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Gordon/Baker Families
Photograph Collection

1999.66

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Collection Information

Abstract: The Gordon/Baker Families Photograph Collection is comprised of some 60 photographic prints of members of the two families taken between ca. 1900-ca. 1960. The bulk of the photographic subjects are unidentified.

Finding Aids: Written Finding Aid available in the Repository. Folder level control.

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

Provenance: Gift of Paul Gordon, c/o Luci Haddad, of Worcester, May 1999.

Access: The Finding Aid is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings (lcsh, aat, tgm, rbgenr, etc.)

Gordon Family – Pictorial works.

Baker Family – Pictorial works.

Costume design – Massachusetts – Worcester – 20th century.

Hairstyles – Massachusetts – Worcester – 20th century.

(gmgpc)

Snapshots.

Portrait photographs.

Photographic postcards.

Tintypes.

Silver gelatin prints.

Silver printing-out paper prints.

Collodion printing-out paper prints.

(tgm)

Clothing and dress – Massachusetts – Worcester – 20th century.

Biographical Information

No biographical information is known about the families, and lack of positive identification of the people in the photographs and their relationships deter effective research. Paul Gordon, the donor, was retired and elderly at the time of donation in 1999. He is listed in the 1992 City Directory as a principal in R. Gordon & Co., wholesale grocers. This company cannot be traced back for more than a few years, but may be a descendant of R. Gordon & Son, a milk delivery company in the 1940s.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of some 57 photographs of members of the Gordon and Baker Families of Worcester, taken between ca. 1900 and ca. 1960, including tintypes, photographic postcards, portrait photographs, and snapshots. The photographs, although poorly identified, provide insight into the lives and activities of the two families during the first half of the 20th century.

The photographs also document the changes in clothing styles, hair styles, and related areas, with photographic prints of men, women, and children taken throughout the time period.

Series Description

Series 1: Photographic postcards. Portrait photographs of family members printed on postcards, with collodion p.o.p. prints and albumen prints, ca. 1910-1915. Various photographers and/or studios. (21 items)

Series 2: Tintypes. (1 item)

Series 3: Snapshots. Unidentified family members in informal poses and surroundings, ca. 1930-1960. (9 items)

Series 4: Portrait photographs. Mostly unidentified family members in formal photographs, some wedding photographs, ca. 1900-1960, various studios. (25 items)

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Series 1, Photographic postcards

| <u>Box #</u> | <u>Folder #</u> | <u>Accession #</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|---|
| 1 | 1 | 1999.66.1.1-.21 | Gordon/Baker family members, most unidentified : photographic postcards, ca. 1910-1915 / various studios. 21 items. |

Gordon/Baker Families Photograph Collection
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Series 2, Tintypes

| <u>Box #</u> | <u>Folder #</u> | <u>Accession #</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|---|
| 1 | 2 | 1999.66.2.1 | Unidentified woman, Gordon/Baker family member : Tintype, 1 ½ x 2 ½ in., ca. 1910 / Photographer unknown. 1 item. |

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 Series 3, Snapshots

| <u>Box #</u> | <u>Folder #</u> | <u>Accession #</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 1 | 3 | 1999.66.3.1-.4 | Gordon/Baker family members, unidentified, children : snapshots, 2 ½ x 4 in. or smaller. 4 items. |
| 1 | 3 | 1999.66.3.5 | Unidentified woman, Gordon/Baker family member : snapshot, broken. 1 item. |
| 1 | 3 | 1999.66.3.6-.8 | Unidentified Gordon/Baker family members : snapshots, 5 x 7 in. or smaller. 3 items. |
| 1 | 3 | 1999.66.3.9 | 2 story frame 1920s period dwelling with couple on porch, ca. 1920s automobile in driveway : 8 x 10 in., ca. 1925. |

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 Series 4, Portrait photographs

| <u>Box #</u> | <u>Folder #</u> | <u>Accession #</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 1 | 4 | 1999.66.4.1-.12 | Gordon/Baker family members, most unidentified : portrait photographs, 5 x 7 in. or smaller / various studios. 12 items. |
| 1 | 5 | 1999.66.4.2a-12a | Photographic mounts, cardboard. 11 items. |
| 1 | 6 | 1999.66.4.13-.19 | Gordon/Baker family members, most unidentified : portrait photographs, mounted 5 x 7 in. or smaller / various studios. 7 items. |
| 1 | 7 | 1999.66.4.20-.24 | Gordon/Baker family members, most unidentified : portrait photographs glued in folders / various studios. 5 items. |
| 1 | 8 | 1999.66.4.25-.26 | Wedding photograph, and color print of child : 8 x 10 in. : various studios. 2 items. |
| 1 | 9 | 1999.66.4.25a | Frame, gilded metal, for 8 x 10 photographic print. |
| OVS | OVS-1 | 1999.66.4.27 | Wedding photograph, unidentified : 8 x 10 in. in 10 x 14 in. mount, n.d. / L.H. Winn, 132 Boylston St., Boston. |