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b. Guilford, Connecticut
February 4, 1963

Mrs. Lewis Gesner, Jr.
Littleton
Maine

Dear Mrs. Gesner:

It was with pleasure and interest that we read of the forthcoming publication of your book, THE HARDY ISLANDERS. Although we realize that we may not claim you as a Maine-born author, your residence in the state and the background of the book encourage us to hope that we may call you an adopted author, and that you may be interested in the Maine Author Collection.

As you may know, this is a permanent exhibit of books written by Maine people, or written about the state. Most of the three thousand volumes are inscribed presentation copies, and we gather biographical and critical material as well, so that we may have complete information on Maine writers.

It would be indeed a pleasure to be able to include THE HARDY ISLANDERS, and also THE LUMBER CAMP KIDS, in the Maine Author Collection, and we hope that you may want to inscribe copies for this purpose.

You have our very good wishes for the success of the new book, and for a happy and satisfying continuance of your writing.

Sincerely yours

hmj
In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
April 8, 1963

Mrs. Lewis Gesner, Jr.
Bradley
Maine

Dear Mrs. Gesner:

THE LUMBER CAMP KIDS arrived today, and we appreciate your interest in the Maine Author Collection, and the gift of this autographed copy to place on the exhibit shelves.

We hope that the final arrangements for the publication of THE HARDY ISLANDERS are moving along smoothly, and that you will be pleased by its reception. We look forward to seeing it.

Thank you very much for starting your section of the Maine Author Collection with THE LUMBER CAMP KIDS.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
September 17, 1963

Mrs. Lewis Gesner
Highland Avenue
Bradley, Maine

Dear Mrs. Gesner:

How very kind of you to remember that the Maine Author Collection would want a copy of your new book! IN THE STILLNESS OF THE STORM arrived this morning, and at once we can see that it is a really fine book, with a message for young people, and an exciting story of the Maine coast.

Thank you very much for this copy.

It will be noted in the Bulletin of the Maine Library Association, and we hope that its success will encourage you to continue this field of endeavor.

Sincerely yours

hmj

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