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Overview of the Collection

Identification:

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Language of Materials

The papers are in: English

Creator:

Murdoch, Ann Lettice, 1785-1865 arrangement

Quantity:

0.05

Alternate Extent Statement:

1 volume.

Repository:

Special Collections Research Center

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

Collection is open to all researchers.

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Acquisition Information

The materials were acquired by Special Collections Research Center on 10/08/2009.

Processing Information

Accessioned and minimally processed in October 2009 by Ute Schechter. Further description by Marty Limber, SCRC Staff, in April-May 2010.

Preferred Citation

Ann Lettice Murdoch Diary, Special Collections Research Center, Swem Library, College of William and Mary.

Additional Information

Biographical Note

Wife of Richard Potts (1786-1865). Further information about this individual or organization may be available in the Special Collections Research Center Wiki: http://scrc.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/Ann Lettice Murdoch.

Scope and Contents

Diary of Ann Lettice Murdoch (1785-1865) of Frederick County, Maryland. She was the wife of Richard Potts (1786-1865). The diary contains a lot of entries of religious nature as well as aphorisms. In addition, Ann L. Murdoch frequently recorded deaths in her family and community - including the death of black servants - and of friends and family members in other states. She also talks about her church, local politics and mention Richard Potts' and other family members' professional obligations, like being called away to Fort Levensworth, Kansas and being elected president of the local bank, going to San Francisco as a surgeon, etc. Other topics are an orphanage and a farm that both Ann Murdoch and her husband were involved in managing. Furthermore there are comments on epidemics, national politics and emigration to Liberia. Ann Murdoch mentions exchanging letters with her African-American friends, sending a package to Liberia, and having a visitor from Liberia come to town to encourage Blacks to emigrate. Also included in the back of the volume are two photographs of Ann Lettice Murdoch and Richard Potts. For more details and selected excerpts from the diary, see folder link below.

Index Terms

This Collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

Genre/Form of Material:

Diaries

Photographs

Geographic Name:

Maryland--Genealogy

Maryland--Religious life and customs--19th century.

Maryland--Social life and customs--19th century.

Virginia--Genealogy

Topical Term:

African Americans--Liberia--History--19th century.

Genealogy

Orphanages--Maryland--19th century.
Women--Diaries.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Diary

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Container 1 (Folder)

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