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REV. MILTON E. DETTERLINE COLLECTION

A GUIDE TO THE COLLECTION

Rev. Milton E. Detterline at his headstone, engraved with a paraphrased Thoreau quote: Surely joy can be the condition of life.

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Creator: Rev. Milton E. Detterline (1929-2010)
Title: Rev. Milton E. Detterline Collection
Extent: 2 linear feet (2 banker boxes), 3 oversized folders.
Abstract: This collection consists of material from Detterline's lifelong devotion to Henry David Thoreau.
Access and Use: This collection is open to the public.
Language: Materials are entirely in English.
Source of Acquisition: The Family of Rev. Milton E. Detterline

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Collection Description

Biographical Note

A lifelong member of the Thoreau Society and a world traveler, Detterline visited Walden Pond multiple times for revitalization. He accumulated an impressive collection of books by and about Thoreau, as well as other ephemera, including *Euell Gibbons is Henry David Thoreau*, a record album for which he wrote the script, and a copy of *Walden* inscribed by William Lloyd Garrison.

While serving at St. John United Church of Christ (UCC), Tamaqua (1961-1969), he published *Tamaqua Tales* (1968). He became a guest preacher at St. Peter UCC in Pottstown, PA, in 1972 and became affectionately known as "Rev. Milt."

Detterline's family established the Rev. Milton E. Detterline Collection after his death. This collection of Thoreau-related books and papers is but a small monument to the memory of a devoted father, grandfather, preacher, and Thoreauvian scholar. Detterline's headstone is engraved with a paraphrased Thoreau quote: Surely joy can be the condition of life.

The Walden Woods Project is grateful to Rev. Milt's sons, James, Jon and Peter, for their generosity in donating their father's Thoreau collection to our library, and making the Rev. Milton E. Detterline Collection available in perpetuity for the use of future scholars and enthusiasts.

Scope and Content
Rev. Milton Detterline Collection includes Thoreau-related books, newspaper clippings, event information, ephemera, mixed media, personal writings, an unfinished manuscript, Thoreau Society newsletters, and event programs. Highlights include the notable "The 170th Birthday of Henry David Thoreau: A Tribute" (created by Detterline), Detterline's personal library list, a collaborative album with Euell Theophilus Gibbons, *Euell Gibbons is Henry David Thoreau* (1974), and an original oil painting by Nancy Detterline Weeber.

Original order of materials has been maintained. Oversized folders are marked with an asterisk (*); these folders have been housed separately from the rest of the collection.

Rev. Milton Detterline Collection

Box 1

1. Thoreau Note Cards
    a. Thoreau Quote with turtle (2)
    b. Thoreau Note Card designed by Martha Claire Rowse (2 ea. of 2 designs)
    c. North American Bluebird Society (1 blue, 1 white)
    d. Thoreau's Cabin (2)
    e. Thoreau "Texas House" (4)
    f. Marmee to Louisa May Alcott notecard by Kristina Joyce
    g. Thoreau's Cabin by The Charles Overly Studio (2)
2. Postcards
    a. The Alcott House. Tichnor Bros.
    b. Walden Pond. The Thoreau Society
    c. Hervey, George (photographer). "Thoreau's Cover Near Hut Site." TriCon Gift Shop.
    d. Howe Anderson, Esther (photographer). "Thoreau's Cove at Walden." William W. Anderson Photography, Inc.
    e. "Thoreau's Cairn and Cabin Site, Concord, Massachusetts." American Art Postcard Co.
    f. Hervey, George. "School of Philosophy." Tri-Con Gift Shop, Wright Tavern.
    g. Yankee Colour Corp. (photographer). Thoreau's Walden House Replica. Tri-Con Colour.
    h. Martin, Keith (photographer). "Henry David Thoreau by Samuel Worcester Rowse." The Meriden Gravure Company. (2; 1 with adhesive on back)
    i. Overly, Charles H. "Thoreau's Walden Cabin." Charles H. Overly.
    j. Phillips, A. D. (photographer). "Thoreau Island." Augustus D. Phillips & Son.
    k. "Abol Stream Camp." Augustus D. Phillips & Son.
    l. Smith, Nanlee (photographer). "Henry David Thoreau's flute, spyglass, and song book." Publishing Center for Cultural Resources. (3)
    m. "Telos Lake." Augustus D. Phillips & Son.
    n. McAllister, Susan (photographer). "Interior, Thoreau's Cabin, Concord, MA." Clark Cards (2007)
3. Bookmarks and Ephemera
    a. Thoreau Quotes. Letter Perfect Designs (1987) (5 Thoreau quotes)
    b. Barlowe, Dorothea. *Twelve Henry David Thoreau Bookmarks*. (2003)
    c. Unknown. "Thoreau's Walden Cabin." Painted hanging ornament.
    d. Walden. Blue necklace, possibly fired clay pendant.
    e. Enchanted Gold. Silver leaf bookmark. (1993)
4. "A Catalogue of Books and Ephemera by and About Henry D. Thoreau. . ."

5. "The Mysterious Mr. Thoreau" by Joyce Carol Oates (3)
6. Walden III, Creative Consultants, Milton E. Detterline
    a. Notepad
    b. Business card
7. Newspaper Clippings
    a. Thoreau, Henry David. "I lose my respect…" Unknown publication (n.d.)
    b. Colman, Dale Rex. "Primrose Path To Walden Pond." *Philadelphia Sunday Bulletin* (Jan. 31, 1971)
    c. Ridley, Clifford A. "Fluid Stagecraft, Aphoristic Dialog At Walden Pond." *National Observer* (n.d.)
    d. Unknown. "Thoreau's Walden." Publication unknown. (circa 1947)
    e. Unknown. "Pop Quiz: Henry David Thoreau." *Philadelphia Inquirer* (n.d.)
    f. Northern Middlesex Convention and Visitors Bureau. "Discover the Merrimack." (1988). Advertisement (3)
    g. Tapply, William G. "Walden's Winter Trout." Unknown publication. (n.d.)
    h. Fazio, James R. "They Spoke for Trees: The Early Decades." *Arbor Day* (Nov./Dec. 1991) (2)
8. "Following the tracks of a different man: Thoreau" by William Howarth
9. Pamphlet of Illustrations of H.D.T. by Walter Edward Turner
10. Service of Worship for Rev. Milton Detterline, Jr.
11. Thoreau Society
    a. *Thoreau Society Bulletin*
        i. No. 1 (Oct. 1941)
        ii. No. 174 (Winter 1986)
        iii. No. 176 (Summer 1986)
        iv. No. 177 (Fall 1986)
        v. No. 181 (Fall, 1987)
        vi. No. 182 (Winter 1988)
        vii. No. 191 (Spring, 1990)
        viii. No. 194 (Winter, 1991) (2)
    b. "The Fred Hosmer Copy of a Dunshee Ambrotype of Thoreau." Thoreau Society Booklet 31 (1981)
    c. The Thoreau Society Jubilee (July 8-19, 1991)
    d. Annual Gathering 2001. (July 12-15, 2001). Event program
    e. Annual Gathering 2004, A Sesquicentennial Celebration. (July 8-11, 2004). Event program
    f. E-store flyer (n.d.)
12. Thoreau Lyceum
    a. Thoreau, Henry David. "Surely Joy is the condition of Life." Bookmark
    b. The Thoreau Lyceum Headquarters of The Thoreau Society. (3) Pamphlet
    c. *The Winged Life*. (circa 1986). Promotional handout.
    d. Used Books list.

i. (Oct. 1986)
ii. (Dec. 1987). (2)

13. Walden Forever Wild
    a. Bookmark (2)
    b. Sherwood, Mary P. "Henry David Thoreau: How Great a Son of Concord." (n.d.)
14. Person Library List of Milton E. Detterline
    a. (n.d., circa 1967)
    b. (circa 1984) (2)
    c. (circa 1985) (3)
    d. (Oct. 31, 1988) – note: corners chewed
    e. (June 19, 1991) (3)
    f. (Aug. 1, 1991)
    g. (Oct. 22, 1992)
    h. (circa 2006)
15. Detterline, Milton E. Unfinished novel.
    a. Correspondence: Jim Detterline to Jeff Detterline. (Dec. 2, 2011)
16. Detterline, Milton E. "Thoughts on Henry David Thoreau. . ." (Sept. 21, 2003)
17. Thoreau, Henry David. *Walking*, with photographs by Jill Sabella. Stewart, Tabori, & Chang (1989). (3; 2 unopened)
18. Joyce, Kristina. "Winter Triptych: Three Concord Authors." (n.d.; after Dec. 1985)
    a. No. 532/1000
    b. No. 714/1000
19. Finley, Mark. *An Evening with Thoreau*. Playscript.
20. Ives, Charles. "Five: Thoreau," from *Essays Before a Sonata and Other Writings*. Howard Boatwright (Ed.) (1962)
21. Images of Henry David Thoreau
    a. Smith, S. S. "Henry David Thoreau." (n.d.)
    b. Unknown (photographer). Walton Ricketson's Bust of Henry David Thoreau. (n.d.)
22. St. Matthew's UCC Church Program. (July 12, 1987)
23. Thoreau I
    a. Immaculata College. "Human Development and the Spiritual Journey." Registration form (before jan. 16, 1987)
    b. Unknown. "Thoreau Thought." (3)
    c. Correspondence: Jon Detterline to Rev. Milton Detterline, Jr. (Thanksgiving 1986)
    d. Emerson, Ralph Waldo. Excerpts.
    e. Unknown. Incomplete article on Henry David Thoreau's *Journal*. Unknown publication. (n.d.)
    f. Unknown. Incomplete article. *Sky & Telescope*. (June 1986)
    g. Edel, Leon. "Thoreau at Walden." *The New York Times*. (n.d.) Letter to Editor.

h. Bly, Robert. "The Greatness of Thoreau." *The American Poetry Review*. (Sept./ Oct. 1986).
i. Correspondence: Robert Lucas to Rev. Milton Detterline, Jr. (circa Dec. 1987).
j. Correspondence: Walter Harding to Rev. Milton Detterline, Jr. (Sept. 30, 1987).
k. McLean Greeley, Dana. "Thoreau in These Times." (n.d., reprint of July 15, 1973).
l. Engel, J. Ronald. "Teaching the Eco-Justice Ethic: The Parable of the Billerica Dam." *The Christian CENTURY*. (May 13, 1987).
m. Notecard with Thoreau quote. Union Hill Paperworks. (n.d.).
n. Engelbreit, Mary. Illustrated greeting card. (1989)
o. Detterline, Rev. Milton E. "The 170th Birthday of Henry David Thoreau: A Tribute." (July 12, 1987). Event program. (3)
    i. Draft program. (2)
    ii. Brenneman, Ellen. "Sometimes I look up…" Greeting card. (n.d.).
    iii. Burbick, Joan. "Thoreau's Alternative History." University of Pennsylvania Press. (n.d.).
    iv. Walker Center for Ecumenical Exchange. "About a Garden, Stones, and Missionaries." (n.d.)
        1. "Stay at The Walker Center." (n.d.)

24. Wooden slide box with slides.
    a. "Walden Pond Scenes." List.
25. Friends of Walden Pond t-shirt.
26. Mixed media
    a. Henry David Thoreau: In His Own Words. (2004). VHS
    b. Concord Massachusetts. (1990). VHS
    c. Detterline, Rev. Milton. H.D. Thoreau Service." (July 12, 1987). Cassette tape.
    d. Anderson, Howe. "Thoreau's Vision." (1988). 8mm video reel tape.
27. Framed Thoreau 5-cent stamps. (n.d.)

Oversized and Framed Items*

1. Foster, Tony. "Thoreau's Country – A Visual Diary." (Spring 1985)
2. Unknown. "Our American Poets." (n.d.).
3. Unknown. Walden II. (n.d.) Wooden sign
4. Thoreau, Henry David. "Love is the wind…" (n.d.). Framed quote.
5. First Day of Issue Thoreau Stamps. (July 12, 1967)
6. Thoreau, Henry David. "In short all good things…" (n.d.). Framed quote.
7. Detterline Weeber, Nancy. "Walden Pond, Concord, Massachusetts." (n.d.). Framed oil painting
8. Gibbons, Euell Theophilus. *Euell Gibbons is Henry David Thoreau*. (1974). Vinyl record. (3)

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