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WALCH, J. Weston

b. Brunswick, Maine, November 27, 1901

August 1, 1955

Mr. J. Weston Walch
1145 Congress Street
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Walch:

You will remember that we wrote to you last spring to inquire whether or not you were born in Maine, and you very kindly replied, giving us this information.

It occurs to us that your books are not represented in the Maine Author Collection. You may already know of this permanent exhibit of books written by Maine people. Most of the volumes are inscribed presentation copies, and they make an exceedingly valuable and interesting unit which constantly attracts visitors and students. This collection is not part of the lending section of the library, but may be consulted and studied in the library at any time. We are proud of it, of course, for its extent and variety and worth.

We hope that some day we may see your books on these exhibit shelves. We must consider the collection incomplete as long as it lacks the work of a Maine writer.

Our best wishes to you for a happy continuance of your books and publishing.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

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J. WESTON WALCH

Publisher

1145 CONGRESS STREET • PORTLAND, MAINE

P. O. BOX 1075

August 10, 1955

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

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

This is in regard to having some of my books in the Maine Author Collection.

Most of mine are paper bound copies of handbooks on various national high school and college debate topics. Since they are paper bound, and since they do become dated fairly quickly, I do not believe they are top notch material for your collection.

However, I am sending a couple of them to you so that you can have samples in your collection.

Respectfully,

J. Weston Walch

Publishers of Manuals and Handbooks on

Debate

English

History

Speech

Journalism

Radio

August 12, 1955

Mr. J. Weston Walch
P O Box 1075
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Walch:

Thank you very much for your generous interest in sending two of your books for the Maine Author Collection. We are delighted to be able to make this beginning.

Your point about the books becoming dated is well taken, but we feel that it is not applicable in this instance, since we are preserving these books as a unit to show what has been written by Maine people and about the state. Many of the books are dated, it is true, but they are still on the exhibit shelves, and will remain there; because they were not included in the first place because of any timeliness, but because a Maine person wrote them. That is why we hope that some day we may see all your writing there.

Meanwhile, we appreciate the gift of COMPLETE HANDBOOK ON FREE TRADE and COMPLETE HANDBOOK ON RECOGNITION OF COMMUNIST CHINA.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
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