

Gourgen Mahari (1903-1969)

The house museum of poet and novelist Gourgen Mahari is on the fourth floor of Building #3 on Kassian Street in Yerevan. This is the apartment he returned to in the early 1950's from his imprisonment in Siberia. The door of the apartment still bears his name.



The collection has a large number of books in English, Russian, Lithuanian and Armenian; photos, including one of Mahari and William Saroyan; as well as paintings and memorabilia. Also among the collection is Mahari's application addressed to the Ministry of the Interior where he asks that his notebooks of poetry confiscated by the police while in a Yerevan prison, be returned to him because he considered them his best works.

A painting by Ashot Sanamian shows the cabin he lived in while in exile in Siberia. The inscription says: 'In this house Gourgen Mahari lived and wrote *Eritasardutyán Semin* (On the Threshold of Youth).



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