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## ARCHIVES

Sumner, Muriel,  
Photograph Collection

1999.21

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### Collection Information

Abstract: The collection is comprised of some 60 portrait photographs of brides, a few of bridal parties, and other photographic prints collected by Muriel Sumner in the late 1920s while she was society editor for the Worcester *Evening Gazette*.

Finding Aids: Written Finding Aid available in the Repository. Item-level control.

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

Provenance: Gift of Sumner Campbell, East Harwich, Mass., nephew to Muriel Sumner, in January, 1999.

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

Wedding costume – Massachusetts – Worcester – 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Hairstyles – Massachusetts – Worcester – 20<sup>th</sup> century.

(tgm)

Clothing and dress – Massachusetts – Worcester – 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Brides – Massachusetts – Worcester – 20<sup>th</sup> century.

(gmgpc)

Portrait photographs.

### Biographical Information

Muriel Sumner was a native and life-long resident of Worcester. She graduated from Bancroft School, North High School, and House in the Pines Junior College in Norton. During the late 1920s Miss Sumner was society editor for the Worcester *Evening Gazette*, and later a resident counselor at Becker junior College in Worcester. She was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church, Worcester Junior League, and Bancroft Chapter, D.A.R. She also was a member of Worcester County Music Association, Worcester Mechanics Association, and a committee member at the Memorial Home for the Blind. Miss Sumner sang in the Worcester Music Festival in 1927 and 1928, and was active in the organization throughout her life.

The photographs were collected by Miss Sumner during her years at the *Evening Gazette*, and represent the work of several photographic studios in the Worcester area.

### Scope and Content

The collection is comprised of some 65 portrait photographs, mostly of brides and most identified, which were collected by Miss Sumner, society editor for the Worcester *Evening Gazette* in the late 1920s. Most were taken around 1928. Several of the portraits are of bridal parties or other group portraits, with a few portraits of individual women. The photographs were taken by several regional studios, and are of various sizes.

In addition to the biographical information, the photographs provide insight into the clothing and hair styles of the late 1920s, particularly in the area of wedding costume and other formal attire. The collection also demonstrates the work of several regional photograph studios.

### Series Description

The collection is undivided. A single series includes all photographs.

Series 1: Photographs. Portrait photographs of brides, bridal parties, and related subjects. Photographed by various studios ca. 1928.

Muriel Sumner Photograph Collection  
 1999.21  
 Series 1, Photographs

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	1999.21.1.1	Mrs. Charles Hill Morgan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> , nee Jane T. Barton : 6 ½ x 9 in., n.d. / photo by Benson.
1	1	1999.21.1.2	Eleanor Colton : 7 ½ x 7 in., n.d. / photo by Schervee.
1	1	1999.21.1.3	Mrs. Cyril Francis Penney, nee Ruth Dodge : 8 x 10 in., n.d. / photo by Bachrach.
1	1	1999.21.1.4	Mr. & Mrs. Roger W. Converse, (nee Rose Bullock) : 6 ½ x 8 ½ in., n.d. / Metropolitan Photo Service, New York.
1	1	1999.21.1.5	Betsey Whittall : 8 x 10 in., n.d. / photo by Bachrach.
1	1	1999.21.1.6	Mrs. Ellis K. Heath, nee Helen Leeds (?) : 8 x 10 in., n.d. / photo by Bachrach.
1	1	1999.21.1.7	Mrs. Frederic Paige Kimball, nee Jeanne Deland Bachrach : 8 x 10 in., n.d. / photograph by Bachrach.
1	1	1999.21.1.8	Mrs. Frederic Paige Kimball, nee Jeanne Deland Bachrach : 8 x 10 in., n.d. / photograph by Bachrach.
1	1	1999.21.1.9	Anne Heywood wedding attendants; Mrs. Demeter Larisch : 7 x 9 in., n.d. / photo by Benson.
1	1	1999.21.1.10	Miss Gladys Howland (Mrs. Charles G. Allen, Jr.) : 8 x 10 in., n.d. / photo by Bushong.
1	1	1999.21.1.11	Mrs. Henry C. Page, Jr., nee Annette A. Campbell : 8 x 10 in., n.d. / photo by Bushong.

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1	1	1999.21.1.12	Mrs. Francis Adams Brooks, nee Phyllis V. Fox : 6 ½ x 9 in., n.d. / photo by Benson.
1	2	1999.21.1.13	Mrs. Mabbott B. Steele, nee Marion Hoyle : 8 x 10 in., n.d. / photo by Bushong.
1	2	1999.21.1.14	Louise Cronin : 8 x 10 in., n.d. / photo by Bushong.
1	2	1999.21.1.15	Mary J. Earle (Mrs. John Fore Hines, Jr.) : 8 x 10 in., n.d. / photo by Schervee.
1	2	1999.21.1.16	Justine Adams wedding party : 7 x 9 in., n.d. / photo by Benson.
1	2	1999.21.1.17	Mrs. Richard Johnes Mead, nee catherine Virginia Woodruff : 8 x 10 in., n.d. / photo by Bachrach.
1	2	1999.21.1.18	Mrs. Alfred P. Storms : 6 x 9 in., October 1928 / photo by Benson.
1	2	1999.21.1.19	Mrs. Norris Greenleaf Abbott, Jr., nee Elizabeth Whitmen : 7 x 9 in., n.d. / photo by Benson.
1	2	1999.21.1.20	Mrs. Joseph Carson Molder, nee Lillia Harrington : 8 x 10 in., n.d. / photo by Bushong.
1	2	1999.21.1.21	Wedding party, unidentified : 8 x 10 in., n.d. / photo by Schervee.
1	2	1999.21.1.22	Mrs. Harold E. Mitchell, nee H. Elizabeth Church : 7 x 9 ½ in., June 1928 / photo by Benson.
1	2	1999.21.1.23	Group portrait, Dorothea Adams wedding : 7 x 8 in., n.d. / photo by Benson.
1	2	1999.21.1.24	Mrs. Thomas Robert Reese, 2 <sup>nd</sup> , nee Nettie Ellis : 8 x 10 in., n.d. / photo by Schervee.
1	3	1999.21.1.25	Mrs. Irving G. Idler, nee Evelyn Nelson : 7 x 9 in., n.d. / photo by Benson.

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1	3	1999.21.1.26	Mrs. M. Arthur, nee Dorothy Bliss : 8 x 10 in., May 1928 / photo by Schervee.
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| 1 | 3 | 1999.21.1.27 | Mrs. Donald C. Dove, nee Virginia Bliss : 8 x 10 in., n.d. / photo by Schervee.                 |
| 1 | 3 | 1999.21.1.28 | Mrs. Ervin George Schieffel (?), nee Marjorie Sibley : 8 x 10 in., n.d. / photo by Schervee.    |
| 1 | 3 | 1999.21.1.29 | Eleanor Colton : 8 x 10 in., n.d. / photo by Schervee.  |
| 1 | 3 | 1999.21.1.30 | Mrs. Gordon Harrower, nee Elizabeth Van Cortlandt Lyman : 8 x 10 in., n.d. / photo by Bachrach. |
| 1 | 3 | 1999.21.1.31 | Marion Smedley : 8 x 10 in., n.d. / photo by Schervee.  |
| 1 | 3 | 1999.21.1.32 | Mrs. William Bruton Holmsley, nee Rosamond Verry : 7 x 9 ½ in., n.d. / photo by Benson.         |
| 1 | 3 | 1999.21.1.33 | Mrs. Allen W. Fincke. Nee Louisa Wood : 7 x 9 in., n.d. / Schervee Studio.                      |
| 1 | 3 | 1999.21.1.34 | Mrs. Russell Ambler Conwell, nee Elizabeth Ladd : 7 x 9 in., n.d. / photo by Benson.            |
| 1 | 3 | 1999.21.1.35 | Mrs. Alan William Morrison : 7 ½ x 9 ½ in., n.d. / photo by Schervee.                           |
| 1 | 3 | 1999.21.1.36 | Mrs. E. Sumner (?) Thayer, nee Emily R. Bowman : 7 x 9 in., n.d. / photo by Benson.             |
| 1 | 4 | 1999.21.1.37 | Mrs. C. Grove haines, nee Frances warble : 8 x 11 in., n.d.                                     |
| 1 | 4 | 1999.21.1.38 | Mrs. Judson T. Thurston, nee Marion E. Knott : 6 ½ x 9 in., November 1928 / photo by Benson.    |

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| 1 | 4 | 1999.21.1.39 | Mrs. John Robert Moore, nee Mary Dale Dorward : 7 x 9 ½ in., July 1928 / photo by Benson. |
| 1 | 4 | 1999.21.1.40 | Mrs. Richard G. Norris, nee Polly Dewey : 7 x 9 in.,                                      |

			June 1928 / photo by Benson.
1	4	1999.21.1.41	Miss Pauline M. Cross : 7 x 9 in., n.d. / photo by Schervee.
1	4	1999.21.1.42	Mrs. James Perry Smith, Jr., nee Katharine Kettell : 8 x 10 in., n.d. / photo by Schervee.
1	4	1999.21.1.43	Mrs. Eugene P. Montgomery, nee Helen L. Coates : 7 ½ x 9 in., June 1928 / photo by Benson.
1	4	1999.21.1.44	Mrs. Donald L. Sampson, nee Frances Bancroft : 8 x 10 in., n.d. / photo by Schervee.
1	4	1999.21.1.45	Mrs. Martin Van Stappen, nee Eloise Ross : 6 x 9 in., n.d. / photo by Benson.
1	4	1999.21.1.46	Louise Cronin (wedding party) : 7 ½ x 9 ½ in., corner cropped, n.d. / photo by Bushong.
1	4	1999.21.1.47	Dorothy Minnick Jones Webster : 7 x 9 ½ in., n.d. / photo by Benson.
1	4	1999.21.1.48	Mrs. William Todd, nee Helen Fowler : 8 x 10 in., June 1928 / photo by Schervee.
1	5	1999.21.1.49	Mrs. Barnes, nee Phoebe Washburn : 7 x 9 in., n.d. / photo by Benson.
1	5	1999.21.1.50	Mrs. Herman A Haehnel, nee Margaret Mix : 5 ½ x 10 in., n.d. / photo by Gray.
1	5	1999.21.1.51	Mrs. Mosher, nee Anne Harrington : 8 x 10 in., n.d. / photo by Bushong.
1	5	1999.21.1.52	Mrs. Frank A. Geldard, nee Jeannette Manchester : 8 x 10 in., June 1928 / photo by Schervee.
			Series 1, continued
1	5	1999.21.1.53	Harriet Taber : 3 x 5 in., n.d. / photo by Benson.
1	5	1999.21.1.54	Emma M. Wilder : 4 ½ x 6 ½ in., n.d. / photo by Schervee.
1	5	1999.21.1.55	Beth Church : 4 ½ x 6 in., n.d. / photo by Benson.

OVS	OVS-1	1999.21.1.56-.60	Unidentified brides : 8 ½ x 11 in. on 12 x 17 in. mats, n.d. / Bachrach. 5 items.
OVS	OVS-1	1999.21.1.61-.63	Unidentified brides : 8 ½ x 11 in. on 12 x 17 in. mats, n.d. / Bachrach. 3 items.
OVS	OVS-1	1999.21.1.64	Ethlyn Jefferds : 7 x 9 in. on 12 x 13 in. mat, in folder, n.d. / William Louis Koehne, Chicago.
1	5	1999.21.1.65	Junior League Group : 7 ½ x 9 ½ in., n.d. / photo by Benson.