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Charles W. Knight Correspondence

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KNIGHT, Charles W
b. Boston, Massachusetts

September 24, 1962.

Mr. Charles W. Knight
Little Falls
Gorham, Maine

Dear Mr. Knight:

With interest we read of your new book, HURRICANE HAVEN, and we look forward to seeing a copy and making further acquaintance with Bobby.

We are especially interested in the work of Maine writers. Perhaps you already know of the Maine Author Collection, a permanent exhibit of books by Maine people, or books written about the state. Most of these volumes are inscribed presentation copies, and our effort to accumulate biographical and critical material about our authors has combined with the book exhibit to create a center of information about Maine writers which has proved exceptionally interesting and helpful to visitors and students.

We hope that you may want to inscribe a copy of HURRICANE HAVEN for the collection. Were you born in Maine, or may we claim you only through residence?

You have our good wishes for the success of the book, and our hope that the sequel mentioned in the newspaper article may one day see publication.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

South Windham, Maine
698 Gray Road
Sept. 26, 1962

Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine.

Hilda McLeod Jacobs

Dear Miss Jacobs:

Your kind letter has just been received asking for a copy of HURRICANE HAVEN for the State Library. It is being mailed to you today under separate cover. The book is a true story of my life until I was about twenty-three.

After suffering as I did, almost indescribable cruelty, I was determined to write a book about it to expose the kind of treatment so many are enduring in the hands of foster parents, the methods with which these homes are selected, and the disgracefully small amount allotted to the welfare societies for this work, presumably to make future citizens, but in reality many of them land in penal institutions when they are turned loose. Some, of course, do receive good homes.

It has taken me thirty years to accomplish this, sent to thirty-two publishers with various forms of fiction added, until Moody pointed out that I had enough without the fiction. Another three months of revising in spare time and here it is victorious.

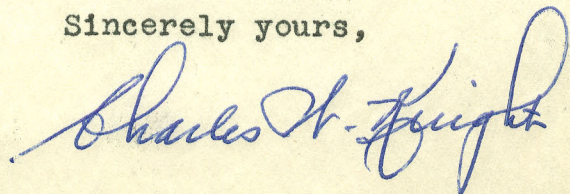
Give it all the publicity at your disposal and pray with me that it may become the means of changing our welfare programs to ones that will make children glad they live in the U.S.A.

I have a clipping from a Boston newspaper printed this summer with these headlines, "Child Abuse Cases On Increase In Mass." It states that The Mass. Society For The Prevention Of Cruelty To Children, spent over \$1,000,000,00 in 1960 fighting 197 abuse cases. One society in one state: what must the total be? These were not, however, State Wards, but it is by the same token.

I was born in Boston.

May this book accomplish what I have intended it should.

Sincerely yours,



CHARLES W. KNIGHT
698 Gray Road
South Windham, Maine

September 28, 1962

Mr. Charles W. Knight
698 Gray Road
South Windham, Maine

Dear Mr. Knight:

Thank you for your friendly letter and for the inscribed copy of your book, HURRICANE HAVEN, which we add to the Maine Author Collection with pleasure and appreciation.

One hopes that after the amazing and varied hardships which Bobby suffered, life was kinder to him. You have experience as a weapon, and certainly the hearts of readers must be moved by your account of the life of this particular state ward. We hope that gradually you may be encouraged by increasingly better treatment for these unfortunate children.

We are interested, too, to read that you are at work on a book about shrubs. We shall watch for it.

Meanwhile, you have our best wishes for HURRICANE HAVEN.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

July 28, 1964

Mr. Charles W. Knight
698 Gray Road
South Windham, Maine

Dear Mr. Knight:

The Maine Author Collection copy of your excellent new book, SECRETS OF GREEN THUMB GARDENING, is acknowledged with appreciation.

It is certainly well and conveniently arranged, and the advice is so clear and encouraging that even beginners should not be confused. We hope that it has a wide sale and acceptance, for it should prove a constant guide and mentor to home owners. It will be noted in the Maine in Print column of the next issue of the Bulletin of the Maine Library Association, and we hope that Maine papers (and others, too, of course!) will review it promptly.

Thank you very much for the autographed copy for the collection.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

Ruth A. Hazelton
Librarian

Virginia Hill
Deputy Librarian



Maine State Library

Augusta

July 9, 1964

Mr. Charles W. Knight
698 Gray Road
South Windham, Maine

Dear Mr. Knight:

It is delightful to know that you have a new book out, and we look forward to seeing a copy soon.

You will probably remember that the Maine Author Collection includes, through your generosity, a copy of HURRICANE HAVEN; and we earnestly hope that you will want to inscribe and present a copy of SECRETS OF GREEN THUMB GARDENING to the collection.

It sounds like the sort of book a great many of us need, and we hope that you will be pleased with its success.

Dear Miss Jacobs: I doubt if there is a book quite like this one: so condensed & easy to understand. It is being printed in Toronto, Canada as well as N.Y. -

Anything you can do to promote sales will be greatly appreciated.

I am sending one with this letter for your collection. Sincerely,

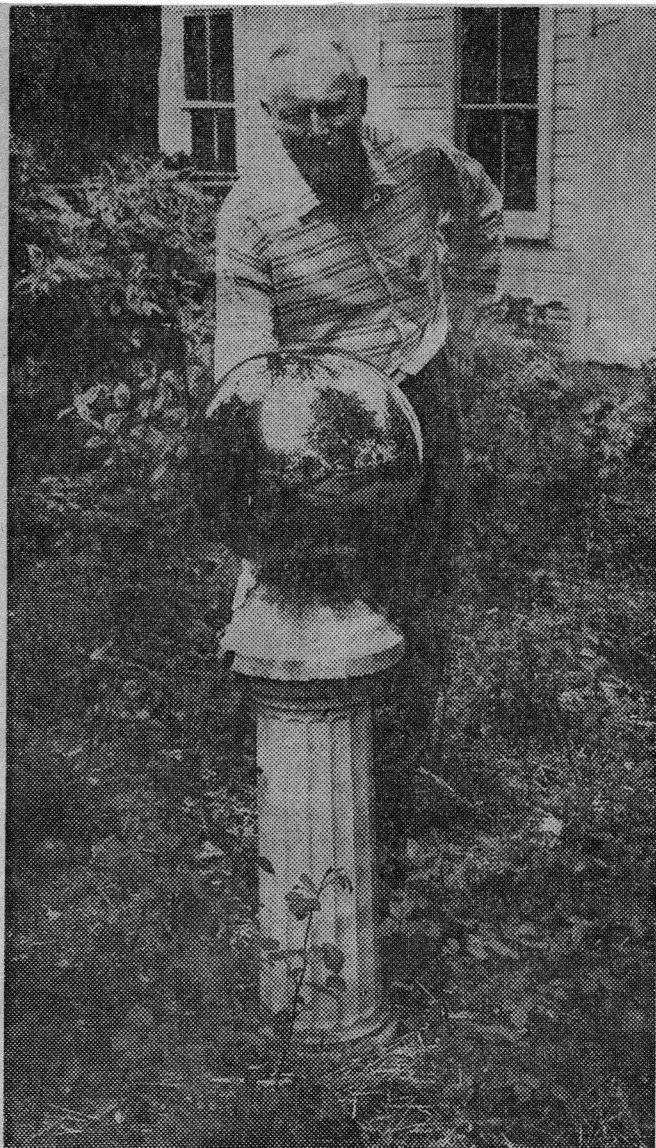
Charles W. Knight

Sincerely yours

Virginia Hill Jacob

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

(Mrs. F. W. Jacob)



Gazing Globe

A gazing globe serves as a focal point in a rose garden at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Knight, of South Windham. In the center of such a planting, it adds interest. However, such garden accessories, at times, are difficult to work into landscape plantings, because they divert attention.