

# WORCESTER HISTORICAL MUSEUM

30 Elm Street  
Worcester, Massachusetts

## ARCHIVES

Harrington & Richardson Arms  
Company Catalog

2000.23

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### Collection Information

Abstract : Harrington & Richardson manufactured pistols and shotguns in Worcester from 1871 to the early 1970s. Catalogue No. 17, 1929, depicts revolvers, a shotgun pistol, shotguns, handcuffs, leg irons, and twisters.

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

Preferred Citation : Worcester Historical Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance : Purchased from Hillcrest Books, Crossville, Tenn., April 2000.

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

Firearms industry and trade – Massachusetts – Worcester.  
Shotguns – Massachusetts – Worcester – Catalogs.  
Revolvers – Massachusetts – Worcester – Catalogs.  
Police – Equipment and supplies.  
Industries – Massachusetts – Worcester.  
Worcester (Mass.) – Manufactures.  
Harrington & Richardson Arms Company (Worcester, Mass.)  
Catalogs. (tgm)

### Historical/Biographical Notes

In 1871 Franklin Wesson and G.H. Harrington began the manufacture of a shell-ejecting revolver, patented by Harrington. Harrington purchased Wesson's interest in 1874 and began a partnership with William A. Richardson under the name Harrington & Richardson. In 1888 the partnership was dissolved, and the company incorporated under the name Harrington & Richardson Arms Company. The company was granted several patents for improvements to revolvers during the latter 1800s. Beginning in 1899 the company also manufactured shotguns, handcuffs, and related products. After 1973 the company is no longer listed.

### Scope and Content

The collection is comprised of Catalogue No. 17, 1929, picturing 19 revolvers, 7 shotguns, and one shotgun pistol, with handcuffs, leg irons, and twisters. No prices are shown.

### Series Description

Collection is not organized into series.

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1		2000.23.1.1	Revolvers and shotguns. Harrington & Richardson Arms Company, Worcester, Mass., Catalogue No. 17, 1929. 38 p.