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Guide to the

Elizabeth W. Merchant diaries

1863-1909

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Summary

Creator: Merchant, Elizabeth W

Title: Elizabeth W. Merchant diaries

Date: 1863-1909

Size: .58 linear feet (2 boxes)

Abstract: Elizabeth W. Merchant of New York City was married to Stephen Merchant. She kept these diaries in 1863-1868, 1870-1874, 1876, 1880-1893, and 1895-1909, with the first entry made on January 10, 1863 and the last on December 31, 1909. Entries reflect her daily experience as a wife and a mother and include records of household expenses, addresses, and notices of birth, death, and wedding dates of relatives and friends

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Key Terms

Subjects

Cost and standard of living -- New York (State) -- New York -- 19th century

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Housewives -- Diaries

Mothers -- Diaries

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Diaries

Geographic Names

New York (N.Y.) -- Social life and customs

Names

Merchant, Elizabeth W