

From William Henry Sweetser

July 21, 1852

Charlestown, Mass. July 21 1852.

Sir,

I am a boy 15 years of age collecting autographs and should be very much obliged if you would send me yours.

Yours respectfully,
W^m H. Sweetser.

To

Henry Thoreau. Esq.

Correspondent: William Henry Sweetser (1837-1857) was the son of Henry Phillips and Ann Maria Sweetser. In June and July 1852, Sweetser also collected autographs from William Lloyd Garrison, Herman Melville, and Samuel F. B. Morse.

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To William Henry Sweetser

July 26, 1852

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W^m H. Sweetser,

This is the way I write when I have a poor pen and still poorer ink.

Yrs
Henry D. Thoreau

Correspondent: See previous letter.

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