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**Rice, Barton and Fales Co.
Collection 2**

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Collection Information

Abstract: Company records include an employee telephone directory and the Athletic Associations constitution and annual report from 1937 – 1951. Images of the exterior and interior of the building prior to demolition were taken by local photographer Larry Feldman in 2003. (Larry owns the copyright to these images.) There is also a photocopy of a bird's eye view of the company taken in approx. 1930-1940. Included is a photocopy of a broadside describing the legal length of time women and minors could work in the early 1900's.

Finding Aids: Written Finding Aid is available at Worcester Historical Museum Library. Item/Folder-level description.

Preferred Citation: Worcester Historical Museum Archives, 30 Elm Street, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance: Copies of the images were given to the WHM by Larry Feldman.

Access: the Finding Aid is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings (lcsh, aat, tgm, rbgenr, etc.)

Rice, Barton & Fales, Inc.

Rice, Barton & Fales Machine and Iron Co.

Rice, Barton & Co.

Rice Barton Corporation

Papermaking machinery – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Textile machinery – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Textile machinery industry – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Machinery industry – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Record keeping works – Massachusetts – Worcester – 19th century. (rbgenr)

Images, photographic – Massachusetts – Worcester – 19th century. (lcsh)

Historical Information

Rice, Barton & Fales, Inc., established in 1867, was the successor to a series of companies engaged in the manufacture of paper and pulp mill and textile machinery.

Howe & Goddard, established in 1837, became

Goddard, Rice & Co., ca. 1847, became

Rice, Barton & Co., 1862, became

Rice, Barton & Fales Machine and Iron Co., 1867, changed name to

Rice, Barton & Fales, Inc., 1922-

George S. Barton was President of the corporation from 1862 until his death in 1891. He was succeeded by his son, Charles S. Barton, who served as President until his death in 1914. He was succeeded by his son, George S. Barton who assumed the offices of President and Treasurer in 1914. Throughout its history, the company has specialized in building paper-making and textile printing machinery, although at various times in its history it has built a number of different types of machinery, including steam boilers, hydraulic presses, and other lines.

The location of the original 1837 plant was in downtown Worcester. This facility remained in use through the several reorganizations until 1892, when a new facility was opened on a site in an undeveloped part of the city. This facility on Southgate Street, enlarged and modernized, remained in use until the building was demolished in 2003.

Scope and Content

The Rice, Barton and Fales collection #2 is a small collection of only a few items from the company's records. Those two items include the constitution and annual report from 1937 – 1951 of its Athletic Association and a company employee directory. The company was razed in 2003 and photographs were taken of the interior and exterior by local photographer Larry Feldman who holds the copyright to the images. The WHM was given permission to copy these photos. There is an overhead picture of the company taken in about 1930-1940 and a broadside describing what the working hours were for women and minors.

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder#</u>	<u>Acc.#</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2003.08.1	Constitution and Annual Report, 1937-1951. Athletic Association.
1	2	2003.08.2	Employee telephone directory, Oct. 1959.
1	3	2003.08.3a-b	Images, 2 CDs, exterior and interior of the company at 65 Tainter Street Worcester just before demolition, 2003. Images were taken by Larry Feldman (who currently holds the copyright).
1	3	2003.08.4	Photocopy (color), of the images in item 3.
1	3	2003.08.5	Photocopy (b&w), overhead picture of the company taken ca 1930-1940.
1	3	2003.08.6	Photocopy (b&w), of "Time Notice Hours of Employment for Women & Minors." (Nine hours per day and not more than 48 hours per week.) approx. early 1900's.