Hoskins, Mary A. H.

Journal for the year 1857
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Biographical Note

Mary A. H. Hoskins lived with her parents at 1231 Filbert Street in Philadelphia during the mid-nineteenth century. Mary became engaged to William Weatherly, M.D. on March 1, 1856. They were married March 1, 1860.

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Scope and Content Note

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Mary A. H. Hoskins's diary contains dated, autograph entries that list her activities each day from January 1 to December 31, 1857. She wrote about domestic projects (sewing, needlework, knitting, etc.), social calls, correspondence, Sunday church attendance, sermons, fashion, funerals, illnesses, deaths, and other events and activities in her life. Hoskins also wrote fondly (and frequently) of dinners and other social activities with her fiancé of one year, William Weatherly, whom she calls "Doctor."

One page near the end of the journal features a list of names and addresses of Mary's friends. The book has been re-bound.
Selected Search Terms

Personal Names

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

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