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Ava Harriet Chadbourne Correspondence

Ava Harriet Chadbourne 1875-1964

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CHADBOURNE, Dr. AVA H.

Born at Macwahoc
Dear Mrs. Marion Cobb Fuller,

I am going to write down some statements about myself which you may or may not use in your library bulletin of July. I appreciate very much your speaking of my Readings in the History of Education. I would like very much to have the School Superintendents know about it.

I was born in the little plantation of Macwahoe, where my father's father had gone as a pioneer just before the middle of the 19th Century. My ancestors came early to Maine, in 1631 to be exact, along with the agent of Capt. John Mason and settled in what is now Berwick.

I was educated in Mattawaucusaq elementary schools, Lee Academy, Nichols Latin School, Lewiston.

I had one year at Bates College.

I am a graduate of the Univ. of Maine, 1915-BA.
M.A. Maine 1918; Columbia 1919.
Ph.D. Columbia 1928.

I am a member of honorary scholarly societies.

Phi Beta Kappa
Phi Kappa Phi
Kappa Delta Pi (Ed).

I am a member of Bangor Historical Society, Maine.
Dear Dean of Women and of the
National Council of the Hist. of Ed group of
College Teachers of Ed.

My doctor's thesis is my book, Beginnings of Education
in Maine.

This source book in the readings of Hist. of Ed in Maine
grew out of my own class room need. For the last
few years I have been giving a course here in college-
entitled Hist. of Ed. in Maine. It has been very difficult
for students in a large class to come in contact with
the real authors in Maine history. For, although
our college library is well-equipped with Sullivan,
Williamson etc. the constant handling of these
valuable books has been undesirable for so many
students.

Then too, there is much other supplementary
material so I have made these lists of supplementary
readings as well, as using excerpts from our best
historians.

Last Summer (Fallight) in two Normal Schools for
six weeks each on Maine History. It seems to me there
is a great need of material being made available to
our elementary teachers who are teaching Maine History.

Sincerely yours,

Ann H. Chadbourne
June 2, 1932

Dr. Ava Harriet Chadbourne
University of Maine
Orono, Maine

Dear Dr. Chadbourne:

Thank you for your interesting letter, which I am afraid I have not yet acknowledged. I wish that we had space to print all of it in the Bulletin. It will be kept in our reference files for we find that it is useful to have as much biographical data as possible about Maine persons of interest.

I have already found your book extremely useful and it is out all of the time. I am glad to have an opportunity to mention it in the Bulletin so that it will come to the attention of librarians and teachers. We have a large mailing list.

Evidently I have been negligent for I do not find one of your books in the Maine Author Collection which is an exhibition collection of autographed works of Maine authors. I am sending you a copy of Beginnings of Education in Maine. Will you please autograph and inscribe it for us?

Very truly yours,

MAINE STATE LIBRARY

SIGNED MCF
May 15, 1933

Mrs. Marion Cobb Fuller
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Fuller:

Thank you for sending me the list of Newspapers. I returned them to you a few days ago. I am sending, under another cover, the studies made on Tanneries and Grist Mills. They are not at all exhaustive but are compilations of the material we had here and I find them very helpful in my work. If you care to copy them we shall be glad for you to have the material but I should like you to return these to me.

I probably shall not be over until after commencement for the study of some further topics.

Thank you for your kindness.

Very sincerely yours,

Ava H. Chadbourne
Associate Professor of Education

AHC:D
May 16, 1933

Dr. Ava H. Chadbourne,  
Orono, Maine.  

Dear Dr. Chadbourne:—

The two Problems in Education have just arrived and we are delighted to have them here. I have had time for only a brief examination of them but I can see that they are a very valuable addition to our rather meagre stock of material on the two subjects tanning and grist mills.

Thank you for sending them and for giving us permission to have them copied for our reference files. We will return them as soon as the copying can be done; we shall at once begin work on it.

How are the problems on the history of secondary education in the counties of Maine progressing?

Very sincerely yours,

MAINE STATE LIBRARY  
BY MCF
Mrs. Marion Cobb Fuller
State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Fuller:

I appreciate so much your kindness in talking with Dr. Packard about the thesis I left with him. I need to have it back surely by September 13 when college opens in order to get it before the committee. Will you kindly write me your impression of it the same as you did the other thesis? And when you talk to Dr. Packard you might remind him that I need to have it returned together with his letter the date I have mentioned. I am so anxious to have this printed and I feel very sure that if I can get your recommendation together with Dr. Packard's I can accomplish it. This thesis should be really printed before Miss Anderson's because Mr. Hylan did his a year ago and so he should, if possible, have the first honor.

Thanks for the material on Inns. I will go over it and see what I can find will be valuable to me.

Very sincerely yours,

Ava H. Chadbourne
Associate Professor of Education
April 29, 1937

Dr. Ava H. Chadbourne
University of Maine
Orono, Maine

Dear Dr. Chadbourne:

It is with pleasure that we write this letter to you, to ask if you will be so very kind as to inscribe a copy of your recent book, THE HISTORY OF EDUCATION IN MAINE, for the Maine Author Collection.

The book is a valuable and important contribution to Maine history and literature, and we are of course adding a copy to the general lending section of the library. Please accept our congratulations upon your achievement.

We enclose a return label for your convenience, and will appreciate your sending a bill with the book.

Very truly yours

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Maine State Library,
Augusta, Me.

I am sending under separate cover, a copy of my book which you kindly requested for your author's collection.

I appreciate the honor which you are giving me.

Very sincerely yours,

Ada H. Chadbourne
May 6, 1937

Dr. Ava H. Chadbourne  
University of Maine  
Orono, Maine  

Dear Dr. Chadbourne:

Thank you very much for inscribing the copy of A HISTORY OF EDUCATION IN MAINE for the Maine Author Collection.

It is with a great deal of pleasure and pride that we add this book to the collection.

We are giving the bill for this book our immediate attention, and you should receive a check to cover the amount within two weeks.

Very truly yours

MAINE STATE LIBRARY
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SECRETARY
Dear Dr. Chadbourne:

It is good to know that we may anticipate a book of yours, and we hope that MAINE PLACE NAMES is to be published this season. As soon as we have information as to date and price, we shall add it to our order list immediately.

There is no more fascinating subject, and your research and experience promise us an authoritative work which will be useful for years and years. We need something of this sort, and we suspect that librarians will be enthusiastic. Even the non-student may have a curiosity which will be developed by your information into something more than curiosity. Publication cannot come too soon!

We hope that the Maine Author Collection, toward which you have been kindly disposed previously, may share the glory, and have an inscribed copy for its shelves.

Good luck to the book.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
Miss Ava H. Chadbourne
51 High Street
Bangor, Maine

Nov. 1, 1926

Mrs. F. W. Jacob,
In Charge of Maine
Author Collection
Maine State Library,

Dear Mrs. Jacob,

I am hoping that the copy
of Maine Place Names may be welcome to your Author's Collection even tho' a year later than the date of your letter and that you will find it useful.

Most sincerely yours,

Ava H. Chadbourne.
November 14, 1955

Dr. Ava H. Chadbourne
51 High Street
Bangor, Maine

Dear Dr. Chadbourne:

MAINE PLACE NAMES for the Maine Author Collection has arrived; and it is one of the most satisfying books we have ever had the privilege of including. This will be a standby for years -- forever! -- and we hail its publication with delight and relief.

It is wonderful to have in convenient form all this information, and with an index. How many books of potential reference value are diminished in effectiveness by the omission of an index! We congratulate you on the accumulation of these facts. It meant painstaking work, we know; but we suspect that it was also interesting and rewarding.

We have purchased MAINE PLACE NAMES for the library, of course. It's the kind of book we can't do without. Thank you very much indeed for remembering the Maine Author Collection.

Sincerely yours

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Maine Author Collection