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English High School Class of 1905
Photograph Collection

1998.109

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Collection Information

Abstract: The collection consists of a single document, a photograph of the English High School Class of 1905, taken on the steps of the building later known as Classical High School.

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

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

Provenance: Gift of Susan Corrigan, Gilbertville, Mass., July 1998. Photograph originally owned by Mary and Agnes O'Connor.

Access: The Finding Aid is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings (lcs, gm, etc.)

English High School (Worcester, Mass.)
Classical High School (Worcester, Mass.)
High school seniors – Massachusetts – Worcester – Photographs.

Group portraits – English High School (Worcester, Mass.) – 1905. (gm)
Silver gelatin prints. (gm)

Historical Information

The photograph of the Class of 1905 of English High School is taken on the front steps of the building later known as Classical High School in Worcester. English High School was one of the early high schools in the city, and occupied a site at Chatham and Irving Streets. Classical High School also existed at the same time and occupied the school building shown in the photograph toward the end of the 19th century. Early in the 20th century, Classical High School relocated to a new facility, and changed its name to Commerce High School. English High School then occupied the Classical High School building, and ultimately changed its name from English High School to Classical High School.

The photograph is a silver gelatin print, a process extensively used from the late 1800s to the present. It shows staining, extreme on the reverse, from the acid content of the wooden frame backing.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of a single group photograph of the Class of 1905 of English High School in Worcester, which is a source for both family history and Worcester school history. In addition the photograph documents clothing and hair styles of 1905, contributing to the understanding of styles as dating techniques. The photograph also provides insight into changing photographic processes and styles.

Series Description

The collection consists of a single photograph with frame.

Series 1, Photographs.

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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	1998.109.1.1	English High School Class of 1905, taken on the front steps of Classical High School, Worcester : silver gelatin print, 10 ½ x 13 ½ in. on 16 x 20 in. board. Photograph exhibits staining from acidic wooden frame.
1		1998.109.1.1f	Frame, wood, 16 x 20 in., painted black.