

# WORCESTER HISTORICAL MUSEUM

30 Elm Street  
Worcester, Massachusetts

## ARCHIVES

Floral Arrangement Photographic  
Collection

2001.07

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### Collection Information

Abstract : Photographs of floral funeral decorations, with picture of the deceased surrounded by flowers, are represented on stereographs and cabinet cards, ca. 1870s-1890s.

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

Preferred Citation : Worcester Historical Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance : Gift of William D. Wallace, February 2001.

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

Albumen prints. aat  
Cabinet photographs. aat  
Stereographs. aat  
Funeral decorations – Massachusetts – Worcester.  
Flower arrangement.  
Photographers – Massachusetts – Worcester.  
Business enterprises – Massachusetts – Worcester.

### **Historical/Biographical Notes**

Representation of the deceased person as a part of the funeral decoration/death and mortuary customs has been long established. With the development of photography in the 1850s and subsequent refinement and technical improvement, the photography of funeral arrangements including representations of the deceased became a simple popular method to provide a memento or record of the deceased for the families. This collection provides several examples of this type of photography, in the popular formats of the 1870s/1890s.

### **Scope and Content**

The collection comprises Stereographs and a cabinet card of funeral floral arrangements, with picture of deceased person surrounded by flowers. All are albumen prints, photographed by Worcester photographers, late 1870s to early 1890s.

Additional items relating to Mickey Mouse Club have been merged with other similar materials from the same donor.

### **Series Description**

**Series 1:** Stereographs. Photographs of funeral floral arrangements, with picture of deceased centered among flowers. (6 items.)

**Series 2:** Cabinet cards. Photographs of funeral floral arrangements. (1 item.)

Floral Arrangement Photograph Collection  
2001.07  
Series 1, Stereographs

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1		2001.07.1.1	Funeral decoration, four piece floral arrangement with portrait of deceased lady : stereograph, albumen print / W. H. Fitton, Worcester, Mass., ca. 1876/1884.
		2001.07.1.2	Same as 2001.07.1.1, hand tinted.
		2001.07.1.3	Funeral decoration, eight piece floral arrangement with portrait of deceased lady : stereograph, albumen print / W. H. Fitton, Worcester, Mass., ca. 1876-1884.
		2001.07.1.4	Funeral decoration, four piece floral arrangement with portrait of deceased gentleman : stereograph, albumen print / S.I., s.n., n.d. (probably Fitton, ca. 1876-1884.)
		2001.07.1.5	Funeral decoration, one piece floral arrangement with portrait of deceased lady : stereograph, albumen print / Lawrence, Worcester, Mass., 1877. Close-up view of one part of arrangement shown in 2001.07.1.6.
		2001.07.1.6	Funeral decoration, six piece floral arrangement with portrait of deceased lady : stereograph, albumen print / Lawrence, Worcester, Mass., 1877.

Floral Arrangement Photograph Collection  
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Series 2, Cabinet Cards

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1		2001.07.2.1	Funeral decoration, three piece floral arrangement with portrait of deceased gentleman : cabinet card, albumen print / Tucker's Studio, Worcester, Mass., ca. 1892-1894.