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CATLIN, Esther Trowbridge.

b. Standish, Maine

February 17, 1936

Esther Trowbridge Catlin
South Paris
Maine

Dear Miss Catlin:

We have noticed with pleasure your poems which are included in the recent anthology, MAINE AND VERMONT POETS.

We find that we have no biographical information concerning you in our files, and we would very much appreciate your kindness in assisting us to remedy this lack. Would you send us a brief biographical sketch; we would also like to know what writings have been published.


Please accept our congratulations upon your achievement, and our best wishes for future success.

Very truly yours

Maine State Library

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Secretary

Mrs. Joseph P. Catlin
SOUTH PARIS INN
A Small Inn of Distinction
SOUTH PARIS, MAINE


Miss Hilda McLeod
Sec. Maine State Library
Augusta, Me.

My dear Miss McLeod:

Thank you very much
for your kind letter regarding
my contributions to the Accehology
of Maine & Vermont Poets.

As for a brief biography, I will
reply by saying:

I am very proud of being born
in Maine. My father, Rev.
John Philo Fowbridge, upon

being graduated from Yale
Divinity School, came to Standish
in Cumberland Co. to take up
his first pastorate in the
Congregational Ch. there.

His mother was Clara Hooker
of Mass. & a direct descendant
of "Fighting Joe" Hooker.

I was educated at Woodstock
Acad. at Woodstock, Conn.,
& graduated at Wheaton College
in 1899 which was at that
date Wheaton Seminary.

Married Joseph Priestley Cahill
in 1904. My husband is the
great, great great grandson of
Dr. Joseph Priestley the
renowned English Scientist
who discovered oxygen.

Mrs. Joseph P. Cahill
SOUTH PARIS INN
A Small Inn of Distinction
SOUTH PARIS, MAINE

I have a son Joseph Priestley
Cahill Jr.

I have never published a
book of poems but most of
my poems have appeared
in magazines.

My particular interest at
present, aside from writing, is
owning this home in Maine
which I have converted into
an Inn.

Hoping I may have the pleasure
of meeting you sometime; and
if I am in Augusta I may
give myself the pleasure of

Calling on you a few moments
if you are at liberty.

Yours cordially

Etcher Hooker Foxbridge Collier

(Mrs J. P.)

March the fifth.

March 21, 1936

Mrs. Joseph P. Catlin
South Paris Inn
South Paris, Maine

Dear Mrs. Catlin:

Thank you for your letter containing biographical information. We are filing this data for reference, and very much appreciate your kindness.

We hope that some day you will publish a volume of your poetry, and that the book may find its way to the shelves of the Maine Author Collection. Meanwhile, please accept our very cordial invitation to visit the library and the Collection.

Very truly yours

Maine State Library

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Secretary