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George Endicott diary

1847

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Summary

Creator: Endicott, George, 1802-1848

Title: George Endicott diary

Date: 1847

Size: .21 linear feet (1 volume)

Abstract: American lithographer George Endicott kept this diary on a trip to Europe from August 10-November 21, 1847, where he toured France, Belgium, and England. Entries describe his 35 day voyage on board the "American Eagle;" landing at Plymouth, England and transferring to a boat for Le Havre, France; meeting George Catlin, Indian painter and historian; and traveling to Paris via Rouen. In Paris, Endicott wrote of visits to the Louvre, St. Cloud, Versailles, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Arc de Triomphe, the Sorbonne, the Hotel de Cluny, the botanical gardens, Gobelins tapestry factory, many museums and art galleries, and the Opera, where his party saw Carlotta Grisi dance. Entries include comments on the politeness of Parisians and the cleanliness of the city Endicott also described his visit to Belgium, where he stopped at Antwerp, Brussels, Ghent, Bruges, and Ostend, where his party embarked for England. In London he describes visits to Wiley and Putnam (for mail), the British Museum, the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, Windsor Castle (where he saw Queen Victoria and Prince Albert), and a tour through the Bank of England. In London he also attended many theaters and saw the Cushmans and Macready perform in "King Henry VIII." He traveled on to Coventry, visited Warwick Castle, Derby, Birmingham, and Sheffield, where he visited friends. The last stop of the journey was at Liverpool, where Endicott and his party took the steamer "Acadia" for home

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Key Terms

Geographic Names

Belgium -- Description and travel
England -- Description and travel
France -- Description and travel

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Diaries

Subjects

Lithographers -- Diaries

Travelers -- Diaries

Names

Endicott, George, 1802-1848

Catlin, George, 1796-1872

Grisi, Carlotta, 1819-1899