

Shadrach Nicholas Winkler, Jr, diary

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Winkler, Shadrach Nicholas, 1834-1858.
Title:	Shadrach Nicholas Winkler, Jr, diary
Dates:	1857
Extent:	0.25 cubic feet (2 folders)
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Biographical/Historical Note

Shadrach Nicholas Winkler, Jr. (1834-1858) was the youngest child born to Shadrach and Janet McFarland Winkler in Savannah, Georgia. He attended the University of New York and graduated in 1855 and then continued his education at the Harvard Law School from which he graduated in 1858. Winkler practiced law at 175 Bay Street in Savannah, Georgia until he died of yellow fever on 17 September 1858. He is buried in the Laurel Grove Cemetery in Savannah, Georgia.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of the diary of Shadrach Nicholas Winkler, Jr. of Savannah, Georgia. Winkler wrote in this diary from 3 January - 22 November 1857 and detailed his experiences while attending Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. This diary is an excellent example of a Southerner's point of view of the lifestyle and values of Bostonians in antebellum America. Winkler often described the lectures he attended, books and legal cases that he studied, and his leisure activities. For leisure, Winkler often attended theatre productions in Boston, Massachusetts and described in his diary the play's plot and how he enjoyed the actor's performance. Winkler also attended orations throughout Boston, Massachusetts on topics important at the time like abolition and temperance. Following the lecture, Winkler often described the physical characteristics of the speaker as well as his thoughts on the subject. Important orators and other figures that Winkler met or heard speak while attending Harvard included: Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, Rufus Choate, Caleb Cushing, William Lloyd Garrison, John B. Gough, and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Also included in this collection is a photocopy of a typewritten transcription of this diary.

Index Terms

Abolitionists--Massachusetts--Boston.
Beecher, Henry Ward, 1813-1887.
Choate, Rufus, 1799-1859.
Cushing, Caleb, 1800-1879.
Diaries.
Garrison, William Lloyd, 1805-1879.
Gough, John B., (John Bartholomew), 1817-1886.
Harvard Law School.
Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth, 1807-1882.
Temperance--Massachusetts--Boston.
Theater--Massachusetts--Boston.
Winkler, Shadrach Nicholas, 1834-1858.

Administrative Information

Processing Information

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Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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