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Guide to the

Henry David Thoreau writings and other material

circa 1848-1853

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Summary

Creator: Thoreau, Henry David, 1817-1862

Title: Henry David Thoreau writings and other material

Date: circa 1848-1853

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Source: Gifts of J. Pierpont Morgan, 1899 and Mrs. Simon Guggenheim, 1952

Abstract: Collection consists of holograph fragments by Henry David Thoreau: from Cape Cod, Chapter V, *The Wellfleet Oysterman*, 2 p. on 1 leaf (removed from NYPL copy of *The Writings of Henry David Thoreau*, Manuscript Edition, Boston: Houghton, Mifflin, 1906); a poem, "I will obey the strictest law of love," 2 p. on 1 leaf (recto page numbered 387 from Thoreau's journal of 1848-1850); and an account of night sights and sounds, 2 p. on 1 leaf: "made nothing of it. It is easy to see how by yielding to such feelings..." which closely follows his published journal entry of 1851 August 8. Also present is a brief autograph letter signed by Thoreau at Concord, 1853 (?) July 26 to William H. Sweetser at Charlestown, Massachusetts ("This is the way I write when I have a poor pen and still poorer ink.") and an envelope, front only, addressed to C.M. Tracy at Lynn, Massachusetts.

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