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## ARCHIVES

*Asher Family  
Papers*

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## Collection Information

Abstract: The collection consists of papers highlighting important events in the life of the Asher Family, from the citizenship and name change papers of Abraham I. Asher[owski], immigrant from Poland in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, through activities of family members during the first third of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

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Provenance: Gift of Dorothy Asher, June 13, 1989. (Wife of Jacob Asher, daughter-in-law of Abraham Asher)

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Asher, Abraham Isaac,  
Asher, Jacob, 1887-  
Asher, Daniel.  
Asher, Edith.  
Asher family.  
A. I. Asher & Sons (Worcester, Mass.)  
Maurice Auto Co. (Worcester, Mass.)  
Jews – Massachusetts – Worcester.  
Jews, East European – Massachusetts – Worcester.  
Immigrants – Massachusetts – Worcester.  
Lawyers, Jewish – Massachusetts – Worcester.  
Jewish judges – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Jewish community in Worcester – [local]  
Certificates – Honorable Discharge – [local]  
Certificates – Change of name – [local]  
Diplomas – Massachusetts – Worcester – [lcsb]  
Marriage certificates, Yiddish – Massachusetts – Worcester [gmGPC]

### Biographical Information

Abraham Isaac Asherowski was a native of Poland (Russia), who emigrated to the United States in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, and became a citizen in 1891. In 1894 he changed his name from Asherowski to Asher. He was one of the founders of Shaarai Torah synagogue, and was active in its leadership.

Jacob Asher, son of Abraham, was born in Worcester in 1887, graduated from Clark University with a Bachelor of Arts degree with highest honors in June 1907, and graduated from the Law School of Columbia University in 1910. He received an Honorable Discharge from the military in June 1916, after serving as a Private with 2<sup>nd</sup> Company, Worcester Military Training School. He practiced law in Worcester and in 1917 was named a judge in the Central District Court in Worcester.

Daniel Asher was President of Maurice Auto Company in 1920.

Edith Asher married Albert L. Siskind on May 16, 1922.

### Scope and Content

The collection consists of six documents relating to important events in the life of the Asher family over two generations, between ca. 1890 and 1922. The collection includes citizenship papers of Abraham Asherowski (1891), legal approval of name change from Asherowski to Asher (1894); diploma from Clark University and Honorable Discharge for Jacob Asher (1907 and 1916); receipt signed by Daniel Asher on the letterhead of A. I. Asher & Sons, manufacturers of men's and youth's trousers (1920); and Certificate of Marriage, Edith Asher and Albert L. Siskind, written in Yiddish (1922). The collection provides insight into the upward mobility of eastern European Jewish immigrant families in the late 19<sup>th</sup>-early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

The collection is arranged by family member.

### Series Description

Series 1: Abraham Isaac Asher. Includes documents relative to his becoming a citizen, and changing the name to “Asher” from “Asherowski”.

Series 2: Jacob Asher. Includes documents relative to his educational background and military service.

Series 3: Daniel Asher. Includes a single document relative to his position as President of Maurice Auto Co.

Series 4: Edith Asher. Includes a certificate of marriage, with Yiddish text, relative to her marriage to Albert L. Siskind.

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Series 1, Abraham Isaac Asher

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	1989.55.1.1	Certificate of citizenship: to Abram [sic] I. Asherowski, born in Poland (Russia), dated October 23, 1891.
1	1	1989.55.1.2	Certificate of change of name: from Abraham Isaac Asherowski to Abraham Isaac Asher, dated September 18, 1894.

Asher Family Papers  
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Series 2, Jacob Asher

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	2	1989.55.2.1	Diploma: Bachelor of Arts, with highest honor, to Jacob Asher, June 20, 1907, by the Collegiate Department, Clark University, Worcester, Mass.
1	2	1989.55.2.2	Honorable Discharge: Jacob Asher, Private, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Company, Worcester Military Training School, June 6, 1916.



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Series 3, Daniel Asher

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	3	1989.55.3.1	Receipt: for check and notes from A. I. Asher & Sons, by Daniel Asher, president, Maurice Auto Co., September 9, 1920; on letterhead of A. I. Asher & Sons, manufacturers of men's and youth's trousers.

Asher Family Papers  
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Series 4, Edith Asher

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	4	1989.55.4.1	Certificate of Marriage: Edith Asher and Albert L. Siskind, May 16, 1922. Bulk of the text written in Yiddish.