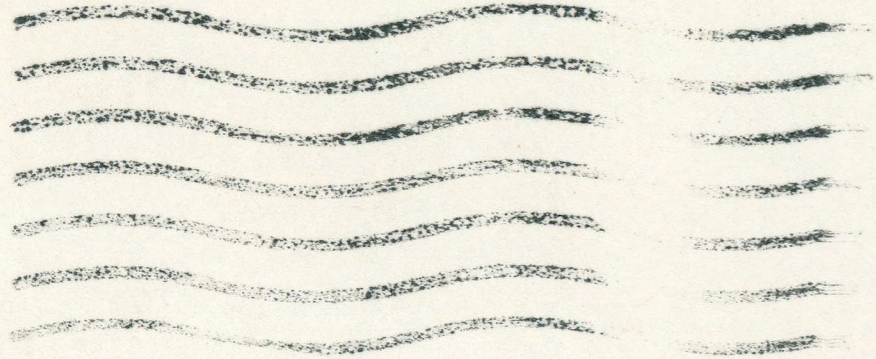
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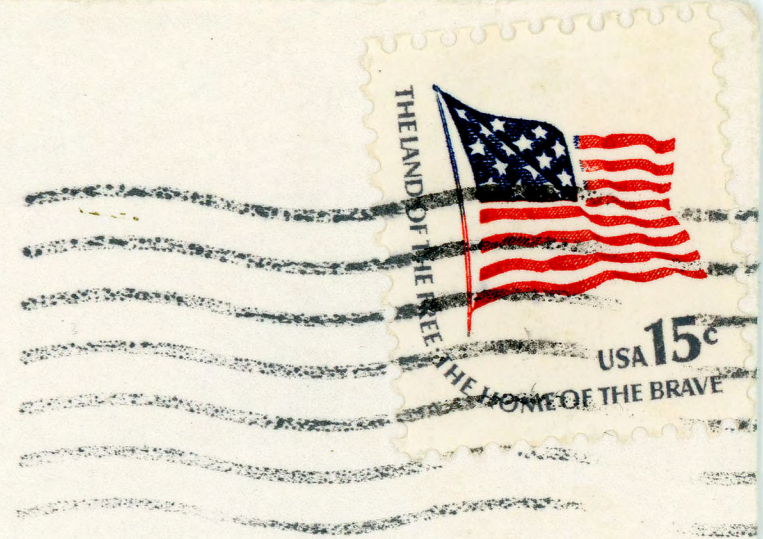
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