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MORRILL, MARGARET (ELWELL)

Mrs. George Burnham Morrill

PORTLAND

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February 22, 1933

Mrs. George Burnham Morrill,
Portland, Maine

Dear Mrs. Morrill;-

We have at the Maine State Library a Maine Author Collection which includes the work of most contemporary writers who are natives of Maine and have lived here during their creative years. All of the books are autographed and most of them have inscriptions. I trust that you will be interested in adding to the collection your recent collection of poems, "Wee Rhymes."

We have in our reference files biographical data about our Maine writers and I hope that when it is convenient you will send us information about yourself and your writings so that we may have it on file here. I have the interesting item about "Wee Rhymes" which appeared in the Portland Sunday Telegram, a short time again.

I shall take pleasure in mentioning "Wee Rhymes" in the next issue of our Library Bulletin. The Bulletin tries to keep in touch with all books about Maine or by Maine writers and publishes in each issue a list, with brief comment, of recent books of Maine interest.

Very truly yours,

MAINE STATE LIBRARY
By MCF

150 VAUGHAN STREET
PORTLAND, MAINE

Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine.

Attention of Marian Cobb Fuller -

Dear Miss Fuller -

I appreciate sincerely your
interest in my "New Playars" and your
request that a copy be placed in your
collection of Maine authors.

The little volume was written as a
Christmas greeting for the many children
that I love and I'm very glad
to send you a copy for the library; but
I feel that my "New Playars" that Abidee
published some years ago would

letters represent my work — as it was
more widely read, and means much
more to me.

If there is a children's department
and you wish them, both, I will be
happy to read them, autographed
and inscribed as you request.

I feel that there is little to say
about myself that would be of interest,
except that I have the good fortune
to be the daughter of Edward H. Edwell,
Author, poet, and editor of the old
Portland Transcript and has written
more or less, in a very limited way,
all my life.

If you would like what little
there is to say, put into form, I
will ask someone to do it and

will wait to hear from you further before sending
"Mrs. Rogers."

Very Cordially

Margaret Eliza Horvill

February 12th 1844.

COPY

May 18, 1933

Mrs. Margaret Elwell Morrill,
150 Vaughn Street,
Portland, Maine.

My dear Mrs. Morrill;

I have kept your letter of several months ago, waiting for the book of verses and now, upon rereading it, I find that I have been guilty of great negligence because you asked me to let you know whether or not we wish your "Wee Rhymes". I do feel very ashamed of my negligence and I hope that you will generously overlook it and send to the library both of your books. We do not have a copy of "Love That Abideth", and I can understand that you might prefer to have that regarded as representative of your work but we should like to have the children's verses, also. The Maine Author Collection is interestingly varied and includes juvenile books as well as books for adults. As I wrote you, it is an exhibition collection and it is very interesting.

When convenient for you to send them, we should like, for our reference files, a few biographical notes. We try to have biographical data about all Maine authors on file here and I believe that nowhere else is there so much biographical information on Maine persons as we have collected here.

(Signed M.C.F.)

Mrs. Maria Cott Fuller -
Augusta, Maine

My dear Mrs. Fuller -

Having been very busy these
past weeks, I have hardly realized
that it was some time ago that
I heard from you in regard
to my "New Playmate".

I am always ready to
understand how delays may
occur with busy people and
take pleasure in waiting to you

forth of my little volumes.

I hesitate to promise any date about myself as time seems to be nothing of interest to me.

I am always proud to be the daughter of Edward Henry Elwell - author and poet and for the greater part of his life the editor of the old "Westland Transcript".

Whatever slight ability I have for writing, I feel must have come from him and have always loved writing more than prose.

May be twenty-second. Very cordially yours,
Margaret Elwell Elwell
(Mrs. George Dunham Elwell)

May 23, 1933

Mrs. George Burnham Morrill,
Wyndambræ,
Windham Hill , Maine.

Dear Mrs. Morrill;-

I have had time for only a glance at your lovely book, Love That Abideth , but I can tell at once that it is a charming thing and I am looking forward to reading it. Thank you for it and for the little book of gay verses for children, both of which we are delighted to have to add to our Maine Author Collection.

I suppose that you are spending these lovely days in your garden. It must be radiantly beautiful now. I wish that I could see it. I know that I shall enjoy reading about it.