

# WORCESTER HISTORICAL MUSEUM

30 Elm Street  
Worcester, Massachusetts

## ARCHIVES

Dr. Edwin T. Olson  
Slide Collection

1975.76

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### **Collection Information**

Abstract : Collection of Kodachrome slides taken by Dr. Olson are arranged into five separate slide shows, each featuring specific New England scenes.

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

Preferred Citation : Worcester Historical Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance : unknown

MARC Access: Collection is catalogued in MARC under the following subject headings (lcsh, aat, gmgpc, etc.)

Trees – New England – Slides.  
Villages – New England – Slides.  
Rivers – New England – Slides.  
New England – Slides.  
Color slides – New England. aat  
Slides (Photography) – New England. lcsh

## **Historical/Biographical Notes**

Dr. Edwin T. Olson was a practicing optometrist in Worcester since 1930. He received his license to practice in 1926 after graduating from the Massachusetts College of Optometry. For his 35 years of practice, he worked at the same location, Plymouth Building on Main St. in Worcester.

Dr. Olson was a member of a vast number of organizations including the Salem Square Covenant Church, the Vasa Order, the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology and the National Aeronautics Association. He was also on the executive board for the Worcester Historical Society, an auditor for the Worcester Swedish Charitable Association, and president of the National College Student Foundation as well as many other organizations.

Dr. Olson was the donor of a wildlife management and aquatic biology building in 1955. This was given for the Worcester Science Museums' Daniels School of Forestry in Rutland. The building is in memory of his father, the late John Olson. Dr. Olson passed away on October 6, 1965 at the age of 61. He left behind a wife and a cousin.

## **Scope and Content**

The collection consists of slides relating to various New England scenes that paralleled Dr. Olson's life. Scenes include trees, brooks, a few village streets, and even people dating back to the early 1900's.

## **Series Descriptions**

Series 1: New England Scenes. (4 boxes)

Series 2: Trees. (3 boxes)

Series 3: Brooks. (3 boxes)

Series 4: Village St. NE. (3 boxes)

Series 5: Colors- Moods of NE. (4 boxes)

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Series 1, New England Scenes

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1-4		1975.76.1.1-.4	New England scenes : Kodachrome color slides, carousel trays / ca. 1960s. (4 trays)

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Olson Slide Collection  
1975.76  
Series 2, Trees

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
5-7		1975.76.2.1-.3	Trees of New England : Kodachrome color slides, carousel trays / ca. 1960s. (3 trays)

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Olson Slide Collection  
1975.76  
Series 3, Brooks

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
8-10		1975.76.3.1-.3	Brooks of New England : Kodachrome color slides, carousel trays / ca. 1960s. (3 trays)

Olson Slide Collection  
1975.76  
Series 4, Village Streets

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
11-13		1975.76.4.1-.3	Village streets of New England : Kodachrome color slides, carousel trays / ca. 1960s. (3 trays)

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Olson Slide Collection  
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Series 5, Colors-Moods of New England

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
14-17		1975.76.5.1-.4	Colors and moods of New England : Kodachrome color slides, carousel trays / ca. 1960s. (4 trays)