

Mrs. K. W. Thompson
7 Whitehouse Street
Rochester, New Hampshire 03857

September 14, 1978

The Honorable John Shaw
City Hall
Rochester, NH 03867

Dear Mayor Shaw:

Delivered herewith is my check in the amount of \$10,000.00 payable to the Rochester Public Library. This gift is in memory of my husband, **Kenneth W. Thompson**, President of K. W. Thompson Tool Company, Inc., who died on February 28, 1978.

My husband was an avid sailor and long bemoaned the fact that sailing books and periodicals were not available in the Public Library. This gift is to be held IN TRUST and the annual income therefrom is to be used primarily for the purchase of books and periodicals on sailing.

I will also deliver to the Library my husband's collection of books on sailing.

I will appreciate your letter acknowledging the acceptance of this gift.

Sincerely yours,



Margaret Van Petten Thompson



City of Rochester, New Hampshire

JOHN SHAW MAYOR

September 18, 1978

Mrs. Kenneth W. Thompson
7 Whitehouse Street
Rochester, N.H. 03867


My dear Mrs. Thompson:

As Mayor of the City of Rochester and as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library, I in great sincerity accept and appreciate the donation you have made in the amount of \$10,000 to the library in memory of your husband, Kenneth W. Thompson.

Sometimes it is a pleasure to be Mayor of the City and Chairman of the Library Trustees and this is one of the occasions. It also brings to our attention that there is a deep need in the library for a department or section that pertains to sailing and boats. This endowment will fill the need more than adequately and please be assured that the conditions of the gift will be followed.

May I extend my appreciation to the memory of your husband for the locating of his industry and factory in our City of Rochester. It has been more than an asset and has been one that we have depended upon for ever so many of our citizens to make a living. I am sorry he is not alive so that I might be able to tell him so and I am speaking for the citizens of Rochester.

Yours sincerely,


John Shaw, Mayor