

NARRATOR'S NOTES: ON STAGE....WALDO EMERSON

Scene 1:

RALPH EMERSON, the New England Philosopher-Essayist, from Concord, Massachusetts, frequently preferred to be known by his middle-name, WALDO, to distinguish him from similarly named forebears.

MARY MOODY EMERSON was an Aunt of RALPH EMERSON. Evidence indicates that her thoughts were instrumental in the development of her Nephew's Theory of TRANSCENDENTALISM.

Scene 2:

Dr. EZRA RIPLEY was RALPH EMERSON'S step-grandfather. While serving as a Clergyman at Concord, Massachusetts, for 63-years he became a leading spokesman for the TEMPERANCE-movement. During his tenure at Concord he lived in a home built originally by WALDO's grandfather, William Emerson, and later dubbed "the Old Manse" by Nathaniel Hawthorne.

Scene 3:

LYDIA JACKSON from Plymouth, Massachusetts, was RALPH EMERSON'S second wife. He often referred to her as "Lidian".

Scene 4:

WILLIAM EMERSON and RALPH EMERSON were brothers. Eventually WILLIAM left Concord to practice Law on Long Island, New York.