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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

hm Secretary
Mrs. Hilda McLeod
Asst. Maine State Library
Augusta, Me.

My dear Mrs. McLeod,—

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

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

James Ownes proud of being born in Maine. They called, Rev. John Philo Townsbridge, upon
being graduated from Yale Divinity School, came to Plandish in Cumberland Co. to take up his first pastorate in the Congregational Church there. My mother was Clara Hooker of Mars, a direct descendant of "Lightsey's " Hooker. I was educated at Woodstock Acad. at Woodstock, Conn., and graduated at Wheaton College in 1899 which was at that date Wheaton Seminary. Married Joseph Priestley Catlin in 1904. My husband is the great, great, great grandson of Dr. Joseph Priestley, the famous English scientist who discovered oxygen.

I have a son, Joseph Priestley Catlin, 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 for a few moments
if you are at liberty.

Yours cordially

Ester Hooker Towbridge Cathie
(Mrs F. P.)

March 18th 1915.
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

Secretary