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Wire Goods Co. of Worcester
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Collection Information

Abstract : Wire Goods Co. of Worcester established 1885 as manufacturer of woven wire household products. In 1906 acquired Woods-Sherwood Co. of Lowell. The company became a division of the Washburn Company in 1923.

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Wire products – Catalogs.
Wire products – Patents.
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Patents. lsh

Historical/Biographical Notes

The Wire Goods Co. of Worcester was established in 1880 as a manufacturer of wire hardware, with a factory complex on Union Street near Lincoln Square. In 1906, the company acquired the Woods-Sherwood Co. of Lowell and its line of wire household goods. The Washburn Company of Worcester acquired the company in 1923, and it continued as the Wire Goods Division of the Washburn Company.

Scope and Content

The collection comprises a catalog of the company's products printed in 1915, and three patents for wire household products assigned to the Woods-Sherwood Co. in the 1870s.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Catalogs. Products of the Wire Goods Co. of Worcester. (1 item)

Series 2: Patents. Wire household products patents assigned to Woods-Sherwood Co. in the 1870s. (3 items)

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Series 1, Catalogs

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	1993.54.1.1	Catalogue No. 7, The Wire Goods Company, Worcester, Mass., including wire hardware, wire kitchen ware, wire specialties. 254 p. (hc), illus., 30 cm., incl. index.

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Series 1, Patents

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>	
1	2	1993.54.2.1	Patent No. 101,169 : issued to Daniel Sherwood, Lowell, Mass., for <u>Improved Table-Caster</u> , March 22, 1870, and assigned to Woods-Sherwood Co., Lowell, Mass.	
1	2	1993.54.2.2	Patent No. 5,917 : issued to George D. Dudley, Lowell, Mass., for <u>Design for Card-Baskets</u> , June 11, 1872, and assigned to Woods, Sherwood, & Latham, Lowell, Mass.	
1.	1	2	1993.54.2.3	Patent No. 118,027 : issued to Cyrus H. Latham, Lowell, Mass., for <u>Improvement in Cake and Fruit-Baskets</u> , August 15, 1871, and assigned to Woods, Sherwood & Latham, Lowell, Mass.