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## Atherton B. Furlong Correspondence

Charles Wellington Furlong 1874-1967

Henry Ernest Dunnack 1867-1938

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Atherton Bernard Furlong 1849-1919

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FURLONG, Atherton B.

Born at Green wood, near Norway, Maine, 1849.

Died in Canada, October, 1919.



CHARLES WELLINGTON FURLONG

BOX 222 BACK BAY  
BOSTON, MASS.

January 18, 1924

Mr. Henry E. Dumack,  
State Librarian,  
Augusta, Maine.

My dear Mr. Dumack:

I recently saw an interesting account of you and the splendid work you are doing, in the Christian Science Monitor, and the fact that my father, Ather-ton B. Furlong, was a Maine man, and one of our leading American poets, musicians and painters leads me to write you in regard to his work.

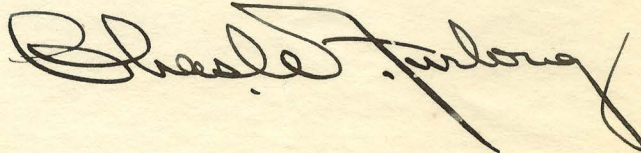
A little over a year ago I was a notice in a Maine paper about a collection of original manuscripts, poems, etc. of Maine men, by some librarian, in Portland I think. I had intended contributing some of my father's original manuscript, and a list, or possibly a volume, of his poems, published some years ago, entitled "Echoes of Memory". However, I lost this clipping, but gathered from it that there was an attempt being made to gather together the writings of importance by sons of Maine. Possibly you can inform me regarding this.

Because of my father's love for his native State, my brother and I had him laid at rest in South Paris, Maine, not far from his old homestead in Greenwood. If you are interested to know something of his work, I would refer you to "Who's Who in America", 1916-1917.

I should be interested to know of any work you are doing along these lines to collect data of the kind above mentioned, and to cooperate with you so far as my father's work is concerned, if desired.

Sincerely yours,

CWF/VS





January 21, 1924

My dear Mr. Furlong:-

I was greatly interested in your reference to the collection we are making in the State library of Maine authors.

I enclose a letter which will give you some definite information concerning this particular work and I assure you that we will be very glad to receive a copy of everything your father wrote and the manuscripts if possible.

Some day I hope to have a special room in the Maine State Library for these books.

If you can send me a photograph of your father and photographs of his birth-place, old home, etc., this will add greatly to the value of the collection. Also send me all the biographical material you possibly can.

Our object in making this collection is, first, to do honor to the sons and daughters of Maine, second, to enrich the State Library with the priceless documents of her own children, third, I am very anxious to have in the state at least one place where anyone can go and find accurate information concerning the distinguished sons and daughters of Maine.

I am very sure we will esteem it a great favor as well as an honor if you will cooperate with us in collecting your father's work for the State Library.

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the Maine book. This book has no historical value, in fact, very little value of any sort except as a handbook of reference. However, it may be of some interest to you. I am,

Sincerely yours,

Henry E. Dunnack  
Librarian

Charles W. Furlong  
Boston  
Mass.

July 26, 1926.

Charles W. Furlong  
Box 222 Back Bay  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Furlong:

Under date of January 18th you wrote me a letter concerning your interest in our Maine Collection in relation to your father's works. Under date of January 21st I wrote you in detail in regard to this collection. My files do not reveal any further correspondence and I should be very glad to know if there are any items that you could add to our list.

Very truly yours,

HED/T

Henry E. Dunnack,  
State Librarian.



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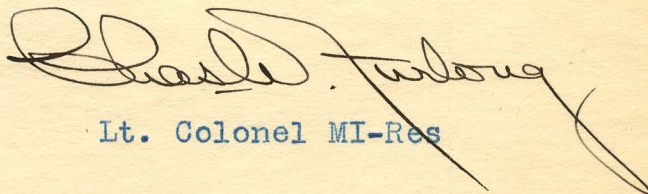
My dear Mr. Dunnack:

You naturally may wonder why you have never received an answer in reply to your letter of July 23 last. The reason is that I have been away in South America for nearly a year, seven months of which I served with General Pershing and General Lassiter as a member of the Plebiscitary Commission, Tacna-Arica Arbitration.

I have no record, however, of ever having received your letter of June 21 in which you wrote me in detail in regard to the collection you are undertaking of writings and poetry of Maine men. Could you favor me with a copy of this letter if you have such?

Just as soon as I can catch up with the immense amount of correspondence that is piled up I will send you some data and if possible a copy of some of my father's poems. His published volume is entitled "Echoes of Memory" and is now very hard to obtain; but I believe I have a duplicate copy and I know of no place that it has a better right to be deposited than in his own State.

Sincerely yours,

  
Lt. Colonel MI-Res

CWF-R

*P.S. I wonder if you know of any records relating to the Furlongs in your library. Some were quite prominent in the early history of Maine and the Revolutionary and Civil Wars?*



