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A Guide to the
Lydia A. Butler Diaries

Collection Summary

Collection Title: Lydia A. Butler Diaries

Call Number: BT 430

Creator: Lydia Butler, Eliza B. Kirkbride, and Harriet Allen Butler

Inclusive Dates: 1848-1868

Bulk Dates: 1848-1853, 1857, and 1868

Abstract: None

Quantity: 1 box, 2.5 linear inches

Administrative Information

Custodial History: Unknown

Preferred Citation: Lydia A. Butler Diaries, BT 430, Albany Institute of History and Art Library, New York.

Acquisition Information:

Accession #: Unknown

Accession Date: Unknown

Processing Information:

Initial Inventory and Preliminary Processing By/Date: Dorothy Brass

Final Processing and Finding Aid By/Date: Heather Harrington, October 2, 2003

Restrictions

Restrictions on Access: None

Restrictions on Use: None

Index Term

Persons: Butler, Lydia A.; Kirkbride, Eliza B.; Butler, Harriet Allen; Kirkbride, Thomas K.;

Places: New York City; Europe;

Document Types: diaries

Biography/History of the Lydia A. Butler Diaries

Harriet Allen Butler had two daughters, Lydia and Eliza. Lydia was born in 1839, and Eliza was born in 1835. Eliza married Thomas K. Kirkbride. Harriet died in July of 1853.

Scope and Contents of the Records

The collection consists of three diaries. Volume one's author is unknown, but assumed by the processor to be Harriet Allen Butler. The diary covers invitations received and parties given in New York City from 1848-1853. Volume two's author is Eliza Kirkbride. She makes frequent references to her husband and children. This volume covers a European trip as well as New York City, in the year 1857. Volume three's author is Lydia Butler, as her name appears on the flyleaf. This volume covers New York City in 1868.

Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

Box #	Volume#	Description
1	1	November 1848-February 12, 1853, Listing of invitations received and parties given. New York City.
1	2	February 5, 1857-November 30, 1857, diary, New York City, European Vacation.
1	3	January 1, 1868-November 28, 1868, diary, New York City.