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### Collection Information

Abstract : Documents relating to renovation and remodeling of Harrington dwelling on William Street during the late 1940s, with old deeds to property acquired by Harrington family in Worcester and Grafton, along with maps, pamphlets, and other items provide insight into life and interests of Frank L. Harrington, lawyer and President of Massachusetts Protective Association, and active in insurance matters in Worcester from the 1930s to the 1960s.

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

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Harrington family.  
Massachusetts Protective Association (Worcester, Mass.)  
Masonic Protective Association (Worcester, Mass.)  
Paul Revere Life Insurance Co. (Worcester, Mass.)  
Dwellings – Remodeling – Massachusetts – Worcester.  
Pews and pew rights – Massachusetts – Worcester.  
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Worcester (Mass.) – Maps.

## **Historical/Biographical Notes**

The Harringtons were an English family that emigrated to this country in 1634. Francis Harrington settled in Grafton in 1736, and in 1740 located in Worcester. Frank L. Harrington was an attorney, later became President of Massachusetts Protective Association, the former Masonic Protective Association. This insurance company established the Paul Revere Life Insurance Company, and ultimately lost its identity to the new company. Frank L. Harrington was grandson to Francis Alfred Harrington, Mayor of Worcester in the 1890s. Harrington acquired a dwelling at 98 William Street, thoroughly renovated it and lived there until his death in 1988.

## **Scope and Content**

The collection includes bills, receipts, and other documents relating to the renovation of the house at 98 William Street, 1947-1949; copies of 18<sup>th</sup> century deeds to land in Grafton acquired by Francis Harrington, and of land in Worcester acquired four years later. Also included are 19<sup>th</sup> century maps of Worcester, a plan of the Meeting House pew ownership in 1763, and miscellaneous photographs.

## **Series Descriptions**

**Series 1:** Deeds. Land in Grafton, and land and buildings in Worcester. (2 items)

**Series 2:** Renovation Records. Periodic statements for work completed to date. (18 folders)

**Series 3:** Photographs. (3 items)

**Series 4:** Maps. (7 maps, multiple copies)

**Series 5:** Miscellaneous. Meeting House floor plan. (1 item)

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Series 1, Deeds

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2001.30.1.1	Deed of land in Grafton granted to Francis Harrington by Isaac Barnard, September 2, 1736. (True copy of Book 8, Page 175, Worcester District Registry of Deeds.)
1	1	2001.30.1.2a-d	Deed of land and buildings in Worcester granted to Francis Harrington by Joseph Dana and his wife, April 14, 1741. (True copy of Book 20, Page 426, Worcester District Registry of Deeds.) (4 copies, copy 'd' reversed image)

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Series 2, Renovation Records

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	2	2001.30.2.1	Records of payment for renovations to residence at 98 William Street, for week ending November 22, 1947. First payment for alterations. (5 items in folder)
1	2	2001.30.2.2	Records of payment for renovations to residence at 98 William Street, for week ending November 29, 1947. Second payment for alterations. (8 items in folder)
1	2	2001.30.2.3	Records of payment for renovations to residence at 98 William Street, for week ending December 5, 1947. Third payment for alterations. (11 items in folder)
1	2	2001.30.2.4	Records of payment for renovations to residence at 98 William Street, for week ending December 13, 1947. Fourth payment for alterations. (13 items in folder)
1	2	2001.30.2.5	Records of bills and payments for renovations to residence at 98 William Street, through January 19, 1948. Fifth payment for alterations. (12 items in folder)
1	2	2001.30.2.6	Records of bills and payments for renovations to residence at 98 William Street, through January 30, 1948. Sixth payment for alterations. (9 items in folder)
1	2	2001.30.2.7	Records of bills and payments for renovations to residence at 98 William Street, through February 9, 1948. Seventh payment for alterations. (16 items in folder)

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1	2	2001.30.2.8	Records of bills and payments for renovations to residence at 98 William Street, through February 26, 1948. Eighth payment for alterations. (22 items in folder)
1	2	2001.30.2.9	Records of bills and payments for renovations to residence at 98 William Street, through March 9, 1948. Ninth payment for alterations. (23 items in folder)
1	2	2001.30.2.10	Records of bills and payments for renovations to residence at 98 William Street, through March 24, 1948. Tenth payment for alterations. (8 items in folder)
1	2	2001.30.2.11	Records of bills and payments for renovations to residence at 98 William Street, through April 5, 1948. Eleventh payment for alterations. (11 items in folder)
1	2	2001.30.2.12	Records of bills and payments for renovations to residence at 98 William Street, through April 26, 1948. Twelfth payment for alterations. (27 items in folder)
1	2	2001.30.2.13	Records of bills and payments for renovations to residence at 98 William Street, through May 19, 1948. Thirteenth payment for alterations. (40 items in folder)
1	2	2001.30.2.14	Records of bills and payments for renovations to residence at 98 William Street, through June 14, 1948. Fourteenth payment for alterations. (24 items in folder)
1	2	2001.30.2.15	Records of bills and payments for renovations to residence at 98 William Street, through June 28, 1948. Fifteenth payment for alterations. (14 items in folder)

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1	2	2001.30.2.16	Records of bills and payments for renovations to residence at 98 William Street, through August 16, 1948. Sixteenth payment for alterations. (27 items in folder)
1	2	2001.30.2.17	Records of bills and payments for renovations to residence at 98 William Street, through ca. October 20, 1948. Includes seventeenth payment for alterations and related statements. (45 items in folder)
1	2	2001.30.2.18	Records of bills and payments for renovations to residence at 98 William Street, through February 9, 1949. Eighteenth (final) payment for alterations. (9 items in folder)



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Series 3, Photographs

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	3	2001.30.3.1	Grave of Robert Harrington, d. 1707, Watertown, Mass. : halftone photomechanical print, 4 x 6 in. / n.d.
1	3	2001.30.3.2	Unidentified dwelling : snapshot, 3 x 4 in. / n.d.
1	3	2001.30.3.3	Louise C. Harrington Garden, Chestnut Street (at Worcester Historical Museum) : kodacolor print, 7 x 11 in., matted / Spring 1989.

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Series 4, Maps

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	4	2001.30.4.1a-c	Worcester, Mass. : 185 rods/inch / 1870. Aqp and reversed image copy. (3 items)
1	4	2001.30.4.2a-d	A map of Worcester, shire town of the County of Worcester, by H. Stebbins : 100 rods/inch / publ. by C. Harris, 1833. Reduced size photostatic copies of original. (4 items)
1	4	2001.30.4.3a-c	Map of Worcester, Mass., showing oldest roads and location of earliest settlers / S. Triscott, 1877. (3 copies)
map drawer		2001.30.4.4a-p	A map of Worcester, shire town of the County of Worcester, by H. Stebbins : 100 rods/inch / publ. by C. Harris, 1833. Reduced size photostatic copies of original. (16 items, various sizes)
map drawer		2001.30.4.5a-c	Map of Shrewsbury, Mass. / 1870. Photostatic copies, one reversed image. (3 items)
map drawer		2001.30.4.6a-c	Worcester City Atlas, Plate 15, showing Harrington property off Harrington Court : photocopy / 18xx. (3 copies)
map drawer		2001.30.4.7a-c	Worcester City Atlas, Plate 19, showing Harrington property off Harrington Court : photocopy / 1896. (3 copies)

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Series 5, Miscellaneous

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	5	2001.30.5.1	Copy of "Ye plan of ye lower floor of the Meeting-House, 1763" / per J. Chandler, Town Clerk.