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Collection Information

Abstract : The dam of the Lynde Brook Reservoir gave way March 30, 1876, causing severe and destructive flooding of the Lynde Brook valley through Cherry Valley, Mass., and into the Webster Square and Jamesville sections of Worcester.

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

Preferred Citation : Worcester Historical Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance : Purchased from Donald Jackson, Newtown, Conn., March 2000.

See Also: Stereograph Collection (2000.FIA.01) for photographs.

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

Floods – Massachusetts – Worcester – Lynde Brook Flood, March 30, 1876.

Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper (New York, N.Y.), Vol. XLII, No. 1073.

Historical/Biographical Notes

The Lynde Brook Reservoir Dam, five miles from Worcester, gave way March 30, 1876, causing extensive and destructive flooding along the valley of Lynde Brook through Cherry Valley and into the Webster Square and Jamesville sections of Worcester. Severe damage was caused to the Bottomly mill, Ashworth & Jones mill, Curtis & Marble shops, and the Boston and Albany Railroad line. The dam was built in 1863, and rebuilt in 1872/3 to increase the capacity of the impoundment.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of an article in *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper*, April 22, 1876 edition, entitled "A flood in Massachusetts : Bursting of the Lynde Brook Dam at Worcester, March 30th." The article provides an overview of the destruction and history of the dam.

Series Description

The collection is not organized into series.

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