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Dear Mr. Smiley and Dr. Lanier!

Here are the original manuscript and page proofs of my latest book, SWAMP GIRL, published June 30,1971. I proudly give them to ECU and hope

that they may be of some help to other writers coming along.

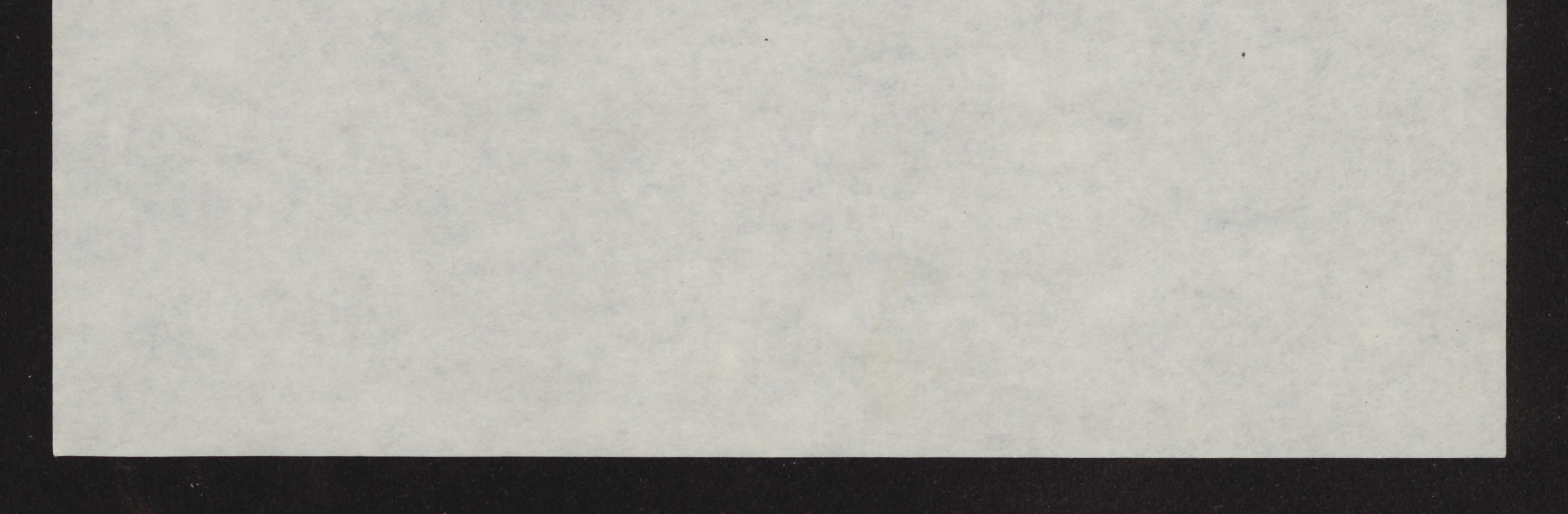
I am enclosing an up to date biography of myself. Please get some publicity into the college paper, alumni bulletin and the Greenville Reflector about the donation of this manuscript, will you please, sir ? My publisher would like to see it in print. So would I. I would appreciate your telling Gracie to watch for the publicity and cut it out and bring it to me sometime when she is coming to Stumpy Point.

Whay don't you folks come to see us ? Gene, I am so proud of you. I aan truly say & I KNEW YOU-WHEN".

Sincerely,

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Nell Wise Wechter P.S. Please excuse miserable typing. I have shermatoria arthritis in my Hands -



For News Bureau, East Carolina University, Greenville, N.C.

Nell Wise Wechter Mrs. Robert William Wechter Stumpy Point, N.C.

Biographical Material brought up to date: 1971

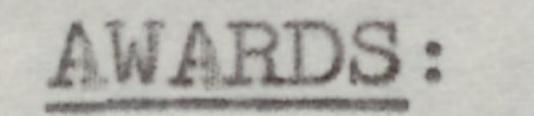
Nell Wise Wechter: Born, August 6,1913 Place: Stumpy Point, N.C. Dare County Parents: Enoch Raymon Wise(Relative of Civil War

Governor, Henry Wise, Virginia) Edith Casey Best(Ancestors from County Cork, Ireland)

Grammar School and High School: Stumpy Point, N.C. <u>Colleges</u>: East Carolina College, "D" Diploma, Two Year Normal,1933; B.S.,1951; M.A., 1952; Guilford College, UNC-G, Graduate Degree in English and Social Studies; UNC at Chapel Hill work toward Ph.D. 1956-1964.

Experience:

30 years as a teacher in public schools of North Carolina; Publicity associate for LOST COLONY for 5 years; Editor of weekly **MEMERER** newspaper; freelance newspaper writer of features for more than 25 weekly and dauly newspapers; contributor to educational and professional journals both state, national, and international.



1951, Departmental Award, East Carolina College, Greenville, N.C. 1959, Distinguished Alumni Award, East Carolina College 1950, George Washington Gold Medal, Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa. Teaching and writing about the American Way of Life. Has her play, ALL ABOARD FOR FREEDOM, award winning in 1950, buried in steel crypt at Valley Forge for posterity. To be opened in Anno Domini 2000.

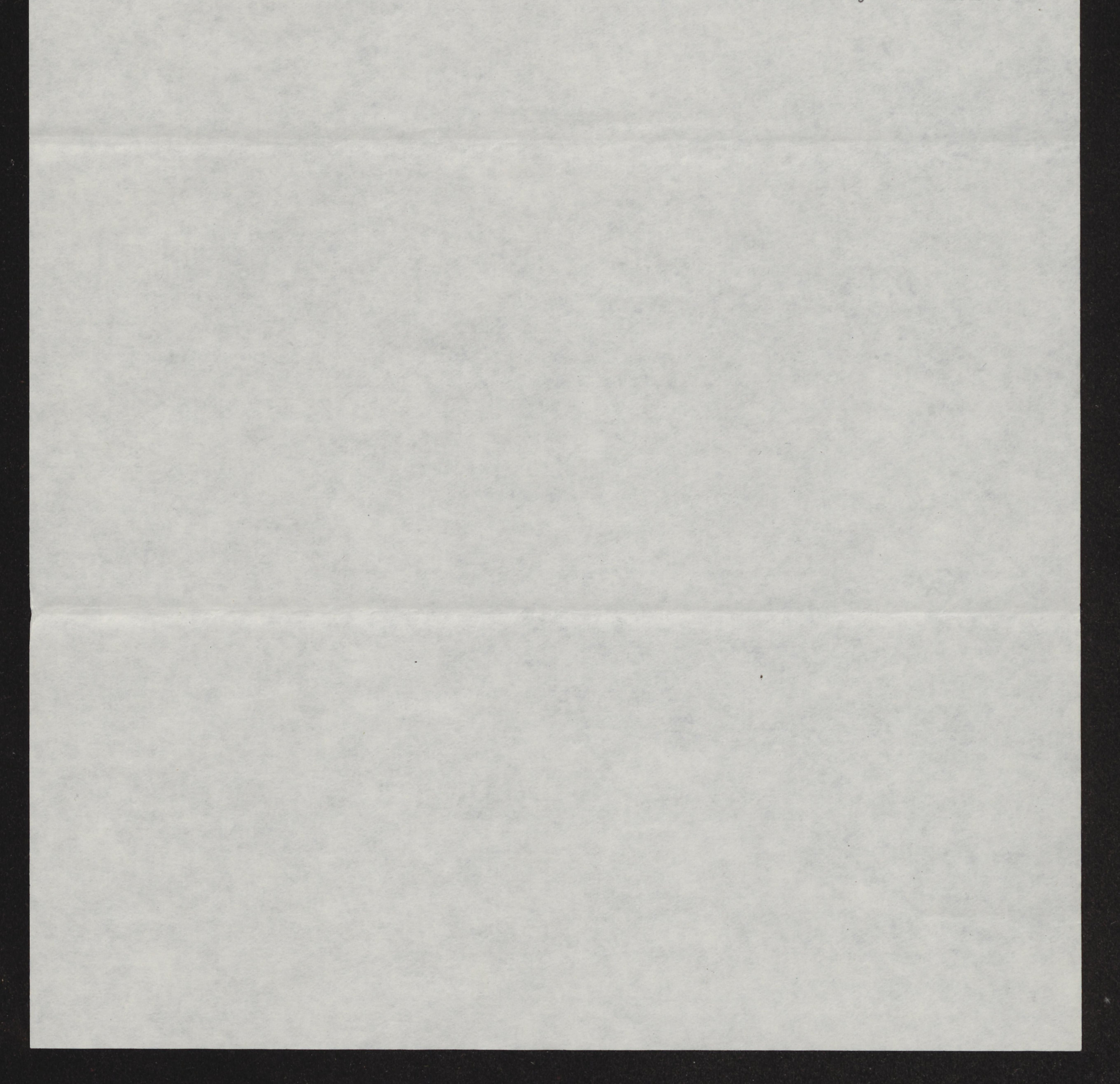
1955, First Place, Guilford Fine Arts Festival, Essay.
1956, First Place, Guilford Fine Arts, Poetry
1956, Franklin McNutt Award, Best Essay on Teaching the American Way of Life, Plaque and \$100, Greensboro,N.C.
1957, American Association of University Women Award for Best Young People's Book by a North Carolina author (TAFFY of TORPEDO JUNCTION)
1958, National Teachers Medal, Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa.
1960, Second book, BETSY DOWDY'S RIDE is chosen BOOK OF THE MONTH by the Catholic Children's Book Club of America
1937, Published first book as a serial in a newspaper WhishXIII

Name of book: THE ROMANCE of JUNIPER RIVER 1971, Published fourth book, SWAMP GIRL which is now on the elibibility list for the AAUW Award in December Nell is married to Robert William Wechter, two-time graduate of East Carolina University, B.S.1952, M.A., 1956. They have one daughter, Marcia Wechter Dunlap, Married to Douglas Michael Dunlap of High Point, N.C.There are two grandsons, Marcia's and Mike*s children. This cguple with their children live in Atlanta, Georgia.

Bob and Nell Wechter are retired, live on Mrs. Wechter's old home plantatio on Pamlico Sound where they have built a new gottage. Bob gardlens and is busy in community and lodge work. Nell sews, cans and freezes vegetables, and writes. -moreAll original manuscripts of Nell"s books she has presented to the library of East Carolina University. Her latest is SWAMP GIRL which she presented the week of August 8, 1971.

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Mrs. Wechter gives all praise to her **AlaxMater** Alma mater, ECU, for the wonderful English training she received there. Mrs. Wechter has marched across the **xtage** stage of Wright Auditorium three times to graduate from East Carolina. She considers Greenville her Home Away from Home.



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By: WILLIAM A. SHIRES ECU News Bureau

GREENVILLE - Nell Wise Wechter, the schoolteacher-author of Stumpy Point, N. C., has given the original manuscript and page proofs of her latest book, Swamp Girl, to the East Carolina University library to assist aspiring writers in learning method and techniques.

The manuscript and proofs of Swamp Girl will join those of Mrs. Wechter's earlier novels, Taffy of Torpedo Junction, Betsy Dowdy's Ride and The Romance of Juniper River, in a repository

at Joyner Library at ECU, the author's alma mater. Eventually these will become part of ECU's growing manuscript collection, according to Wendell Smiley, ECU librarian. Mrs. Wechter, now retired after teaching school and writing for newspapers for some 30 years, said she gave the manuscripts

to ECU "proudly" and with the "hope that they may be of some help to other writers coming along."

She and her husband, Robert William (Bob) Wechter, live at Mrs. Wechter's old home plantation on the Pamlico Sound. Bob

gardens and is busy in community and lodge work. Nell sews, cans

and freezes vegetables, and writes. Her novels, based on coastal

North Carolina settings, locales and characters have won wide acclaim.

Swamp Girl was published in June.

Mrs. Wechter was born in Stumpy Point, the daughter of Enoch Raymon Wise, a relative of Virginia's Civil War governor, Henry Wise, and Edith Casey Best, whose ancestral home was County Cork, MORE

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Ireland. She holds three degrees from East Carolina University and says "I have all praise for the wonderful English training I received there. I consider Greenville my home away from home." Her literary honors are numerous, including the 1950 George

Washington Gold Medal presented by the Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa., for teaching and writing about the American way of life. The original of her play, "All Aboard For Freedom," is buried in a steel crypt at Valley Forge for posterity, not to be opened until the year 2000 A.D.

She has awards from East Carolina University, from the Guilford Fine Arts Festival, the national teachers medal from the Freedoms Foundation, and the American Association of University Women's award for the best young people's book, Taffy of Torpedo

Junction, published in 1957.

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