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KNIGHT, ORA WILLIS

b. Bangor, Maine, 1870-
Professor Ora Willis Knight was born in Bangor, Maine in 1870. He married Minnie Gertrude McDonald, August 14, 1899. He was a graduate of Maine State College (University of Maine). Professor Knight was the State Mineralogist when he died, and his collection of birds, insects, flora, and minerals is now at the Smithsonian Institute at Washington.

Mr. John M. Milan  
President-Treasurer  
Charles H. Glass and Company  
144 Exchange Street  
Bangor, Maine

Dear Mr. Milan:

Since we have just acquired a copy of BIRDS OF MAINE, by Ora Willis Knight, for the Maine Author Collection, we are writing to you for some information.

This collection includes books written by Maine persons, or those connected with the state in some way. We are anxious, when we add a book to the collection, to learn all available details about the author.

Our search for biographical material about Mr. Knight has been unsuccessful. Can you tell us if he is living, and if so, what his address is? Perhaps you can send us at least his birth date and name of his birthplace.

We enclose a stamped return envelope, and we will deeply appreciate anything you can do to help us in this matter.

Very truly yours

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Augusta, Maine
Attention Hilda McLeod

In answer to your recent letter re Ora Willis Knight, Prof. Knight was born in Bangor, Maine in 1870, married Minnie Gertrude McDonald, August 14, 1899: he was a graduate of Maine State College (University of Maine); his collection of birds, insects and flora and minerals now at The Smithsonian Institute at Washington. Prof. Knight was state mineralogist when he died. You may be able to find more data in your state records at Augusta or at University of Maine. His book, "Birds of Maine" was published by subscription in a numbered edition at $6.00 per copy.

Trusting the above data is what you want, we remain

Very truly yours

The Chas. H. Glass Co

By John M. [Signature]
December 22, 1937

Mr. John M. Milan, Treasurer
The Charles H. Glass Company
144 Exchange Street
Bangor, Maine

Dear Mr. Milan:

Thank you very much for your letter containing biographical material about Professor Ora Willis Knight. This is just what we want, and we appreciate your kindness in supplying the information.

Very truly yours

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