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Herman Elfers Collection of Ralph Waldo Emerson  
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October 7, 1992

Printed Books

Alcott, Amos Bronson. *Emerson*. Cambridge, Privately printed, 1865.

American Institute of Instruction. Announcement of sixth annual meeting, issued for Committee of Arrangements by George B. Emerson, Boston, August 1, 1832. Broadside.

Boston. Public Latin School. *Order of performance, on Wednesday, August 18, 1824*. [Boston, 1824]. Broadside. The sixth entry on the agenda is "A dissertation on the 'Advantages of a national literature,'" by C. C. Emerson.

Boston. Public Latin School. *The prize book, no. 1 - 5*. Boston, Cummings and Hilliard, 1820-24. Numbers 3 and 5 contain contributions by Charles C. Emerson, brother of Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Cabot, James Elliot. *A Memoir of Ralph Waldo Emerson*. Boston, Houghton, Mifflin, 1887. 2 volumes. "Advance Copy -- Confidential." James B. Thayer's copy with press cuttings laid in.

Carlyle, Thomas. *Critical and Miscellaneous Essays*. Boston, 1838-39. 4 volumes. Presented by Ralph Waldo Emerson, who was responsible for the American edition, to Charles Stearns Wheeler who helped see it through the press. Volume 1 contains the presentation inscription, volumes 2-4 have Wheeler's signature

*Celebration of the Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of Robert Burns, by the Boston Burns Club. January 25th, 1859*. Boston, H. W. Dutton, 1859.

Cooke, George Willis. *Ralph Waldo Emerson: Life, Writings, and Philosophy*. Boston, Osgood, 1881. The Wakeman copy.

Channing, William Ellery. *The Wanderer. A Colloquial Poem*. By William Ellery Channing. Boston, James R. Osgood, 1871. The Wakeman copy.

Emerson, R.W. *An Address delivered before the Senior Class in Divinity College, Cambridge, Sunday Evening, 15 July, 1838*. Boston, 1838.

Emerson, R.W. *An Address Delivered in the Court-House in Concord, Massachusetts, on 1st August, 1844, on the Anniversary of the Emancipation of the Negroes in the British West Indies*. By R. W. Emerson. Second Thousand. Boston, James Munroe, 1844.

Emerson, R.W. *An Oration, delivered before the Phi Beta Kappa Society, at Cambridge, August 31, 1837*. Boston, 1837. The Wakeman copy. In a case.

Emerson, R.W. *Ceremonies at the Dedication of the Soldiers' monument in Concord, Mass.* 12 mo. wrappers. Concord, 1867. First edition. Contains an address by Emerson. The Wakeman copy.

Emerson, R.W. *Characteristics of Men and Genius; A Series of Biographical, Historical, and Critical Essays*. Boston, 1847. 2 vols. The Wakeman copy.

Emerson, R.W. *The conduct of life*. Boston, Ticknor and Fields, 1860. Presentation copy to Samuel G. Ward from the author.

Emerson, R.W. *Correspondence Between Ralph Waldo Emerson and Herman Grimm*. Edited by Frederick William Holls. Boston and New York, Houghton, Mifflin, 1903. The Wakeman copy.

Emerson, R.W. *Correspondence between John Sterling and Ralph Waldo Emerson*. Boston, 1897. First Edition.

Emerson, R.W. *Dedication of the New Building for the Free Public Library of Concord Massachusetts, Wednesday, Oct. 1, 1873*. Boston, Tolman & White, 1873. Inscribed on the front wrapper: "S. E. Thoreau with compliments to Mr. William Allen." The Wakeman copy.

Emerson, R.W. *The Dial*. 4 vols. 8 vo., half brown morocco, g. t. Boston, 1840 - 1844. A fine set of this important periodical of the transcendentalist movement, containing contributions by Emerson, Thoreau, Bronson Alcott, Margaret Fuller, etc. Most of the original wrappers have been bound in. It formerly belonged to Emerson's friend George L. Stearns and contains an inscription by Mrs. Stearns. Christmas, 1891.

Emerson, R.W. *English traits*. Boston, Phillips, Samson and Co., 1856. Presentation copy to Samuel G. Ward from the author.

Emerson, R.W. *Essays, First Series. New Edition*. Boston, Munroe, 1847. Presentation copy to Alexander Ireland with inscription from the author.

Emerson, R.W. *Essays (and the same) Second Series* together 2 vols. 12 mo., original cloth. Boston, 1841 - 1844. First edition of each volume; the first volume being the early binding without "First Series" on the backstrip. The first volume is the J. C. Chamberlain copy with bookplate. An unusually attractive set.

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Emerson, R.W. *Essays*. Boston, 1841. First binding. In a case with *Second Series of Essays*. Bookplates of Emerson Chamberlin and Jacob Chester Chamberlain.

Emerson, R.W. *Essays: Second Series*. Second Edition. Boston, Phillips, Sampson & Co., 1850. With a presentation inscription from the author to Simon Brown, Esq. (for the Herman Elfers Collection of Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Emerson, R.W. *Essays: Second Series*. Boston, 1844. Probable first binding. In a case with *First Series of Essays*.

Emerson, R.W. *Fortune of the Republic*. 12 mo., cloth. Boston, 1879. Second edition. With Emerson's autograph signature at the end of the text.

Emerson, R.W. *Free Religion*. Report of addresses at a meeting held at Boston, May 30, 1867, 8 vol., original printed wrappers. In a cloth slip case. Boston, 1867. First edition. Contains the first printing of an address by Emerson who was the final speaker on this occasion. Another of the addresses here is by Thomas Wentworth Higginson.

Emerson, R.W. *The Gulistan or Rose Garden*. By Musle-Huddeen Sheik Saadi. Translated from the Original by Francis Gladwin. With an Essay...by James Ross, and a Preface by R. W. Emerson. Boston, Ticknor and Fields, 1865. The Wakeman copy.

Emerson, R.W. *Kossuth in New England*. Boston, 1852. The Wakeman copy.

Emerson, R.W. *Letters and social aims*. Boston, J. R. Osgood and Co., 1876. Signed by the author: "Samuel G. Ward."

Emerson, R.W. *Letters from Ralph Waldo Emerson to a Friend, 1838-1853*. Edited by Charles Eliot Norton. Boston, 1899. The Wakeman copy.

Emerson, R.W. *Letters and Social Aims*. Boston, 1876. Inscribed: "Miss Mary Queen with kind regards of R. Waldo Emerson. October, 1876." Laid in: autograph letter signed from Fanny Ripley to Mrs. Chapin, Concord, October 4 [1876], transmitting this copy for her daughter.

Emerson, R.W. *Letters and social aims*. Boston, J. R. Osgood and Co., 1876. Presentation copy to J. Haven Emerson with inscription by the author.

Emerson, R.W. *May-Day and Other Pieces*. 12 mo., cloth. Boston, 1867. First Edition.

Emerson, R.W. *The Method of Nature. An Oration, delivered before the Society of the Adelphi, in Waterville College, in Maine, August 11, 1841.* Boston, Samuel G. Simpkins, 1841 (for the Herman Elfers Collection of Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Emerson, R.W. *Nature.* Boston, J. Muroe and Co., 1836

Emerson, R.W. *Nature; Addresses, and Lectures.* 12 mo. original cloth (worn). Boston, 1849. First edition of this collection. Presentation copy with inscription in Emerson's handwriting. "Dr. Charles T. Jackson, with affectionate regards of R. W. Emerson. September 1849." Jackson was Emerson's brother-in-law.

Emerson, R.W. *Nature; Addresses and Lectures.* Boston and Cambridge, J. Munroe and Co., 1849. Presentation copy to Samuel G. Ward initialed by the author.

Emerson, R.W. *An Oration, delivered before the Literary Societies of Dartmouth College, July 24, 1838.* By Ralph Waldo Emerson. Boston, Charles C. Little and James Brown, 1838. In a case.

Emerson, R.W. ,ed. *Parnassus.* Boston, J. R. Osgood and Co., 1875. Presentation copy to Samuel G. Ward from the editor.

Emerson, R.W. *Poems.* Boston, J. Munroe and Co., 1847. Presentation copy to Samuel G. Ward initialed by the author.

Emerson, R.W. *Representative men: seven lectures.* Boston, Phillips, Sampson and Co., 1850. Presentation copy to Samuel G. Ward signed by the author.

Emerson, R.W. *Selected Poems.* New and Revised Edition. Boston, James R. Osgood and Company, 1876. Bookplate of Stephen H. Wakeman.

Emerson, R.W. *Society and solitude; twelve chapters.* Boston, Fields, Osgood & Co., 1870. Presentation copy to Samuel G. Ward initialed by the author.

Emerson, R.W. *Society and Solitude.* Boston, 1870. Inscribed: "J. Haven Emerson with affectionate regards of R. W. Emerson. April, 1870, to Frances and Wm. Emerson from S. T. E. January 14th 1917."

Emerson, R.W. *Two Unpublished Essays. The Character of Socrates. The Present State of Ethical Philosophy.* By Ralph Waldo Emerson with an Introduction by Edward Everett Hale. Boston and New York, Lamson, Wolfe, 1896.

Free Religious Association. *Proceedings at the Second Annual Meeting of the Free Religious Association, held in Boston, May 27 and 28, 1869*. Boston, Roberts Brothers, 1869. Bookplate of Stephen H. Wakeman. Contains, evidently, remarks of Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Francis, Convers. *Two Sermons on the Death of Rev. Ezra Ripley, D. D. One...by Rev. Barzillai Frost...the other...by Rev. Convers Francis...*Boston, James Munroe, 1841. The Wakeman copy.

Free Religion. *Report of Addresses at a Meeting Held in Boston, May 30, 1867*. Boston [1867]. Contains "Remarks of Ralph Waldo Emerson." In a case.

Harvard University. *Catalogue of the Officers and Students of the University at Cambridge, October, 1818*. [Cambridge, 1818?]. Lists Emerson as a member of the sophomore class. Broadside.

Harvard University. *Catalogue of the Officers and Students of Harvard University, Cambridge, October, 1817*. [Cambridge, 1817?]. Lists Emerson as a member of the freshman class. Broadside.

*The Lincoln Memorial: A Record of the Life, Assassination and Obsequies of the Martyred President*. New York, 1865. The Wakeman copy.

*The Massachusetts Quarterly Review*. Nos. I to XII, December, 1847 to September, 1850. Wrappers. In six cases.

Middlesex County (Mass.) Agricultural Society. *Transactions for the year 1858*. Concord, B. Tolman, 1858. "Address," by Ralph Waldo Emerson: p. [45] - 52.

*The Offering, for 1829*. Cambridge, Hilliard and Brown, 1829.

*The Public Ledger*. Philadelphia. The Public Ledger Building, Philadelphia: with an *Account of the Proceedings connected with its Opening June 20, 1867*. Philadelphia, Childs, 1868. Contains a letter from Ralph Waldo Emerson printed on page 140. The Wakeman copy.

*Reception and Entertainment of the Chinese Embassy, by the City of Boston*, Boston, 1868. The Wakeman copy.

Sand, George, *Le Meunier d'Angevault*. 3 vols. in 1. 16 mo., half morocco, original wrappers (with the exception of the front wrapper of vol. II) found in Brussels, 1845. Emerson's copy with his autograph on the front wrappers of Vol. I and III. It seems probable that the book was bought by Emerson while on his European journey of 1848.

*Sixty-Fifth Anniversary Celebration of the New-England Society in the city of New York at Delmonico's, Dec. 22, 1870.* [New York, 1871]. The Wakeman copy.

*Sketches and Reminiscences of the Radical Club of Chestnut Street, Boston.* Edited by Mrs. John T. Sargent. Boston, James R. Osgood, 1880. The Wakeman copy.

Thayer, James Bradley. *A Western Journey with Mr. Emerson.* Boston, Little, Brown, 1884.

*Tribute to Walter Scott, on the One Hundredth Anniversary of his Birthday, by the Massachusetts Historical Society, August 15, 1871.* Boston, Privately Reprinted from the Proceedings of the Society, 1872.

Ware, Henry. *A Sermon Delivered at the Ordination of Rev. Chandler Robbins, over the Second Congregation Church in Boston, December 4, 1833.* By Rev. Henry Ware, Jr. Boston, James W. Burditt, 1833. The Wakeman copy.

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**Autograph letters, et al.**

All shelved in General Mss [Misc], Box EL-EM

Two autograph letters signed from Ralph Waldo Emerson to Charles Stearns Wheeler, 30 March 1839 and June 1839; an admission ticket to Emerson's lectures at The Meionaon, 1868, initialed by Emerson, with an envelope addressed by him to Mrs. C. Dudley; and a check from James R. Osgood & Co., February 14, 1872, payable to Emerson and endorsed by him

Autograph letter signed from Emerson to Mrs. Arnold, Concord, 23 February 1856. Framed with a photograph of Emerson and a photograph of his home in Concord. AM 17641.

Als. Emerson to Charles Stearns Wheeler. May 29, 1839. 1 p. with address leaf.

Als. Emerson to Wendell Phillips. September 23, 1866. 4 pp. with envelope.

Als. Emerson to Titus Coan. May 21, 1876. 2 pp. with address leaf separated and both pieces laminated.

Emerson, R. W. *Letters and Social Aims*. 12 mo. cloth First Edition. Boston, 1876. Inscribed in the author's hand: "Miss Mary Queen with kind regards of R. Waldo Emerson. October, 1876" Laid in is a letter from Fanny Ripley to Mrs Chapin, October 4 [1876] mentioning Emerson, and transmitting this copy to her, apparently Miss Queen's mother. Letter is AM17641 General Mss Misc

**Bound manuscripts**

*Hymn*. [2] p. ms. signed by the author.

Ralph Waldo Emerson. "Wealth," holograph manuscript of an essay which appeared in *The Conduct of Life*, Boston, 1860. Bound in cloth and red morocco. Donated November, 1982.

Ten pages of proofs corrected by Emerson for an August 1865 appearance of his essay "Character" in an unknown periodical. 4 pages of proofs corrected by Emerson, with a page of manuscript revision, for the April 1866 appearance of his essay "Character" in *North American Review*.

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