

## Guide to Coney Island House Register, 1848 - 1852

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### *Descriptive Summary*

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| <b>Creator:</b>    | Cropsey Family                                |
| <b>Title:</b>      | Coney Island House Register                   |
| <b>Date Span:</b>  | June 1848-Sept 1852                           |
| <b>Abstract:</b>   | Hotel Register of Coney Island House          |
| <b>Quantity:</b>   | One ledger, 8.5" x 13"                        |
| <b>Location:</b>   | Brooklyn Collection, Map Room Shelf 1.6       |
| <b>Repository:</b> | Brooklyn Public Library – Brooklyn Collection |

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### *Scope and Content Note*

A leather bound register, about half the pages of which are filled with signatures of visitors to the Coney Island House hotel from 1848-1852. Visitors signed their name and gave place of origin.

Sometimes room numbers are indicated.

Signatures of note include:

Washington Irving and Niece, Tarrytown, Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, 1848

Herman Melville, E. A. Duyckinck and son, New York, August 25, 1849

E.A. Poe, Phila., Sept 5, 1849

Herman Melville NY Sept 5, 1849

Fitz Green Halleck NY Sept 5, 1849

Miss Jenny Lind, New York, 13 September 1850

P.T. Barnum, New York, 13 September 1850

Occasional meteorological observations written in margins e.g. Sat Sept. 13, 1851 “Awful hot—awful!”

By far the majority of the visitors come from Brooklyn, New York City and New York State. There is some doubt as to the authenticity of some of the signatures.

Coney Island House was established by the Gravesend and Coney Island Road and Bridge Company on land procured from Court Van Sicklen in the 1820s. It was the first hotel on Coney Island.

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## ***Arrangement***

This collection consists of one ledger.

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