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ADIN BALLOU- JOSEPH S. COOPER COLLECTION

A GUIDE TO THE COLLECTION

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Creator: Joseph S. Cooper (circa 1926-)
Title: Adin Ballou-Joseph S. Cooper Collection
Extent: .75 linear foot (1 archival box).
Abstract: This collection consists of material from Cooper's transcriptions of Ballou's editorials and correspondence with Ballou's Literary Executor.
Access and Use: This collection is open to the public.
Language: Materials are entirely in English.
Source of Acquisition: Donated by Joseph S. Cooper to The Walden Woods Project

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Collection Description

Biographical Note

Adin Ballou (1881-1960) wrote Sunday editorials and poems on nature for *The New York Herald Tribune*. Ballou was born in Albany, NY, spent a good portion of his childhood on farms in Pennsylvania, did not finish high school, and wrote poetry and nature editorials for the *New York Tribune Herald* and the *New York Times*. It is challenging to find accurate biographical information on Adin Ballou, as he and others with the same name get confused for Rev. Adin Ballou (1803-1890) of Hopedale fame.

Joseph S. Cooper (circa 1926-) transcribed Ballou's columns, with the goal of publishing them as a book in the 1960s. Cooper contacted August Heckscher II, Ballou's Literary Executor and former co-worker at the *New York Tribune Herald*, to inquire about publishing some of Ballou's poetry and process. Heckscher agreed and wrote the introduction for the intended book. Although Heckscher did publish a 1979 book of Ballou's poetry, it is not known if Cooper ran a similar short printing for Ballou's essays that appeared in the *New York Tribune Herald*.

Scope and Content

The Adin Ballou-Joseph S. Cooper Collection consists mainly of correspondence between Joseph S. Cooper and August Heckscher II, Adin Ballou's Literary Executor, and Cooper's transcriptions of Ballou's poems and interviews.

The collection is arranged in original order.

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1. Joseph S. Cooper Correspondence
    a. TLS, Cooper to Jeff Cramer. Pittsboro, NC, 21 May 2009.
    b. August Heckscher
        i. TL, Cooper to Heckscher. New York, 14 June 1968.
        ii. TLS, Heckscher to Cooper. 22 August 1968.
        iii. TL, Cooper to Heckscher. 17 August 1968.
        iv. TL, Cooper to Heckscher. 22 January 1963.
        v. TLS, Heckscher to Cooper. 5 February 1963.
    c. TLS, Secretary to Walter N. Thayer (President, Whitney Communication Corporation) to Cooper. New York, 3 May 1967. Plus, envelope addressed from Kamm (World Journal Tribune, Inc.) to Cooper. Postmarked New York, 15 May 1967.
    d. TLS, Susan Glover Godlewski to Cooper. 25 June 1998.
    e. Herbert Kamm (World Journal Tribune)
        i. TLS, Kamm to Cooper. 25 August 1967.
        ii. TL, Cooper to Kamm. 26 August 1967.
        iii. TLS, Kamm to Cooper. 28 August 1967.
    f. Charles Hupp (New York Herald Tribune)
        i. TL, Cooper to Hupp. 26 June 1965.
        ii. TL, Cooper to Hupp. 15 January 1963.
        iii. TL, Cooper to Hupp. 18 January 1963. Plus, TLS draft, dated 15 January 1963.
2. Transcriptions
    a. 1 January 1956 – 5 April 1956.
    b. 15 April 1956 – 22 July 1956. (2 copies)
    c. 4 November 1956 – 27 January 1957, plus 14 February 1960. (2)
3. Miscellaneous
    a. Index of Editorial Page appearance of Ballou's work, 1956. 3 pages. (3)
    b. Book proposal, "Sketches From The Countryman." Includes Outline, short essay on the life of Adin Ballou, and 8 Stories by Ballou. 16 pages. (3)
    c. "Heckscher, August, 1913- " library catalog search. 3 pages.
    d. "Autobiography of Adin Ballou, 1803-1890" library catalog search. 2 pages.

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