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Walter R. Harding

1917 - 1996

Professor of English

1956 - 1983

SUNY Distinguished Professor

Recipient, SUNY Honorary Doctor of Letters

1983

An internationally renowned Thoreau scholar, Harding founded the

Thoreau Society

and edited its bulletin for fifty years. He published over two dozen books and numerous articles on Thoreau, and he edited the definitive

Princeton edition of Thoreau's work.

A bird watcher and nature lover imbued with Thoreau's spirit, Harding serenely and generously shared his knowledge and enthusiasm with generations of students and colleagues at Geneseo and around the world.

Readings from the works of Henry David Thoreau
in honor of
Walter Harding

--from "Wednesday," *A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers* (1849)

Prof. Edward Gillin

--from "Civil Disobedience" (1849)

Prof. Ronald Herzman

--from *Walden* (1854)

"Where I Lived and What I Lived For"

"Spring"

"Conclusion"

Prof. Kenneth Cooper
Prof. Rita Gollin

Introductory Remarks

Christopher C. Dahl

A Few Words From Mrs. Walter R. Harding

Reminiscences

James Scholes

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For Walter, Who Also Lived in Groveland
Eugene Stelzig

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Readings
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The Thoreau Bibliography Project
Judith Bushnell

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Video Tape: *Remembering Walter Harding*

"[He] was a warm-blooded human being; and...he was vibrant, creative, and happy to the very end... Emerging from this long study of Thoreau, I find myself most impressed by Thoreau's aliveness. All his senses were thoroughly awake and he was able to examine the worlds of both man and nature with a keenness and clarity that have made him one of the great observers of the American scene."

from the Introduction to

The Days of Henry Thoreau: A Biography

By Walter R. Harding