

ROWLAND, KATE WHITEHEAD.

Kate Whitehead Rowland diaries, 1863-1878

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Rowland, Kate Whitehead.
Title: Kate Whitehead Rowland diaries, 1863-1878
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 298
Extent: 1 microfilm reel (MF)
Abstract: Microfilm copy of three diaries written by Mrs. Charles A. (Kate B. Whitehead) Rowland of Augusta, Georgia.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Biographical Note

Mrs. Charles A. Rowland (Kate B. Whitehead) was born October 31, 1838. Apparently the Rowlands had four children. Charles A. Rowland was serving in the Confederate Army under Generals Johnston and Hood throughout the period covered by the 1863-1864 journal. The family lived for many years at Augusta, Georgia.

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Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of a microfilm copy of the diaries of Kate Whitehead Rowland from 1863 to 1878. The diaries consist of 3 books covering the following periods: (1) October 29, 1863-December 26, 1864; (2) October 31, 1877-Januray 16, 1878; (3) January 17, 1878-July 4, 1878. Rowland records the activities of a typical upper class Georgia family during the Civil War and post-war periods.

In the 1863-1864 diary, she gives an account of a few weeks, early in 1864, which she spent with her husband in camp near Dalton, Georgia. She tells about camp life, and gives her impressions of several prominent army officers whom she met. Later in that year she records the reports, true and false, which they heard about incidents in Sherman's march. In November she gives a detailed account of the invasion by Kilpatrick's army of the country home of her parents, where she and her mother were alone with the servants. The house was not burned, but everything else possible was stolen or destroyed in the few hours before the Yankees were driven off by the arrival of Wheeler's forces.

The diaries for 1877 and 1878 make no mention of the late war until the last page, where she tells of a monument to the Confederate dead which is just being started. The pages are full of records of attendance at church, Sunday-school and prayer-meetings, and most of the entertainments were for the purpose of raising money for some kind of church or civic project. A number of friends from Augusta or its environs are mentioned frequently. Among the events recorded are several weddings, various kinds of entertainments, lectures by "Mr. Grady" and "Mr. Stephens", and her son Willie's graduation exercises from Richmond Academy.

