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Collection Information

Abstract: The collection consists largely of clippings relating to the proposed (1976) Worcester Civic Center, and the Worcester Bicentennial Committee Heritage Weekend activities (May, 1976).

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

Preferred Citation: Archives of the Worcester Historical Museum, 30 Elm Street, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance: Donated by Susan Ceccacci of Worcester in 1999.

Access: The Finding Aid is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings (lcsh, aat, gmgpc, rbgenr, etc.)

United States – Anniversary celebrations, etc.
Worcester (Mass.) – Anniversary celebrations, etc.
Worcester (Mass.) – History.
Worcester Bicentennial Commission (Worcester, Mass.)
Massachusetts Bicentennial Commission.
Heritage Weekend – Worcester Bicentennial Commission – May15-16, 1976.
Worcester Civic Center (Worcester, Mass.)
Independent Order of Odd Fellows Home – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Floor plans – Massachusetts – Worcester – Odd Fellows Home.

Fliers (Printed matter) – gmgpc
Leaflets
Pamphlets

Proclamations – rbgenr
Clippings

See Also: Other material relating to Susan Ceccacci.

Biographical Information

Susan Ceccacci, a resident of Jefferson, Massachusetts, was involved with the Worcester Bicentennial Commission during the United States Bicentennial year, 1976. She was instrumental in arranging for Heritage Weekend in Worcester, celebrating the city's historical, cultural, and architectural heritage.

Ms Ceccacci also had an interest in the Worcester Civic Center, proposed in 1976 for construction in downtown Worcester. Other architecture-related items in the collection indicate an interest in architecture and Worcester's architectural heritage.

Other collections at the Worcester Historical Museum Archives include Ms Ceccacci's Masters thesis on pre-1870 architectural terra-cotta in the United States.

Scope and Content

The collection consists largely of clippings in two subject areas: the proposed (1976) Civic Center planned for downtown Worcester; and the activities of the Worcester Bicentennial Commission, particularly in planning for the Heritage Weekend to be celebrated in Worcester May 15-16, 1976. The collection also includes a passbook on the Worcester County National Bank and related documents, floor plans to the Odd Fellows Home in Worcester, and a Proclamation by the Mayor of Worcester for Architectural Heritage Day, October 1, 1982.

The Civic Center clippings provide insight into discussion of the desirability of building a Civic Center in Worcester, and cover both economic and political aspects of the issue.

Worcester Bicentennial Commission clippings emphasize the preparation of the Commission members for Heritage Weekend on May 15-15, 1976, as part of the National Bicentennial celebration. Clippings illustrate the activities of the weekend. Other documents, including attendance lists and evaluation forms illustrate the effectiveness of the program.

Other items in the collection illustrate the interests of the donor.

The bulk of the collection is newspaper clippings from 1976. Other items in the collection date between the early 1970s and the early 1980s.

The collection is arranged topically, and described to item level.

Series Description

Series 1: Financial documents. Includes passbook, receipt and information re safe deposit boxes, and miscellaneous items.

Series 2: Worcester Civic Center. Mostly clippings from 1976 presenting proposals for construction of a Civic Center in Worcester, with numerous articles approving or disapproving the proposal.

Series 3: Worcester Bicentennial Commission activities. Primarily clippings re Heritage Weekend planned by the Commission for celebration in Worcester during the national bicentennial in 1976, statistics on attendance and evaluation forms for participants.

Series 4: Miscellaneous. Includes floor plans of Odd Fellows Home in Worcester, architectural drawings, proclamation, etc.

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Series 1, Financial Documents

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	1999.12.1.1	Passbook. Worcester County National Bank savings account record, with blank checks, withdrawal form, in plastic case.
1	1	1999.12.1.2	Flier. Safe deposit box rental information, Worcester County National Bank.
1	1	1999.12.1.3	Flier. Rules and regulations for safe deposit box use, Worcester County National Bank.
1	1	1999.12.1.4	Receipt. Safe deposit box rental, October 1, 1981.
1	1	1999.12.1.5	Envelope.

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 Series 2, Worcester Civic Center

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	2	1999.12.2.1	Clipping. Worcester Telegram, August 16, 1976: \$42.5 million project list proposed for U.S. funding. Aqp.
1	2	1999.12.2.2	Clipping. Worcester Telegram, August 24, 1976: Full Center funding by U.S. is ruled out. Aqp.
1	2	1999.12.2.3	Clipping. Worcester Telegram, August 20, 1976: Voters to be polled on Civic Center plan. Aqp.
1	2	1999.12.2.4	Clipping. Worcester Telegram, August 25, 1976: Editorials – Third from the bottom, and, Profitable Civic Centers. 2 p. Aqp.
1	2	1999.12.2.5	Clipping. Worcester Telegram, August 26, 1976. New issue raised by Judge in Civic Center petition case. 2 p. Aqp.
1	2	1999.12.2.6	Clipping. Worcester Telegram, August 2u, 1976. Letter – Sees too few people to support center. Aqp.
1	2	1999.12.2.7	Clipping. Worcester Telegram, August 19, 1976. Civic Center foes turn to High Court. Aqp.
1	2	1999.12.2.8	Clipping. Worcester Telegram, July 30, 1976. Editorial – The Civic Center. Aqp.
1	2	1999.12.2.9	Clipping. Worcester Telegram, July 1, 1976. Mayor calls special huddle on Civic Center, industry. Aqp.
1	2	1999.12.2.10	Clipping. Worcester Telegram, July 28, 1976. Letters – Expresses doubt about Civic Center. Aqp.
1	2	1999.12.2.11	Clipping. Worcester Telegram, July 27, 1976. Council affirms Civic Center support. Aqp.

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| 1 | 2 | 1999.12.2.12 | Clipping. Worcester Telegram, July 22, 1976. U.S. aid for Civic Center seen possible by McGrath. Aqp. |
| 1 | 2 | 1999.12.2.13 | Clipping. Worcester Sunday Telegram, August 8, 1976. Civic Center brought life to downtown Milwaukee. 3 p. Aqp. |
| 1 | 2 | 1999.12.2.14 | Article. The Worcester New School. 8 p. |

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Series 3, Bicentennial Commission

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	3	1999.12.3.1	Clipping. Reprint from Bicentennial Times, publication of Massachusetts Bicentennial Commission, October 1975: Visible cities – Worcester. 2 p. Aqp.
1	3	1999.12.3.2	Clipping. Worcester Sunday Telegram, April 11, 1976: Commission plans ‘Heritage Weekend’. Aqp.
1	3	1999.12.3.3	Clipping. Worcester Telegram, April 22, 1976: Getting prepared for Heritage Weekend. Aqp.
1	3	1999.12.3.4	Clipping. Worcester Telegram, May 10, 1976: Student’s research coming to fruition next weekend. Aqp.
1	3	1999.12.3.5	Clipping. Worcester Gazette, May 12, 1976: Worcester is preparing for Heritage Weekend. Aqp.
1	3	1999.12.3.6	Clipping. Worcester Gazette, May 12, 1976: Italians planning Heritage Weekend. Aqp.
1	3	1999.12.3.7	Clipping. Worcester Gazette, May 12, 1976: Parade to show transportation vehicles. Aqp.
1	3	1999.12.3.8	Clipping. Worcester Gazette, May 12, 1976: St. Paul’s plans weekend events for Bicentennial. Aqp.
1	3	1999.12.3.9	Clipping. Worcester Gazette, May 13, 1976: City’s medical heritage to be on display. Aqp.
1	3	1999.12.3.10	Clipping. Worcester Sunday Telegram, March 7, 1976: Heritage Weekend in May. Aqp.
1	3	1999.12.3.11	Clipping. Worcester Telegram, May 13, 1976: A debut that’s directed to you. 2 p. Aqp.

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1	3	1999.12.3.12	Clipping. Worcester Gazette, May 14, 1976: Editorial – Worcester on exhibition. 2 p. Aqp.
1	3	1999.12.3.13	Clipping. Worcester Telegram, May 14, 1976: Editorial – To remember our heritage. Aqp.
1	3	1999.12.3.14	Clipping. Worcester Sunday Telegram, May 16, 1976: Salute to heritage opens. Aqp.
1	3	1999.12.3.15a-b	Clipping. Worcester Sunday Telegram, July 4, 1976: The ‘Bicentennialists’ look back. 2 p. Aqp. 2 copies.
1	3	1999.12.3.16	Clipping. Worcester Telegram, N.d.: Heritage Weekend in May. Aqp.
1	3	1999.12.3.17	Clipping. Worcester [s.n.], N.d.: Bicentennial Commission winds up two-year stint. Aqp.
1	4	1999.12.3.18	Flier. Notice to vendors, re Heritage Weekend May 15-16, 1976.
1	4	1999.12.3.19a-b	Serial. Worcester Spy, Worcester Bicentennial Commission Newsletter No. 8, May 1976. Heritage Weekend articles and information. 2 copies.
1	4	1999.12.3.20	Letter. Worcester Bicentennial Commission to Susan Ceccacci, October 27, 1976.
1	4	1999.12.3.21	List. Buildings and areas open to the public, Heritage Weekend, May 15-16, 1976.
1	4	1999.12.3.22	Flier. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – St. Ann Parish calendar: Heritage Weekend programs by the Parish.
1	4	1999.12.3.23	News Release. Worcester Bicentennial Commission, announcing Heritage Weekend. 3 p.
1	4	1999.12.3.24	List. Representatives for guided tours and displays, Heritage Weekend.
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1	4	1999.12.3.25	Flier. Worcester County Music Association: An American Festival, May 15, 1976.

1	4	1999.12.3.26	Pamphlet. Worcester County Music Association: An American Festival, program and notes.
1	4	1999.12.3.27	Leaflet. Heritage Weekend, Oxford Street School, May 15-16, 1976, with historical background on school building.
1	4	1999.12.3.28	Flier. Central Church calendar, March 14, 1976, item re heritage Weekend participation.
1	5	1999.12.3.29	List. Heritage Weekend visitors arranged by site and visitors' home towns. 13 p.
1	5	1999.12.3.30	List. Heritage Weekend total visitors arranged by site and Worcester/non-Worcester.
1	5	1999.12.3.31	List. Heritage Weekend visitors totals by home town. 4 p.
1	5	1999.12.3.32	List. Participants' Evaluation forms. 4 p.

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Series 4, Miscellaneous

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	6	1999.12.4.1	Floor plans. Interior layout of Odd Fellows Home, Worcester, Mass., showing floor plans of basement and three floors. 2 p.
		1a	Aqp. 4 p.
1	7	1999.12.4.2	Proclamation. Architectural Heritage Day, October 1, 1982, by Sara J. Robinson, Mayor of Worcester.