Guide to the Mary Porter CommonPlace Book

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Mary Porter CommonPlace Book
Creator: Porter, Mary
Dates: 1823-1844
Extent: 1 book.
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Abstract: A short biography about Mary Porter was written in her CommonPlace Book in 1844, two years after she died. She was born in 1823 and lived in Lyme, New Hampshire. In 1840, when she turned 17 years of age, she moved to South Hadley, Massachusetts to attend Mount Holyoke Female Seminary. She died of consumption in 1842 in South Hadley, Massachusetts. Several people wrote in Mary Washburn Porter's CommonPlace Book during her life and after she died. The CommonPlace Book has quotations from the people she knew in Lyme, New Hampshire as well as from the young girls she met at Mount Holyoke. The book contains letters and notes to Mary Porter. Many of the inscriptions are religious quotes from teachers, acquaintances, and her classmates at Mount Holyoke. There are pencil drawings and pieces of ephemera inserted inside the book.

Collection Number: D2008.1

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

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No addition to the collection is anticipated.

Biography of Mary Porter
Mary Porter and her family lived in Lyme, New Hampshire during the 19th century. She was born there in 1823. When she turned 17 years of age in 1840 she began matriculated into Mount Holyoke Female Seminary in South Hadley, Massachusetts. Two years later she died of consumption in 1842 in South Hadley. Mary Porter was one of the first students to attend Mount Holyoke Female Seminary.

Scope and Contents of the Collection
Mary Porter's CommonPlace Book contains quotes by her friends, family, and teachers from an early age until after she died. Many of the quotes have a religious tone and some quotes are biographical. She received the book when she lived in Lyme, New Hampshire in the 1820s. She brought it with her to Mount Holyoke Female Seminary in 1840.

Subject Headings
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection
Porter, Mary Washburn, 1823-1842
Whitman, Mary C.
Lyme (N.H.)
South Hadley (Mass. : Town)
CommonPlace Book
Box 1       Mary Porter CommonPlace book, 1823-1844