



# Guide to the Margaret Paton Diaries, 1849-1872

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## Summary

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**Collection Title:**

Margaret Paton Diaries, 1849-1872

**Creator:**

Paton, Margaret, b. 1831

**Abstract:**

Paton was the wife of a merchant from Montrose, Scotland. The collection includes sixteen diaries written by Paton between 1849-1872.

**Extent:**

0.5 Linear Feet  
16 Items

**Physical Location:**

For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

**Language:**

Material in English

**Collection ID:**

RL.01001

**Permalink:**

<https://library.duke.edu/rubenstein/findingaids/patonmargaret/>

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## Background

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**Scope and Content**

The collection includes sixteen diaries (1849 Oct. 1 to 1872 Dec. 31) kept by Margaret Paton, beginning seven months after her marriage and continuing with little interruption for twenty-three years. She chiefly records her thoughts and moods, how she spends her days, and various events such as the marriages

and deaths of persons she knows. Many entries include information about her husband's activities and to a lesser degree her relationship with him. While sometimes recording events of national significance, she primarily focuses on private life and events at a local level.

### **Biographical/Historical**

Margaret Paton was the wife of a merchant from Montrose, Scotland.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Use Restrictions**

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### **Acquisition Information**

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### **Processing Information**

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## Names and Subjects

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- Merchants -- Scotland
- Scotland -- Social life and customs -- 19th century
- Marriage -- Scotland
- Women -- Family relationships
- Scotland -- History -- 19th century
- Diaries
- Montrose (Scotland) -- History -- 19th century
- Scotland -- Commerce
- Families -- Scotland
- Domestic relations -- Scotland
- Diaries -- Women authors
- Paton, Thomas Bell

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## Collection Inventory

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Diary, 1849-1850	Box 1
Diary, 1851	Box 1
Diary, 1852	Box 1
Diary, 1853	Box 1
Diary, 1854-1856	Box 1
Diary, 1857-1858	Box 1
Diary, 1858-1859	Box 1
Diary, 1859-1860	Box 1
Diary, 1860-1862	Box 1
Diary, 1863-1864	Box 1

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Diary, 1865	Box 1
Diary, 1866	Box 1
Diary, 1867	Box 1
Diary, 1868	Box 1
Diary, 1869-1870	Box 1
Diary, 1871-1872	Box 1

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