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Bump/Marjorie. 208 letters from Mrs. Sidney Main (Marjorie Bump) of Daytona Beach, FL et seq from 1966-74; 1980-81. Marjorie Bump was three years younger than Hem, i.e. 17 to his 20 during the fall and winter of 1919 when Hem stayed over in the Petoskey area following his wartime experience with the Red Cross. Some thought of her as Hem's "girl". But no one doubts that she was the "Marge" of the two Hemingway short stories "The End of Something" and "The Three-Day Blow." "The slate has been wiped clean." Hem had written Marge when he left Petoskey on his way to Toronto and international fame. They didn't see Marge again for 20 years. In 1933 he dropped into her home in Florida just prior to publication of his FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS. By then Marge was the happier married mother of four. But there was still an aura of mystery about those months in Petoskey and Horton Bay that Marge and Hem had spent together. Hem's little Indian girl, Prudence Boulton, may have done first what none else had done better, but according to Petoskey legend Marge had never done anything at all. Over the years this mystery was addressed in many ways in my correspondence with Marge. Marge held forth with great candor, but it will remain for the reader in the final analysis to determine the import of her answers.

[Letter counts below added by unknown person about 1990-ed]

#### MARGE

1966 4-1 (ura)

1967 77

1968 12

1969 32

1970 11

1971 7

1972 5

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1974 6

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