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George Naughton was born in 1951 into an academically inclined family. His father, Thomas, was a writer and magazine editor and his mother a music teacher; his grandfather Julius Seelye Bixler was a college professor and president of Colby College (1942-1960); and his great-great-grandfather Julius Seelye served as the fifth president of Amherst College (1876-1890). Naughton grew up in the 1960s in Old Saybrook, Conn. He graduated from Mount Hermon School in 1969 and from New College in Sarasota, Fla., with a BA in General Studies, in 1973. For the next few years, Naughton lived, worked, and meditated in Cambridge, Mass., and California, then in March of 1978 moved to Amherst and took a job at UMass. From 1978 until his retirement in 2011, he worked

in University Information Systems in Whitmore Administration Building. Now president of the Amherst Historical Society, Naughton is also active in the Pelham Historical Society and lives in Pelham with his wife, Cindy.

Naughton's lifelong interests have included mathematics, science fiction, cultural alternatives, and books, and he accumulated a wide collection of print material on a variety of topics. The Naughton Collection is a reflection of many of those interests and comprises underground comics as well as pamphlets, periodicals, and ephemera on spirituality, new age thinking, counterculture, politics, the environment and sustainability, and intentional communities.

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## Background on George B. Naughton

George Naughton was born in 1951 into an academically inclined family. His father, Thomas, was a writer and magazine editor until his death in 1959. His mother, Mary, had a varied career with the War Refugee Board and the Office of War Information in Turkey; on the copy desk at Time magazine; and as a music teacher. His grandfather Julius Seelye Bixler, a graduate of Amherst College, taught religion and theology at Smith College and Harvard Divinity School and served as president of Colby College in Maine (1942-1960); and his great-great-grandfather Julius Hawley Seelye was the fifth president of Amherst College (1876-1890).

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## Series descriptions

### Series 1. Comics, pamphlets, and ephemera

1971-1986

This series includes single and miscellaneous printed items including pamphlets or booklets, underground comics, brochures, mailings, and some typed and photocopied materials, covering subjects such as meditation, theosophy, information on spiritual communities, and Findhorn community resources. Some handwritten notes are also included.

### Series 2. Periodicals

1969-1991

The bulk of the collection comprises periodical publications: journals and magazines. Some are represented extensively including Center magazine, published by the think tank Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions; magazines of the Findhorn Foundation, including One Earth and One Earth Image; and Coevolution quarterly and its successor, Whole Earth Review.

## Inventory

Series 1. Comics, pamphlets, and ephemera

1971-1986

Ashram of the world mother: clippings and fliers

1978-1981, undated

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Booklet: Kriyananda, S. The mastery of consciousness: transcending time with dream symbols

1964

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Booklet: Kriyananda, S. Occult consciousness, symbols and the power of prediction

1964

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Booklet: Kriyananda, S. Reincarnation and past-life recall

1965

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Comics: Dan O'Neill's comics and stories

1975

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Comics: Fabulous furry freak brothers

1971-1972, 1980

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Comics: Meef comix

1972-1973

Box 1: 7

Comics: Terry Beatty's the phony pages

1986

Box 1: 8

Exhibition poster

undated

Box 4

Findhorn articles and information

1975-1977

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Findhorn brochures

1976-1978

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Institute for Wholistic Education mailings

1978

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Lama Foundation Cookbook Fund poster

ca.1969

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Mandala calendar

1977

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Pamphlet: Formulas for health, happiness, and success

undated

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Pamphlet: Keepers of the Flame

1975

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Pamphlets: Meditation group for the new age

1978-1979

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Pamphlet: Nicholas Roerich: a brief biography

1977 (1964)

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Pamphlet: The science of the aura, by S. G. J. Ouseley

1973 (1949)

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Pamphlet: Shamballa  
ca.1974  
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Pamphlet: Spangler, David. Links with space  
1976 (1971)  
Box 1: 19  
Pamphlet: Spangler, David. The vision of Findhorn in world transformation  
1971  
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Pamphlet: The spiritual hierarchy  
undated  
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Pamphlet: The Wesak festival  
undated  
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Pamphlet: The world builders, by Roberto Assagioli  
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undated  
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U.S. Constitution simplified (study aid)  
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Ashram of the world mother: rays of the dawn  
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Ashram of the world mother: rays of the dawn  
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1972 Nov-1973 Feb  
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Center occasional paper: the art of the impossible  
1969 Apr-Jun  
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Center occasional paper: pacem in maribus  
1970  
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1970 Dec-1971 Feb

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1971 April-Oct  
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Coevolution quarterly  
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Coevolution quarterly

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Coevolution quarterly  
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Coevolution quarterly  
1979 Dec  
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Coevolution quarterly  
1980 March  
Box 2: 9  
Coevolution quarterly  
1980 June  
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Coevolution quarterly  
1980 Dec  
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East west journal  
1973 Oct-1976 Nov  
Box 4  
East west  
1977 May  
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East west  
1986 May  
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Environment  
1969 Oct  
Box 2: 14  
Hampshire energy handbook  
1981  
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Harmonist magazine  
1987  
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Heart and wings journal  
1986 Feb-Aug  
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Heart and wings journal  
1986 Nov, 1989 June  
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Horticulture  
1980 Feb  
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Magical blend  
1980  
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Magical blend  
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Magical blend  
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Magical blend  
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Metaphysical journal  
1983 July  
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Mother earth news  
1970-Jan  
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Mother Jones  
1980 Sept  
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Mureed's newsletter  
1985 June  
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New age  
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New Alchemy Institute annual report  
1981 Jun  
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New Alchemy quarterly  
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New England network of light directory  
1983 Feb

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One earth (Findhorn magazine)  
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1982 Oct-1983 April  
Box 3: 1  
One earth (Findhorn magazine)  
1983 June-1983 Dec  
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One earth (Findhorn magazine)  
1984 Feb-Sept  
Box 3: 3  
One earth (Findhorn magazine)  
1984 Nov-1985 March  
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One earth image (Findhorn magazine)  
1980 Feb-June  
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Open letter (Findhorn publication)  
1977 Aug-1978 Jul  
Box 3: 6  
Open letter (Findhorn publication)

1978 Sep-1979 May  
Box 3: 7  
Open letter (Findhorn publication)  
1979 Jul-Nov  
Box 3: 8  
Process 5: fear  
undated  
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Process: on death  
1972 Jan  
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Process: on love  
undated  
Box 3: 11  
Process: visions of the millennium  
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Shaman's drum  
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Whole earth review  
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Whole earth review  
1986 Sept  
Box 3: 15  
World goodwill commentary  
1973 Oct  
Box 3: 16

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## Administrative information

### Access

The collection is open for research.

### Provenance

Gift of George Naughton.

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### Subjects

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Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions  
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Counterculture--Periodicals  
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Findhorn Foundation  
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Kriyananda, Swami  
Meditation--Periodicals

New Age movement--Periodicals  
New Alchemy Institute  
Process Church of the Final Judgement  
Renewable energy sources--Periodicals  
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### Contributors

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