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## ARCHIVES

Samuel Winslow Skate Manufacturing  
Company Catalog

2000.22

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### Collection Information

Abstract : Samuel Winslow Skate manufacturing Company began in 1857 with Seth C. and Samuel Wilson manufacturing a small number of skates. By the 1880s export of Winslow skates was worldwide. Largest manufacturer of skates in United States during 1900-1920s period, company apparently did not survive the Depression after 1929, and is not listed after 1931.

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

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Provenance : Purchased from Hillcrest Books, Crossville, Tenn., April 2000.

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

Skates – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Roller skates – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Samuel Winslow Skate Manufacturing Company (Worcester, Mass.)

Industries – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Worcester (Mass.) – Manufactures.

Catalogs. (tgm)

### **Historical/Biographical Notes**

Seth C. and Samuel Winslow manufactured 25 pair of skates in 1857, the beginning of the Samuel Winslow Skate Manufacturing Company. The following year the Winslows anticipated manufacturing 200 pair, but ended the year of 1858 with a production of over 2,500 pair of skates. Beginning about 1870, skates were exported to Europe and India in large numbers, and in the following years developed markets in Australia, South America, Japan. Winslow manufactured some 40 styles of ice skates, and 15 styles of roller skates. During the first quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the company was the largest skate manufacturer in the United States, employing over 200 operatives. Apparently the company did not survive the depression of the early 1930s, and is not listed after 1931.

### **Scope and Content**

The collection is comprised of a single catalog of Winslow skates, Catalog No. 'K', 1914. Contents include roller skates and parts, with all items priced.

### **Series Description**

Collection is not organized into series.

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1		2000.22.1.1	Catalogue of roller skates - Winslow's skates / made by the Samuel Winslow Skate Manufacturing Company, Worcester, Mass. "Roller skate catalogue K, issued September 1, 1914.