

WORCESTER HISTORICAL MUSEUM

30 Elm Street
Worcester, Massachusetts

ARCHIVES 2004.FIA.08

Merrifield Buildings Trust
Collection

Processed by Robyn Christensen
December 2004

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Series		Page	Box
	Collection Information	2	
	Historical/Biographical Notes	3	
	Scope and Content	3	
	Series Description	4	
1	Correspondences	5-13	1-3
2	Miscellaneous	14-16	3

Collection Information

Abstract : This collection contains correspondences between trust attorneys and members of the Merrifield Building Trust. Correspondences begin in the early 1900s and continue until the 1920s. Also included are lease agreements between various companies and the trust.

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

Preferred Citation : Worcester Historical Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance : Found in Archives 2004

MARC Access : Collection is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings

Historical/Biographical Notes

William Trowbridge Merrifield purchased the a 13,000 square foot tract of land at North Foster and Cypress Streets in Worcester in 1839 and built frame all purpose manufacturing buildings on it. Merrifield was among the first in New England to conceive a modern industrial complex. He rented the mill buildings, an old record says, "according to the needs of the tenants...furnishing steam power to such as wished to hire it." The history making "Steam Mill" at the southwest corner of Exchange and Union Streets had first a four to six-horse-power engine. The huge engine turned about a mile of drive shafts running through all the buildings. In 1847, the frame buildings were replaced by a four-story brick structures. In 1854, a great fire swept the park burning out 31 companies. Merrifield rebuilt three-stories high, 1,100 feet long and 50 feet wide in brick. On January 19, 1921, a second major fire swept through the Merrifield complex. In April 1958, part of the complex was turned.

The Merrifield Building Trust was organized by Declaration of Trust made by Henry K. Merrifield, or Worcester, Samuel L. Powers of Newton and Leslie Wead of Brookline, as Trustees, on the basis of the well known real estate trusts of the City of Boston. The objects of the Trust was to acquire and improve certain real estate in the City of Worcester and to manage the same.

Scope and Content

This collection contains correspondences between trust attorneys and members of the Merrifield Building Trust. Correspondences begin in the early 1900s and continue until the 1920s. Also included are lease agreements between various companies and the trust.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Correspondences

Series 2: Miscellaneous

Merrifield Buildings Trust Collection
 2004.FIA.08
 Series 1, Correspondences

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2004.FIA.08.1.1	Land deed for tract of land on Exchange Street between Union Street and Boston and Maine Railroad.
1	1	2004.FIA.08.1.2	Agreement between William Merrifield and City of Worcester regarding City using Mill Brook as a sewer.
1	1	2004.FIA.08.1.3	Agreement between William Merrifield and City of Worcester regarding City using Mill Brook as a sewer.
1	2	2004.FIA.08.1.4-.12	Whitcomb, Wead & Co., to H.K. Merrifield, 1904 – 1905.
1	3	2004.FIA.08.1.13-.33	Whitcomb, Wead & Co., to H.K. Merrifield, 1906.
1	4	2004.FIA.08.1.34-.62	Whitcomb, Wead & Co., to H.K. Merrifield, 1906.
1	5	2004.FIA.08.1.63-.91	Whitcomb, Wead & Co., to H.K. Merrifield, 1907.
1	6	2004.FIA.08.1.92-.114	Whitcomb, Wead & Co., to H.K. Merrifield, 1907.
1	7	2004.FIA.08.1.115-.137	Whitcomb, Wead & Co., to H.K. Merrifield, 1907.
1	8	2004.FIA.08.1.138-.164	Whitcomb, Wead & Co., to H.K. Merrifield, 1907.
1	9	2004.FIA.08.1.165-.186	Whitcomb, Wead & Co., to H.K. Merrifield, 1908.
1	10	2004.FIA.08.1.187-.206	Whitcomb, Wead & Co., to H.K. Merrifield, 1908.

Series 1, Continued

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	11	2004.FIA.08.1.207-.224	Whitcomb, Wead & Co., to H.K. Merrifield, 1908.
1	12	2004.FIA.08.1.225-231	Whitcomb, Wead & Co., to H.K. Merrifield, January – July 1909.
1	12	2004.FIA.08.1.232	Merrifield Buildings Trust Balance (July 1909)
1	12	2004.FIA.08.1.233-234	Whitcomb, Wead & Co., to H.K. Merrifield, August 1909.
1	12	2004.FIA.08.1.235	Merrifield Buildings Trust Balance (August 1909)
1	12	2004.FIA.08.1.236-.238	Whitcomb, Wead & Co., to H.K. Merrifield, September 1909.
1	12	2004.FIA.08.1.239	Merrifield Buildings Trust Balance (September 1909)
1	12	2004.FIA.08.1.240	Merrifield Buildings Trust Balance (October 1909)
1	12	2004.FIA.08.1.241-244	Whitcomb, Wead & Co., to H.K. Merrifield, November 1909.
1	13	2004.FIA.08.1.245-246	Coghlin Electric Company (Nov. 1909)
1	13	2004.FIA.08.1.247-251	Whitcomb, Wead & Co., November 1909
1	13	2004.FIA.08.1.252-253	C.D. parker & Co., to Whitcomb, Wead & Co., November 1909.
1	13	2004.FIA.08.1.254-255	Whitcomb, Wead & Co., November 1909.
1	13	2004.FIA.08.1.256	Merrifield Buildings Trust Balance (November 1909)
1	13	2004.FIA.08.1.257-.272	Whitcomb, Wead & Co., November – December 1909.

Series 1, Continued

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	14	2004.FIA.08.1.273-274	Whitcomb, Wead & Co., to H.K. Merrifield, January 1910.
1	14	2004.FIA.08.1.275	Oscar T. Benson, Contractor, January 7, 1910.
1	14	2004.FIA.08.1.276-280	Whitcomb, Wead & Co., to H.K. Merrifield, January 1910.
1	14	2004.FIA.08.1.281	Geo. L. Fairbanks, Machinists, January 1910
1	14	2004.FIA.08.1.282	Merrifield Buildings Trust Balance (January 1910)
1	14	2004.FIA.08.1.283	Merrifield Buildings Trust Balance (February 1910)
1	14	2004.FIA.08.1.284-.294	Whitcomb, Wead & Co., H.K. Merrifield, January – February 1910.
1	15	2004.FIA.08.1.295-301	Whitcomb, Wead & Co., to H.K. Merrifield, March 1910.
1	15	2004.FIA.08.1.302	Merrifield Buildings Trust Balance (March 1910)
1	15	2004.FIA.08.1.303-307	Whitcomb, Wead & Co., to H.K. Merrifield, March 1910.
1	15	2004.FIA.08.1.308-317	Wead Trust Estates to H.K. Merrifield, April 1910.
1	15	2004.FIA.08.1.318	Merrifield Buildings Trust Balance (April 1910)
2	16	2004.FIA.08.1.319-331	Wead, Trust Estates to H.K. Merrifield, April – May, 1910.
2	16	2004.FIA.08.1.332	Merrifield Buildings Trust Balance (May 1910)

Series 1, Continued

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	17	2004.FIA.08.1.333-335	Wead, Trust Estates to H.K. Merrifield, June 1910.
2	17	2004.FIA.08.1.336	Merrifield Buildings Trust Balance, June 1930.
2	17	2004.FIA.08.1.337-.339	Wead, Trust Estates to H.K. Merrifield, July 1910.
2	17	2004.FIA.08.1.340	Merrifield Buildings Trust Balance, July 1910.
2	17	2004.FIA.08.1.341-.345	Wead Trust Estates to H.K. Merrifield, August 1910.
2	17	2004.FIA.08.1.346	Merrifield Bldgs Trust Balance, August 1910.
2	17	2004.FIA.08.1.347-.350	Wead Trust Estates to Merrifield, Sept. 1910
2	17	2004.FIA.08.1.351	Merrifield Building Trust Balance, September 1910.
2	17	2004.FIA.08.1.352-.357	Wead Trust Estates to Merrifield, October 1910.
2	18	2004.FIA.08.1.358	Merrifield Building Trust Balance (October 1910)
2	18	2004.FIA.08.1.359-.365	Wead Trust Estates to Merrifield, November 1910.
2	18	2004.FIA.08.1.366	Merrifield Building Trust Balance (November 1910)
2	18	2004.FIA.08.1.367-.369	Wead Trust Estates to H.K. Merrifield, December 1910.
2	18	2004.FIA.08.1.370	Merrifield Building Trust Balance (December 1910)

Series 1, Continued

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	19	2004.FIA.08.1.371- .382	Wead, Trust Estates to H.K. Merrifield, January – March 1911.
2	19	2004.FIA.08.1.383	Merrifield Building Trust Balance March 1911.
2	19	2004.FIA.08.1.384 - .386	Wead, Trust Estates to H.K. Merrifield, April 1911.
2	19	20004.FIA.08.1.387	Boston Pressed Metal Company to Merrifield Building Trust, April 1911.
2	19	2004.FIA.08.1.388-.397	Wead, Trust Estates to H.K. Merrifield, April 1911.
2	20	2004.FIA.08.1.398-.426	Wead, Trust Estates to H.K. Merrifield, May – July 1911.
2	21	2004.FIA.08.1.427 -.444	Wead, Trust Estates to H.K. Merrifield, August – September 1911.
2	21	2004.FIA.08.1.445	Coghlin Electric Co., Sept. 1911.
2	21	2004.FIA.08.1.446 – 458	Wead, Trust Estates to H.K. Merrifield, September – October 1911.
2	22	2004.FIA.08.1.459-460	Lockwood, Greene and Co., to H.K. Merrifield, October 1911.
2	22	2004.FIA.08.1.461	Wead, Trust Estates to H.K. Merrifield, October 1911.
2	22	2004.FIA.08.1.462-.463	Boston Pressed Metal Company to H.K. Merrifield, October 1911.
2	22	2004.FIA.08.1.464-466	Wead, Trust Estates to H.K. Merrifield, October 1911.
2	22	2004.FIA.08.1.467-468	Lockwood, Greene & Co., to Leslie Weed, Trustee, Merrifield Building Trust, 1911.

Series 1, Continued

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	22	2004.FIA.08.1.469-472	Wead, Trust Estates to H.K. Merrifield, October 1911.
2	22	2004.FIA.08.1.473-.474	Lockwood, Greene & Co., to H.K. Merrifield, October 1911.
2	22	2004.FIA.08.1.475-.477	Wead, Trust Estates to H.K. Merrifield, October 1911.
2	22	2004.FIA.08.1.478-483	Lockwood, Greene & Co., to H.K. Merrifield, October 1911.
2	23	2004.FIA.08.1.484-498	Wead, Trust Estates to H.K. Merrifield, November-December, 1911.
2	23	2004.FIA.08.1.499-.500	George L. Fairbanks & Son to Merrifield Trust Building, December 1911.
2	23	2004.FIA.08.1.501-.511	Wead, Trust Estates to H.K. Merrifield, December 1911.
2	24	2004.FIA.08.1.512-.513	Boston Pressed Metal Company to Merrifield Building Trust, January 1912.
2	24	2004.FIA.08.1.514-.521	Wead, Trust Estates to H.K. Merrifield, January 1912.
2	24	2004.FIA.08.1.522	Lockwood, Greene & Co., to H.K. Merrifield, January 1912.
2	24	2004.FIA.08.1.523-.528	Wead, Trust Estates to H.K. Merrifield, January 1912.
2	24	2004.FIA.08.1.529	Washburn and Garfield Manufacturing Co., to Merrifield Building Trust, January 1912.
2	24	2004.FIA.08.1.530-534	Wead, Trust Estates to H.K. Merrifield, February 1912.
2	24	2004.FIA.08.1.535-536	Boston Pressed Metal Company to Leslie Wead, February 1912.

Series 1, Continued

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	25	2004.FIA.08.1.537-539	Wead, Trust Estates to H.K. Merrifield, February 1912.
2	25	2004.FIA.08.1.540-568	Wead, Trust Estates To H.K. Merrifield, March – April 1912.
3	26	2004.FIA.08.1.569-593	C.D. Parker & Co. to H.K. Merrifield, April – May 1912.
3	26	2004.FIA.08.1.594-.610	Wead, Trust Estates to H.K. Merrifield, May – July 1912.
3	27	2004.FIA.08.1.611-654	Wead, Trust Estates to H.K. Merrifield, July – December 1912.
3	28	2004.FIA.08.1.655-657	Wead, Trust Estates to H.K. Merrifield, January 1913.
3	28	2004.FIA.08.1.658	Simpson Brothers Corporation to Merrifield Buildings Trust, January 1913.
3	28	2004.FIA.08.1.659-677	Wead, Trust Estates to H.K. Merrifield, January-May 1913.
3	28	2004.FIA.08.1.678	C.D. Parker & Co. to Leslie C. Wead, May 1913.
3	28	2004.FIA.08.1.679-.690	Wead, Trust Estates to H.K. Merrifield, June –August 1913.
3	29	2004.FIA.08.1.691-.703	Wead, Trust Estates to H.K. Merrifield, September – October 1913.
3	29	2004.FIA.08.1.704-.705	Coppus Engineering to Merrifield Building Trust, November 1913.
3	29	2004.FIA.08.1.706-.715	Wead, Trust Estates to H.K. Merrifield, November – December 1913.
3	30	2004.FIA.08.1.716-.730	Wead, Trust Estates to H.K. Merrifield, January – December 1914.

Series 1, Continued

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
3	31	2004.FIA.08.1.731	Trustees' Fees for the year ending 1916.
3	31	2004.FIA.08.1.732-739	Wead, Trust Estates to H.K. Merrifield, 1917.
3	31	2004.FIA.08.1.740-741	Merrifield Building Trust Mortgages (1925)

Merrifield Buildings Trust Collection
 2004.FIA.08
 Series 2, Miscellaneous

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
3	32	2004.FIA.08.2.1-7	Miscellaneous items to be attached to various leases.
3	32	2004.FIA.08.2.8	Lease dated October 1913 between Worcester Electric Light Company and Merrifield Buildings.
3	32	2004.FIA.08.2.9	Memorandum concerning the proposed Merrifield Building Trust.
3	32	2004.FIA.08.2.10-11	Miscellaneous letter
3	32	2004.FIA.08.2.12	Trust Mortgage between Samuel Powers, Leslie Wead and H.K. Merrifield.
3	32	2004.FIA.08.2.13	Merrifield Building Trust Subscription to Bonds.
3	32	2004.FIA.08.2.14	Description of Merrifield Trust
3	33	2004.FIA.08.2.15	Deed (1875)
3	33	2004.FIA.08.2.16	Deed (1875)
3	33	2004.FIA.08.2.17	Lease between Merrifield Building Trust and Company.
3	33	2004.FIA.08.2.18	Agreement between C.A. Dodge and Merrifield (1910)
3	33	2004.FIA.08.2.19	Land lease to Mechanics National Bank.
3	33	2004.FIA.08.2.20	Articles of agreement between City of Worcester and William T. Merrifield (1875)
3	33	2004.FIA.08.2.21	Agreement between City and Merrifield.
3	33	2004.FIA.08.2.22	Land deed

Series 2, Continued

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
3	33	2004.FIA.08.2.23	Memorandum concerning the "Merrifield Buildings Trust"
3	33	2004.FIA.08.2.24	Declaration of Trust (1904)
3	33	2004.FIA.08.2.25	Memorandum concerning the Merrifield Building Trust.
3	33	2004.FIA.08.2.26	Subscription Agreement to Merrifield Building Trust.
3	33	2004.FIA.08.2.27	Gates Tract
3	34	2004.FIA.08.2.28	Memorandum Concerning Proposed Merrifield Buildings Trust.
3	34	2004.FIA.08.2.29	Subscription Agreement to Merrifield Building Trust.
3	34	2004.FIA.08.2.30	Lease and Purchase Agreement
3	34	2004.FIA.08.2.31	Lease and Purchase Agreement
3	34	2004.FIA.08.2.32	Memorandum of Agreement between William Merrifield and Whitcomb, Wead & Co.
3	34	2004.FIA.08.2.33	Declaration of Trust
3	34	2004.FIA.08.2.34	Memorandum for the organization of the Merrifield Buildings.
3	34	2004.FIA.08.2.35	Blueprint
3	34	2004.FIA.08.2.36	Blueprint