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American Costume
Catalog

2000.25

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Collection Information

Abstract : Davis Press, Worcester, Mass., was established 1875 as printer and publisher of catalogs, advertising materials, serial and other publications. American costumes catalog was published by Fairbairn Publications, part of Davis Press in 1937, with artwork by Rose Netzorg Kerr.

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

Preferred Citation : Worcester Historical Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance : Purchased from Hillcrest Books, Crossville, Tenn., April 2000.

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

Davis Press (Worcester, Mass.)
Fairbairn Publications (Worcester, Mass.)
Costume – 17th century – Pictorial works.
Costume – 18th century – Pictorial works.
Costume – 19th century – Pictorial works.
Costume – Catalogs.
Business enterprises – Massachusetts – Worcester.
Worcester (Mass.) – Commerce.
Catalogs. (tgm)
Kerr, Rose Netzorg.

Historical/Biographical Notes

Davis Press in Worcester was established in 1875 as a printer and publisher. In the 1890s the firm established a department for copy and layout, to provide a high quality product. The bulk of the business has been printing catalogs and advertisements for businesses, although the company has published a serial, *The School Arts magazine*, and has also published art text books and other volumes. The company is still in business in Worcester. The American Costume catalog a portfolio of interpretive costume design, was published by Fairbairn Publications, a part of Davis Press in 1937.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of a catalog published by Davis Press, 1937, Interpretive Costume Design: American costume (1620-1860). The catalog has twelve heavy card stock pen and ink lithographs drawn by Rose Netzorg Kerr, picturing costume at various periods of time from Colonial through Civil War.

Series Description

The collection is not organized into series.

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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1		2000.25.1.1	Interpretive costume design: American costume (1620-1860) No. 4 / drawn by Rose Netzorg Kerr, published 1937 by Davis Press, Worcester, Mass. Includes twelve heavy card stock lithographs depicting period costume.