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WALLACE, JAMES H.

b. New York State.

December 14, 1937

Mr. James H. Wallace  
c/o The Bradford Press  
12 Monument Square  
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Wallace:

With eager anticipation we read of your recent volume of poems, *THE GALLOWS TREE*, and we look forward to seeing a copy. Please accept our sincere congratulations upon what certainly is an auspicious beginning of a literary career.

You are probably familiar with the Maine Author Collection. Briefly, it is an exhibit collection of books written by persons born in Maine, resident here, or who have chosen Maine as subject matter of background. The books are almost all inscribed presentation copies, and of course this enhances the value, as well as interest. They present a fascinating representation of Maine's contribution to literature, and it is always a welcome moment when we can add a new name to our literary roster.

While we realize, with regret, that we cannot claim you through birth, we do feel that your residence in Maine gives us the claim of "adoption," and we hope that you feel the same way, and will want to inscribe a copy of your book, *THE GALLOWS TREE*, for the Maine Author Collection. Sometime, perhaps you will be so kind as to send us some biographical material for our files.

We assure you that we will be very happy if you make it possible for us to add your book to the Collection.

Very truly yours

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Springvale,  
December 22, 1937.

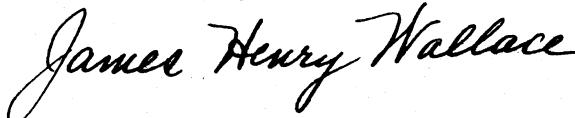
Miss Hilda McLeod, Secretary,  
Maine State Library,  
Augusta, Maine.

My dear Miss McLeod:

Thank you for your very generous words about my little book. Many pleasant contacts with the Maine State Library and the capable and helpful people who work there make me very happy to send you a book for the Maine Author Collection. Just as soon as the holiday rush is over I shall send a book along to you.

With best wishes for a fine Christmas and a successful New Year to the staff of the Maine State Library, I am

Very truly yours,



James Henry Wallace.

JHW/JC.

December 23, 1937

Mr. James H. Wallace  
P. O. Box 6  
Springvale, Maine

Dear Mr. Wallace:

The autographed copy of THE GALLOWS TREE has arrived, and we immediately laid all else aside to browse among its inviting pages. It will bear re-reading, but at once we can see why these poems demanded publication. It is our good fortune to be privileged to add this slender, significant volume of arresting poetry to the Maine Author Collection, and we appreciate your generous gift.

Thank you for your pleasant wishes. We return ours, and with them, expression of the sincere hope that this is only the first of your books, and that we may look forward to further achievements of yours in the world of literature.

Very truly yours

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