

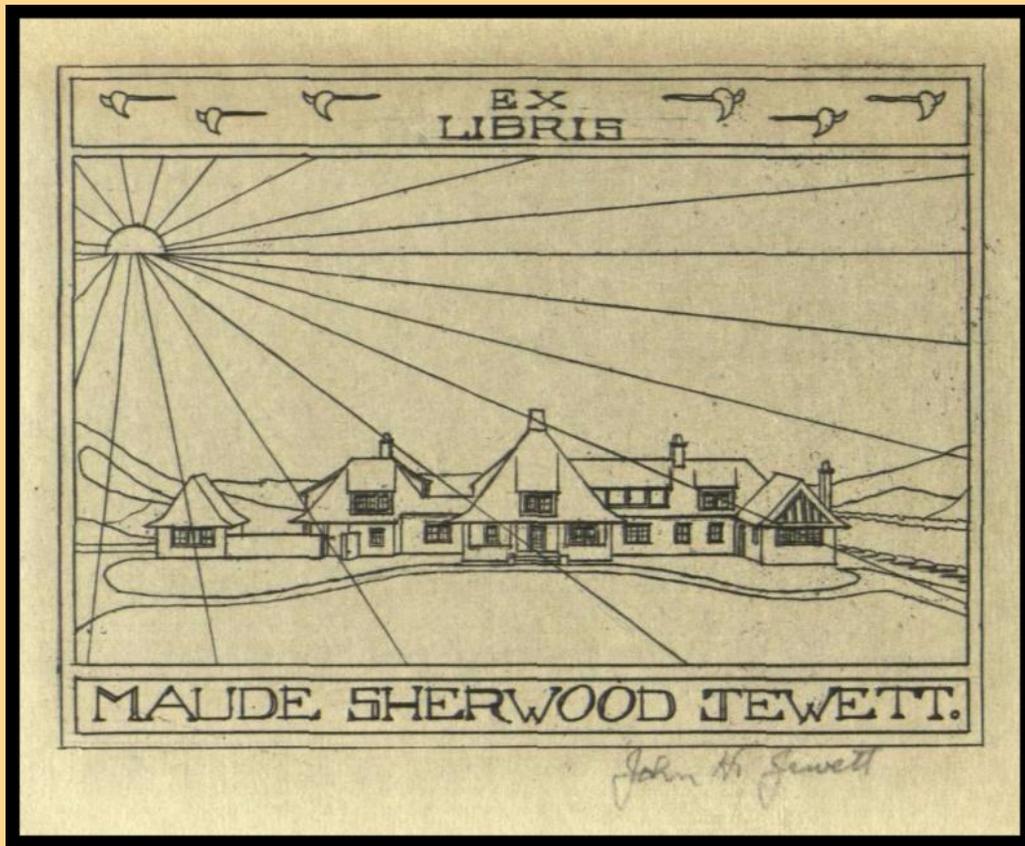


## Item of the Week *from the* Long Island Collection

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### **"Ex Libris/Maude Sherwood Jewett" by John H. Jewett**

Can you remember the first time you officially assigned ownership to something? Perhaps you signed your name on a doodle you made of the family dog or wrote it on your favorite football (to make it clear, in no uncertain terms, that it was yours). However, most would probably recall writing their name inside a cherished book. In this regard, nothing is more official than a bookplate, which is simply a label, sometimes decorative, pasted inside a book to show ownership. Bookplates may appear antiquated to some today, but they serve a purpose in that they not only indicate ownership, but provenance (meaning origin). The above bookplate was designed by John Howard Jewett (1902-1986) for his mother Maude Sherwood Jewett (1873-1953), most likely in the 1930's. Mrs. Jewett was an American sculptress best known for her beautiful bronze sculptures, fountains, and sundials. She lived on Apaquogue Road in East Hampton and the bookplate itself displays her home and studio, known as "The Inkpot." The Jewetts purchased the house in 1912 and named it "The Inkpot" due to its apparent shape. Mrs. Jewett built her studio there and it later became a gathering place for local artists for a series of decades.

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