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Guide to the

Dorothea Lynde Dix letters

1848-1858

MssCol 4348

Summary

Creator: Dix, Dorothea Lynde, 1802-1887

Title: Dorothea Lynde Dix letters

Date: 1848-1858

Size: .1 linear feet (1 folder)

Abstract: Dorothea Lynde Dix (1802-1887) was an American mental health activist whose efforts culminated in the Bill for the Benefit of the Indigent Insane, one of the first public mental health initiatives in the United States. The collection consists of letters written by Dix to various individuals, with the majority addressed to William W. Hacker and other members of the Hacker family of Philadelphia between 1848 and 1852. Letters relate chiefly to her philanthropy, travels, and family matters

Access: Advance notice required.

Physical Location: MssCol 4348

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Custodial History

Some items in the collection were originally received as part of the Ford collection.

Key Terms

Occupations

Reformers

Subjects

Women social reformers -- United States

Names

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