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Summary Information

Repository: M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Creator: State Normal School (Albany, N.Y.)
Creator: State Normal School (Albany, N.Y.) - Students
Title: New York State Normal School Student Portraits Collection
ID: ua950.023
Date [inclusive]: 1874-1889
Physical Description: .9 cubic ft.
Physical Location: All materials are located onsite in the Department.
Language of the Material: English
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Mixed Materials [Box]: 1 (State Normal School Photo Albums)
Abstract: This collection holds several photo albums of students and faculty that were created by members of the State Normal School.

Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows: Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, The State Normal School Photo Albums, 1874-1889. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the State Normal School Photo Albums).

Biographical / Historical

During the time of the State Normal School's existence it was customary to create scrap books filled with photographs for departing faculty and students. Typically a photograph of the student or faculty member
would be provided along with a note on the back intended for the recipient of the book. This collection holds a few examples of these early versions of the college yearbook that exist today.

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Scope and Contents

This collection holds three photo albums complete with photos and notes from faculty and students, as well as a selection of loose cabinet cards of students from the class of 1889. The 1874 book was made from photos collected by Mina Williams, a former student, who presented it to the school on its 100th birthday. The 1885 book was created by the aunt of a student and presented to her on her graduation day. The 1888 album was created by staff of the school for a departing professor.

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Arrangement

Collection is arranged in its original order.

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Publication Statement

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**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

All items in this collection were transferred to the University Libraries, M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives.

**Processing Information**

Collection was processed in 2017 by Erik Stolarski

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**Controlled Access Headings**

- Photographs
- New York (N.Y.)--Photographs
- Photograph albums
- College yearbooks
- Universities and colleges--New York (State)--Faculty
- UAlbany Student Groups

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<td><strong>Date [inclusive]:</strong> 1885</td>
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<td>S. B. Belding Album</td>
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