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Descriptive Summary

Title: Henry D. Thoreau / Lawrence Willson Collection,
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Creator: Thoreau, Henry David, 1817-1862
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Acquisition Information

Scope and Content of Collection
The collection contains 8 items, mainly fragments of writings, notes, and drafts of letters by Henry D. Thoreau, acquired by UCSB English Professor and Thoreau scholar, Lawrence Willson, from diverse sources.

Related Material
The 1999 guide, "Thoreau Holdings at UCSB Special Collections," provides a comprehensive listing of UCSB printed and manuscript holdings at that time.

Series 1. **Foldered Items**

| Box 1: 1       | Miscellany -- 1 unused pencil, attributed by Willson to Thoreau |
|               | Natural History Notes -- botanical remarks written in pencil about plants, their uses, and the etymologies of their names, copied by Thoreau from printed sources, primarily John Loudon's *Encyclopedia of Plants* (London, 1836) |
|               | Walking -- full leaf, westward I go free portion |

Series 2. **Framed Items**

| Box 1: 2            | Note -- in Thoreau's hand, Aug. 15, 1859, signed by his mother Cynthia, authorizing payment to him of a stock dividend; transcription of information about blueberry bushes, Oct. 17, 1850 |
| Box 1: 2            | Walking -- full leaf; with draft of letter to John D. Milner, Nov. 20, 1854; draft of letter to C. B. Bernard, Nov. 20, 1854; index of topics for Life without Principle |
| Box 1: 3            | Walden -- half leaf, re clothing, tattooing |
| Box 1: 3            | Chastity and Sensuality -- half leaf, re lives of great men, Newton, sunset |
| Box 1: 3            | The Service -- half leaf, re fools, arsenals |