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Collection Information

Abstract : The collection contains work journals kept by Lieut. Detective David O. Stonequist. Ledgers cover the years 1926 – 1950. Also included are personal ledgers, his badge and a scrapbook containing newspaper articles.

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Historical/Biographical Notes

David O. Stonequist was a Worcester Police officer for 37 year. He joined the force in 1914 and was assigned to foot patrol in Precinct 3. A restless young officer, Stonequist was reassigned to

Precinct 2 for motorcycle duty in 1916, where he remained until 1920. From 1920 until 1923, he was an officer in the liquor and gambling unit, enforcing the Prohibition laws through raids and undercover work. From 1923 to 1924, he volunteered for strike duty as labor trouble developed among Worcester foundry workers. In 1925, he was reassigned to motorcycle duty with Precinct 2. Later that year, Officer Stonequist was promoted to Sergeant and was assigned to the detective bureau, where he would remain for the rest of his career. For 16 years, Stonequist was a partner with Sergeant Patrick Pierce, until Pierce's death in 1945. The two men were known as dogged and persistent detectives. Stonequist, who was eventually promoted to Detective Lieutenant, was involved in 4265 arrests during his career, including 17 for murder. Only two of the murder cases that were assigned to him went unsolved. Stonequist helped solve several major cases during his career, including robberies and murders. David Stonequist retired from the Worcester Police department in 1951 and retired to his house on Greenwood Street in Worcester. He in the city directory until 1963.

Scope and Content

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Series Descriptions

Series 1: Work Journals

Series 2: Ledgers

Series 3: Scrapbook

Series 4: Badge

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Series 1, Work Journals
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1		2003.64.1.1	Work Journal for the year 1926
1		2003.64.1.2	Work Journal for the year 1927
1		2003.64.1.3	Work Journal for the year 1928
1		2003.64.1.4	Work Journal for the year 1929
1		2003.64.1.5	Work Journal for the year 1930
1		2003.64.1.6	Work Journal for the year 1931
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Series 2, Ledger
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2	1	2003.64.2.1	Handwritten first aid instructions and Felonies descriptions.
2	1	2003.64.2.2	Handwritten journal

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Series 3, Scrapbook
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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2		2003.64.3.1	Scrapbook containing newspaper articles relating to David O. Stonequist. (1914-1951)

Series 4, Badge
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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1		2003.64.4.1	Lieut. Detective Badge worn by David O. Stonequist.