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9 October 1984

Helen G. Cruickshank  
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Dear Helen:

Yesterday will be one of those I shall remember. I am so glad to have had the honor of being invited and being able to attend the dedication. It was a beautiful ceremony and I was thrilled to be there. You and Allan have a very special place in my heart and I am thankful I have had the opportunity to have known you folk. When I was in Louisiana working on my master's thesis research, the nesting heights of birds, I first ran across the name "Cruickshank" from Allan's 1956 paper, "Nesting Heights of Some Woodland Warblers in Maine," published in Wilson Bulletin. At that time, the name Cruickshank struck me (being from Kentucky) as being rather unusual and I never forgot it. Now, 20 years later, I attended the ceremony to honor that fellow! The day we met with Allan over Lon Ellis' house to mull over that hybrid bunting and the day Bruce Anderson and I were at your house visiting after birding in Cocoa and you prepared a most welcomed lunch for us are two other days I shall never forget. I shall remember you folk as being some of the most humble and sincere people I have ever met. Too many folk become filled with pride when they become well-known, but not Allan and Helen Cruickshank.

Thank you so much for being such special individuals to me and having a part in my life.

Sincerely,

*Walter*

Walter K. Taylor  
Professor

PS: The "K" stands for  
Kingsley, one that  
Allan used!