MITCHELL, Fred M.

West Gouldsboro, May 14, 1882-
Fred M. Mitchell was born in West Gouldsboro, Maine, and spent the first part of his life in that town and in Columbia and Bar Harbor, Maine.

At an early age he discovered that he could express his feelings more clearly in poetry than he could express them orally and soon he was being called upon to write poems for all occasions: poems of felicitation, sympathy, school songs and poems of all kinds.

He has been a teacher for over forty years, has spent nearly four years on the New York stage, was on radio as an entertainer for seven years, in Hollywood, Los Angeles and Beverly Hills, California, and has tried his hand at ranching in Arizona and chicken raising in Maine.

He is soon to retire to his farm in Cherryfield, Maine, where he hopes to write poems and short stories, or as he expresses it, "write something worth while."

From jacket of book
March 14, 1946

Mr. Fred M. Mitchell
C/O Dorrance & Co., Inc.
Drexel Building
Fifth and Chestnut Streets
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

It is always a pleasure to notice a new Maine book, especially when the author is also of Maine. The title of your book, FROM UP IN MAINE, has an inviting flavor, and we look forward to seeing it.

We order, for lending, non-fiction by Maine authors; but we write at present regarding the Maine Author Collection. Possibly you know of this permanent exhibit, inscribed presentation copies of works by Maine people. All kinds of books are represented here -- children's stories, history, poetry, science, religion, even cook books! The inscriptions lend distinction and originality to the exhibit, which attracts visitors and students throughout the year. It is the only place where all the works of all Maine authors are gathered together and permanently preserved, together with all available biographical and critical data.

We hope that you will want to inscribe and present a copy of FROM UP IN MAINE to the collection. It would be a most fitting and prized addition. You have our very good wishes for the warm reception of the book, and a cordial invitation to call at the library and see the Maine Author Collection when you are in Augusta.

Sincerely yours

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In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
1805 North St.
Santa Monica, Calif
March 25, 1946

Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 14, and I consider it an honor to be allowed to place my book among those of your Maine Author Collection.

The inscribed copy will be forwarded under separate cover at an early date and it gives me a great deal of pleasure to know that you think it worthy to be included in your collection of such noted authors.

Thank you for the privilege.

Sincerely,

Fred W. Mitchell

Re: "From Up In Maine"
Mr. Fred M. Mitchell  
1808 Ninth Street  
Santa Monica, California  

Dear Mr. Mitchell:  

Thank you for your friendly letter and for the delightfully inscribed copy of FROM UP IN MAINE, which we are adding to the Maine Author Collection with pleasure. These informal, sympathetic verses have an individual charm which we should think appealing to many readers. We appreciate the interest you have shown in this collection, and hope that you will see it when you are again in Maine.

We seem to have definite information about you with one exception: we have no record of your birthdate. If you would be so kind as to send us this data at your convenience, it would make our biographical file more complete.

You have our warm wishes for the success of FROM UP IN MAINE -- and we hope that's where you will be soon!

Sincerely yours

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In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection
Gouldsboro Native Writes Book Of Poems

Fred M. Mitchell, native of Gouldsboro, is the author of a book of poetry published last week by Dorrance & Co., of Philadelphia, under the title "From Up In Maine."

Mitchell was born in West Gouldsboro and spent most of his early life there and in Columbia and Bar Harbor. He has been a teacher for the past forty years and spent nearly four years on the New York stage. He has also been a radio entertainer in California.

The book is comprised of more than 100 poems of the Maine people and communities. It has been published as a part of Dorrance's Contemporary Poets series.

Maine Man Has Boof^ Of Poems

Maine Man Has Book Of Poems Published DEC 26 1945

A book of poems "From Up in Maine" has been published by Fred M. Mitchell which tells of real happenings to real people in Maine. His work shows careful study and perfect understanding of the people of the Pine Tree state.

Mr. Mitchell was born at West Gouldsboro and he has also lived at Columbia and Bar Harbor. At an early age he realized he could express his feelings through the medium of verse and has been doing so for many years.

He spent nearly 40 years as a teacher, has been on the New York stage for four years, and seven as an entertainer in Hollywood, Los Angeles, and Beverly Hills, and has also tried his hand at ranching in Arizona. He plans soon to retire to his farm in Cherryfield and continue his writing.
for ninth st.
Santa Monica, Calif.
April 16, 1946

Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

I suppose I may as well break down and tell you my age. Our Family Bible (if we had one) would show that I was born on May 14, 1882.

I hope this may complete your Biographical record and I also hope to see your Maine Author Collection soon.

Thanks for adding my Book to your Collection.

Respectfully,
Fred M. Mitchell
April 25, 1946

Mr. Fred M. Mitchell  
1808 Ninth Street  
Santa Monica, California  

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Thank you very much indeed for filling in the biographical gap. This is one of the penalties of fame -- we hope it wasn't too painful! The news that you may call on us soon is pleasant, and we look forward to your visit. May you have good weather for the trip.

Sincerely yours

hmj  
In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection