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Mills Woven Cartridge Belt
Company Collection

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Collection Information

Abstract : Mills Woven Cartridge Belt Company manufactured woven belts including military cartridge belts during World War I from ca. 1906 to ca. 1931. Photographs show interior and exterior views of building and equipment.

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

Preferred Citation : Worcester Historical Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance : Purchase of Glen Harris, Leicester, Mass., January 4, 2001.

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

Mills Woven Cartridge Belt Company (Worcester, Mass.) – Photographs.

Lyons, Ida E.

Belt industry (Clothing) – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Industries – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Worcester (Mass.) – Manufactures.

Silver gelatin prints. aat

Collodion prints. aat

Historical/Biographical Notes

Mills Woven Cartridge Belt Company, established in Worcester about 1906, to manufacture military cartridge belts and related materials. About 1921 the name changed to Mills Belt Company and the business expanded to the manufacture of woven belts of all types. The company was no longer in Worcester by 1931. One of the principal products was military cartridge belts manufactured during the World War I years. F. R. Batchelder of Worcester was Treasurer and General Manager during the 1920s. He gave the collection to long-time employee Ida Lyons in 1931 upon dissolution of the company. The company was originally located on Union Street, later Webster Street, and finally on Fremont Street.

Scope and Content

The collection comprises a photograph album, and other photographs of Mills Woven Cartridge Belt Company, both interior and exterior views, ca. 1916. Also included are photocopies of snapshots of Ida Lyons, ca. 1920s, and a mailing label to Mrs. Lyons. The collection also includes a copy of the 1930 publication of historical markers erected by the Massachusetts Tercentenary Committee, and a cartridge belt.

Series Description

Series 1: Photographs. Interior and exterior views of Mills Woven Cartridge Belt Company.

Series 2: Miscellaneous. Includes mailing label and photocopies of snapshots.

Other elements of collection in Library or Collections.

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 Series 1, Photographs

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2001.02.1.1	Truck decorated with patriotic motif carrying soldiers and nurses, standing group of women with cartridge belts and flags : collodion print, 8x10 in., mounted / ca. 1918.
1	2	2001.02.1.2a-i	Photograph album "Mills Woven Cartridge Belt Company, Worcester, Mass., 1916, interior and exterior views: a. Front view; b. End view; c. Rear view; d. Cutting & Fabric room; e. Inspecting room; f. Stitching room; g. Weave room; h. Weave room; i. Closing time : gelatin silver print, 8x9 in. / ca. 1916.
1	3	2001.02.1.3	Exterior view of front of Mills Woven Cartridge Belt Company plant in Worcester, Mass. : collodion print, 7x10 in. / ca. 1916.
1	3	2001.02.1.4	Group of men at loom : gelatin silver print, 8x10 in. / April 8, 1920.

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Series 2, Miscellaneous

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1	4	2001.02.2.1	Ida Lyons : snapshots / ca. 1920s. Aqp.
1	5	2001.02.2.2	Mailing label to Mrs. Ida E. Lyons, Worcester, Mass., from F. R. Batchelder, Worcester, Mass.