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George W. Hinckley Correspondence

George Walter Hinckley 1853-1950

Gee Double You Hinckley

Walter P. Hinckley

Henry Ernest Dunnack 1867-1938

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HINCKLEY, George W.

Born at Guilford, Connecticut, 1853

Good Will Home Association

Good Will Farm



HOMES AND SCHOOLS FOR DESERVING BOYS AND GIRLS

LOCATED AT HINCKLEY, MAINE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, HINCKLEY, MAINE

December 29, 1931

Mr. Henry E. Dunnack
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mr. Dunnack:

In your letter of December 21 you say that of the fifteen books of which I acknowledge the authorship, you have only seven in the library; that is, you lack eight items and you ask if I can send them for the Maine Author Collection. I regret to say that, being a poor bookkeeper myself, of some of these children of mine I have not even an "author's copy" and at best they were not of any import. The books which do not appear on your list are:

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- ✓ "The Story of Dan McDonald"
- ✓ "Good Will Short Talks"
- ✓ "Something Happened"
- ✓ "Some Boys I Know"
- ✓ "Some Good Will Boys"
- ✓ "In Camp with Boys"
- ✓ "Roughing it with Boys"

One of these, "In Camp with Boys" was published by the Waterville Sentinel Publishing Company many years ago. I have lost the only copy of it that I ever had, and the edition of one thousand copies was scattered long ago, I understand.

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copies of the remnant; if I get to this, I will be glad to contribute a copy to your collection.

"The Story of Good Will Farm" I believe was published in three editions, but I have no copy of it. You do not mention "The Good Will Idea" which is cloth-bound and not included in the fifteen books which I mention in the preface to "A Month of Forestry." I am sending you a copy of that. I am also mailing you, with apologies for its condition, a copy of the second edition of "Good Will Short Talks." This book was bound in orange and black because those are the Good Will colors. The first edition, as you will see, was dated November 1, 1901 and the second edition about a year later. I discovered when I received your letter that I had two copies of the book, one in which is inscribed on the fly-leaf "author's copy" and the other copy which escaped from a fire which we had here several years ago. I think perhaps the little volume will be safer in the State Library than in my own library at Ellis Acres, and I am therefore sending it to you. This is the book which was so highly commended by Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, D. D. at the time of the first edition.

Very cordially yours,

George W. Hinckley
PRESIDENT

GWH:CED

*G.S. the "editions" mentioned above
were only 1000 copies each*

Copy.

January 6, 1932.

Dr. George W. Hinckley,
Hinckley, Maine.

Dear Dr. Hinckley;-

Thank you for sending us two more of your books to add to our Maine Author Collection. We are returning them to you for your autograph, an important addition to their value and interest.

We hope that we shall in time acquire all of your books. That is one of the purposes of the Maine Author Collection - to assemble in one place all of the books of Maine authors, persons native to the state or, like yourself, resident here during their creative years.

Your correspondence is kept in our special Maine Author files, and your letter of December twenty-ninth is especially interesting from the Maine Author Collection point of view.

Very truly yours,

(Signed MCF)

Enc.

Address label
Eight cents in stamps

ELLIS ACRES
CLINTON, MAINE
R. F. D.

Jan 17 '32

Mr. H. E. Lunnack -

Augusta, Me;

Dear Mr. Lunnack -

Some time ago you wrote me saying that some of the Good Will books had not been put in the State library, and you asked if I could supply any or all of them. I think one of the books was the Story of Good Will Farm, and connected with it.

I am writing because I have just been unpacking some books which have come to me from the estate of the late Hannah J. Bailey of Wintthrop, and among them is a copy of the "Story" as published in 1902. It is not autographed but some one had written in a feminine hand, "H. J. Bailey,

ELLIS ACRES
CLINTON, MAINE
R. F. D.

presented by the Author, June 1908.⁴

Will this book fill one of the gaps,
in the series of Song Mill books, and
do you want it. If so, I'll place my
autograph in it some where and
mail it to you with my "kindest
regards." If you have a copy in
the library, let this one remain
where it is; if not, its ready for you.

Cordially yours

W. Winsley.

January 19, 1932

Mr. George W. Hinckley
Ellis Acres
Route 4
Clinton, Maine

Dear Mr. Hinckley:

We have received the GOOD WILL IDEA and the GOOD WILL SHORT TALKS for which we send you a multitude of thanks. I cannot tell you how pleased we are that you have found the STORY OF GOOD WILL FARM. So long as this book is autographed by you, the other signature is of no particular injury to the book, so be sure to place your autograph in it. According to your list, we now lack the following:

The Story of Good Will Farm (to be sent)
The Story of Dan McDonald
Something Happened
Some Boys I know
Some Good Will Boys
In Camp with Boys
✓ Roughing it with Boys

I am sure it will be a matter of great satisfaction to all who shall come after you that in the Maine Author Collection there is a complete set of your books.

Very truly yours,

HED/MLH

State Librarian

Copy

February 9, 1932.

Dr. George W. Hinckley,
Hinckley, Maine.

Dear Dr. Hinckley;-

Thank you very much for finding a copy of the STORY OF GOOD WILL FARM for the Maine Author Collection. I hope that in time we shall have all of your books there. I am very appreciative of the trouble that you are taking to assist us in making the collection of your books complete.

Very truly yours,

BY MCF

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April 21, 1932

Mr. Henry Dunnack
State Library
Augusta, Me.

Dear Mr. Dunnack:

I think I promised you that I would endeavor to get together as many of my books as I could - a copy of each title which is lacking - for the State Library; but thus far I have not been very successful. I am mailing you, however, to-day, a copy of "Roughing It With Boys," published some years ago, which I think is lacking in your list. I have autographed the copy, and it may interest you to know that in the illustration opposite the title page, "Crimson" is the youth at the right; and the "Crimson" of those "roughing it" days, is now known as Charles W. Gilkey, D. D., Dean of the chapel at the University of Chicago.

Very cordially yours,

G. W. Hinckley
PRESIDENT

GWH:CED

From

Correspondence of G. W. Hinckley

April 21, 1932

C O P Y

April 22, 1932

Rev. George W. Hinckley
Good Will Home Association
Hinckley, Maine

Dear Mr. Hinckley:

Your letter of April 21st referring to "Roughing it with Boys" has been received, as has the book. I wish you knew how much we appreciate your interest in our Maine Author Collection. I note with no little pleasure the statement in regard to "Crimson", and we shall make a note establishing the identity of "Crimson" in the little book. Items of this sort greatly increase the value of our collection.

Very truly yours

State Librarian

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December 17, 1934



Mr. Henry E. Dunnack
State Librarian
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mr. Dunnack:

I seem to have formed a habit which I don't care to break -- perhaps I couldn't if I did. So I am sending you two copies of a little volume entitled "Reinsophy". There is nothing new in it; perhaps nothing interesting in it; but again I am saying "It is a part of myself." One volume is for the State Library according to custom, and the other to be placed beside it or kept yourself, or used in some other way, as you see fit.

Very cordially yours,

PRESIDENT

GWH:T

December 19, 1934

George W. Hinckley
Good Will Home Association
Hinckley, Maine

Dear George Hinckley:

The habit to which you refer in your letter of December 17 is one of the many good habits you have succeeded in acquiring. I beg of you to make no effort to break it.

These little books coming to us every once in a while are like the coming of the spring days. We appreciate them not only because of their historical value, but also because they bring us a message out of the experience of your years which always inspires and leaves us with a deeper appreciation of life.

Very truly yours

HED/m

State Librarian

December 21, 1936

Mr. George W. Hinckley
Good Will Farms and Schools
Hinckley, Maine

Dear Mr. Hinckley:

In checking over some of the books in the Maine Author Collection, we find that one of yours, SOME GOOD WILL BOYS, is not autographed.

Since the others bear this mark of distinction, we are sending SOME GOOD WILL BOYS to you, hoping you will be so kind as to autograph it for this collection.

We enclose a return label and postage.

Very truly yours

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December 16, 1935

George W. Hinckley
Good Will
Hinckley, Maine

Dear George:

AS I REMEMBER IT reached us this morning.
The thoughts you have written into the twelve
chapters of this book are altogether delightful;
the facts you have recorded here are invaluable;
the bits of philosophy scattered through all the
pages -- priceless!

We send you many, many thanks for this
addition to your list of good books. Please
send us six copies for general use in our library.

Very truly yours

HED/m

State Librarian

December 17, 1936

Mr. G. W. Hinckley
Good Will Homes and Schools
Hinckley, Maine

Dear Gee Double You:

We have received the three copies of
Volume II of AS I REMEMBER IT, and send
you our very sincere thanks for your
generous gift.

Very truly yours

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December 8, 1936

Mr. Henry E. Dunnack
State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mr. Dunnack:

In accordance with your request of several years ago, that I provide a couple of copies of any volumes which I issued here for the State Library, I am sending two volumes of "As I Remember It", Volume II. I am also enclosing a third for your own library in case you care for it; otherwise, you may pass it on or place it with those other two volumes.

Cordially yours,

President.

GWH:T

December 10, 1936

Mr. George W. Hinckley, President
Good Will Home Association
Hinckley, Maine

Dear Gee Doubleyou:

I have your letter telling me about the new volumes. They have not arrived, but you may be sure they will receive a great welcome. I read every issue of the Good Will Record with constantly increasing interest.

Just now I am looking for some information that perhaps you can help me to secure. Someone told me that when Samuel Lane Boardman, who had been editor of the Maine Farmer, died in 1914, his library was sent by his direction to Good Will Farm.

One of the distinguished agricultural leaders of the early days was Ezekiel Holmes. In the Maine Farmer, January 4, 1914, the very year that Mr. Boardman died, he writes:

"I have in my possession all the MSS left by Dr. Holmes, given me by his widow. They comprise notes of his lectures, copies of addresses, journals, and a large mass of correspondence. These I have guarded with great care, and they will some day be needed in an adequate memoir of Dr. Holmes."

I am wondering if these papers of Dr. Holmes came to Good Will with Mr. Boardman's library. Any information you can send me will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours

HED.m

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December 22, 1936



Mr. Henry E. Dunnack
Libr'n, State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mr. Dunnack:

Since replying to your recent letter of inquiry, I have made diligent search for some trace of the Ezekiel Holmes MMS; when I read your letter, I felt morally certain that the papers were not here, but I did not want to leave it in that way.

The presentation of the Boardman library to Good Will was a complete surprise; I had never heard of it, and even when it was accepted, I knew little about it except that it was "largely agricultural" with some "general literature". There are seven hundred and three files on the shelves in the Charles E. Moody building; these are labelled "Agricultural Reports", "Grange Meetings", "Statistics", "Tariff Reports", "Magazines" - probably odd copies - of which I had never heard, &c. But there is not a MMS. of any kind, and apparently nothing of a biographical nature.

My impression is that anything so choice as a MMS. he would probably have held, and, while I do not know just how long, I understood at the time that the library had been stored in boxes for some time, and Mr. Boardman was paying storage.

Cordially yours,

G. W. Hinckley

GWH:T

PRESIDENT

December 29, 1936

Mr. George W. Hinckley, President
Good Will Home Association
Hinckley, Maine

Dear Mr. Hinckley:

I have received your letter of
December 22, and wish to thank you
for looking into the matter of the
Boardman manuscripts.

Very truly yours

HED.m

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Mr. Henry E. Dunnack
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Augusta, Maine

Dear Mr. Dunnack:

In accordance with your expressed wish, I have autographed the copy of "Some Good Will Boys", which you sent me for the purpose, and am returning it to you this morning.

With best wishes of the season,

Very cordially yours,

GWH:T

President.

January 1, 1937

Mr. George W. Hinckley
Good Will Farms and School
Hinckley, Maine

Dear Mr. Hinckley:

Thank you for autographing the copy
of SOME GOOD WILL BOYS and returning it
to us for the Maine Author Collection.

We appreciate, as always, your
keen interest and generosity.

Very truly yours

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December 22, 1937

Mr. Henry E. Dunnack
State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mr. Dunnack:

Under separate cover I am mailing you a copy of one more bit of myself - chiefly re-prints from the Good Will Record of the past year. This is positively my "Last Appearance".

You have in the past expressed a wish for more than one copy. I would be pleased to send you any number that you wish for the State Library, if you wish it at all.

With best wishes of the season,

Cordially yours,

G. W. Hinckley
president.

December 28, 1937

Mr. George W. Hinkley, President
Good Will Home Association
Hinkley, Maine

Dear Gee Double You:

Indeed we do want copies of your books, and we are extremely appreciative of your continued interest and remembrance in sending the new volumes to us.

We are delighted to add FIFTY YEARS WITH THE GOOD WILL RECORD to the Maine Author Collection, and if you will be so kind as to send us a second copy, we will be able to have one for lending purposes.

Thank you very much, and we sincerely trust that this is not your "Last Appearance."

Very truly yours

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January 3, 1938



Mr. Henry E. Dunnack
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mr. Dunnack:

Your letter of December 28th is at hand and in accordance with your suggestion, I am having mailed to the Library today a copy of "Fifty Years with the Good Will Record", which I am very glad to donate.

I thank you, too, for your kind letter.

Cordially yours,

President.

April 15, 1954

Mr. Walter P. Hinckley
Good Will Home
Hinckley, Maine

Dear Mr. Hinckley:

Reading in the Good Will Record that your father's last book, THE MAN OF WHOM I WRITE, will be in book form soon, we are reminded of his constant generous thought of the Maine Author Collection, to which he always sent an inscribed copy of each book. We hope that you may want to continue, and that the collection may anticipate the inclusion of this volume. It would give us pleasure to add it to Mr. Hinckley's earlier writings.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

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April 19, 1954

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

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

It was my intention to send the State Library a copy of THE MAN OF WHOM I WRITE, and, of course, I shall be glad to add it to the Maine Author Collection which include my father's earlier writings.

If you think the book is apt to have wide circulation I could send you another copy to be used for that purpose. We want the book to do as much good as possible and it can only do so if it is used.

We have the books here but it will be a few days before I mail you your books.

Sincerely yours,

Walter P. Hinckley
Superintendent

WPH:fm

April 21, 1954

Mr. Walter P. Hinckley, Superintendent
Good Will Home Association
Hinckley, Maine

Dear Mr. Hinckley:

It is good to know that the Maine Author Collection may anticipate a copy of THE MAN OF WHOM I WRITE, and we shall look forward to seeing it soon.

Yes, we would like a copy for the lending section of the library. It is always a little difficult to predict the circulation of any book; but we feel that this has so much Maine interest that its value may be apparent only over the years. At any rate, we would like to have the second copy for this purpose. It is both our pleasure and our duty to make sure that we have all Maine material possible; and although Good Will radiates far in the world, its roots are in Maine.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

hmj

May 11, 1954

Mr. Walter P. Hinckley, Superintendent
Good Will Home Association
Hinckley, Maine

Dear Mr. Hinckley:

The two copies of THE MAN OF WHOM I WRITE have been received, and we are cataloging one immediately for the lending section of the library. No bill was received; is this lending copy also a gift?

Thank you for sending the second copy for the Maine Author Collection. It is a pleasure to be able to add it to the shelves containing your father's earlier books, and we appreciate your kindness in making it possible.

Sincerely yours

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May 20, 1954



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

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

We were happy to furnish you with a second volume of the book my father wrote thinking it might be of help to someone who was having difficulty in getting started in life. We sincerely hope someone will find it of benefit.

Sincerely yours,

Walter P. Hinckley
Superintendent

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