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Erskine Postcard
Collection

2000.80

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Collection Information

Abstract : Postcards of Worcester scenes, buildings, streetscapes, ca. 1895-1915.

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

Preferred Citation : Worcester Historical Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance : Gift of Caroline Erskine, Paxton, Mass., December 2000..

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

Photogravures. aat

Collotypes. aat

Relief halftones. aat

Photomechanical prints. aat

Postcards – Massachusetts – Worcester. lsh

Worcester (Mass.) – Pictorial works.

Historical/Biographical Notes

Postcards with prints of local scenes became extremely popular during the period ca. 1895 through World War I, reaching fad proportions in the United States. Most postcards made in the United States during this period were photomechanical prints of photographs. Before the late 1890s most postcards were printed in Germany, which at that time led the world in photomechanical printing technology. By the end of the 1890s United States technological advances equaled the quality of German postcards, and with the introduction of import duties on foreign postcards, led to a proliferation of companies in this country printing postcards. The postcard fad waned by the end of World War I, although postcards have remained popular with tourists and as collectors items.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of 34 postcards showing 32 views in Worcester, Mass., ca. 1910-1920.

Series Description

Series 1: Postcards. Early 20th century views of Worcester. (34 items)

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Series 1, Postcards

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2000.80.1.1	Slater Building, 1909; Butman Block, formerly stood where Slater Building stands : postcard, halftone photomechanical print / William A. Emerson, 8 Lincoln Ave., Worcester, Mass., ca. 1910.
1	1	2000.80.1.2	School St. fire, 1838; fire fighting in 1850; other fire department prints : postcard, halftone photomechanical print / Emerson, ca. 1910.
1	1	2000.80.1.3	Union Station (old); Union Station, completed 1910; other railroad prints : postcard, halftone photomechanical print / Emerson, ca. 1910.
1	1	2000.80.1.4	Worcester County Institution for Savings; Old Continental hall, other historic buildings : postcard, halftone photomechanical print / Emerson, ca. 1910.
1	1	2000.80.1.5	10 prints of old horse drawn fire equipment : postcard, halftone photomechanical print / Emerson, ca. 1910.
1	1	2000.80.1.6	State Mutual Life Assurance Co., built on site of old Brinley Block; Brinley Block, demolished 1895; view : postcard, halftone photomechanical print / Emerson, ca. 1910.
1	1	2000.80.1.7	Old-time fire companies of the Worcester Fire department with the fire apparatus then in use, about 1870 : postcard, halftone photomechanical print / Emerson, ca. 1910.
1	1	2000.80.1.8-.8a	Four views on Main Street near City Hall, 1836-1909 : postcard, halftone photomechanical print / Emerson, ca. 1910. 2 copies.

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1	1	2000.80.1.9	George Bancroft; Bancroft Tower; Bancroft birthplace; Bancroft Monument : postcard, halftone photomechanical print / Emerson, ca. 1910.
1	1	2000.80.1.10	Slater Building, State Mutual Building, First Baptist Church, other principal buildings : postcard, halftone photomechanical print / Emerson, ca. 1910.
1	1	2000.80.1.11	Post Office, Worcester, Mass. : postcard, rotogravure / Detroit Publishing Co., c1906.
1	1	2000.80.1.12	American Steel and Wire Co., North Works : postcard (part missing), color halftone photomechanical print / Bosselman, New York, ca. 1910.
1	1	2000.80.1.13	Bancroft's Tower : postcard, color halftone photomechanical print (foreground), collotype (background) / Mason Bros., Boston, Mass., ca. 1910.
1	1	2000.80.1.14	Armory Square, Worcester, Mass. : postcard, color halftone photomechanical print / Leighton, Portland, Me. / ca. 1910.
1	1	2000.80.1.15	Worcester Insane Hospital : postcard, color halftone photomechanical print / Leighton, Portland, Me., ca. 1910.
1	1	2000.80.1.16	Post Office, Worcester, Mass. : postcard, color halftone photomechanical print / Williams, Worcester, Mass., ca. 1910.
1	1	2000.80.1.17	The Bancroft Hotel, Worcester, Mass. : postcard, color halftone photomechanical print / Williams, Worcester, Mass., ca. 1910.
1	1	2000.80.1.18	Union Station, Worcester, Mass. : postcard, halftone photomechanical print / Metropolitan News Co., Boston, Mass., printed in Germany, ca. 1895.
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1	1	2000.80.1.19	Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass. : postcard, color halftone photomechanical print / Metropolitan

- News Co., Boston, Mass., printed in Germany, ca. 1895.
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| 1 | 1 | 2000.80.1.20 | Assumptionist College, Worcester, Mass. : postcard, color halftone photomechanical print / Rawson, Worcester, Mass., ca. 1910. |
| 1 | 1 | 2000.80.1.21 | Main Street, looking north from Exchange, Worcester, Mass. : postcard, color halftone photomechanical print / Williams, Worcester, Mass., ca. 1910. |
| 1 | 1 | 2000.80.1.22 | Main Street looking north, Worcester, Mass. : postcard, color halftone photomechanical print / [S.I.], ca. 1905. |
| 1 | 1 | 2000.80.1.23 | Harrington Corner, Worcester, Mass. : postcard, color halftone photomechanical print / made in Germany, ca. 1900. |
| 1 | 1 | 2000.80.1.24 | Vernon Square, Worcester, Mass. : postcard, color halftone photomechanical print / Bosselman, New York, made in Germany, ca. 1900. |
| 1 | 1 | 2000.80.1.25-.25a | View of Vernon Square, Worcester, Mass. : postcard, color halftone photomechanical print / ca. 1895. 2 copies. |
| 1 | 1 | 2000.80.1.26 | City Hall plaza, Worcester : postcard, halftone photomechanical print / ca. 1915. |
| 1 | 1 | 2000.80.1.27 | Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass. : postcard, color halftone photomechanical print / Williams, Worcester, Mass., ca. 1905. |
| 1 | 1 | 2000.80.1.28 | Worcester Polytechnic Institute : postcard, color halftone photomechanical print / United Art Publ. Co., printed in Germany, ca. 1895. |

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| 1 | 1 | 2000.80.1.29 | Old Union Depot, built about 1870, partially destroyed 1911 : postcard, color halftone photomechanical print / Williams, Worcester, Mass., ca. 1910. |
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| 1 | 1 | 2000.80.1.30 | Union Station (new), Worcester, Mass. : postcard, color rotogravure / Detroit Publishing Co., ca. 1915. |
| 1 | 1 | 2000.80.1.31 | City Hall, Worcester, Mass. : postcard, color halftone photomechanical print / Williams, Worcester, Mass., ca. 1910. |
| 1 | 1 | 2000.80.1.32 | Clark University, Worcester, Mass. : postcard, color rotogravure / Detroit Publishing Co., ca. 1910. |