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Guide to the

Belles Lettres Club records

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Summary

Creator: Belles Lettres Club (New York, N.Y.)

Title: Belles Lettres Club records

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Abstract: The Belles Lettres Club was a debating society in New York City. Collection consists of minutes of debates, texts of arguments, addresses of members on their election to the presidency of the club, reports of the committee on criticism regarding essays previously read before the club, and other records and papers. Members included John Anthon, George Brinckerhoff, Samuel Cowdrey, Joseph D. Fay, Philip Hone, John Treat Irving, Washington Irving, and Theodore Sedgwick.

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Key Terms

Subjects

Debates and debating -- New York (State) -- New York -- Societies, etc

Geographic Names

New York (N.Y.) -- Social life and customs

Names

Belles Lettres Club (New York, N.Y.)

Anthon, John, 1784-1863

Brinckerhoff, George

Cowdrey, Samuel

Fay, Joseph D

Hone, Philip, 1780-1851

Irving, John T. (John Treat), 1778-1838

Irving, Washington, 1783-1859

Sedgwick, Theodore, 1780-1839