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Worcester Brigade Band
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Collection Information

Abstract : The Worcester Brigade Band, originally the Scandinavian Band, was formed in 1887. The band was well-known throughout Worcester and the region, providing musical programs for the general public and for special events, and providing an avenue for aspiring musicians to learn.

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Worcester Brigade Band (Worcester, Mass.)
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Martel, John.
Bands – Massachusetts – Worcester.
Minute books. aat
Resolutions. aat
Clippings. aat
Photographs. aat

Historical/Biographical Notes

The Scandinavian Band, or Scandinavian Brass Band, was organized in 1887 (or 1889) largely through the efforts of John Martel, Worcester musician and band leader, to provide a vehicle for playing of good band music, as well as to provide an avenue where aspiring musicians could learn about playing in a formal band. The Scandinavian Band, later called the Swedish Cadet band, changed its name to the Worcester Brigade Band in 1896. For a brief period in the late 1890s the band was called Spiers Cycle Company Band, because of the generosity and support of the Spiers Company. The name soon reverted to Worcester Brigade Band, known as such for over a half century.

Scope and Content

The collection consists photographs of the Worcester Brigade Band, 1930-1941; photograph of John Martel, band director, ca. 1890; clippings relating to organization of band and other band topics; minutes book, ca. 1904-1920; notes and memoranda relating to band organization, lists of directors, etc.

Series Description

Series 1: Photographs. Group photographs of band and band members. (7 items)

Series 2: Clippings, publicity, etc. Most relate to John Martel and organization of the band. (6 items)

Series 3: Administrative Records. Minutes book, lists of band directors, etc.

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Series 1, Photographs

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2000.81.1.1	Worcester Brigade Band, performance, location unknown : photographic print, 8 x 10 in. / ca. 1930.
1	1	2000.81.1.2	Worcester Brigade Band, performance at Salvation Army Hall : photographic print, 8 x 10 in. / 1936.
1	1	2000.81.1.3	WPA Band, performance at Washburn Hall : photographic print, 8 x 10 in. / 1936 or 1937. Many band members identified.
1	1	2000.81.1.4	Worcester Brigade Band 45 th Annual Reunion, February 23, 1941, 98 Front Street, Worcester, Mass. : photographic print, 8 x 10 in. / 1941.
1	1	2000.81.1.5	Worcester Brigade Band 45 th Annual Reunion, February 23, 1941, banquet : photographic print, 8 x 10 in. / 1941.
1	1	2000.81.1.6	John Martel : cabinet card, collodion print / ca. 1890.
1	1	2000.81.1.7	Group photograph [band members and families?] : photographic print, 5 x 7 in. (torn) / ca. 1920.

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Series 2, Clippings, Publicity, etc.

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	2	2000.81.2.1 .1a	Program for a musical program for the benefit of the Scandinavian Brass Band : handbill, 6 x 9 in. / December 18, 1886. aqp.
1	2	2000.81.2.2	“Youthful musicians”, clipping relating to proposal by John Martel to form new band : S.l., s.n., ca. 1890s. aqp
1	2	2000.81.2.3	“Din and dancing”, clipping relating to John Martel’s plans to organize a new band in Worcester : Worcester Telegram, ca. 1890s. 2 p. aqp
1	2	2000.81.2.4	Advertisement for concert in Mechanics Hall, Worcester, Mass., October 1, 1886. Written in Swedish. aqp
1	2	2000.81.2.5	Clipping relating to Scandinavian Brass Band picnic : Worcester Daily Spy, June 25, 1887. aqp
1	2	2000.81.2.6	“Looking for a name”, clipping relating to Spiers Band, formerly Worcester Brigade Band, seeking name change : S.l., s.n., ca. 1895.

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Series 3, Administrative Records

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	3	2000.81.3.1a .1b	Article relating to name change of Worcester Brigade Band to Spiers Cycle Company Band, probably a press release, June 1, 1895. Typescript. Manuscript copy. 2 p.
1	3	2000.81.3.2a .2b .2c	Directors of Worcester Brigade Band, 1896-1946; Brigade Band records. Typescript. Directors of Worcester Brigade Band, 1896-1946. Typescript. Band records : manuscript.
1	3	2000.81.3.3	Letter to band members relating to duties of various officers and members : typescript / June 5, 1927.
1	3	2000.81.3.4	Resolution relating to salary of \$300.00 per year to musical director Leo X. Fontaine : typescript / ca. 1941.
1	3	2000.81.3.5	Resolution naming Leo X. Fontaine President Emeritus of Worcester Brigade Band : typescript / ca. 1953.
1	BV	2000.81.3.6	Minutes of meetings of Worcester Brigade Band, 1904-1916 : minute book, ca. 75 p.