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ANDERSON, F. Whitehouse.

b. North Woodstock, New Hampshire, in 1895
Ex-Marine, veteran of two wars, Ellsworth's familiar mail-carrier, F. Whitehouse Anderson, will soon have published a book of poems, dedicated to his children and his many friends. Unselfconscious in their sentiment, Anderson's poems are the sort that speak a common language. He writes warmly of people he has known, of children, of outdoor life, and of many things ... with a native touch that will bring tears or smiles to the sensitive reader.

As only a very limited edition of *Windfalls* will be printed, those who wish a copy are urged to subscribe now on the form on the back of this card. *Windfalls* will be a deluxe book and all copies will be autographed by the author.
April 12, 1950

Mr. F. Whitehouse Anderson
Ellsworth
Maine

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Congratulations on the publication of WINDFALLS, to which we look forward with eagerness. The advance notice sounds most interesting, and we are always glad to welcome another Maine person to the roster of writers.

We shall want a copy for the lending section of the library, and will appreciate your sending us one, with the bill, when it is available.

It is also to be hoped that the Maine Author Collection may be honored by the inclusion of an inscribed presentation copy. Perhaps you know of this exhibit collection of the works of Maine writers. About fifteen hundred volumes, inscribed presentation copies for the most part, adequately testify to the variety and worth of Maine writing. From Longfellow to Millay, and Elijah Kellogg to Kenneth Roberts, all kinds of authors have produced all kinds of books; and it is a truly impressive collection. The inscriptions are as varied as the books, and as original as the authors. We have pen-and-ink sketches, autobiographical notes, tributes to Maine, bits of verse -- everything is distinctive and contributes greatly to the value and interest of the collection. It constantly attracts visitors and students, and we hope that when you are in Augusta some day you will call at the library and see the collection.

Our very good wishes go to you for the warm reception and enduring success of WINDFALLS.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
July 12, 1950

Mr. F. Whitehouse Anderson
Ellsworth
Maine

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Thank you for sending us a copy of your new volume of poems, WINDFALLS. We presume that this is the copy which we ordered for the lending section of the library, and we shall accordingly catalog it and make it available to our patrons.

It is a fine collection, showing a versatility of interest and ease of expression that is most welcome, and we congratulate you upon the book.

We continue to hope that the Maine Author Collection may be distinguished by an inscribed presentation copy. Certainly many of these poems are of Maine setting, and you are also a Maine person, are you not? Our biographical information about you is inadequate, and we shall appreciate your kindness in sending us a brief sketch, at your convenience, so that we may have better information for our Maine author file.

Our good wishes to WINDFALLS and to you.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

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

Dear Madam:

Am sending under separate cover a copy of "Windfalls" for the Maine Author Collection. I am pleased and honored to have my little offering placed with this inspiring collection.

You asked for a little something about myself... I was born in North Woodstock in 1895 (North Woodstock, N.H.) and moved to Maine when I was seven years old. I attended grade schools in Ellsworth and graduated from Higgins Classical Institute in 1916. Enlisted in the army and spent two years over seas in world war I. Following military service was a student at Colby for one year, class of 1924. Attended Boston University summer school in 1921. Have been a school teacher, woods clerk, policeman and have been a U.S. mail carrier for twenty five years. Enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps shortly after Pearl Harbor and on discharge returned to my duties as mail carrier.

I trust that this is the information you asked for.

Sincerely,

F. W. Anderson
July 18, 1950

Mr. F. Whitehouse Anderson
Ellsworth
Maine

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Thank you very much for your prompt and gracious response to our letter about the Maine Author Collection. The modest inscription delights and amuses us, but we assure you we are indeed happy to include WINDFALLS on the exhibit shelves.

We appreciate your care in sending us the biographical information. This is just what we wanted.

Good luck to the book; and come in and call when you are in Augusta.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
June 8, 1954

Mr. P. Whitehouse Anderson
Ellsworth
Maine

Dear Mr. Anderson:

In a rather roundabout way, we hear of a Maine book, BUSHED, by a Mr. Anderson, perhaps of Ellsworth. We haven't seen the book yet, but we think it is very likely yours. Are we right?

If we are, may the Maine Author Collection hope for an inscribed copy? You will remember that you very kindly presented WINDFALLS for inclusion in this exhibit collection, and if there is a new book by you, we certainly hope to have it there, too.

When we find more definite information, we shall put it on our order list. Meanwhile, good luck to the book.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collecti
July 13, 1954

Mr. P. Whitehouse Anderson
Ellsworth
Maine

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Congratulations on a fine novel which combines entertainment with not a little information, and which is excitingly developed. We hope that you will be encouraged by its success to bring us more stories of adventure of the Maine woods.

We are happy that the Maine Author Collection may include BUSHED, and we send you our warm thanks for the inscribed gift copy which you sent for this purpose.

It will be noted in the Maine in Print list in the next issue of the Bulletin of the Maine Library Association, which should spread the good word of its availability.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

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