

# WORCESTER HISTORICAL MUSEUM

30 Elm Street  
Worcester, Massachusetts

## ARCHIVES

Electrical League of Worcester  
County Collection

2000.83

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### Collection Information

Abstract : First fully electrically equipped dwelling in Worcester County was built 1924 by Electrical League of Worcester County. Collection includes descriptions of house and electrical appliances.

Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository.

Preferred Citation : Worcester Historical Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance : Gift of Richard A. Rice, Waverly, Tenn., November 2000.

MARC Access : Collection is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings (lcsb, aat, tgm, gmgcp)

Electric apparatus and appliances – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Electrification – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Household appliances, Electric.

Dwellings – Electric equipment – Massachusetts – Worcester.

### **Historical/Biographical Notes**

The Electrical League of Worcester County was established to encourage the use of electricity and electrical appliances in dwellings. In the 1920s, electricity was still fairly new, with approximately only 90% of the homes in Worcester with any electric service, and few with more than electric lights. The push for electrification came from the Electrical League, an organization of electricity providers, electrical contractors and electricians, and electric appliance businessmen. The “House Electrical” was built on Homer Street in Worcester by the League as a demonstration of the most modern technology in regard to electrical wiring, lighting, and appliances available at the time.

### **Scope and Content**

The collection consists of an 18 page pamphlet by the Electrical League of Worcester County, “The house electrical”, relating to full electrification of new dwellings and use of electrical appliances, highlighting a house at 2 Homer Street, Worcester, built as a display by the League in 1924. The collection also includes clippings relating to the house from 1924.

### **Series Description**

**Series 1:** Pamphlets. (1 item, 18 p., with aqp)

**Series 2:** Clippings. (2 items.)

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Series 1, Pamphlets

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1		2000.83.1.1 .1a	"The House Electrical" : pamphlet, 18 p. / Electrical League of Worcester County, 1924. aqp

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Series 2, Clippings

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1		2000.83.2.1	"Building to be opened to public"; newspaper article relating to "House Electrical" : clipping / S.l., s.n., ca. 1924. aqp
1		2000.83.2.2	"House Electrical – everyone invited"; newspaper advertisement : clipping / S.l., s.n., ca. 1924. aqp