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John E. Peters
Papers

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Collection Information

Abstract : Collection contains John E. Peters Photography Supplies Store information, photographs, advertisements and some correspondence.

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

Preferred Citation : Worcester Historical Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance : Gift of Ruth Gjeltema, February 16 and April 4th 1995.

MARC Access : Collection is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings

Historical/Biographical Notes

John E. Peters was the owner of the John E. Peters Photographic Supplies store on 22 Pearl St. Worcester, Ma. He was born October 1867 to John L. and Mary F. Peters. Previous to being a photographer he was a clerk in 1886, then an engraver and finally a photographer. He was married to Clara Maud Chase Peters in 1902. He boarded at Brooks Corner in Malden. He moved his business to Gardener Massachusetts in 1903. He lived out the rest of his days in Holliston Massachusetts. He had two sons: John L. Peters born in 1904 and Robert H. Peters born in 1908

Scope and Content

Collection contains John E. Peters Photography Supplies Store, photographs and advertisements, some correspondence and objects. Two collections were donated by Ruth Gjeltema. One was donated on February 16, 1995 and given the accession 1995.12 and the other was donated on April 4, 1995 and given the accession 12.27. The two collections were combined and became accession number 1995.12. According to the gift arrangement the following items were missing when processing the collection: 1 "Norton Products" pamphlet, Norton Co., Worcester, 1 photograph of new Union Station at night, 1 photograph of old Union Station, 1 envelope from Denholm & McKay Co., to Mrs. J. E. Peters, 1 notepad Advertisement for Crawford Shoes, 1 photograph of "My Corner" Emma Sibley 1898, 1 photograph of "My Corner" Martha Sibley, 1 Photograph Gardner Massachusetts Town Hall 1906, 1 photograph back and west of Norton's first buildings 1898, 1 photograph of S.N.S. 38th class, 1 photograph of "Clara Aug 27 1897" unidentified field & pond, 1 photograph of "Clara M. Chase, 16 years, 1891", 1 Worcester Pressed Steel Museum pamphlet, 1 photograph of "Blackstone River Millbury, Mass. Dam below the railroad bridge", 1 glass negative of house engraved 8-24-91 J.E.P. in envelope "My first attempt J.E.P". The collection consists of five series.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: John E. Peters Photographic Supplies Store

Series 2: Personal Papers

Series 3: Clara Maud Chase Peters

Series 4: Photographs

Series 5: Miscellaneous

Series 6: Objects (See Curator)

John E. Peters Papers
1995.12.1
Series 1, John E. Peters Photographic Supplies Store

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2004.50.1.1 - 3	Various items about John E. Peters store in Worcester, Ma (1903)

John E. Peters Papers
1995.12.2
Series 2, John E. Peters Personal Papers

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	2	1995.12.2.1-3	A letter from his father John L. Peters, a notepad, and an envelope addressed to him.

John E. Peters Papers
1995.12.3
Series 3, Clara Maud Chase- Peters

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	3	1995.12.3.1-4	Various school certificates from State Normal School, Belmont St. School and an apprentice diary and envelope with her name (1890 – 1896)
	OVSP	1995.12.3.5	Certificate from State Normal School (1896)

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1995.12.4

Series 4, Photographs

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	4	1995.12.4.1-.5	Various views of Barber's Crossing (1940)
1	4	1995.12.4.6	Various photographs including Clara Chase-Peters Addie Chase and Lizzie Leavitt
1	4	1995.12.4.13	Ice Storm of Greendale Elms
1	4	1995.12.4.14	Various photographs of people
1	4	1995.12.4.17-19	Various photographs of Gardener Massachusetts
1	4	1995.12.4.20-.26	Various photographs including Clara Chase-Peters and Addie Chase (@1895) and one of clouds
1	4	1995.12.4.27	John E. Peters inside his store (1901)
1	4	1995.12.4.28-29	Various landscapes
1	4	1995.12.4.30	Ex-president Cleveland's house Gray Gables
1	4	1995.12.4.31	Worcester home at Summit (1998)
1	4	1995.12.4.32	John E. Peters outside his store at 22 Pearl Street.
1	4	1995.12.4.33-.34	Various photographs

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Series 5, Miscellaneous

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	5	1995.12.5.1-3	Various miscellaneous items including advertisements, a map and a children's book catalogue

John E. Peters Papers
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Series 6, Objects (See Curator)