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Guide to the

Frederick Henry Wolcott diary

1849-1854

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Summary

Creator: Wolcott, Frederick Henry, b. 1808

Title: Frederick Henry Wolcott diary

Date: 1849-1854

Size: .15 linear feet (2 volumes)

Abstract: Prominent New York City merchant Frederick Henry Wolcott kept this diary (2 vols.) from November 5, 1849 through January 2, 1854. Prior to his retirement on January 1, 1852, he was partner in the dry goods firm Wolcott and Slade. Diary entries includes genealogical data on the Wolcott and Howland families; records of business transactions and conditions, failures, the prices of cotton goods, and other matters; current events of local, national, and international interest; notes concerning the proceedings of Congress regarding the admission of California and Texas as states; the arrival and departure of ships, particularly those bringing treasure from California via Chagres; some account of his brother, Henry Wolcott, and his China trade; mention of a Sharpless portrait of George Washington owned by Oliver Wolcott, Secretary of the Treasury, and a Cheney portrait of the author's wife

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Key Terms

Geographic Names

China -- Commerce -- United States

United States -- Commerce -- China

United States -- Historical geography

Subjects

Cost and standard of living -- New York (State) -- New York

Dry-goods

Merchants -- Diaries

Merchants -- New York (State) -- New York

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Diaries

Names

Wolcott, Frederick Henry, b. 1808

Cheney, Seth Wells, 1810-1856

Sharples, James, 1752-1811

Howland family

Wolcott family