

# Guide to the Vail Brothers Photograph Albums, approximately 1880-1890

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## Collection Summary

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries
<b>Creator:</b>	Vail Brothers (Poughkeepsie, N.Y.)
<b>Title:</b>	Vail Brothers Photograph Albums
<b>Dates:</b>	approximately 1880-1890
<b>Quantity:</b>	1.5 cubic feet (2 boxed volumes)
<b>Abstract:</b>	This collection consists of two large photograph albums of images of Poughkeepsie, including Vassar College.

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## Administrative History

The Vail Brothers Poughkeepsie photography studio appears to have been in business for at least the last two decades of the 19th century. The brothers were Alonzo H. Vail (1855-1929) and J. Watson Vail (1849-1922).

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## Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of two large photograph albums. One includes photographs of Vassar College and appears to be circa 1889. The second album also includes images of Vassar (many of them duplicates from the first album, but with some

additions); however, the bulk of the second album consists of images of Poughkeepsie. Of special note are a series of photos of the construction of the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge, ca. 1887-1888.

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## **Subject Headings**

### **Organizations:**

- Vassar College--Pictorial works

### **Places:**

- Poughkeepsie (N.Y.)--Pictorial works
- Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge (Poughkeepsie, N.Y.)--Pictorial Works

### **VCL Categories**

- Art and Artists
- Local History
- Vassar College

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## **Encoding Information**

Encoded by Laura Streett, January 2010.

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## **Administrative Information**

### **Preferred Citation**

Vail Brothers Photograph Albums, Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries.

### **Processing Information**

Processed by Laura Streett, January 2010.

### **Acquisition Information**

Unknown.

### **Custodial History**

The second album was once owned by Mrs. John E. Phillips, Sr.

## Other Formats

Some of the Vassar photos have been digitized and are available on the [Images of Early Vassar](#) web site.

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## Container List

There is no container list currently available for this collection.

### ▼ Details

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#### Finding Aid Date

Dates: approximately 1880-1890

#### Collection Title

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