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Georgene Faulkner Correspondence

Georgene Faulkner 1873-1958

Lee M. Hoffman
Julian Messner, Inc.

Gertrude Blumenthal

Hilda McLeod Jacob
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FAULKNER, Georgene

b. Chicago

March 26, 1957

Miss Georgene Faulkner
Julian Messner, Inc.
8 West 40th Street
New York City 18

Dear Miss Faulkner:

Is there any possibility that we can claim you as a Maine author? We ask because of MELINDY'S HAPPY SUMMER, which we added to our traveling libraries and bookmobile stock when it was published. We are always delighted to welcome a good new book for young readers, and of course particularly are we pleased when it has a Maine connection.

The Maine Author Collection is our reason for writing at present. This is a permanent collection of books written by Maine people, or written about the state in any way. Most of the volumes are inscribed presentation copies, the inscriptions varying as widely as the contents of the books. There are autobiographical anecdotes, bits of verse, tributes to the state, pen-and-ink sketches, illuminating information about the writing of the book. The books themselves present a distinguished company to the students and visitors who call to browse or study or admire. We also try to have complete biographical information and literary criticism on our authors, so that we may present a unified picture of Maine's authors.

We hope that it is possible to call you a Maine author. Certainly MELINDY'S HAPPY SUMMER is the kind of book we like to see in the collection. Our good wishes go to you for a happy continuation of your work.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

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Books for Young People

JULIAN MESSNER, Inc.
8 WEST FORTIETH STREET, NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

April
4
1957

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

We did not forward your letter of March 26th to Miss Faulkner since she is too old and *too* ill for any communications. It is our feeling, however, that it would be really stretching a point to consider her a Maine author, even though the locale of MELINDY'S HAPPY SUMMER is Maine. However, we'll leave it entirely up to you because, naturally, we would like to have our book represented.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lee M. Hoffman".

Lee M. Hoffman
Asst. to Gertrude Blumenthal

Mrs. F. W. Jacob
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

April 5, 1957

Miss Lee M. Hoffman
Julian Messner, Inc.
8 West 40th Street
New York City 18

Dear Miss Hoffman:

Thank you for your letter of April 4 about MELINDY'S HAPPY SUMMER. Under the circumstances, it was perceptive of you not to forward our letter to Miss Faulkner. We would not want to disturb her.

We do not have biographical information about Miss Faulkner, but we judge from your letter that she herself is not a Maine woman. The fact that MELINDY'S HAPPY SUMMER is set in Maine, however, immediately qualifies it as a Maine book; and the idea of the Maine Author Collection, established when it was started some years ago, was simply: Maine. The books are by people born in Maine, resident here, or writing in any way about the state.

This is why we wrote to Miss Faulkner, even though we had not determined whether she herself was of this state.

We would love to see MELINDY'S HAPPY SUMMER in the collection, because any Maine book is a welcome attraction in the exhibit; but we certainly don't want to trouble Miss Faulkner in any way. We hope she knows what a very nice book it is, and that her days have been somewhat lightened by realizing the pleasure it has brought to young readers.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

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April 22, 1957

Miss Lee M. Hoffman
Julian Messner, Inc.
8 West 40th Street
New York City 18

Dear Miss Hoffman:

The copy of MELINDY'S HAPPY SUMMER reached us this morning, and we are indeed greatly pleased at our good fortune. We shall add it immediately to the Maine Author Collection, with appreciation for your interest and generosity.

Thank you; and please tell Miss Faulkner, if the opportunity should ever arise, how delighted we are with the book, and with its becoming a part of the Maine Author Collection.

Sincerely yours

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