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Guide to the

**Harvard College portrait albums**

1855-1856

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**Summary**

**Creator:** Harvard College (1780- ). Class of 1856

**Title:** Harvard College portrait albums

**Date:** 1855-1856

**Size:** .56 linear feet (2 volumes)

**Abstract:** Two portrait albums, of the Harvard College Class of 1855 and of the Class of 1856. The Class of 1855 album belonged to George Foster Hodges. Both albums contain formal portrait photographs of selected students, faculty members, and views of the Harvard campus. Many pages include the autograph of the sitter, and most of these signatures date to the 1830s Harvard class albums of this era were not mass-produced, but instead contained their owner's selection of photographs. Albums would typically include photographs of campus, students, faculty and a few other people or places of significance to the compiler of the album

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**Key Terms**

**Geographic Names**

Cambridge (Mass.) -- Social life and customs -- 19th century

**Subjects**

College students -- Massachusetts -- Cambridge

**Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Photograph albums

**Names**

Harvard College (1780- ). Class of 1856

Hodges, George Foster

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Harvard University