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CHADBOURNE, MERLE G.
b. Harmony, April 21, 1891

March 26, 1970

Mrs. Merle G. Chadbourne
Harmony
Maine 04942

Dear Mrs. Chadbourne:

Some time ago we were made aware of the fact that your husband wrote two books, TIMBERLAND TALL TALES and OLD SUKE. These are not in the Maine Author Collection, and it is in behalf of this exhibit of Maine books that we now write.

The collection includes books by Maine writers, and books about the state, and numbers well over three thousand volumes, most of which are inscribed presentation copies. We also try to have on hand biographical and critical material about our authors, to make this collection of Maine writing as complete as possible.

Do you suppose it is possible for us to have a copy of each of these books to include in the Maine Author Collection? Any help you can give us will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours

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Maine Author Collection

MERLE G. CHADBOURNE

HARMONY—Merle G. Chadbourne, 76, author, carpenter and shoe worker, died Saturday morning at his residence here after a brief illness.

He was born in Cambridge, April 21, 1891, son of Willard and Ellad Bunker Chadbourne, but lived most of his life in Harmony.

He was the author of several books including "Timberland Tall Tales," and "Old Suke."

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Berle Chadbourne of this town; seven sons, Willard of this town, Wingate of Brockton, Mass., Warren of Easton, Mass., Arthur of Gardiner, Robert and Ivan, both of Ripley and Archie of Palmyra; three daughters, Mrs. Mildred Deering of St. Albans, Mrs. Irene McKay of Gardiner and Mrs. Florence Sinclair of Exeter; a stepson, Clarence Libby of Oakland; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Madeline Corey of Oakland; 58 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Harmony Baptist Church with the Revs. Russell Moyer and Harold Haines officiating.

Interment will be in Seegar Hill Cemetery in the spring.

MST 3/10/78

Sincerely yours

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April 7, 1970

Mrs. Merle G. Chadbourne
Harmony
Maine 04942

Dear Mrs. Chadbourne:

Thank you for sending TIMBERLAND TALL TALES,
STAY AWAKE STORIES and OLD SUKE for the Maine
Author Collection.

We appreciate your interest and are indeed
glad that these books could be made available to
the collection.

Sincerely yours

hmj

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