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William Wiley Photograph  
Collection

1998.24

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### **Collection Information**

**Abstract** : Late 19<sup>th</sup> century glass plate negatives depict Paxton Chief of Police William Wiley and family, other people and miscellaneous scenes.

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

**Preferred Citation** : Worcester Historical Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

**Provenance** : Gift of Vivian Endicott, Ipswich, Mass., February 11, 1998.

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

Farms – Massachusetts – Photographs.

Farm buildings – Massachusetts – Photographs.

Dwellings – Massachusetts – Photographs.

Photography – Negatives.

Photograph collections. lcsh

Negatives. aat

### **Historical/Biographical Notes**

The photographs of the collection are mostly ca. 1890s, and appear to represent several topics. Documentation with the collection suggests that the man and woman who appear in many of the negatives are William Wiley, Chief of Police in Paxton during the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and his wife. Other people represented may be family members. Buildings and scenes are both rural and urban, and suggest that many of the photographs may be of Paxton farms and Worcester dwellings. Other photographs are unidentifiable.

### **Scope and Content**

The collection comprises 36 glass plate negatives, 4 x 5 in., of farm scenes, dwellings in urban environments, interior views of buildings, and people. The negatives date from ca. 1890s.

### **Series Descriptions**

**Series 1:** Buildings. Includes interior and exterior views of urban and rural buildings, mostly dwellings. (13 glass plate negatives)

**Series 2:** People. Includes photographs of groups, couples, children. (14 glass plate negatives)

**Series 3:** Street scenes, views. Includes both urban and rural scenes. (7 glass plate negatives)

**Series 4:** Miscellaneous. (2 glass plate negatives)

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Series 1, Buildings

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1		1998.24.1.1	Rural dwelling. Large 2 ½ story federal style dwelling with fanlight, two chimneys. Location unknown (possibly Paxton) ca. 1890s.
1		1998.24.1.2	Rural dwelling. Connected buildings, 1 ½ story, with additional outbuildings. Location unknown. Ca. 1890s.
1		1998.24.1.3	Rural dwelling. Large 2 ½ story dwelling with ell and additional outbuildings. Location unknown. Ca. 1890s.
1		1998.24.1.4	Rural dwelling. Large 2 ½ story dwelling with 2 story ell and additional outbuildings. Location unknown. Ca. 1890s.
1		1998.24.1.5	Rural dwelling. Large 2 ½ story federal style dwelling with end chimneys and outbuildings. Location unknown. Ca. 1890s.
1		1998.24.1.6	Rural dwelling. 1 ½ story dwelling with 1 story attached shed. Horse and buggy, child, and adult in front of building. Location unknown. Ca. 1890s.
1		1998.24.1.7	Large 2 story frame building with American flag, possibly a school. Location unknown. Ca. 1890s. (negative in poor condition)
1		1998.24.1.8	Stone Gothic revival building, possibly a church. Location unknown. Ca. 1890s.
1		1998.24.1.9	Urban dwelling. Small 2 ½ story 3 bay side entry dwelling, brick sidewalk. Location unknown (possibly Worcester) ca. 1890s.

Series 1, continued

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| 1 | 1998.24.1.10    | Urban dwelling. Large 2 ½ story Queen Anne style dwelling on city street, fire hydrant. Location unknown. Ca. 1890s.                   |
| 1 | 1998.24.1.11a-c | Interior views of dwellings depicting fireplaces, furniture, wall coverings, ornament, etc. Locations unknown. Ca. 1890s.<br>(3 views) |

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Series 2, People

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1		1984.24.2.1	Two women, unidentified.
1		1984.24.2.2	Unidentified elderly couple, possibly William Wiley and wife. (Glass plate negative damaged)
1		1984.24.2.3	Unidentified child and adults in front of dwelling. Location unknown.
1		1984.24.2.4	Group portrait, four unidentified people.
1		1984.24.2.5a-b	Unidentified man and child on porch of dwelling, urban location. (2 views)
1		1984.24.2.6a-d	Unidentified man and woman, possibly Mr. & Mrs. William Wiley. (4 views)
1		1998.24.2.7a-d	Unidentified man, possibly William Wiley, seated. Interior view. (4 views)

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Series 3, Street scenes/Views

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1		1998.24.3.1	Cattle in pasture. Location unknown.
1		1998.24.3.2	Climax electric trolley car at Adams Square, Worcester, 1895, Motorman Bancroft, Conductor W. S. Rawson.
1		1998.24.3.3	Unidentified street scene with open park-like area.
1		1998.24.3.4	Brick sidewalk, line of trees, open park-like area. Location unknown.
1		1998.24.3.5a-c	Unidentified cemetery. Unidentified couple, grave of Lucas. (3 views)

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Series 4, Miscellaneous

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1		1998.24.4.1	Framed photograph on pillow or decorative cover.
1		1998.24.4.2	Dog, seated at man's feet. (Poor condition)