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Grace, Milton,
Photograph Collection

1999.121

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Collection Information

Abstract: The Milton Grace Photograph Collection is comprised of group portraits of school classes taught by Grace in the Worcester Public Schools, grades 4 – 6, from early 1950s to early 1980s, and related items.

Finding Aids: Finding Aid in print form available in the Repository. Item level control.

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Grace, Milton, 1926-1999.

Middlesex Avenue School (Worcester, Mass.) – Students – Photographs.

Quinsigamond School (Worcester, Mass.) – Students – Photographs.

Rice Square School (Worcester, Mass.) – Students – Photographs.

Teachers – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Students – Massachusetts – Worcester – Photographs.

Biographical/Historical Information

Milton Grace was born on July 20, 1926 in Worcester, Mass., the son of Morris and Adelle Grace. He had two brothers, James and Charles. The parents ran a fruit and vegetable store on Water Street, and the Grace family lived nearby. When he was young, Milt would help out at the store, and later on would drive the truck to Boston at 4 in the morning to pick up the produce with his father.

He attended Worcester Public Schools, and when he was young he would attend religious education classes after school.

He was a veteran of World War II, and served in the Asian Theater of War in the Phillipines as an M.P. After his discharge he came back to Worcester and went to Worcester State Teachers College. When he graduated from there he took a job as an elementary school teacher in the Worcester Public Schools. He was a very conscientious teacher and took a personal interest in each of his students. Milton retired in 1983, and he and his wife Dorothy enjoyed their retirement with their family and friends.

Although they had no children of their own, they would come to all birthday parties and family affairs. They were the kind of couple who were always willing to help out financially or with a job to be done.

He was of an athletic nature and during the summer he used to be a swimming instructor for the Town of Auburn and for summer camps in New Hampshire. He enjoyed playing tennis at the YMCA, and he and Arthur Longwell (fils) were partners for thirty-five years, and traveled all over New England winning many tournaments. Milt was a left-handed player and my son tells me that it was hard to hit one of Milt's left-handed drives.

Milton Grace was a good friend and is greatly missed.

Written by Arthur Longwell,
Worcester Historical Museum Volunteer
October, 1999.

Scope and Content

The collection is comprised of class photographs of 4th and 6th grade classes taught by Milton Grace during his teaching career at three Worcester public schools for the early 1950s through 1985. Most students in each of the photographs are identified. In addition the collection includes letters and notes from past students, and a clipping relating to Grace's winning of a tennis tournament.

The collection provides insight into the life and professional activities of Milton Grace for more than 30 years. It also provides detailed observation of changes in youth's clothing and hair styles from the 1950s through the 1980s.

Series Description

Series 1: Rice Square School. Photographs of classes taught by Grace from 1983-1985.
(3 items)

Series 2: Middlesex Avenue School. Photographs of classes taught by Grace from 1966-1981.
(22 items)

Series 3: Quinsigamond School, Photographs of classes taught by Grace from 1953-1964, and
from 1981-1982.
(9 items)

Series 4: Miscellaneous. Unidentified photographs and lists, letters, clippings.
(6 items)

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Series 1, Rice Square School

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	1999.121.1.1a-b	Grade 4 students, Rice Square School, Worcester, Massachusetts, 1983 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., kodacolor print. (2 copies)
1	1	1999.121.1.2	Grade 4 students, Rice Square School, Worcester, Massachusetts, 1984 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., kodacolor print.
1	1	1999.121.1.3a-c	Grade 4 students, Rice Square School, Worcester, Massachusetts, 1985 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., kodacolor print. (3 copies)

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Series 2, Middlesex Avenue School

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	2	1999.121.2.1a-e	Grade 6 students, Middlesex Avenue School, Worcester, Massachusetts, March 15, 1966 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., kodacolor print. (5 copies)
1	2	1999.121.2.2	Grade 4 students, Middlesex Avenue School, Worcester, Massachusetts, March 15, 1966 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., kodacolor print.
1	2	1999.121.2.3a-b	Grade 6 students, Middlesex Avenue School, Worcester, Massachusetts, March 20, 1967 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., kodacolor print. (2 copies)
1	2	1999.121.2.4a-b	Grade 6 students, Middlesex Avenue School, Worcester, Massachusetts, May 14, 1968 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., kodacolor print. (2 copies)
1	2	1999.121.2.5a-b	Grade 6 students, Middlesex Avenue School, Worcester, Massachusetts, May 20, 1969 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., kodacolor print. (2 copies)
1	2	1999.121.2.6	Grade 5-6 students, Middlesex Avenue School, Worcester, Massachusetts, May 20, 1969 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., kodacolor print.
1	2	1999.121.2.7	Grade 6 students, Middlesex Avenue School, Worcester, Massachusetts, March 31, 1970 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., kodacolor print.
1	2	1999.121.2.8a-b	Grade 6 students, Middlesex Avenue School, Worcester, Massachusetts, March 19, 1971 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., kodacolor print. (2 copies)
1	2	1999.121.2.9	Grade 2 students, Middlesex Avenue School, Worcester, Massachusetts, March 19, 1971 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., kodacolor print.

Series 2, continued

1	2	1999.121.2.10a-b .10c-d	Grade 6 students, Middlesex Avenue School, Worcester, Massachusetts, 1971-1972 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., kodacolor print. (2 copies) Memoranda and list of class names. (2 items)
1	2	1999.121.2.11a-g .11h	Grade 6 students, Middlesex Avenue School, Worcester, Massachusetts, 1972-1973 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., kodacolor print. (7 copies) List of class names.
1	2	1999.121.2.12	Grade 6 students, Middlesex Avenue School, Worcester, Massachusetts, 1973-1974 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., kodacolor print.
1	2	1999.121.2.13a-c 13d	Grade 6 students, Middlesex Avenue School, Worcester, Massachusetts, 1973-1974 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., kodacolor print. (3 copies) List of student names.
1	2	1999.121.2.14a-b	Grade 6 students, Middlesex Avenue School, Worcester, Massachusetts, 1975-1976 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., kodacolor print. (2 copies)
1	2	1999.121.2.15	Grade 5 students, Middlesex Avenue School, Worcester, Massachusetts, 1975-1976 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., kodacolor print.
1	2	1999.121.2.16a-g 16h-i	Grade 6 students, Middlesex Avenue School, Worcester, Massachusetts, 1976-1977 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., kodacolor print. (7 copies) Letter, list of student names. (2 items)
1	2	1999.121.2.17	Grade 6 students, Middlesex Avenue School, Worcester, Massachusetts, 1977-1978 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., kodacolor print.
1	2	1999.121.2.18a-b 18c	Grade 6 students, Middlesex Avenue School, Worcester, Massachusetts, 1978-1979 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., kodacolor print. (2 copies) List of student names.

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1	2	1999.121.2.19a-f	Grade 6 students, Middlesex Avenue School, Worcester, Massachusetts, 1979-1980 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., kodacolor print. (6 copies)
1	2	1999.121.2.20	Grade 6 students, Middlesex Avenue School, Worcester, Massachusetts, 1980-1981 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., kodacolor print. Last class, school closed 1981.
1	2	1999.121.2.21	Middlesex Avenue School student body, 1980-1981 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., silver gelatin print. "Last picture at Middlesex – entire school."
1	2	1999.121.2.22a-b	Middlesex Avenue School staff, 1980-1981 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., kodacolor print. (2 copies)

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Series 3, Quinsigamond School

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	3	1999.121.3.1a-c	Grade 4 students, Quinsigamond School, Worcester, Massachusetts, 1954-1955 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., silver gelatin print / Arthur S. Adams. (3 copies)
1	3	1999.121.3.2a-c	Grade 5 students, Quinsigamond School, Worcester, Massachusetts, 1953-1954 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., silver gelatin print / Arthur S. Adams. (3 copies)
1	3	1999.121.3.3	"Mr. Grace's class at Quinsigamond School, n.d. : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., kodacolor print.
1	3	1999.121.3.4	"Mr. Grace's class at Quinsigamond School, 1959-1960" : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., kodacolor print.
1	3	1999.121.3.5a-g	Grade 5 students, Quinsigamond School, Worcester, Massachusetts, May 1961 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., kodacolor print. (7 copies)
1	3	1999.121.3.6	Grade 4-5 students, Quinsigamond School, Worcester, Massachusetts, May 10, 1962 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., kodacolor print.
1	3	1999.121.3.7	Grade 4 students, Quinsigamond School, Worcester, Massachusetts, May 15, 1963 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., kodacolor print.
		.7a	List of student names.
1	3	1999.121.3.8	Grade 4-5 students, Quinsigamond School, Worcester, Massachusetts, May 13, 1964 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., kodacolor print.
1	3	1999.121.3.9	Grade 6 students, Quinsigamond School, Worcester, Massachusetts, 1981-1982 : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., kodacolor print.
		9a	List of student names.

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 Series 4, Miscellaneous

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	4	1999.121.4.1	"Milton Gravel's picture", class picture, school and date unknown : group portrait, 5 x 7 in., silver gelatin print.
1	4	1999.121.4.2	Card, with letter to Milton Grace from former student Maryellen Dinneen Brisbois, 1998.
1	4	1999.121.4.3	Maryellen Dinneen Brisbois, 3 boys, 1998 (?) : group portrait, 3 x 4 in., kodacolor print.
1	4	1999.121.4.4	Milton Grace : portrait, 2 x 3 in., kodacolor print.
1	5	1999.121.4.5	List of student names, Grade 4, 1974-1975. (No matching print)
1	5	1999.121.4.6	Clipping : Milton Grace wins tennis tournament, [S.l., s.n., n.d.]