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

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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**

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