Summary

Creator: Dix, Dorothea Lynde, 1802-1887

Title: Dorothea Lynde Dix letters

Date: 1848-1858

Size: .1 linear feet (1 folder)

Abstract: Dorothea Lynde Dix (1802-1887) was an American mental health activist whose efforts culminated in the Bill for the Benefit of the Indigent Insane, one of the first public mental health initiatives in the United States. The collection consists of letters written by Dix to various individuals, with the majority addressed to William W. Hacker and other members of the Hacker family of Philadelphia between 1848 and 1852. Letters relate chiefly to her philanthropy, travels, and family matters.

Access: Advance notice required.

Physical Location: MssCol 4348

Preferred citation: Dorothea Lynde Dix letters, Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library

Custodial History
Some items in the collection were originally received as part of the Ford collection.

Key Terms

Occupations
Reformers

Subjects
Women social reformers -- United States

Names
Dix, Dorothea Lynde, 1802-1887
Ford collection