

# Weller, Catherine "Kate" commonplace book

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1833-1835

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## Title Statement

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### Unit ID

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### Unit Date

1833-1835

### Mixed Materials

BW 61 (box)

### Container

001 (folder)

### Language

English

### Creator

Weller, Catherine "Kate"

### Extent

0.03 Cubic Feet 1 folder (letter)

### **Condition Description**

Fair. The spine perished and was replaced with paper tape; boards with heavy edgewear; textblock nearly fully detached with gatherings detached from textblock. Paper otherwise good

### **Repository**

Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library

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### **Preferred Citation**

MSS 16946, Catherine Weller commonplace book, Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library, University of Virginia Library.

## **Content Description**

This collection contains a commonplace book created by Catherine "Kate" Weller of Surrey, England. The book, dated between 1833 and 1835, includes 154 pages with sixty-four handwritten entries, ten watercolors, six other drawings, and a few ephemera items. It also has what may be a self-portrait of the author. Weller's title page is dated March 10, 1833 and the first entry is dated September 20, 1835 under the heading "My Album". The book has typical entries of commonplace books of the time, such as passages from Samuel Johnson, Oliver Goldsmith, and aphorisms like Thomas Jefferson's "Ten rules to live by." Weller provided much of the text; however, there is at least five other writers, including a man identified only as "THD" commenting on bachelorhood and love. Weller's drawings capture in full-color detail, with many scenes featuring birds, florals, butterflies, a cottage, and a woman.

## **Keywords**

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