Finding Aid for the Frances Long Holt Journal, 1872

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Frances Long Holt Journal
Date (inclusive): 1872
Collection number: 170/135
Creator: Holt, Frances Long
Extent: 88 leaves : ruled paper ; 155 x 100 mm. bound to 162 x 109 mm.
Abstract: Journal documenting Frances Long Holt's pleasure trip to North America in 1872. The author also describes a weeklong stay in Havana, Cuba and a brief stop in Quebec.
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Biography
Little is known about Frances (Long) Holt other than that she was the second wife of Alfred Holt (1829-1911), an entrepreneur and engineer who helped to introduce and advance steamship technology in the late nineteenth century. The company that he founded, Ocean Steam Ship Company (later Alfred Holt & Co.), first rose to prominence by sending steam-powered ships on Asian trade routes. The Holts resided in Liverpool, England.

Scope and Content
Frances Long Holt's journal entries describe tourist spots such as New Orleans, San Francisco's Chinatown, Yosemite Valley, Niagara Falls, and New York's Central Park, as well as a number of less prominent tourist destinations including the growing cities of Denver, Colorado Springs, and the Mormon community in Salt Lake City. Daily events within her family, as well as her personal impressions, are also recorded. She discusses the manufacture of cigars in Cuba, a journey up the Mississippi on a riverboat, a Chinese opera in San Francisco's Chinatown, and a trip on horseback through Yosemite Valley. Then, traveling east, she observes Niagara Falls and tours New York City's Central Park, happening upon Fredrick Law Olmstead in the park that he designed. Other notable experiences include a brief visit with Brigham Young during a stopover in Salt Lake City, a trip to the mills in Lowell, Massachusetts (which gives her the opportunity to compare working conditions in America with those in England), and a short stay in Quebec. The journal ends upon the family's return to Liverpool. Throughout the journal, she offers the perspective of a wealthy woman from Victorian England.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects
Holt, Frances Long --Travel --North America --Diaries.
Transatlantic voyages --Diaries.

Related Material

Bound Manuscripts Collection (Collection 170). Available at UCLA Library Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library.

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ff. 3r-3v: blank
ff. 5v-7v: St. Thomas
ff. 8r-16r: Havana, Cuba
ff. 16v-23r: New Orleans
ff. 23r-25r: traveling up the Mississippi River
ff. 25r-30v: St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver, Colorado Springs
ff. 30v-33v: by train from Denver to California
ff. 33v-39r: San Francisco; Chinatown and Chinese Opera; geysers outside of Calistoga
ff. 39r-49r: Yosemite Valley
ff. 49v-53r: Salt Lake City
ff. 53r-56r: Chicago
ff. 56r-57v: Niagara Falls
ff. 58r-63v: New York City, Brooklyn
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