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UPTON, John
b. Melrose, Mass., 1897
Dear Mr. Upton:

It is good news to know that we can look forward to seeing your book, *THE ART OF WOOD CARVING*, soon. This is the kind of book for which we have constant use, and we welcome one so clearly written and well illustrated as this promises to be.

Now that you are living in Maine, we wonder whether we may claim you as a Maine author? Perhaps you already know of the permanent exhibit of books written by Maine people, and books about Maine. It is called the Maine Author Collection, and numbers nearly three thousand volumes at present. Most of the books are inscribed presentation copies, the inscriptions lending a particular distinction to an outstanding collection which attracts visitors and students the year round.

We also gather biographical and critical material, trying to have as much information as possible about our authors.

We hope that you may want to inscribe a copy of *THE ART OF WOOD CARVING* for the collection. It would be a proud addition.

Please accept our warm wishes for the success of the book.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
John Upton  
Broad Cove 
Star Route -- Waldoboro, Maine

11 Dec. 1958

Maine State Library  
Augusta, Maine

Attention, Mrs F.W. Jacobs

Dear Mrs Jacobs,

I have enclosed this letter with an inscribed book, "The Art of Woodcarving" which I had the great pleasure of writing at the request of the publishers last winter. This is sent as a part of the exhibit of books termed the "Maine Author's Collection" and I hope that it will be of some interest to the users of your collection.

Having lived here in Maine now for the past twelve years I dare be so bold as to say that I consider myself a Maine Author (of small part) but there seems to be some question whether or not a person born outside the geographical limits of Maine can so state. I leave that to your better judgement.

Certain biographical information about me is given on the dust jacket of this book, if it is not enough for your records, please let me know and I will give you further data, such as might be of interest to others.

Thank you for letting me know about this "Author's Collection" it is a great pleasure for me to be able to add my small effort to it. Also, for your kind wishes for the success of the book.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Mr. John Upton
Broad Cove
Star Route
Waldoboro, Maine

Dear Mr. Upton:

Thank you very much for inscribing and presenting a copy of your beautiful and practical book, THE ART OF WOOD CARVING, to the Maine Author Collection.

Our ordered copy has not yet come, so this was our first opportunity to see the book, and we are enthusiastic about it, and of course about the lovely carved pieces in the illustrations. What a satisfying pursuit this must be!

We welcome its addition to the collection, and we are delighted to be able to include you with the other Maine authors. Please accept our good wishes for the success, not only of your book, but also of your carving.

Merry Christmas!

Sincerely yours

hmj

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