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## **Collection Information**

Abstract : The 6 bound volumes and 10 folders of the railroads that ran through Worcester include records dated as early as 1831 and go as late as 1949, with the majority of items dated between 1856 and 1891. Most of the collection pertains to freight transportation between various cities on the multiple railway lines in and out of Worcester with receipts, financial records and letters of events pertaining to the railroads' operations being the bulk of items found within this collection. There are several undated records located throughout the folders, and a few pages within the bound volumes where a date cannot be seen.

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

Preferred Citation : Worcester Historical Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance : Found in Archives 2016. (The bills of lading from Silas Peirce & Company were a gift from Mr. Herbert Kelley of Upham's Corner, MA.)

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

Railroads  
Railroads – Boston & Worcester & Western  
Railroads – Worcester  
Railroads – Worcester Horse Railroad Company  
Railroads – Worcester & Nashua  
Railroads – Boston & Worcester  
Railroads – Northern  
Railroads – Boston & Albany  
Railroads – Worcester & Shrewsbury  
Railroads – Dummy  
Railroads – Worcester & Marlborough Street Railway  
Railroads – J.J. Coburn  
Railroads – H.H. Bigelow or Horace H. Bigelow

## Historical/Biographical Notes

The Boston & Worcester Railroad was the very first railway to operate in Worcester, with its inaugural ride taking place on July 3, 1835 for a test run before it opened to the public the next day on July 4. Western Railroad, another one of the earliest railway lines running through Worcester that would eventually connect Boston to the west via Worcester, started construction in 1838 and finished for official transportation to be conducted on the line between Worcester and Springfield at first by October 1, 1839. This railway line continued its expansion, in which Worcester was connected to Albany, NY by March 1842, although trains did not run consistently on this stretch of line until a few weeks later. (December 21, 1841 is found in some of the history as being the official commencement of railway operations for this line.) Ultimately, the Western Railroad was consolidated with the Boston & Worcester Railroad to form the Boston & Albany Railroad by 1867. Between the years that the Western Railroad was in full operation and until it merged with the Boston & Worcester Railroad, several other railroad lines opened for business, including the Norwich & Worcester Railroad (1840), the Providence & Worcester Railroad (1847), the Worcester & Nashua Railroad (1848), and the Northern Railroad (1849-1850). Shortly after the formation of the Boston & Albany Railroad, the Worcester & Shrewsbury Railroad (1873). Thirty years after the merging of the Boston & Worcester Railroad with the Western Railroad, the Worcester & Marlborough Street Railway Company line was built in 1897 before it was consolidated in 1901 into the Worcester Street Consolidated Railway.

Two prominent names that long-time Worcesterite families may recognize within this collection are J.J. Coburn & H.H. Bigelow, as they each played a role in the history of the Worcester & Shrewsbury Railroad. This railroad, also known as the “Dummy”, due to the cars of the train disguised to look like horsecars so as not to frighten any horses that may end up seeing them, was constructed in 1873. J.J. Coburn’s part in the formation of this railway line was based on his desire to shuttle people from Worcester to his lakeside resort at Lake Quinsigamond that would eventually be built up into Lincoln Park, which became quite the attraction for locals to come and spend their time from the city along the shoreline. Another Worcester businessman, H.H. (Horace Holly) Bigelow, who initially invested in the “Dummy”, saw the profit potential of Coburn’s property, and bought property near Coburn before buying him out of his hotel, in order to develop a larger and even more profitable lakeside entertainment park in its place known as ‘White City’, so he purchased multiple shares of the ‘Dummy’ railroad line to start this goal of his.

## **Scope and Content**

The 6 bound volumes and 10 folders of the railroads that ran through Worcester include records dated as early as 1831 and go as late as 1949, with the majority of items dated between 1856 and 1891. The original manuscript collection notes state that there are a total of 5 folio volume books, 2 oversize volumes and a box of folders. However, upon locating the collection in the archive, one of the folio volume books was missing, thus leaving a total of 6 volume books (2 of which are the oversized volumes), and the box of folders.

Some of the volume books include information related to payments made to the railroad workers, stocks purchased for shares of the railroad lines, freight transported on multiple railway lines passing through Worcester, as well as short memos/notes written from railroad worker members regarding the financial aspects/status of the railway lines. Also included (mostly within the folders) are receipts for the transportation of goods on the various lines, notices of lost luggage, letters between different railroad company members, and even a few undated lists of railway line engines or train schedules. There is also a multi-page, undated, historical account of the railroads in Worcester. The collection is arranged by the earliest date of the first record for any of the railroad divisions, with the remainder of the collection ordered chronologically by date of the next earliest record for each railroad division until the final first date of a railroad line record.

## **Series Descriptions**

**Series 1:** Boston & Worcester & Western Railroad: This series includes receipts and tickets that were purchased for goods transportation on these railroads, which start as early as August 9, 1831 until May 28, 1863 (with sporadic dates in between), and also contains 1 undated item related to the Western Railroad, located at the end of the Western Railroad records. The items pertaining to the Boston & Worcester Railroad appear first (August 1831-Oct 1860), with the Western Railroad records next (Oct 1839-May 1863), and finally the Boston & Worcester & Western Railroad record (April 1843).

**Series 2:** Worcester Railroad: This series contains records from various (sporadic) dated bills of lading starting from August 12, 1831 through November 16, 1861 from the Silas Peirce & Co.; items of the Worcester Street Railway Company (formerly known as the Worcester Horse Railway Company) from 1834, 1863 and 1866; a Passenger Book bound volume from 1861-1865 detailing various accounts of the transportation of people and amounts collected for various rail lines connected through Worcester; multiple items of different contexts from the Worcester line (mostly receipts for merchandise transportation for the rail lines of the company); and finally an overview of the Worcester Railroad's history.

**Series 3:** Worcester & Nashua Railroad: Mostly containing financial records of this railroad company including notes/memos taken of payments being sent or being owed to the rail between 1856-1863; the pay book of workers' payment amounts for their work completed on the line from 1857-1859; and receipts, lost baggage notices & other train ticket sales from the line between 1859 and 1863 (with one undated item).

**Series 4:** Boston & Worcester Railroad: Two oversize volumes of payments collected for this railroad of

multiple freight items received at Worcester from Boston transported between 1858-1860 (Volume I) and 1866 (Volume II).

Series 5: Northern Railroad Company: Receipt of iron records from 1867 regarding the pound amount of iron received and delivered for the line.

Series 6: Boston & Albany Railroad: Freight agent records from 1868-1893, with a couple of undated (in terms of year) items. Mostly consisting of letters with the Boston & Albany Railroad Company logo printed at the top of the pages, receipts for goods transportation, as well as other company records (not from the railroad but intended for the railroad).

Series 7: Worcester & Shrewsbury Railroad: A stock book from 1873-1890 containing single or multiple shares bought from people of the railroad; also multiple financial records & (non-financial) letters from 1873-1949 regarding the railroad W & S line.

Series 8: Worcester & Marlborough Street Railway Co.: A single letter dated 1897 from the President of the railway inviting guests to dine at the Davis Mansion, with a special car from the railway offering service between Foster Street and the mansion.

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 Series 1, Boston & Worcester & Western Railroad

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2016.FIA.02.1.1	Note of Cash Subscription to Boston & Worcester Railroad – Worcester (August 9, 1831)
1	1	2016.FIA.02.1.2	Transportation receipt I. Bartlett & Co. on Boston & Worcester Railroad – from Boston to Worcester (December 14, 1836)
1	1	2016.FIA.02.1.3	Transportation of merchandize receipt on Boston & Worcester Railroad – from Boston to Worcester (December 23, 1836)
1	1	2016.FIA.02.1.4	Transportation of merchandize receipt on Boston & Worcester Railroad – from Boston to Worcester (March 11, 1837)
1	1	2016.FIA.02.1.5	Receipt no. 18292 on Boston & Worcester Railroad – from Boston to Worcester (May 20, 1857)
1	1	2016.FIA.02.1.6	Transportation receipt received from F. Hirsch on Boston & Worcester Railroad – from Boston to Worcester (May 5, 1860)
1	1	2016.FIA.02.1.7	Transportation receipt on Boston & Worcester Railroad – from Boston to Dayville (October 25, 1860)
1	1	2016.FIA.02.1.8	Western Railroad Corporation transportation of pork receipt – from Worcester to Springfield (October 24, 1839)
1	1	2016.FIA.02.1.9	Western Railroad Corporation receipt – Cincinnati, OH (November 5, 1860)
1	1	2016.FIA.02.1.10	Western Railroad Company receipt #1 – Spencer, MA (February 25, 1862)
1	1	2016.FIA.02.1.11	Western Railroad Company receipt #2 – Spencer, MA (February 28, 1862)
1	1	2016.FIA.02.1.12	Western Railroad Company receipt #3 – Spencer, MA (March 1, 1862)



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1	1	2016.FIA.02.1.13	Western Railroad Company receipt #4 – Spencer, MA (March 3, 1862)
1	1	2016.FIA.02.1.14	Western Railroad Company receipt #5 – Spencer, MA (March 5, 1862)
1	1	2016.FIA.02.1.15	Western Railroad Company receipt #6 – Spencer, MA (March 10, 1862)
1	1	2016.FIA.02.1.16	Western Railroad Company receipt #7 – Spencer, MA (March 12, 1862)
1	1	2016.FIA.02.1.17	Western Railroad Company receipt #8 – Spencer, MA (March 14, 1862)
1	1	2016.FIA.02.1.18	Western Railroad Company receipt #9 – Spencer, MA (November 6, 1862)
1	1	2016.FIA.02.1.19	Western Railroad Company receipt #10 – Spencer, MA (November 7, 1862)
1	1	2016.FIA.02.1.20	Western Railroad Company receipt #11 – Spencer, MA (December 17, 1862)
1	1	2016.FIA.02.1.21	Western Railroad Company receipt #12 – Spencer, MA (January 28, 1863)
1	1	2016.FIA.02.1.22	Western Railroad Company receipt #13 – Spencer, MA (January 28, 1863; separate receipt from one listed above)
1	1	2016.FIA.02.1.23	Western Railroad Company receipt #14 – Spencer, MA (January 30, 1863)
1	1	2016.FIA.02.1.24	Western Railroad Company receipt #15 – Spencer, MA (May 21, 1863)
1	1	2016.FIA.02.1.25	Western Railroad Company receipt #16 – Spencer, MA (May 23, 1863)
1	1	2016.FIA.02.1.26	Western Railroad Company receipt #17 – Spencer, MA (May 26, 1863)

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1	1	2016.FIA.02.1.27	Western Railroad Company receipt #18 – Spencer, MA (May 27, 1863)
1	1	2016.FIA.02.1.28	Western Railroad Company receipt #19 – Spencer, MA (May 28, 1863)
1	1	2016.FIA.02.1.29	Western Railroad blank report of passenger tickets sold – Unspecified location; undated
1	1	2016.FIA.02.1.30	Transportation of merchandize receipt on the Boston & Worcester & Western Railroad – from unknown location to Boston (April 20, 1843)

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1	2	2016.FIA.02.2.1	Silas Peirce & Co. receipt of John Danforth – Boston (August 12, 1831)
1	2	2016.FIA.02.2.2	Silas Peirce & Co. receipt to Dexter Smith – Boston (November 28, 1831)
1	2	2016.FIA.02.2.3	Message from Silas Peirce & Co. to David Pike – Boston (September 24 to October 10, 1836)
1	2	2016.FIA.02.2.4	Silas Peirce & Co. receipt (October 1, 1836)
1	2	2016.FIA.02.2.5	Silas Peirce & Co. receipt on Boston & Worcester Railroad Corporation – from Boston to Worcester (May 17, 1837)
1	2	2016.FIA.02.2.6	Message from Silas Peirce & Co. to Charles R Lowell (September 20, 1839)
1	2	2016.FIA.02.2.7	Message from Silas Peirce & Co. on the Boston & Worcester & Western Railroad – from Springfield to Boston (June 11, 1841)
1	2	2016.FIA.02.2.8	Receipt of goods transportation on the Boston & Worcester Railroad by the Silas Peirce & Co. to be delivered to A. Baylies Agt. – from Boston to Worcester (October 9, 1841)
1	2	2016.FIA.02.2.9	Receipt of goods transportation on the Boston & Worcester Railroad by the Silas Peirce & Co. to be delivered to H. Blip – from Boston to Worcester (October 11, 1841)
1	2	2016.FIA.02.2.10	Receipt of goods transportation on the Boston & Worcester Railroad by the Silas Peirce & Co. to be delivered to Stephen Taft Jr. & JP Murry – from Boston to Worcester (November 4, 1841)
1	2	2016.FIA.02.2.11	Receipt of goods transportation on the Boston & Worcester Railroad by the Silas Peirce & Co. to be delivered to Rev. Samuel Osgood – from Boston to Albany (November 9, 1841)

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1	2	2016.FIA.02.2.12	Receipt of goods transportation on the Boston & Worcester & Western Railroad by the Silas Peirce & Co. to be delivered to Wilson Monteath & Co. – from Boston to Springfield (January 29, 1847)
1	2	2016.FIA.02.2.13	Receipt of goods transportation on the Boston & Worcester Railroad by the Silas Peirce & Co. to be delivered to “S T Worcester” – from Boston to Worcester (October 4, 1847)
1	2	2016.FIA.02.2.14	Receipt of goods transportation on the Fitchburg Railroad by the Silas Peirce & Co. to be delivered to Clapp & Baker – from Charlestown to Baldwinville (March 11, 1848)
1	2	2016.FIA.02.2.15	Bill of goods to Silas Peirce & Co. bought of M.H. Presby – Boston (March 28, 1848)
1	2	2016.FIA.02.2.16	Receipt of goods by the Silas Peirce & Co. to J.M. Barnard & Co. (April 8 – May 8, 1848)
1	2	2016.FIA.02.2.17	Terms Cash on Delivery receipt by the Silas Peirce & Co. to Norfolk County Railroad Corporation – from Blackstone to Boston (September 12, 1849)
1	2	2016.FIA.02.2.18	Receipt of goods transportation on the Boston & Worcester Railroad by the Silas Peirce & Co. to be delivered to “S & H Worcester” – from Boston to Worcester (January 25, 1850)
1	2	2016.FIA.02.2.19	Bill of goods to Silas Peirce & Co. bought of D. Pulsifer & Co. – Boston (April 15, 1853)
1	2	2016.FIA.02.2.20	Receipt of goods transportation on the Boston & Worcester & Western Railroad by the Silas Peirce & Co. to be delivered to Dr. E.M. Wheeler – from Boston to Spencer (November 16, 1861)
1	2	2016.FIA.02.2.21	Bill of goods to Silas Peirce & Co. bought of Humphrey, Fiske, & Co. – Boston (May 28, 1866)
1	2	2016.FIA.02.2.22	Receipt of goods transportation on the Boston & Worcester & Western Railroad by the Silas Peirce & Co. to be

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			delivered to D.P. Woodard – from Boston to Cordaville (August 7, 1866)
1	3	2016.FIA.02.2.23	Letter to Miss Katherine Reid from the Worcester Street Railway Company regarding a brief history of the company – Worcester (January 5, 1934)
1	3	2016.FIA.02.2.24	Worcester Horse Railroad Company stock certificate #154 – Worcester (November 10, 1863)
1	3	2016.FIA.02.2.25	Letter from Anna Anthony to Draper Ruggles, Esq. (photo-copy) – New York (January 30, 1866)
1	BV	2016.FIA.02.2.26	Passenger book of tickets sold to different stations in multiple locations (November 5, 1861 – September 5, 1865)
1	4	2016.FIA.02.2.27	Receipt of goods transportation on Starin's New Haven Transportation Line to Royal Combs of Worcester, MA (January 1, 1881)
1	4	2016.FIA.02.2.28	2 page letter & 1 page proposal to L. F. Baldwin, Esq. of Quincy, CA from Burnham, Parry, Williams & Co. in Philadelphia regarding proposal for a locomotive construction (November 7, 1883)
1	4	2016.FIA.02.2.29	Receipt of goods transportation on Norwich & Worcester Railroad from Worcester to Norwich, NY received of G. D. Bancroft (May 6, 1884)
1	4	2016.FIA.02.2.30	Transportation of merchandise receipt #1 on a N. & N.Y.T Co. steamer from New York to Worcester for Jennings & Hartham – City of Worcester stamp (September 10, 1885)
1	4	2016.FIA.02.2.31	Transportation of merchandise receipt #2 on a N. & N.Y.T Co. steamer from New York to Worcester for Jennings & Hartham – City of New York stamp (October 16, 1885)
1	4	2016.FIA.02.2.32	Transportation of merchandise receipt #3 on a N. & N.Y.T Co. steamer from New York to Worcester for Jennings & Hartham – City of Lawrence stamp (October 16, 1885)

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1	4	2016.FIA.02.2.33	Transportation of merchandise receipt #4 on a N. & N.Y.T Co. steamer from New York to Worcester for Jennings & Hartham – City of New York stamp (October 19, 1885)
1	4	2016.FIA.02.2.34	Transportation of merchandise receipt #5 on a N. & N.Y.T Co. steamer from New York to Worcester for Jennings – City of New York stamp (October 21, 1885)
1	4	2016.FIA.02.2.35	Transportation of merchandise receipt #6 on a N. & N.Y.T Co. steamer from New York to Worcester for Jennings & K– City of Worcester stamp (October 27, 1885)
1	4	2016.FIA.02.2.36	Transportation of merchandise receipt #7 on a N. & N.Y.T Co. steamer from New York to Worcester for Jennings & Horton – City of New York stamp (November 6, 1885)
1	4	2016.FIA.02.2.37	Transportation of merchandise receipt #8 on a N. & N.Y.T Co. steamer from New York to Worcester for Jennings & H – City of New York stamp (December 2, 1885)
1	4	2016.FIA.02.2.38	Transportation of merchandise receipt #9 on a N. & N.Y.T Co. steamer from New York to Worcester for Jennings & Hartham – City of Lawrence stamp (May 12, 1886)
1	4	2016.FIA.02.2.39	Transportation of merchandise receipt #10 on a N. & N.Y.T Co. steamer from New York to Worcester for H J Jennings – City of Lawrence stamp (May 14, 1886)
1	4	2016.FIA.02.2.40	Transportation of merchandise receipt #11 on a N. & N.Y.T Co. steamer from New York to Worcester for Jennings & Hartham – City of Lawrence stamp (May 17, 1886)
1	4	2016.FIA.02.2.41	Transportation of merchandise receipt #12 on a N. & N.Y.T Co. steamer from New York to Worcester for Jennings & Hartham– City of New York stamp (November 24, 1886)
1	4	2016.FIA.02.2.42	Transportation of merchandise receipt #13 to Fitchburg Railroad Co. from Orange to Worcester for Jennings & Hartham– (November 7, 1885)

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1	4	2016.FIA.02.2.43	Transportation of merchandise receipt #14 to Fitchburg Railroad Co. from Worcester to Gardner for Jennings & Hartham– (October 23, 1886)
1	4	2016.FIA.02.2.44	Transportation of merchandise receipt #15 on Providence Line- Massachusetts Steamer from New York for Jennings & H – Massachusetts (September 21, 1886)
1	4	2016.FIA.02.2.45	Transportation of merchandise receipt #16 on Providence Line- Massachusetts Steamer from New York for Jennings & H – Massachusetts (September 30, 1886)
1	4	2016.FIA.02.2.46	Transportation of merchandise receipt #17 on Providence Line- Massachusetts Steamer from New York for Jennings & H – Pequot (October 2, 1886)
1	4	2016.FIA.02.2.47	Transportation of merchandise receipt #18 on Providence Line- Massachusetts Steamer from New York for Jennings & H – Pequot (November 4, 1886)
1	4	2016.FIA.02.2.48	Transportation of merchandise receipt #19 on Providence Line- Massachusetts Steamer from New York for Jennings & Hartham – Nashua (November 8, 1886)
1	4	2016.FIA.02.2.49	Transportation of merchandise receipt #20 on Providence Line- Massachusetts Steamer from New York for Jennings & H – Pequot (November 13, 1886)
1	4	2016.FIA.02.2.50	Transportation of merchandise receipt #21 on Providence Line- Massachusetts Steamer from New York for Jennings & H – Pequot (November 18, 1886)
1	4	2016.FIA.02.2.51	Transportation of merchandise receipt #22 to Advertisement for State of Maine, Cumberland & New Brunswick Steamers for Jennings & Hartham – Boston (October 15, 1886)
1	4	2016.FIA.02.2.52	Transportation of merchandise receipt #23 to Advertisement for Old Colony & Fall River Steamers for Jennings & Hartham – Boston (October 26, 1886)

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1	4	2016.FIA.02.2.53	Transportation of merchandise receipt #24 to Boston & Maine Railroad Co. for Batchelden & H J Jennings – Worcester (November 6, 1886)
1	4	2016.FIA.02.2.54	Transportation of merchandise receipt #25 on New York & New England Railroad (Norwich Line to New York) Worcester (January 14, 1891)
1	4	2016.FIA.02.2.55	Handwritten list of various railway lines and their opening dates of operation – Undated
1	4	2016.FIA.02.2.56	Newspaper article clip titled “Railroad Matters” – Undated
1	4	2016.FIA.02.2.57	Handwritten “List of Engines” names for the various railway lines – Undated
1	5	2016.FIA.02.2.58	A 48 page typed up account of ‘100 Years of Railroading in Worcester’, separated into section according to disc numbers and their corresponding photographs from those discs; there are 9 discs with 12 pictures each, according to the account – Undated



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Series 3, Worcester & Nashua Railroad

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1	BV	2016.FIA.02.3.1	Freight division book of short letters between railroad workers detailing the accounts of various ticket prices and amounts collected for the Worcester & Nashua Railroad Co. (January 4, 1856 – January 17, 1863)
1	BV	2016.FIA.02.3.2	Pay book showing the amounts paid to railroad workers of the Worcester & Nashua Railroad Co. (March, 1857 – August, 1859)
1	6	2016.FIA.02.3.3	Transportation of merchandise receipt #1 to Worcester & Nashua Railroad Co. for C Jilson from Fitchburg to Worcester Station (March 24, 1859)
1	6	2016.FIA.02.3.4	Transportation of merchandise receipt #2 to Vermont & Mass. Rail Road Co. for C Jilson from Greenfield to Worcester (stuck to the left side, behind the item above, dated one day prior, March 23, 1859)
1	6	2016.FIA.02.3.5	‘Lost Baggage’ notice #1 from the Superintendent of the Worcester & Nashua Railroad, asking for the luggage to be returned to A. King, the Nashua Conductor or the Baggage Master of the W. & N. R. R. – Worcester (October 4, 1860)
1	6	2016.FIA.02.3.6	‘Lost Baggage’ notice #2 from the Superintendent of the Worcester & Nashua Railroad, asking for the luggage to be returned to Worcester, Mass. – Worcester (August 24, 1863)
1	6	2016.FIA.02.3.7	Inventory of tickets #1; station unspecified; Worcester & Nashua Railroad (August 24-29, 1863)
1	6	2016.FIA.02.3.8	Inventory of tickets #2; station unknown (torn at top); Worcester & Nashua Railroad – date unknown

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Series 4, Boston & Worcester Railroad

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OSV	BV	2016.FIA.02.4.1	1 <sup>st</sup> of 2 bound volumes of freight books reviewing payments collected regarding multiple freight items received at Worcester from Boston, transported between December 1, 1858 and May 31, 1860.
OSV	BV	2016.FIA.02.4.2	2 <sup>nd</sup> of 2 bound volumes of freight books reviewing payments collected regarding multiple freight items received at Worcester from Boston transported between April 24 and July 11, 1866.

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Series 5, Northern Railroad

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1	7	2016.FIA.02.5.1	Washburn Iron Co. letterhead of a letter written to Northern R.R. Co. from Josiah Davis of Washburn Iron Co. (March 6, 1867)
1	7	2016.FIA.02.5.2	Washburn Iron Co. letterhead of a second letter written to Northern R.R. Co. from Josiah Davis of Washburn Iron Co. (March 27, 1867)
1	7	2016.FIA.02.5.3	Northern Rail Road listing of 'old iron required' and 'new iron delivered' weight amounts – Worcester (March 27, 1867)

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2016.FIA.02  
Series 6, Boston & Albany Railroad

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1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.1	Boston & Albany Railroad Co. General Freight Department letterhead of a letter written to W. Potter from N. Foster regarding a notice of receipt and future notice of bills that could be sent to the different lines – Springfield, MA (September 21, 1868)
1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.2	Boston & Albany Railroad Co. letterhead of a notice regarding the rebuilding and re-opening of the Grand Junction Station, as well as mentioning Freight Rates for the line – East Boston, MA (March, 1869)
1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.3	Boston & Albany Railroad Co. General Freight Agent's Office letterhead from William Bliss to W. G. Potter, Esq.– Springfield, MA (August 9, 1869)
1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.4	Boston & Albany Railroad Co. General Freight Department letterhead from Nathan Foster to W. Potter, Agt. – Springfield, MA (September 3, 1869)
1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.5	Boston & Albany Railroad letterhead Telegraph notice by W. Bliss re: cost of freight transportation to be completed – Worcester, MA (September 15, 1871)
1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.6	Office of E.M. Moers letterhead letter by E.M. Moers to Mr. H.P. Nichols, a B. & A. R. R. Freight Agent re: need to put freight items in the Moers' depot yard for a short amount of time – Cincinnati, OH (November 7, 1880)
1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.7	S.S. Sprague & Co. letterhead letter by S.S. Sprague to Mr. Nichols, re: an enclosed check – Providence, RI (January 13, 1881)
1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.8	Moulton & Goodwin letterhead letter to a Freight Agent of Albany Road – Boston, MA (March 5, 1881)
1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.9	Cherry Valley Blanket Co. letterhead letter to Boston & Albany R.R. by A.E. Smith, Agt. – Cherry Valley, MA (June 24, 1882)

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1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.10	Washburn Iron Co. letterhead letter to H.P. Nichols Albany R.R. by Samuel D. Hye –Worcester, MA (June 24, 1882)
1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.11	Boston & Albany Railroad Co. letterhead letter to W.M. Kiddir from H.P. Nichols – (June 26, 1882)
1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.12	New Haven Steamboat Co. letterhead letter to J.P. Hand Re: shipment of freight to be forwarded to Shrewsbury, MA – New York (August 24, 1882)
1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.13	Memorandum notice to H.P. Nichols from Thomas G. Snow & Co. regarding noticed of enclosed check to settle a freight Bill – Boston, MA (December 7, 1882)
1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.14	DeFreest & Clark letterhead letter to the Freight Agent of the B. & A. R. R. regarding notice of shipped items on this rail line – Lansingburgh, NY (December 16, 1882)
1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.15	The Worcester Malleable Iron Co. letterhead letter to the Freight Depot of the Boston & Albany R. R. regarding request to deliver items – Worcester, MA (April 15, 1884)
1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.16	Worcester Steel Works letterhead letter to H.C. Hamilton, Esq from George M Rice, President of the Steel Works – Worcester, MA (May 21, 1885)
1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.17	Transportation of merchandise receipt #1 on Boston & Albany Railroad for Royal Steam – Worcester stamp (September 23, 1885)
1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.18	Transportation of merchandise receipt #2 on Boston & Albany Railroad for Jennings & H – from Boston (September 29, 1885)
1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.19	Transportation of merchandise receipt #3 on Boston & Albany Railroad for Jennings & H – from Boston (October 1, 1885)
1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.20	Transportation of merchandise receipt #4 on Boston & Albany Railroad for Jennings & Hartham – from New York (November 24, 1885)

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1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.21	Transportation of merchandise receipt #5 on Boston & Albany Railroad for Jennings & Hartham – from No. Brookfield (May 3, 1886)
1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.22	Transportation of merchandise receipt #6 on Boston & Albany Railroad for Jennings & H – from No. Brookfield (May 3, 1886)
1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.23	Transportation of merchandise receipt #7 on Boston & Albany Railroad for Jennings & H – from No. Brookfield (May 21, 1886)
1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.24	Transportation of merchandise receipt #8 on Boston & Albany Railroad for Jennings & Hartham – North Brookfield (June 9, 1886)
1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.25	Transportation of merchandise receipt #9 on Boston & Albany Railroad for Jennings & H – from Westboro (July 7, 1886)
1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.26	Transportation of merchandise receipt #10 on Boston & Albany Railroad for Jennings & Hartham– from Boston (September 15, 1886)
1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.27	Transportation of merchandise receipt #11 on Boston & Albany Railroad for Jennings & Hartham– from Boston (October 1, 1886)
1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.28	Transportation of merchandise receipt #12 on Boston & Albany Railroad for Jennings & Hartham– from No. Brookfield (November 27, 1886)
1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.29	Worcester Steel Works letterhead letter to H.P. Nichols of the B. & A. R. R. for a request for delivery– Worcester (October 13, 1888)
1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.30	Washburn & Moen Manufacturing Co. letterhead letter to H.P. Nichols of the B. & A. R. R. for a delivery order enclosure – Boston (May 11, 1889)
1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.31	Worcester Plate Works letterhead letter to Mr. M. A. Maynard from E. W. Brigham – Worcester (January 1, 1891)

1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.32	Hutchins Machine Company letterhead letter to M. A. Maynard per C.W. Russell – Worcester (January 12, 1892) Series 6, Boston & Albany Railroad, cont'd.
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1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.33	United States Post Office letterhead letter to B. & A. R. R. Co.
1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.34	Envelope featuring David Cummings & Co. information, stamped Worcester January 15, year unknown
1	8	2016.FIA.02.6.35	Undated list of names and numbers of Boston & Albany engines

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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	BV	2016.FIA.02.7.1	Stock book of shares purchased of the line between 1873 and 1890
1	9	2016.FIA.02.7.2	Handwritten notes with events and dates mentioned regarding the railway (September 17, 1873)
1	9	2016.FIA.02.7.3	Office of the Boston & Shrewsbury R.R. letterhead, received of Irving E Bigelow regarding receipt of money for steam yacht revenues by A.A. Coburn – Worcester, MA (June 20, 1887)
1	9	2016.FIA.02.7.4	Handwritten note “H. Lincoln Harrison” (July 1, 1896)
1	9	2016.FIA.02.7.5	Handwritten notes about the Dummy R.R. and the President of the railroad’s actions as they pertained to the Dummy; location unknown; (first date listed is July 2, 1896)
1	9	2016.FIA.02.7.6	Handwritten notes regarding the railway line in a quick Historical account (April 30, 1933)
1	9	2016.FIA.02.7.7	The Hatchway letterhead (Provincetown) addressed to Worcester Historical Society from M.C.M. Hatch asking for Worcester & Shrewsbury Railroad, with a response from the Society (Worcester) to M.C.M. Hatch stapled together – MA (August 11, 1943)
1	9	2016.FIA.02.7.8	The Hatchway letterhead (Provincetown) addressed to Worcester Historical Society from M.C.M. Hatch (attention to K. Reid) thanking the Society (Worcester) for their supply of information regarding the Worcester & Shrewsbury Railroad – MA (October 13, 1943)
1	9	2016.FIA.02.7.9	Handwritten note asking about the last trip of the Dummy; location unknown (March 11, 1949)
1	9	2016.FIA.02.7.10	Handwritten notes pertaining to H. H. Bigelow’s relationship To the railroad from J.J. Coburn, with information seemingly from a book and the corresponding page containing helpful



information; location and date unknown

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1	9	2016.FIA.02.7.11	Handwritten note "Railroad- Worcester-Shrewsbury, Dummy R.R.; location and date unknown;
1	9	2016.FIA.02.7.12	Handwritten note "Worcester & Shrewsbury" about several features related to the rail line; on yellow-lined (more modern) paper location and date unknown;

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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	10	2016.FIA.02.8.1	Worcester & Marlborough Street Railway Co. President's Office invitation to people to ride the line on August 28, 1897 when they will be using a special car to pick the guests up – Worcester, MA (August 23, 1897)