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## Guide to the Lillie Hitchcock Coit Collection, 1865-1880

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Lillie Hitchcock Coit Collection,

**Date (inclusive):** 1865-1880

**Box Number:** Boxes 159-160

**Collector:** Dressler, Albert, 1887-1960

**Extent:** 2 boxes

**Repository:** California State Library

Sacramento, California

**Language:** English

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**Access Points**

Coit, Lillie Hitchcock, 1843-1929  
Fire fighters--California--San Francisco  
Coit, Howard

**Contents**

Autograph book, clippings, correspondence, journal, photographs, poetry, scrapbook, sketches.

**Biography**

Lillie Hitchcock Coit came to San Francisco with her parents in 1851. She became the mascot for the "Knickerbocker 5" fire fighters and in 1863 an honorary member of the company. One third of her fortune was left to the city of San Francisco, and using this money, Coit Tower on Telegraph Hill was constructed.

- Mowry, Sylvester
- Gwin, William McKendree, 1805-1885.
- Hunter, Jane J.
- Hitchcock, Charles M.
- Reade, George
- Stanley, Edward
- Webb, Charles Henry, 1834-1905.

**[Scrapbook]**

- Coit, Lillie Hitchcock: Scrapbook of clippings relating to San Francisco fire companies, Benjamin Coit, Charles M. Hitchcock, and poetry 1869-1888.

**Photographs to picture file**

- Daguerrotype
- Ambrotype

Box 159      **Correspondence, clippings, journal, poetry, and sketches.**

Box 160      **Autograph book, and photographs**