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Ku Klux Klan in Worcester  
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### **Collection Information**

Abstract : Ku Klux Klan was active in Worcester during the 1920s with significant membership

numbers in the city. Major Klan rallies held in Worcester in 1923 and 1925.

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Knights of the Ku Klux Klan – Massachusetts – Worcester.

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American Association of Geographers, National Meeting, Los Angeles, April 20, 1981.

### **Historical/Biographical Notes**

Established during the Civil War, the Ku Klux Klan was a white protestant native-born American supremacy organization, strongest in southeastern United States and in other rural areas. Late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century immigration of southern and eastern European Roman Catholics and Jews provided focus points of Klan activity in addition to the traditional anti-black activities. By the 1920s the Klan was entrenched in many industrial cities, where a significant part of its membership was from the upper blue-collar and lower white collar workers.

### **Scope and Content**

Compilation of statistics of socio-economic status of KKK members in Worcester during the 1920s, with excerpts from newspapers and other published sources relating to KKK rallies held in Worcester during the 1920s.

### **Series Descriptions**

Series 1: Papers. Paper presented before the American Association of Geographers National Meeting, Los Angeles, April 20, 1981; with statistics and excerpts from local newspapers relating to Klan activity in Worcester during 1920s. (2 items)

Series 1, Papers

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1		2001.FIA.01.1	The immigrant Klan: a socio-economic profile of the KKK membership in Worcester, Massachusetts, 1922-25 : paper read before American Association of Geographers, National Meeting, Los Angeles, Calif., April 20, 1981. 12 p. with statistics.
1		2001.FIA.01.2	Ku Klux Klan in Worcester, 1923-1924 : excerpts from newspaper reports relating to Klan rallies in Worcester in 1923 and 1924. 22 p.