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Mabel Curtis Photograph
Collection

2001.19

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Collection Information

Abstract : Photographs of the Plantation Street area and coal mine in Worcester taken around

1900 show rural aspect of the city during that time period.

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

Preferred Citation : Worcester Historical Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance : Gift of Joan Stapor Joy, February 2001.

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

Coal mines and mining – Massachusetts – Worcester – Photographs.

Abandoned coal mines – Massachusetts – Worcester – Photographs.

Farms – Massachusetts – Worcester – Photographs.

Plantation Street – Massachusetts – Worcester – 19th century – Photographs. local

Photograph collections. lcsb

Collodion prints. aat

Historical/Biographical Notes

A home was built for Mabel Curtis at 370 Plantation Street in 1896 when the area was still dominantly farmland. Photographs of the home and Plantation Street area show lack of development and mostly open agricultural land. The photographs were willed to Peter Stapor at Curtis' death, and passed to his daughter Joan Stapor Joy.

Scope and Content

The collection comprises two photographs of Plantation Street taken around 1900, showing farmland, cattle, and providing a visual record of the agricultural aspect of Worcester history during the late 19th century. Also included is a photograph of the Worcester coal mine, off Plantation Street, which also shows the coal bearing rock, as well as a view of the rural aspect of the area.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Plantation Street. Views of farms and farmland on Plantation Street ca. 1900. (2 items)

Series 2: Coal mine, off Plantation Street, Worcester, Mass., with negative. (2 items)

Series 1, Plantation Street

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2001.19.1.1	Residence of Mabel Curtis, 370 Plantation Street, cows in foreground : collodion print, 5 x 8 in., matted / ca. 1900.
1	1	2001.19.1.2	View of Plantation Street, showing open farmland : collodion print, 5 x 8 in., matted / ca. 1900.

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Series 2, Coal Mine

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2001.19.2.1	Coal mine (site) off Plantation Street, Worcester, Mass., (active ca. 1820-1840, now collapsed) : collodion print, 5 x 8 in., matted / ca. 1900.
1	1	2001.19.1.1a	Negative for coal mine photograph.