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## Fred Houdlett Albee Correspondence

Fred Houdlett Albee 1876-1945

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ALBEE, FRED HOUDLETT

B. Alna, Maine, 1876.

D. New York City, February 15, 1945

Born: Alna, Maine, April 13, 1876.  
Son: F. Huysen and Charlotte Mary (Houdlett) .  
A.B. from Bowdoin, 1899.  
M.D. from Harvard, 1903.  
Traveled and studied in Europe.  
Sc.D., University of Vermont, 1916; Bowdoin College,  
1917.  
LL.D., Colby, 1930.  
Married Louella May Berry, February 2, 1907.  
One son, Fred H.

Member of many Honorary Societies both in the  
United States and abroad.

Demonstrated original surgical methods of bone-  
grafting in Germany, England and France, 1914.  
Also in military hospitals of France, 1916.

Represented the United States at several medical  
conferences.

Home: Colonia, New Jersey; and Nokomis, Florida.  
Office: 57 West 57th Street, New York City.  
Died: New York City, February 15, 1945.

from--WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA,  
1936-1937.





April 18, 1938

Dr. Fred H. Albee  
Colonia  
New Jersey

Dear Dr. Albee:

For some time we have been aware that Maine's good fortune in being able to claim such an outstanding son should be reflected by inclusion in the Maine Author Collection of your books. Such culpable neglect has, naturally, only one excuse: that of rigidly curtailed appropriations, and the resultant necessity of denying ourselves the pleasure of adding many items to this exhibit collection.

The project was inaugurated some years ago, and now includes several hundred volumes, most of which are inscribed presentation copies. We also gather all available biographical material, any photographs, critical reviews, or other such information, for our files. It is our intent to assemble and preserve a fund of valuable research material for future students of Maine's contribution to literature. To that end, our authors have been gratifyingly interested, and also very generous.

Perhaps you will want to inscribe at least one of your books for this purpose. Some day, of course, we hope to have a copy of each book that you have written. We would consider ourselves fortunate to be able to start the representation of your work, and should you be inclined to present the first volume, it would be gratefully received.

We extend to you a cordial invitation to call at the library and see the Maine Author Collection when you are again in Maine.

Very truly yours

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FRED H. ALBEE, M. D.  
57 WEST 57TH STREET  
NEW YORK CITY  
TEL. PLAZA 3-1047

May 5th, 1938.

Miss Hilda Mc Leod, Secretary,  
Maine State Library,  
Augusta, Maine.

My dear Miss Mc Leod:

Your letter of April 18th arrived during my absence from the City. In reply, however, I wish to say I am sending to you under separate cover, a copy of my latest book entitled "Injuries and Diseases of the Hip" which was published last June. I regret that the other two books, "Bone Graft Surgery" 1915 and "Orthopaedic and Reconstruction Surgery 1919 (W. B. Saunders and Company, Philadelphia, Pa) are no longer in print, but if it is possible, I shall obtain copies and send them to you.

In accordance with your request, I am also enclosing a biographical sketch and a small photograph.

I shall call and see your library when I am in Maine next, - it is possible I may get up later this year although at this time I am rather busy and my schedule is entirely filled.

Thanking you and with kindest regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

*Fred H. Albee*

Fred H. Albee, M.D.

FHA-G

May 13, 1938

Dr. Fred H. Albee  
57 West 57th Street  
New York City

Dear Dr. Albee

Your generosity in sending an inscribed copy of INJURIES AND DISEASES OF THE HIP to the Maine Author Collection is deeply appreciated. We regret that your former books are out of print, but we are hopeful that at some time they may be available.

INJURIES AND DISEASES OF THE HIP is, of course, in the general lending section of our library, where we have found it a valuable contribution to this type of literature.

Your biographical sketch is exactly what we wish all our authors would send us -- something more than the usual Who's Who impersonal outline. After reading it, we realized anew and with increased appreciation, how truly fortunate Maine is to be able to claim you.

Please accept our sincere thanks for your kindness and generosity, and also our assurances of a very cordial welcome, should you come to Maine this summer.

Very truly yours

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February 15, 1941

Dr. Fred H. Albee  
57 West 57th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Albee:

Your new book BONE GRAFT SURGERY IN DISEASE, INJURY AND DEFORMITY, has of course been placed upon our purchase list. We intend to purchase non-fiction by Maine writers; but it is indeed a special pleasure to have another book from you, for we know the splendid work which you have accomplished in this field, and we also know that we shall have requests from our medical patrons for the volume.

Some time ago you were kind enough to be interested in the exhibit of Maine authors' books which we have in the library. We hope that the collection will be distinguished by an inscribed copy of the new volume. Your generosity would earn not only our present gratitude, but also that of future researchers and students.

Please accept our good wishes for your work, and our congratulations upon the publication of your book and the award of the Kappa Sigma fraternity of "Man of the Year" for 1940.

Very truly yours

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FRED H. ALBEE, M. D.  
57 WEST 57TH STREET  
NEW YORK CITY  
TEL. PLAZA 3-1047

March 10th, 1941.

RE: BONE GRAFT SURGERY BOOK

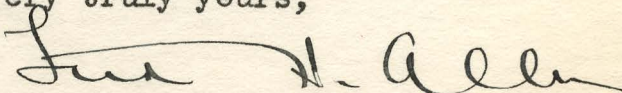
Mrs. F. W. Jacob, Secretary,  
Maine State Library,  
Augusta, Maine.

My dear Mrs. Jacob:

I have just returned to the City and find your letter of February 15th on my desk. I wish to thank you for the good wishes contained in this letter, - I appreciate so much the thought.

In accordance with your request, I am sending to you, under separate cover, an autographed copy of my latest book entitled Bone Graft Surgery in Disease, Injury and Deformity, which I hope you will accept for the Maine State Library with my compliments.

Very truly yours,



FHA-G

Fred H. Albee, M.D.

March 14, 1941

Dr. Fred H. Albee  
57 West 47th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Albee:

Your very gracious and friendly letter, and also the generous gift of an inscribed copy of BONE GRAFT SURGERY are acknowledged with sincere appreciation: appreciation for your courtesy and interest in the Maine Author Collection, for the words "native son" in your inscription, and not least for taking moments from a busy day to grant this request.

We are proud and grateful. Thank you!

Very truly yours

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March 19, 1943

Dr. Fred H. Albee  
57 West 57th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Albee:

One of the best bits of news that we have seen about spring books is that your autobiography is to be available. This will be not only of unusual interest but also of genuine value, and we look forward to the day when our library copy (already ordered) arrives.

Will the Maine Author Collection continue to benefit by your generosity; and may we include an inscribed gift copy of A SURGEON'S FIGHT TO REBUILD MEN?

You have our good wishes for the success of the book -- may its readers be many.

Very truly yours

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57 WEST 57TH STREET  
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April 20th, 1943.

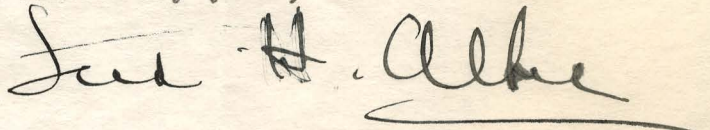
Maine State Library  
Attention: Miss K. M. Jacobs, Secy.,  
Augusta, Maine.

Gentlemen:

I am sending to you ,under separate cover, an autographed copy of my autobiography, "A Surgeon's Fight to Re-build Men" which I hope you will accept with my very best wishes as a contribution to the Maine Author Collection of your library.

With every good wish, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Fred H. Albee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Fred H. Albee, M.D.

FHA-G

April 30, 1943

Dr. Fred H. Albee  
57 West 57th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Albee:

A SURGEON'S FIGHT TO REBUILD MEN arrived this morning; and once again we are delighted by your generous gift and by the fine inscription.

The lending copy of your autobiography has been in our library since shortly after publication, and we are proud of the already long list of patrons waiting for a chance to read it. It is an exciting, inspiring book, if engaging humor and absorbing interest. A long life to it!

Please accept our thanks for the Maine Author Collection copy.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY



August 23, 1946

Mrs. Fred H. Albee  
Colonia  
New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Albee:

Mingled with our deep sense of loss of Dr. Albee is one of appreciation that you should remember the Maine Author Collection with a copy of the Fred H. Albee Memorial Issue which we have just received.

This is especially kind of you. Dr. Albee was so generous to the collection in seeing that it contained an inscribed copy of each of his books. You will be interested to know that his early volume, ORTHOPEDIC AND RECONSTRUCTION SURGERY, which was out of print for so long, and which even he could not obtain for the exhibit, was discovered for us within the past few weeks. Of course we promptly bought it, and we are very glad to be able to say now that Dr. Albee's books in the Maine Author Collection are complete.

To the collection we are adding the Fred H. Albee Memorial Issue, with hearty agreement with the expressions of esteem and friendship in the editorial articles, with continuing regret that Dr Albee is not carrying on himself his splendid work, and with warm appreciation of your thought in sending this book.

Sincerely yours,

hmj

In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection



