

# A Guide to the Kate Carper Papers, 1861-1976

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## Descriptive Summary

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### Abstract

The Kate Carper Papers collection consists of 0.25 linear feet and spans the years 1861-1976 and contains typescript copies of her diary entries from the Civil War years of 1861-1863, transcripts and photocopies of some correspondence, and a list of events from the later years of 1899-1924.

### Creator

Carper, Catherine Louise (Kate) (1834-1924)

### Extent

.25 linear feet

### Repository

Fairfax County Public Library

## Administrative Information

### Access Restrictions

None

### Use Restrictions

Consult repository for information

### Acquisition Information

Received as gift from Cordelia G. Sansone, 1976.

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## Adjunct Descriptive Data

## Separated Material

None

## Historical and Biographical Information

The Civil War diaries of Miss Kate Carper are reproduced from a book belonging to her sister which was in the Civil War collection of Mr. Richard Hammond in 1976. Kate Carper lived at Bloomfield in Dranesville, VA. Bloomfield was named by Frederick Carper in 1824 and was the home of that branch of the Carper family (a branch of the family that built Colvin Run Mill) until 1924. Ms. Carper, the daughter of Frederick and Martha Mead Carper was educated first at Mrs. Edwards School for Girls, and subsequently at Coombe Cottage in Fairfax. Ms. Carper remained unmarried and was involved in running the household in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries until her death in 1924.

## Scope and Content

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## Index Terms

Archer, Capt. John, 1838-1899  
Austin, Georgia, 1842-1869  
Bellows, Arnold H., 1884-1957  
Carper, Catherine Louise (Kate), 1834-1924  
Carper, Thomas, 1831-1891  
Doubleday, Abner, 1819-1893.  
Dranesville (Va.) -- History.  
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Hutchinson, Joshua, 1842-1931

## Container List

**Box 1 Folder 1: Unnumbered page describing diary and transcriptions of notes from the volume containing the diary, 20 August 1976**

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**Box 1 Folder 4: Index of other items (on pages numbered 10-20) included with diary (p. 11), Undated**

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**Box 1 Folder 10: Letter, Arnold H. Bellows to widow of Joshua Hutchinson, 2 February 1931**

**Box 1 Folder 11: Record of Expenses at Bloomfield (17 pp.) (Typescript), 1863-1881**

**Box 1 Folder 12: Record of Expenses at Bloomfield (41 pp.) (Typescript), 1910-1924**

**Box 1 Folder 13: Record of Events at Bloomfield (5 pp.) (Typescript), 1899-1924**