

Collection Summary

ID Number: CS 574

Title: Thoreau Society

Extent: 6 Folder(s)

Span Dates: 1979-2018

Language: English

Geographic Location: Concord, Massachusetts

Abstract: This collection consists of newsletters, events, and booklists.

Historical Notes: A major collective effort came in July of 1941, when a mixed group of academics and enthusiasts joined forces to found the Thoreau Society, which is today the oldest and largest single-author society in the United States. Since its founding, members of the society have come together once a year in Concord to discuss Thoreau's ideas and their lasting importance, as earlier Concordians did. In addition to the gatherings, the society has published occasional books and pamphlets written by its members, augmenting the written record that continues in its two periodical publications (The Thoreau Society Bulletin and The Concord Saunterer). This record celebrates and enlarges our understanding of Thoreau's legacy and of the world he inhabited. From the first days of the Thoreau Society, the organization's members have devoted themselves to the exploration and preservation of knowledge of the Thoreauvian landscape through the active collection of documentation. Founding members such as academics Walter Harding and Raymond Adams (who taught at the State University of New York at Geneseo and the University of North Carolina, respectively) and local historians and Concord residents Ruth Robinson Wheeler and Allen French all gathered research materials about Thoreau's world and made sure that information within was transmitted to those who had need for or interest in it. As part of the collections of the Thoreau Society and of the William Munroe Special Collections, the materials that these and other Thoreauvians assembled, including manuscripts, printed items, photographs, and ephemera, continue to promote the passage of landscape information from one person to another. The Thoreau Society has more than once actively sought to preserve the pond and woods that Thoreau made famous.

Sources: [Thoreau Society](#)

Selected Search Terms

Subjects: Thoreau, Henry David, 1817-1862; Thoreau Society; Learned institutions and societies; Research institutes; Concord (Mass.)

Administrative Information

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