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Collection Summary

Repository: Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries

Creator: Hollowell, Anna Davis, 1838-

Title: Anna Davis Hollowell Papers

Dates: approximately 1883

Quantity: 0.4 cubic feet (2 boxes)

Abstract: Three manuscripts: one from the book she edited on her maternal grandparents, James and Lucretia Mott, Life and Letters, published in 1884; one undated manuscript article on Lydia Maria Child; and one address read before the Medford Women's Club on James and Lucretia Mott.

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Biographical Note

Anna Davis Hollowell (1838-1905), artist and writer, was the daughter of Maria and Edward M. Davis. Her maternal grandparents were James and Lucretia Mott, the prominent Quaker abolitionists and women's rights activist. She was married in 1859 to Richard Price Hollowell, a successful merchant, writer, and abolitionist, who was also a Quaker. In *Valiant Friend*, Margaret Hope Bacon reports that of all the Mott daughters and granddaughters Anna Davis Hollowell was the only one who remained active in the field of reform and had an interest in an independent career, as a writer. She was the editor of James and Lucretia Mott, Life and Letters.

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Access and Use

Access

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Subject Headings

Names:

- Child, Lydia Maria Francis, 1802-1880
- Mott, James, 1788-1868
- Mott, Lucretia, 1793-1880

Subjects:

- Women artists
- Women authors, American

VCL Categories:

- Literature and Writing
- Women's History

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Encoding Information

Encoded by Elizabeth Clarke, December 2006. Updated by Emma Gronbeck, June 2025.

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Anna Davis Hollowell Papers, Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries.

Processing Information

Original processing date unknown. Last updated November 2006.

Acquisition Information

Gift of Lucy Davis, VC 1885, in 1929.

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Container List

- Box 1 James and Lucretia Mott, Life and Letters, preface and chapters 1-12, circa 1883
- Box 2 James and Lucretia Mott, Life and Letters, chapters 13-18, circa 1883
- Box 2 James and Lucretia Mott, Life and Letters, notes and miscellany, circa 1883
- Box 2 Article on Lydia Maria Child, undated
- Box 2 Address read before the Medford Women's Club on James and Lucretia Mott, undated
- Map Case — Drawer 37 Marriage Certificate for Henry C. Davis and Martha Mellor, 1862

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