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Theater Postcard
Collection
1999.14

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Collection Information

Abstract : Turn of the century postcards of the Worcester and Park Theatres provide examples of theater architecture and facade embellishment, and street scenes of Worcester ca. 1900.

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

Preferred Citation : Worcester Historical Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance : Donated by Evelyn N. Bailey of Worcester, November 1998.

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

Worcester Theatre (Worcester, Mass.)

Park Theatre (Worcester, Mass.)

Front Street Opera House (Worcester, Mass.)

Front Street Musee (Worcester, Mass.)

Bijou Theatre (Worcester, Mass.)

Theaters – Massachusetts – Worcester – Pictorial works.

Music-halls (Variety-theaters, cabarets, etc.) – Massachusetts – Worcester – Pictorial works.

(gmgpc)

Postcards – Massachusetts – Worcester – Theaters.

Halftone photomechanical prints – Massachusetts – Worcester – Theaters.

Historical Information

The Park Theatre, 12 Front Street, Worcester, existed between 1900 and 1925. The building was apparently built before 1890, and is listed as the location of the Front Street Musee in 1890, the Front Street Opera House in 1892, and the Bijou Theatre in 1898. Prior to 1890, the property appears to have been a rooming house or tenement. After 1926 the property became the J. J. Newberry store.

The Worcester Theatre existed in 1888 and apparently (from programs) was started about that time. It operated under the same name at 20 Exchange Street until about 1938.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of two postcards, colored halftone prints, of the front facades of the Worcester Theatre on Exchange Street and the Park Theatre on Front Street. The prints were made ca. 1905.

Series Description

The collection consists of two related postcards, and is not arranged into series.

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1		1999.14.1.1	Park Theatre, 12 Front Street, Worcester, Mass. : color halftone photomechanical print, ca. 1905 / A.C. Bosselman & Co., New York; made in Germany.
1		1999.14.1.2	Worcester Theatre, 20 Exchange Street, Worcester, Mass. : color halftone photomechanical print, ca. 1905 / A.C. Bosselman & Co., New York; made in Germany.