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Summary Information

Repository: M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Creator: State Normal School (Albany, N.Y.)
Title: Autograph Book Collection
ID: ua933
Date [inclusive]: 1857-1890
Physical Description: 0.66 cubic ft.
Physical Location: The materials are located onsite in the department.
Language of the Material: English

Abstract: Collection is made up of autograph books from the New York State Normal School.

Preferred Citation

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Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Autograph Book Collection, 1857-1890. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Autograph Book Collection).

Historical Note

Autograph books, a precursor to the modern yearbook, were utilized by many college and university students to collect notes of remembrance from fellow classmates. The New York State Normal School was no exception. The students would collect autographs from friends and classmates, leaving heartfelt notes and poems to each other. Often accompanied by these notes were small photographs of each person, or even small gifts left within the pages of the book. This practice was seemingly common at the school, until the introduction of institutional yearbooks published by the college itself around the turn of the century.
Scope and Contents

The content of this collection is made up of twelve autograph books from the New York State Normal School dating from 1857-1890. Each book is made up of autographs from students at the school, often accompanied by photographs, small tokens of friendship, and heartfelt notes.

Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is organized chronologically.

Administrative Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Autograph albums
- Universities and colleges -- Alumni and alumnae
- Teachers -- Training of
- UAlbany Student Groups

Collection Inventory

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