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Notice

MEMORANDUM

September 13, 1938

Remitter: Raymond A. McCoy (43886)--Class A

Title: "The Massacre of Old Fort Mackinac"

Question: Adequacy of copyright notice.

On the back of the title-page the following printed matter appears in this form:

Published by
Raymond McCoy
115 Seymour St.
Bay City, Michigan

(2 1/2 inches)

Copyright 1938

Furthermore Raymond McCoy is the author of this text and the illustrations of this work; and his is the only name that appears on the copy. It is the opinion, therefore, of Mr. Smith and Mr. Wise that this notice of copyright is adequate, but that the applicant should be advised that in the future his name should immediately follow the statement "Copyright 1938." Mrs. Brady, on the other hand, feels that the name of the copyright owner is not in juxtaposition to the statement "Copyright 1938" so as to form a copyright notice, and, therefore, the application should be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Wise

Chairman, Revisory Board

"This case is unusual for here the author and publisher happen to be one and the same person, and there is no other intervening person who could by any stretch of imagination be the copyright owner. I am, therefore, in favor of giving him the benefit of the doubt in this case and enter on receipt of copy, application and fee. But write as to the doubt and hereafter he would do well to stick to the orthodox notice.--
HAH 9/14/38.