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Worcester Lunch Car Company,
Specifications and Schematic Drawings (1914-1967)

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Collection Information

Abstract : The Worcester Lunch Car Company, Specifications and Schematic Drawings (1914-1967) collection contains documents relating to the construction of lunch cars manufactured in the twentieth century by the Worcester Lunch Car and Carriage Manufacturing Company (Worcester, MA). The collection is comprised of two types of documents: itemized materials lists for the required metal components needed for each particular model (lunch cart models #549, #826 - #839) and detailed schematic drawings for three specific lunch cart models (#840, #848 and #849).

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

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Provenance : Found in archives.

MARC Access : Collection is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings

Historical/Biographical Notes

The Worcester Lunch Car and Carriage Manufacturing Company was the foremost builder of mobile dining wagons and, later, prefabricated dining cars in New England, operating from 1906 to 1961. Founded by Philip H. Duprey in December of 1906, the Worcester Lunch Car Company manufactured some 651 dining cars during its fifty-five years of operation. French Canadian Charles P. Gemme, joined the company as a carpenter but became foreman in 1910, a position he held until the company closed its doors in 1961. He served as the company's main designer of dining cars, which were known for their fine craftsmanship and solid construction.

Source:

Gutman, Richard J. S., *Images of America: The Worcester Lunch Car Company*. Portsmouth, New Hampshire: Arcadia Publishing, 2004.

Scope and Content

The Worcester Lunch Car Company, Specifications and Schematic Drawings (1914-1967) is comprised of two series made up of documents relating to the construction of lunch cars manufactured at the Worcester manufacturing facility from the early to mid-twentieth century. The collection is comprised of two series: the first series contains itemized materials lists printed on company letterhead detailing the required metal components needed for each particular model (lunch cart models #549, #826-#839); the second series is made up of detailed schematic drawings for three specific lunch cart models (#840, #848 and #849).

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Specifications - itemized materials lists for the required metal components needed for each particular model (lunch cart models #549, #826-#839)

Series 2: Schematic Drawings - detailed schematic drawings for three specific lunch cart models (#840, #848 and #849)

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Series 1, Specifications

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1	1	2013.FIA.04.01	Itemized materials lists for the required metal components needed for each particular model (lunch cart models #549, #826 - #835).
1	2	2013.FIA.04.01	Itemized materials lists for the required metal components needed for each particular model (lunch cart models #836 - #840).

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Series 2, Schematic Drawings

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	3	2013.FIA.04.02	Detailed schematic drawings for lunch cart models #840 (15 items) and #849 (1 item).
1	4	2013.FIA.04.02	Detailed schematic drawings for lunch cart model #848 (38 items)