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FOREWORD

Prominent Thoreau scholar Walter Harding was a member of SUNY Geneseo's English faculty from 1956 through his retirement in 1983. Dr. Harding was a frequent user of Milne Library, visiting regularly to update his ongoing Thoreau bibliography by consulting our print indexes and their high tech successors such as computer-output microform indexes, CD-ROM indexes, and online computer indexes, all of which he mastered to a much greater extent than he felt he had. Dr. Harding was one of my favorite library users, and he posed many challenging reference questions.

During one of Dr. Harding's regular library visits, I mentioned to him that we had his complete works in our College Archives Collection, which includes copies of faculty members' publications. With a twinkle in his eye, he said, "Oh, you don't have my complete works." I admit that I didn't quite believe him. Working on this bibliography has given me a real appreciation of the twinkle and the truth of his remark!

After Dr. Harding's death, his wife Marjorie asked if we would like to make copies of his published articles, chapters, and unpublished typescripts and lectures before they were sent to the Thoreau Institute. Although I suspected our holdings were fairly complete, I gratefully accepted her kind offer. For the next few months, either Mrs. Harding or her son Allen brought boxes of documents to the library and picked them up after I had copied them.

I began the project by creating a database listing articles we already owned; checking this list would keep me from copying things that were already in our collections. I quickly discovered that although we owned nearly all of Walter Harding's published books, our collection of his articles consisted primarily of book reviews and articles published before he joined Geneseo's faculty, leaving major gaps in our holdings. I created another database listing items as I copied them.

The copying project took the better part of a summer, and greatly expanded our collection of brief works written by Walter Harding. My collection-building efforts were again greatly facilitated by Marjorie Harding, who compiled a bibliography of Dr. Harding's Thoreau Society Bulletin articles, most of which were not included in our collection or in the boxes of materials we borrowed. We copied these articles from Milne Library's holdings of the Bulletin and added them to the collection. However, I decided not to copy or list in this bibliography Dr. Harding's "Additions to the Thoreau Bibliography," which appeared in nearly every issue of the Bulletin, or his later recurring feature, "Current Thoreau Literature."

In the continuing effort to complete our holdings, I searched the online MLA International Bibliography by author, identified additional articles by Harding, and tried to fill gaps in our holdings by using interlibrary loan to obtain copies of items we lacked. I then decided to supplement our collection by copying as many articles and other publications as I could find about Dr. Harding, including reviews of his many books. The entire project resulted in our collection growing from two large boxes containing brief works by Dr. Harding to four boxes of his brief works and one box of articles about him. In addition to these boxes, we have more than two shelves holding Dr. Harding's book-length publications and books containing chapters written by Dr. Harding.
In spite of this project, our collection of Walter Harding's works is still incomplete! There were a few cited articles that we were unable to track down through interlibrary loan, and I am sure that we have only a partial collection of translations of Dr. Harding's works. Also, we were unable to locate several cited items in our Virginia Quarterly Review volumes, many of which seem to lack sections that appeared in other volumes; since our citations lacked page numbers, we did not try to obtain the items through interlibrary loan. Thus, Dr. Harding's remark about our collection's incomplete nature is still accurate.

Organizing the materials in our collection and in this bibliography posed many challenges. The biggest problem was the incomplete nature of some of the citations. Most of the items in Walter Harding's personal collection were carefully organized and included full bibliographic citations. A few of the scholarly articles lacked some bibliographic information, and I completed as many citations as possible. The biggest problem was the more than four hundred book reviews, published primarily in the Chicago Tribune and the Richmond News Leader. Most of these lacked page numbers, and a few had incomplete dates. Providing the complete citations for every review would have required many interlibrary loan requests for microfilms of these newspapers and the time-consuming task of searching for hundreds of reviews. I decided that some of the citations in the bibliography would remain incomplete, which certainly goes against a librarian's standards regarding bibliographic precision.

The materials listed in the bibliography are located in four places in Milne Library: the College Archives Collection, a noncirculating collection devoted to the College's history and including faculty publications (call numbers beginning with archive); our special collections room's Walter Harding Collection, formed in the mid-1980s and including material relating to Thoreau and transcendentalism as well as selected works by and about Dr. Harding (call numbers beginning with X); the reference collection (call numbers beginning with ref), and the main circulating collection. All of the College Archives and X collection items listed are noncirculating.

In completing this project, I gratefully acknowledge the following people: Marjorie Harding for her generosity in lending us her husband's publications for copying and for her helpful bibliography of his contributions to the Thoreau Society Bulletin; Allen Harding for transporting boxes of publications to and from the library and for suggestions on the bibliography's organization; and Harriet Sleggs, Milne Library's Interlibrary Loan Manager, for patiently and diligently handling my many interlibrary loan requests.
Books, Pamphlets, and Thoreau Society Booklets Written or Edited by Walter Harding


---. *Emerson's Library*. Charlottesville: Published for the Bibliographical Society of the University of Virginia by the University Press of Virginia, 1967. (archive LD 3840 G48 H3746)


Articles and Book Chapters Written or Edited by Walter Harding

Unless otherwise noted, all items are in the Brief Works boxes located at archive LD 3840 G48 H37.

Education in Community. Rural Cooperative Community Conference Pamphlet no. 1. New City, NY: Rural Cooperative Community Conference, 1943. [Walter Harding is one of the discussion participants whose remarks constitute the text.]


---. "Calling All Youth." *Youth Counselor* 7.3 (March 1942): n. pag.


---. "Delugeous or Detergeous or ?" *Thoreau Society Bulletin* 101 (1967): 5.

---. "Delugeous or Detergeous or ?" *CEAA Newsletter* 1 (Mar. 1968): 5 - 6.


---. "Henry Thoreau and Ellen Sewall." *South Atlantic Quarterly* 64.1 (1965): 100 - 109. (also at X PS 3053 H319 1965)


---. "The History of Massachusetts Bay." *Bridgewater Independent* 1930 (exact date unknown): page unknown. [Harding note: Awarded first prize at Junior High School in American Legion Essay Contest.]


---. "A Late Revision in Thoreau's 'Walden.'" *Bibliographical Society of the University of Virginia. Secretary's Newsheet* 25 (Nov. 1952): 3.


[Harding note: This was written at the request of Miss Ames, the Head Librarian of the Bridgewater Public Library to go with a series of library advertising articles written by local people.]


---. "Thank you Miss O'Hara." *Intuitions* 1 (Summer 1986): 7 - 12.


---. "Thoreau and Kate Brady." *American Literature* 36 (1964): 347 - 349. (also at X PS 3053 H353 1964)


---. "Thoreau at the Oneida Community. . . ." *Thoreau Society Bulletin* 115 (1971): 3 - 5. [Article is not signed or initialed; M.L.A.'s annual bibliography attributes it to Harding.]


Periodicals Edited by Walter Harding


_Thoreau Society Bulletin._ 1941 - 1991. (X PS 3053 A23) [Most issues through the early 1990s included Walter Harding's regular feature, "Additions to the Thoreau Bibliography." Many issues also included his "Current Thoreau Literature," which provided in-depth commentary on selected works. These regular contributions are not listed individually in the section of this bibliography listing Walter Harding's articles.]

Book Reviews Written by Walter Harding

Since many of the reviews cover more than one book or are lists of best books, the citations in this section are arranged chronologically rather than following the MLA rule for arranging book reviews.

Nearly all of the citations are based on Walter Harding's handwritten notations or on notes attached to reviews by _Richmond News Leader_ staff. In several cases, the handwritten notes include the month and year with a question mark for the date; these date notations are used in this bibliography.

Nearly all of the book reviews lack page numbers. Because of the large number, providing complete citations was beyond the scope of this project.

All items are in the Brief Works boxes located at archive LD 3840 G48 H37.


---. "No Style, No Wit, Nothing -- It Must be Art." Rev. of *Mother and Son*, by Ivy Compton-Burnett. *Chicago Tribune* 8 May 1955: page unknown.


---. "It's English -- and Universal." Rev. of Village School, by "Miss Read." Chicago Tribune 9 Sept. 1956: page unknown.


---. "Illustrated Doggerel." Rev. of Not Far From the Jungle, by Abner Dean. Richmond News Leader 13 Sept. 1956: page unknown.


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---. Rev. of Storm in the Village, by "Miss Read." Chicago Tribune 8 Mar. 1959: page unknown.

---. "Van Doren Family Life Gay, Amusing." Rev. of The Professor and I, by Dorothy Van Doren. Richmond News Leader 13 May 1959: page unknown.


---. "'Miss Read's' Readers will Read -- Perhaps Re-Read." Rev. of Fresh From the Country, by "Miss Read." Chicago Tribune 16 Apr. 1961: page unknown.


---. "A Colorful Minor Figure in U. S. History." Rev. of *Her Name Was Sojourner Truth*, by Hertha Pauli. *Chicago Tribune* 13 May 1962: page unknown.


---. "Crossed Poison Pens." Rev. of The Fine Art of Literary Mayhem, by Myrick Land. Chicago Tribune 6 Jun. (?) 1963: page unknown. [Handwritten date is unclear; may be Jun. or Jan.]


---. Rev. of The Day They Shook the Plum Tree, by Arthur H. Lewis. Chicago Tribune 14 July 1963: page unknown.


Lectures, Papers, and Sermons Presented by Walter Harding

Unless otherwise noted, all items are in the Brief Works boxes located at archive LD 3840 G48 H37.


---. "Civilized Disobedience." All-College Academic Convocation. State University of New York College at Geneseo. 1968. (also at archive LD 3840 G48 H3735)


---. "In Search of Henry Thoreau." n.d. [Harding note: "Was first written as the Abernethy Lecture delivered at Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont, as "Adventures of a Literary Detective" on [date left blank]. It was the most frequently repeated of all my lectures, delivered at points as far apart as the University of Alaska in Fairbanks and an elderhostel in Volcano, Hawaii, and never delivered twice the same. I varied the text, delivering it from brief note cards, to suit the time and the audience, dropping and adding anecdotes as it seemed appropriate. In this version of the text I have tried to include most or all of the tales I have ever used, so it is a much longer version than ever got delivered from the lecture platform."]


---. "Reading Walden Closely." Undated Lecture.


---. "Thoreau and the Caterpillar Clergy." Undated Lecture.


Translations or Adaptations of Works by Walter Harding

In some cases, the translator's name does not appear in the original but is provided in Walter Harding's note. All items are in the Brief Works boxes located at archive LD 3840 G48 H37.


**Typescripts of Works by Walter Harding**

This section includes typescripts of both published and unpublished works, unpublished correspondence, and academic materials such as term papers and theses. Unless otherwise noted, all items are in the Brief Works boxes located at archive LD 3840 G48 H37.

---. "The Apple-Tree Table Again." n.d.
---. "The Apple-Tree Table Legends of Herman Melville and Henry David Thoreau." n.d.
---. "A Bee-Line with Thoreau." n.d.
---. "A Checklist of Thoreau's *Lectures*." n.d.
---. "Five Ways of Looking at Walden." n.d.
---. "A Harvest of Fact From Thoreau's Universe." Copy of typescript for submission to *Virginia Quarterly Review*. n.d.
---. "The Influence of Thoreau's 'Civil Disobedience.'" n.d.
---. Introduction to *Discovery at Walden*, by Roland Robbins. n.d.

---. Introduction to Thoreau section of Foerster et al. anthology of American literature. n.d.


---. "Miltonic References in the Writings of Thoreau." A Paper for English 125. 2 Aug. 1940.


---. "On Teaching *Walden*." Written for *Emerson Society Quarterly*. n.d.


---. "Thoreau and Sir Walter Raleigh." n.d.

---. "Thoreau and the Backyard Wilderness." n.d. [Harding note: "Unpublished. Much of this later used in 'In Wildness is the Preservation of the World.'"]

---. "Thoreau and Timothy Dwight." n.d.


---. "Thoreau and Walt Whitman." A Paper for English 284. 10 July 1940.

---. "Thoreau as an Artist." n.d.


---. "Thoreau's Civil Disobedience." n.d.

---. "The Thoreaus in the 1850 and 1860 Censuses." n.d. [Harding note: "copy for TRN 2."]

---. "Thoreau's Journey to the West: The Letters of Horace Mann, Junior." n.d.

---. "Thoreau's Notes on the Botany of the Middle West in 1861." n.d.


---. "Visiting Concord." Original text for Richard Schneider's Approaches to Teaching Walden. n.d. [The article was not published in the book.]


Publishers' Galleys, Page Proofs, etc. of Works by Walter Harding

Unless otherwise noted, all items are in the Brief Works boxes located at archive LD 3840 G48 H37.


Instructor's Index for *Thoreau: Man of Concord*. Proof with Walter Harding's notes. n.d.


Curricular Materials Developed or Coordinated by Walter Harding; Programs and Flyers


---. "Concord Summer Seminars 1975." Photocopy of brochure, 1975 (archive LD 3840 G48 H37)

---. Concord Summer Seminars, 26 June - 15 July and 17 July - 4 Aug. Flyer, year unspecified. (archive LD 3840 G48 H37)

---. Concord Summer Sessions, 28 June - 16 July and 19 July - 6 Aug. Flyer, year unspecified. (archive LD 3840 G48 H37)


"Teach Science Mathematics English Social Studies Grades 7, 8, 9." Geneseo, NY: State University of New York Teachers College, [1957]. (archive LD 3840 G48 H37)

"Writers Who Changed America." Program, Western Reserve University, Division of General Studies and the American Studies Program. 8 Mar. 1965. (archive LD 3840 G418 H37)

Materials from Walter Harding's Japan Lecture Tour, 1964

All items are located at archive LD 3840 G418 H37.


Final Schedule for Prof. Walter Harding in Sapporo. 25 Nov. 1964.


Prof. Walter Harding - Tokyo - Yokohama Itinerary. n.d.


Travel Itinerary for Prof. Walter Harding, Tokyo - Kanazawa - Nagoya - Niigata - Sendai - Sapporo - Tokyo. n.d.

United States Government (Department of State) Grant Authorization to Walter Harding. 6 Oct. 1964.

Works Published in Honor of Walter Harding


Materials About Walter Harding

Unless otherwise noted, all items are at archive LD 3840 G418 H37.


"Teacher Writes." Newspaper article, source not noted, c. Jan. 1965. [Copy of clipping provided to Harding by SUNY Geneseo Office of Public Information.]


**Reviews of Works by Walter Harding**

All items are at archive LD 3840 G418 H37, where reviews are organized by title of the book being reviewed. Some of the reviews are brief annotations rather than in-depth critical reviews.


[Ball, Lewis F.] Rev. of *Thoreau: A Century of Criticism,* ed. Walter Harding. Richmond Times Dispatch 13 Mar. 1955: 5. [Review is unsigned; author's name is from Harding's note.]


Cameron, Kenneth. Rev. of The Days of Henry Thoreau, by Walter Harding. Emerson Society Quarterly 43 (1966): 98. [review is unsigned; author’s name is from Harding’s note.]


Hough, Henry. Rev. of *A Thoreau Profile*, by Milton Meltzer and Walter Harding. *Vineyard Gazette* 28 Dec. 1962: page unknown. [Review is unsigned; author's name is from Harding's note.]


Ross, Harlow. "Thoreau is Seen His Worst Foe." Rev. of *The Days of Henry Thoreau*, by Walter Harding. From an unknown newspaper, possibly from Minneapolis, date and page unknown.


---. Rev. of Thoreau, Man of Concord, by Walter Harding. *Thoreau Society Bulletin* 74 (1961): 6. [Folder also includes typescript mistakenly identified as being for *Bulletin* 73, 1960.]


Publishers' Flyers for Works by Walter Harding

All items are filed at archive LD 3840 G418 H37.


Publisher's flyer and order form for An Essay on Transcendentalism, ed. and with intro. by Walter Harding. Scholars' Facsimiles and Reprints, n.d.


Publisher's flyer including *Essays on Education*, by Bronson Alcott with an intro. by Walter Harding. Scholars' Facsimiles and Reprints, 3 Apr. 1959.


"Thoreauviana from Twayne." Publisher's announcement for *Variorum Walden*. Twayne Publishers, n.d.

"To the Order Librarian." Flyer on eight books, including *Essays on Education*, by Bronson Alcott, ed. and with intro. by Walter Harding. Scholars’ Facsimiles and Reprints, 3 Apr. 1959.
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Captioned photograph of Walter Harding receiving a citation from the State University Research Foundation. Compass (SUNY Geneseo) 9 Feb. 1984: 2.


“Harding First SUNY Faculty Member to Receive Honorary Degree Nod.” Compass (SUNY Geneseo) 26 Jan. 1984: 1.


