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Bushong Photograph
Collection

2001.17

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Collection Information

Abstract : J. Chester Bushong was a Worcester photographer from 1911 until his death ca. 1939.

The business, renamed Bushong Studios, continued under John Bushong until the early 1960s.

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

Preferred Citation : Worcester Historical Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance : Gift of Mildred Bushong, Barre, Mass., April 2001.

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

Bushong, J. Chester.
Bushong, John.
Bushong Studio (Worcester, Mass.)
Photographers – Massachusetts – Worcester.
Photograph collections. lcsb
Union Station (Worcester, Mass.) – Photographs.
Mechanics Hall (Worcester, Mass.) – Photographs.
Cased photographs. aat
Ambrotypes. aat
Tintypes. aat
Glass negatives. gmgpc

Historical/Biographical Notes

J. Chester Bushong was a photographer in Worcester from about 1911 until his death around 1939, with photographic studios on Main Street, near Mechanics Hall. John Bushong, his son, apprenticed in the business in the late 1930s, and operated the business as Bushong Studio from 1940 until the early 1960s. Numerous example of the work of the studio are held by the repository.

Scope and Content

The collection comprises early 20th century photographs of Union Station and Mechanics Hall, a color print of the interior of Bancroft Hotel from the early 1950s, made before commercial color photography was established, and cased photographs, a tintype, and a glass plate negative, all unidentified.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Photographic Prints. Twentieth century photographs of Worcester buildings. (4 items)

Series 2: Miscellaneous Formats. Cased photographs, tintypes, negatives. (3 items)

Series 1, Photographic Prints

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2001.17.1.1	Union Station, Worcester, Mass. : 8 x 10 in. / ca. 1911. (recent print of original photograph)
1	1	2001.17.1.2	Union Station, Worcester, Mass., with automobiles : 8 x 10 in. / ca. 1920.
1	1	2001.17.1.3	Mechanics Hall, Worcester, Mass. : 8 x 10 in. / ca. 1920s. (recent reprint of original photograph)
1	1	2001.17.1.4	Bancroft Hotel, interior view : 7 x 9 in., color print / John Bushong, early 1950s. (Made before commercial color printing was available.)

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Series 2, Miscellaneous Formats

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
		2001.17.2.1	Cased photograph with ambrotype of unidentified woman and tintype of unidentified man / ca. 1860s.
1	2	2001.17.2.2	Two unidentified children : tintype, 2 x 3 in. / ca.1860s. (Has been bent)
1	3	2001.17.2.3	Unidentified young woman : glass plate negative, 5 x 7 in. / n.d.