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Daniel Farber
Photograph Collection

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Collection Information

Abstract : Daniel Farber, Worcester business executive, was a nationally acclaimed photographer

whose work of gravestone photographs and nature are in the collections of over 100 museums nationally, and have been widely used as illustrations for a variety of purposes.

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

Preferred Citation : Worcester Historical Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance : Gift of (estate of) Jessie Lie Farber, Boston, Mass., March 2001.

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

Sepulchral monuments – New England – 17th century – Photographs.

Sepulchral monuments – New England – 18th century – Photographs.

Stone carvers – New England – 17th century.

Stone carvers – New England – 18th century.

Cemeteries – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Sound recordings – Album covers.

Sound recordings.

Bicycle trails – Massachusetts – Worcester – Maps.

Worcester (Mass.) – Maps.

Tombstones – New England – Photographs. aat

Gravestones – New England – Photographs. local

Photograph collections. lcsb

Historical/Biographical Notes

Daniel Farber, born 1906, was an executive in L. Farber & Co., Worcester leather business founded by his father, and largest supplier of welting and shoe insoles in the United States. Farber was a nationally acclaimed photographer. He was a founding member of the Association for Gravestone Studies, and photographed some 7,500 17th and 18th century gravestones in New England. He was also an outstanding nature photographer, whose work graces albums of phonograph records, and other media. Farber's work is in the collections of over 100 museums in United States. Farber was instrumental in locating and mapping the old graveyard on Worcester Common, whose stones were laid flat and buried in the 1850s. Farber died in 1998 at the age of 92.

Scope and Content

The collection comprises approximately 80 photographs of 17th and 18th century gravestones and cemeteries in Worcester and surrounding areas, and approximately 25 miscellaneous photographs and photomechanical prints from Farber's photographs, many on phonograph record albums. The collection also includes topographic maps of the Worcester, Mass. area, and a map of proposed bicycle trails in Worcester. Photographs were taken between (approximately) 1950 and 1990s.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Gravestone photographs. Largely unidentified gravestones, with photographic concentration on carving details. (66 items)

Series 2: Burial Grounds. Includes photographs and published works (annotated) relating to burial grounds in and near Worcester. (15 items)

Series 3: Miscellaneous Photographic Work. Includes miscellaneous photographs, prints from photographs made by Farber, phonograph album covers with prints attributed to Farber's work. (23 items, 4 sound recordings in album covers)

Series 4: Maps. Includes topographic maps of Worcester area, and map showing proposed bicycle routes in Worcester. (3 items)

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Series 1, Gravestone Photographs

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2001.12.1.1a-b	Details on gravestone of Capt. Paul How, 1789, Paxton : 5 x 7 in. / n.d. (2 copies)
1	1	2001.12.1.2a-b	Details on gravestone of Artemus Lamb, 1790, Paxton : 5 x 7 in. / n.d. (2 copies)
1	1	2001.12.1.3a-b	Detail on gravestone of Ens. Benjamin Chamberlan, [n.d., S.I.] : 5 x 7 in. n.d. (2 copies)
1	1	2001.12.1.4a-b	Detail on gravestone [s.n., n.d., S.I.] : 5 x 7 in. / n.d. (2 copies)
1	1	2001.12.1.5a-d	Detail on gravestone of Mrs. Mary Goold, 1769, Chelmsford; "stonecutters probably Park family" : 5 x 7 in. / n.d. (4 copies)
1	1	2001.12.1.6a-c	Detail on gravestone of Lucy Moore, 1768, Oxford : 5 x 7 in. / n.d. (3 copies)
1	1	2001.12.1.7	Detail on gravestone of Rev. Joseph Davis, 1799, Holden : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.
1	1	2001.12.1.8	Detail on gravestone of Tilley Baldwin, 1775, Shrewsbury : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.
1	1	2001.12.1.9	Detail on gravestone of Capt. Hezekiah Stone, 1771, Oxford : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.
1	1	2001.12.1.10	Detail on gravestone of Ebenezer Stone, 1783, Watertown : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.
1	1	2001.12.1.11	Detail on gravestone of Mrs. Hannah Simonds, 1789, Lexington : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.
1	1	2001.12.1.12	Detail on gravestone of Joseph Rice, 1745, Marlborough : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.

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1	1	2001.12.1.13	Detail on unidentified gravestone, Concord : 5 x 7
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in. / n.d.

1	1	2001.12.1.14	Footstone of Mrs. Mary Hazzen, 1731, Haverhill : 4 x 5 in. / n.d.
1	1	2001.12.1.15	Gravestone of Lt. Richard Hazzen, 1733, Haverhill :4 x 5 in. / n.d.
1	1	2001.12.1.16	Detail of carving on unidentified gravestone : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.
1	2	2001.12.1.17 – .38	Detail of carving on unidentified gravestone : 5 x 7 in. / n.d. (22 items)
1	2	2001.12.1.39	Detail on gravestone of Martha Jue, [n.d., S.I.] : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.
1	2	2001.12.1.40	Detail on gravestone of Mrs. Priscilla Crowell, [n.d., S.I.] : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.
1	3	2001.12.1.41	Gravestone of Deacon John Stone, 1691, [S.I.] : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.
1	3	2001.12.1.42	Gravestone of Deacon John Cutler, 1694, [S.I.] : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.
1	3	2001.12.1.43	Gravestone of Elizabeth Cutler, 1694; also Rebecca Cutler, 1694, [S.I.] : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.
1	3	2001.11.1.44	Detail of carving on gravestone of Mrs. Rachel Lovel, [n.d., S.I.] : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.
1	3	2001.12.1.45	Detail of carving on gravestone of Henery Bright, [n.d., S.I.] : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.
1	3	2001.12.1.46	Detail of carving on gravestone of Mrs. Rebecca Call, [n.d., S.I.] : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.

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1	3	2001.12.1.47	Detail of carving on gravestone of Isaac Parker, [n.d., S.I.] : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.
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1	3	2001.12.1.48	Gravestone of Capt. Timothy Wheeler, 1687, [S.I.] : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.
1	3	2001.12.1.49	Detail of carving on gravestone of Abraham Snow, [n.d., S.I.] : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.
1	3	2001.12.1.50	Detail on of carving gravestone of Aaron Tufts, [n.d., S.I.] : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.
1	3	2001.12.1.51	Detail of carving on gravestone of Mrs. Mary Goodwin, [n.d., S.I.] : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.
1	3	2001.12.1.52	Detail of carving on gravestone of Jacob Felton, [n.d., S.I.] : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.
1	3	2001.12.1.53	Detail of carving on gravestone of Hannah Cary, 1679, [S.I.] : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.
1	3	2001.12.1.54	Detail of carving on gravestone of William Calder, 1802, [S.I.] : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.
1	3	2001.12.1.55	Detail of carving on gravestone of Miss Polly Larkin, 1786, [S.I.] : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.
1	3	2001.12.1.56	Detail of carving on gravestone of Samuel Larkin, [n.d., S.I.] : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.
1	3	2001.12.1.57	Detail of carving on gravestone of Mrs. Sarah Stone, [n.d., S.I.] : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.
1	3	2001.12.1.58	Detail of carving on gravestone of Mrs. Sarah Maynard, [n.d., S.I.] : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.
1	3	2001.12.1.59	Detail of carving on gravestone of Zeruiah Barnes, [n.d., S.I.] : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.
1	3	2001.12.1.60	Detail of carving on gravestone of Elias Row, 1686, [S.I.] : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.
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1	3	2001.12.1.61	Detail of carving on gravestone of Mrs. Abigail Davis, [n.d., S.I.] : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.
1	3	2001.12.1.62	Detail of carving on gravestone of Mrs. Hepzibeth Brown, [n.d., S.I.] : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.

1	3	2001.12.1.63	Detail of carving on gravestone of Mrs. Grace Stearns, [n.d., S.1.] : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.
1	3	2001.12.1.64	Detail of carving on gravestone of Mrs. Mehetabel Brigham, [n.d., S.1.] : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.
1	3	2001.12.1.65	Detail of carving on gravestone of Capt. Samuel Brigham, [n.d., S.1.] : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.
1	3	2001.12.1.66	Detail of carving on gravestone of Edward Baker, Esq., 1763, [S.1.] : 5 x 7 in. / n.d.

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Series 2, Burial Grounds

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	4	2001.12.2.1 – .4	Photographs of excavation for gravestones buried in Worcester Common, ca. 1965-1966 : 6 x 8 in. / Worcester Telegram - Gazette, ca. 1965-1966. (4 items)
1	5	2001.12.2.5 – .9	Photographs of excavation for gravestones buried in Worcester Common, ca. 1965-1966 : 6 x 8 in. on 8½ x 11 in. mat / ca. 1965-1966. (5 items)
1	6	2001.12.2.10a-b	<i>Locations of graves on Worcester Common</i> / Daniel Farber and Charles H. Bouley, ca. 1966 : pamphlet, 8 p. with map. Copy “a” annotated May 1968, copy “b” annotated February 1969. (2 copies)
OVS-1		2001.12.2.11	Rubbing of detail on gravestone of Ens. Robert Cutler, 1761, Brookfield; carved by William Young : 15 x 27 in. on 20 x 32 in. mat / Dan and Jessie Lie Farber, 1988.
OVS-1		2001.12.2.12	Photograph of graves (restored) on Worcester Common : 11 x 14 in., matted / Dan Farber, 1975.
OVS-1		2001.12.2.13	Photograph of graves in winter, labeled Mechanic Street Burying Ground, probably Hope Cemetery : 9 x 13 in. on 12 x 15 in. mat / Dan Farber, 1969.
OVS-1		2001.12.2.14	Photograph of graves in Hope Cemetery in winter : 13 x 19 in. on 15 x 22 in. mat / Dan farber, 1969.
BV (shelved in archives)		2001.12.2.15	<i>Inscriptions from the old burial grounds in Worcester, Massachusetts, from 1727 to 1859 ...</i> : 155 p. , maps, 25 cm. / Worcester Society of Antiquity, 1878 (reprinted 1966). Cataloged as F74.W9W85 in library database.

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Old Mechanic Street Burying Ground, Worcester,
Mass. : halftone photomechanical print / n.d.

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Series 3, Miscellaneous Photographic Work

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OVS-2		2001.12.3.1-.5	Cover for phonograph record album : color halftone print, 13 x 13 in. on 18 x 20 mat / from photograph by Daniel Farber, n.d. (5 items)
OVS-2		2001.12.3.6-.14b	Cover for phonograph record album : color halftone print, 14 x 14 in. / from photograph by Daniel Farber, n.d. (9 items)
OVS-3		2001.12.3.15	Photograph of urn, trees, building, entitled "Home" : color photographic print, 16 x 24 in. on 18 x 26 in. mat / Dan Farber, 1995.
OVS-3		2001.12.3.16-.22	Phonograph album covers : color halftone prints, 12½ x 12½ in. / Dan Farber, ca. 1970s. (7 items)
OVS-3		2001.12.3.19a-.22a	Sound recordings, 33_ rpm phonograph records. (4 items)
1	8	2001.12.3.23	Salisbury Mansion, Worcester, Mass. : color transparency, 4 x 5 in. / n.d.

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Series 4, Maps

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
map files		2001.12.4.1	Proposed bicycle trails, Worcester, Mass. : blueline print, 24 x 36 in. / Worcester City Manager's Office of Planning and Community Development, 1997.
map files		2001.12.4.2	Worcester North quadrangle map, 7½' series, 1:25,000 / U.S. Geological Survey, 1974.
map files		2001.12.4.3	Worcester North, Worcester South, Paxton, Leicester quadrangle maps, taped together, 7½' series, 1:31680 / U.S. Geological Survey, surveyed 1930s.