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Marion B. Stubbs 1888-1967
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LUNT, DUDLEY CAMMETT, 1896

b. Portland, Maine
October 19, 1937

Dudley Cammett Lunt, Esq.
Wilmington
Delaware

Dear Mr. Lunt:

Recently we noticed that you are a member of the bar of Maine, which immediately interests us, for we wonder if you are otherwise connected with Maine: through birth or residence.

Our interest is prompted primarily by the Maine Author Collection, which is an exhibit collection of the books written by Maine people. These authors have either been born here, or have lived here, or have written about the state. Such books are inscribed, and most of them presented, and form a background of Maine literature which is at once fascinating and extremely valuable.

We wonder if we are going to be privileged to include your books in this collection, and for that reason, we enclose a stamped, return envelope. Would you be so kind as to tell us if you were born in Maine, or if you are resident here, for part of the year.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY
October 25, 1937.

Dear Miss McDonald:

I am very glad to give you the following information about myself. I was born in Fair Haven, March 31, 1896 and resided there until 1924. I have generally come to Maine for my vacation in the summer.

Faithfully yours,

[Signature]

Freddy L. Lund
December 14, 1937

Dudley C. Lunt, Esq.
Rockwood
RFD 1
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Mr. Lunt:

Under separate cover we are mailing to you a copy of THE ROAD TO THE LAW, which we hope you will be kind enough to inscribe and return to us. We enclose a return label and sufficient postage.

The Maine Author Collection is not considered complete until the books of all Maine authors are included, and it is with delight that we add your name to our literary roster. We are particularly pleased that the book which makes this possible is such an instructive and interesting one, and we extend to you our best wishes for further literary success.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY
December 21, 1937.

Dear Miss McLeod:

It is gratifying to know that the State of Maine does not
have in its records a person bearing
the same name. I do not need to
inform you that the interest in
received, and so it is with
much pleasure and deep gratification
that I am including and sending
on this copy of my book, The Good
to the donor you so kindly sent me.

Yours faithfully yours,

[Signature]
January 5, 1958

Dudley C. Lunt, Esq.
Rockwood
RFD 2
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Mr. Lunt:

Thank you very much for inscribing the copy of THE ROAD TO THE LAW for the Maine Author Collection.

The book has been in constant use in the general lending section, ever since we added a copy. People have been amazed and fascinated to discover this side of the law, and we have been pleased and proud that it was a Maine man who wrote it.

Please accept our very best wishes for future success and achievements, and we hope that we may add another of your books to the Maine Author Collection.

Very truly yours

MAINE STATE LIBRARY
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SECRETARY
Mrs. Marion B. Stubbs, Librarian
Library of the State of Maine
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Stubbs:

I have a request to make.

I have been informed by the Reverend Alfred G. Hempstead of Rockland, Maine who was the editor of The Northern, a periodical published by The Great Northern Paper Company in the 1920's that bound copies of this magazine were deposited in your library when publication was discontinued. I am very anxious to do some research in these volumes, particularly in the issues of August, 1922 and November, 1927.

I have discussed this with the authorities in the Wilmington Institute Free Library (Miss Braddock) and am informed that they will be glad to make arrangements for an inter-library loan if you are willing to do so. I shall of course, be glad to pay any postage involved and will undertake to examine the volumes in the Library here. Miss Braddock, incidentally, is the assistant to the Librarian, Mr. Harland Carpenter.

You will probably not recall the name of the writer. Sometime in the 1930's I recall a pleasant exchange of letters with you upon the occasion of the publication of my book, The Road to the Law. The upshot was that I sent on a signed copy which you desired for your collection of State of Maine authors --- I was born in Portland and lived there until the 1920's. I'll confess to another book, --- The Bounds of Delaware published here in Wilmington in 1947. If you would like to have a signed copy of this, I should be glad to send one.

Sincerely yours,

Dudley Cammett Lunt

May 25, 1949
May 26, 1949

Mr. Dudley Cammett Lunt
Talley Road
Wilmington 284, Delaware

Dear Mr. Lunt:

As a matter of fact, your name was recalled, and as the envelope was opened, the remark was made: "Do you suppose he has written another book?" We are chagrined to learn that we missed THE BOUNDS OF DELAWARE. We certainly do want an inscribed copy for the Maine Author Collection, and appreciate greatly your thoughtfulness in reminding us that your work in the collection is incomplete without it.

We shall be glad to lend THE NORTHERN, and will send it immediately upon the request of your local library. We do not ask that it be used within the borrowing library. When on loan, our material is subject to the rules of the borrowing library, as long as the date on which it is due back here is observed. We are glad to be able to be of service to you.

It was pleasant to hear from you again. When you are in Maine, do come in and renew acquaintance.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
May 29, 1949.

Dear Mrs. Jacobs:

I have and want to express my appreciation of your kind and cooperative letter. I have spoken to Miss Buddock and understand that she has set in motion an application for an inter-library loan. Meanwhile, I am sending by this post a copy of The Boudels of Delaware for your Maine Author's collection.

Very sincerely yours,

Dudley C. Lunt

Mrs. F.W. Jacobs
The Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine
June 15, 1949

Mr. Dudley Cammett Lunt
Talley Road
Wilmington 284, Delaware

Dear Mr. Lunt:

The Northern volumes went forward two weeks ago, and we hope you have found them entertaining and useful. We discover that volume 5 was not mailed with the others, and we are writing to Mr. Carpenter, explaining the omission, and inquiring as to whether we should mail it now.

The inscribed copy of THE BOUNDS OF DELAWARE was received, and it is with great pleasure that we are adding it to the Maine Author Collection to accompany your other work. It is a most interesting book, and we are somewhat embarrassed that we did not know of it earlier.

Please accept our thanks.

Sincerely yours

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Maine Author Collection