Finding Aid: The Edwin B. Worthen Collection
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Lexington, Massachusetts

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About the Collection

Title
The Edwin B. Worthen Collection

Creator
Edwin B. Worthen (1879-1956)
Edwin B. Worthen, Jr. (1913-1976)
Anita P. Worthen (1913-2008)

Dates
1727 to 1976; bulk 1825-1975

Quantity
Approximately 54 linear ft.

Abstract
The Edwin B. Worthen Collection documents life in Lexington from its earliest settlement to the mid-20th century. The materials were collected by Edwin B. Worthen (1879-1956), his son Edwin B. Worthen, Jr. (1913-1976) and his daughter-in-law, Anita P. Worthen (1913-2008), and donated to Cary Memorial Library in 1976.

The Worthen Collection has two components:

- **Approximately 500 books**, which have been cataloged in the Minuteman Library Network’s online catalog [http://library.minlib.net/search/](http://library.minlib.net/search/). The books are located in Cary Library’s Oval Room, with call numbers beginning WORTHEN COLL.

- **A collection of non-book materials** – manuscripts, news clippings, research notes, pamphlets, photographs, slides, maps, scrapbooks, correspondence, memorabilia, etc. – about American history, the Battles of Lexington and Concord, April 19th celebrations, Lexington’s historic properties and monuments, Lexington families and individuals, religious, social and civic organizations, schools and businesses, socio-economic conditions, politics and town government, and infrastructure and transportation. The collection also includes some items about the colonial and revolutionary periods, as well as some primary source documents from the colonial and revolutionary periods.
These non-book materials are located in six file cabinets and one map case in Cary Library’s Oval Room. In 2012, the materials will be transferred to a new, climate-controlled Archives Room.

To facilitate discovery of and access to the materials online, the Worthen Collection has been organized into six smaller collections – Documents, Photographs, Lantern Slides, Maps, Objects, and Newspapers – which may be explored in the “Virtual Exhibit,” a searchable database [http://www.carylibrary.org/special/worthen](http://www.carylibrary.org/special/worthen). The Scope and Contents section provides information about each of these six collections.

**Why is the Worthen Collection important?** The Worthens were avid collectors of, and enthusiastic participants in, all things Lexington. They lived during a period when the town was transformed from a small community of 3,831 in 1900, to a vibrant suburb of more than 31,000 in 1970. They were thorough researchers and prolific writers, with particular interest in the settlement, growth and development of the town.

While subjects covered by the collection may be familiar to residents and historians, some of the materials are unique; for example, the collection includes Edwin B. Worthen Sr.’s notes from interviews with Lexington old-timers, as well as extensive research materials related to property ownership and transfer.

Anyone curious about the history of Lexington – especially between the mid-1800s and mid-1900s – will find the materials in the Worthen Collection both interesting and valuable.

**Cataloging the Worthen Collection**

This Finding Aid is the first comprehensive summary of the entire Edwin B. Worthen Collection. After the collection was donated to Cary Library in 1976, Anita Worthen and library staff organized the materials into different formats, arranged them under general subject headings, and created basic inventory and reference lists that have been used over the years. But the collection was never cataloged or cross-indexed, making it difficult for librarians or researchers to utilize the collection to its full potential.

In 2010, Cary Memorial Library applied for grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) to facilitate the proper cataloging of the Worthen Collection. Cary Library was awarded a $20,000 LSTA grant from the IMLS, to “arrange and describe” the Edwin B. Worthen Collection. Tasks included developing an overall organization scheme for the collection, cataloging different materials using PastPerfect Museum Software, rehousing materials and taking appropriate preservation measures, and creating an online Finding Aid and the “Virtual Exhibit,” a searchable database on [http://www.carylibrary.org/special/worthen](http://www.carylibrary.org/special/worthen).
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Language: English

Repository: Cary Memorial Library
1874 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington, MA 02420
http://www.carylibrary.org

Biographical History

Edwin B. Worthen (June 12, 1879 - August 16, 1956) moved with his family from Cambridgeport to Lexington in 1880 at the age of one. He was involved in town activities his entire life, from participating in the Lexington Drum Corps in the 1890s to serving as President of the Lexington Savings Bank until his death. He was active in the Lexington Historical Society, serving as its president in the early 1920s. In 1923, he assisted D. W. Griffith in the filming of the Lexington sequences for the motion picture “America”; he devoted much time and energy in assembling material for preservation, as well as the preparation for loan of photographic exhibits on historic Lexington which he sent to all parts of the country.

Mr. Worthen was a member of the 1924 Zoning By-Laws Committee, and served as a member of the Planning Board from 1924-1927. He was a member of the 150th Anniversary Committee, 1923-1925, a member of the airplane carrier “Lexington” committee, and served as treasurer of the 1925 Pageant. For many years he was an examiner for the Boy Scouts, and also was examiner for the Guides on duty at the Common. Mr. Worthen attended town meetings for a period of 60 years, and was a Town Meeting Member.

In 1946 the Lexington Savings Bank, in observance of its 75th anniversary, issued the Calendar History of Lexington, which was compiled and written by Mr. Worthen. This book was formed from Mr. Worthen’s research and detailed material that he had collected over the years pertaining to the town’s history, customs, institutions, and people. For a number of years, Mr. Worthen wrote a weekly column in the Lexington Minuteman newspaper under the heading “Things to Remember,” on topics of historical interest. ¹

Edwin B. Worthen, Jr. (March 31, 1913 - March 13, 1976) was a life-long resident of Lexington who followed in his father’s footsteps when it came to his interest and involvement in Lexington’s past, present and future. He graduated from MIT in 1936 and was an architect for Leland and Larson in Boston for many years. He worked on several buildings in Lexington, including the Central Fire Station, an addition to the First Parish Church, the Harrington School and the Hayden Recreation Center. He was active in Lexington town government, serving as a

¹ Extracted from Edwin B. Worthen, 1879-1956: A brief biographical sketch which was prepared at the request of the Lexington Historical Society and read into its records at the Annual Meeting in April 1957.
Town Meeting Member, member and Chairman of the Planning Board, and Chairman of the Building By-Laws Committee. He was a charter member and past Director of the Lexington Chamber of Commerce, a trustee of the Lexington Savings Bank, and a member of the town’s 250th Anniversary celebration committee, the Historic Districts Commission, and the Lexington Historical Society.

Anita P. Worthen (August 18, 1913 – August 26, 2008) has been described as “the quintessential partner, researcher and archivist.” A Lexington native and trained librarian, she was tireless in her support of her husband’s and father-in-law’s historical pursuits, as well as her own, and was responsible for many of the details of the Worthen Collection. After the collection was donated to Cary Library, she assisted staff with organizing and categorizing the materials, and wrote letters over the years on issues related to access, preservation and security. She and her husband were active in the Lexington Historical Society; she served as secretary and curator for many years. Mrs. Worthen also was involved with the preservation of architectural plans for many town buildings, and was instrumental in initiating an “information guide” program to introduce tourists to Lexington’s history.

Published Materials

Edwin B. Worthen, Sr. and his son, Edwin B. Worthen, Jr., were thorough researchers and prolific writers. Their published materials, which include several monographs and reports, are listed below. These items are included in Cary Memorial Library’s local history collection and may be found in by searching the Minuteman Library Network catalog.


• Worthen, Edwin B., Jr. *The Bridge family and Lexington: to support recommendation of the name Bridge School for the new building to be constructed at Middleby Road / written for the use of the Lexington School Committee.* [Lexington, Mass.], 1964.


The Worthens also generated a considerable amount of correspondence, letters to the editor, newspaper columns, and committee reports, which are included in the Documents series in the Worthen Collection. Manuscripts and publications of Edwin B. Worthen, Jr. are located in Document Series 27 (page 20 of this Finding Aid); manuscripts and publications of Edwin B. Worthen, Sr. are located in Document Series 36 (page 28 of this Finding Aid).

**Organization and Arrangement**

Donated to Cary Memorial Library in 1976, the Edwin B. Worthen Collection has two components:

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conditions, politics and town government, and infrastructure and transportation. The collection also includes some items about the colonial and revolutionary periods, as well as some primary source documents from the colonial and revolutionary periods.

These non-book materials are located in six file cabinets and one map case in Cary Library’s Oval Room. In 2012, the materials will be transferred to a new, climate-controlled Archives Room. In addition, the materials have been organized into six smaller collections – Documents, Photographs, Lantern Slides, Maps, Objects, and Newspapers – which may be explored on the Worthen Collection “Virtual Exhibit,” a searchable database. The Scope and Contents section below provides information about each of these collections.

Scope and Contents of the Collection

The Edwin B. Worthen Collection documents life in Lexington from its earliest settlement through the mid-20th centuries. The Worthen family was especially interested in the history of who lived where and when in Lexington, as well as in contemporary events that transformed the town during their lifetimes. Subjects range from American history, the Battles of Lexington and Concord, April 19th celebrations, and historic properties and monuments, to Lexington’s families and individuals, religious, social and civic organizations, schools and businesses, socio-economic conditions, politics and town government, and infrastructure and transportation.

The Worthen Collection is organized into six smaller collections, each of which is described below. Click on the link if you want to go directly to a specific section.

- Documents
- Photographs
- Lantern Slides
- Maps
- Objects
- Newspapers

Documents

The most substantial, and arguably most important, materials in the Worthen Collection are hundreds of document folders containing thousands of individual items: research notes, manuscripts, newspaper clippings, pamphlets, letters, and items such as tickets, programs, postcards, flyers, invitations, brochures, and receipts. Dates for the materials range from the 1720s to the 1970s.
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Organized into 42 numbered series, the Documents collection includes materials on American history, the Battles of Lexington and Concord, April 19th and other celebrations, Lexington's historic properties and monuments, neighborhoods and areas, families and individuals, religious, social and civic organizations, schools and businesses, socio-economic conditions, politics and town government, and infrastructure and transportation. The materials also include items about the colonial and revolutionary periods, as well as some primary source documents from the colonial and revolutionary periods.

Thorough researchers and prolific writers, the Worthens not only collected materials but also created them. They wrote and published monographs, articles and letters to the editor; gave talks to a variety of audiences; and participated in numerous civic and social organizations. These activities are well-documented; for example, the collection includes the research materials that were compiled for writing published and unpublished manuscripts, letters to the editor, newspaper columns and stories, and feature articles.

In 2011, basic cataloging ("folder-level") was completed to allow general discovery of materials in this part of the collection; in addition, detailed cataloging ("item-level") was initiated. In 2012, cataloging of individual items will be continued so that more specific research may be undertaken in the future.

The Documents series are listed below. Individual folders and items may be explored further by searching the Worthen Collection “Virtual Exhibit” www.carylibrary.org/special/worthen.

Series 01. American History Resources
Worthen.01.01 Historic Preservation 1
Worthen.01.02 Historic Preservation 2
Worthen.01.03 History-Related Books
Worthen.01.04 Pilgrim and Puritan Costumes
Worthen.01.05 Programs for “Old Folks” Concerts
Worthen.01.06 Saugus Iron Works

Series 02. American Revolution: Artistic Representations
Worthen.02.01 Five folders, “America” (motion picture, 1924)
Worthen.02.02 Artworks in Cary Memorial Building
Worthen.02.03 Illustration, “Battle of Concord” (artist unknown)
Worthen.02.04 “Battle of Lexington” (Doolittle/Barber print)
Worthen.02.05 “Dawn of Liberty” (Sandham painting)
Worthen.02.06 Engravings
Worthen.02.07 “Eve of the Revolution” (motion picture, 1924)
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Series 08. American Revolution: Military Matters
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Worthen.08.02 Report on Compensation for Lexington Soldiers

Series 09. American Revolution: Monuments
Worthen.09.01 Adams and Hancock Statues
Worthen.09.02 Minuteman Memorial (obelisk on the Common)
Worthen.09.03 Minute-Man Memorial Plaque proposal
Worthen.09.04 Minuteman Statue
Worthen.09.05 Memorial to Lexington Minute Men of 1775 (Paeff)
Worthen.09.06 Stone Cannon, The

Series 10. American Revolution: Political and Economic Conditions
Worthen.10.01 Committees of Correspondence
Worthen.10.02 Lexington Tea Party

Series 11. American Revolution: Sermons and Orations
Worthen.11.01 Orations by Theodore Parker

Worthen.12.01 Ephemera

Worthen.13.01 Reference Works

Series 14. Lexington Business and Industry
Worthen.14.01 Burr & Chittenden, clockmakers
Worthen.14.02 Hanscom Airport
Worthen.14.03 Lexington Botanic Gardens, Inc.
Worthen.14.04 Lexington mills
Worthen.14.05 Lexington Minute-Man newspaper
Worthen.14.05A Lexington Real Estate Trust
Worthen.14.06 Lexington Savings Bank
Worthen.14.07 Lexington Trust Company
Worthen.14.08 Peat industry
Worthen.14.09 Railroads
Worthen.14.10 Russell Grocery
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Worthen.15.02  British Pilgrimage, 1928
Worthen.15.03  Independence Day, various dates
Worthen.15.04  Lexington Town Incorporation, various dates
Worthen.15.05  Washington’s Visit to Lexington Centennial, 1889
Worthen.15.06  Winter Carnival, 1911

Series 16. Lexington Civic and Social Organizations
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Worthen.16.11  League of Women Voters of Lexington
Worthen.16.12  Lexington Ad Hoc Committee in Support of October 15 Peace Action Day
Worthen.16.13  Lexington Boy Scouts
Worthen.16.14  Lexington Chamber of Commerce
Worthen.16.15  Lexington Choral Society
Worthen.16.16  Lexington Civil Rights Committee
Worthen.16.17  Lexington Community Day Fund
Worthen.16.18  Lexington Debating Club
Worthen.16.19  Lexington Drum Corps
Worthen.16.20  Lexington Girl Scouts
Worthen.16.20A  Lexington Field and Garden Club
Worthen.16.21  Lexington Guides
Worthen.16.22  Lexington Historical Society
Worthen.16.23  Lexington Home for Aged People
Worthen.16.24  Lexington Investment Club
Worthen.16.25  Lexington Minute Men (group founded 1875)
Worthen.16.26  Lexington Monument Association
Worthen.16.27  Lexington Outdoor Club
Worthen.16.28  Lexington Outlook Club
Worthen.16.29  Lexington Public Health Association
Worthen.16.30  Lexington Rotary Club
Worthen.16.31  Lexington Social and Dramatic Club
Worthen.16.32  Lexington Taxpayers Association
Worthen.16.33  Lend-A-Hand Club
Worthen.16.34  Old Belfry Club
Worthen.16.35  Order of DeMolay, Battle Green Chapter
Worthen.16.36  Voters League
Worthen.16.37  Wahtapah Canoe Club
Worthen.16.38  Awaiting Further Processing

Series 17. Lexington History Resources
Worthen.17.01  Bay State Historical League
Worthen.17.02  Directories 1941-1976
Worthen.17.03  East Lexington
Worthen.17.04  Guide Books
Worthen.17.05  Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS)
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Series 29. Worthen, Edwin B., Junior: Notes and Clippings
This series consists largely of newspaper clippings on a variety of subjects, interspersed with handwritten notes. The notes and clippings originally were organized alphabetically in an accordion file.

Worthen.29.01  One folder, Subjects beginning with letter A:
Academy, Lexington; Adams, Samuel monument; Adams hand tub;
Aldrich Block; Alms House; Ames; April 19th; Archives, Massachusetts State; Arlington; Ashburnham; Assessors’ records; Augustus

Worthen.29.02  Three folders, Subjects beginning with letter B:
Ballard; Baptist church; Barns; Battle of Lexington; Battle of Lexington Centennial; Battle Road; Bedford Street; Belfry Hill; Belmont Spring Country Club; Bentley’s Diary; Blake; Blinds on windows, uses of;
Bowditch; Bowling; Bowman; Breck’s Nursery; Brewster; Brick Store;
Bridge Family; Briggs; Brigham Families; Brooks (watercourses); Brown Family; Brown estate; Buckman Tavern; Buck’s Hill; Buildings, miscellaneous; Burlington Landlocked Parcel; Burlington Street;
Burnham; Burr & Chittendon; Burroughs Building; Butterfield House
Worthen.29.03  Three folders, Subjects beginning with letter C:
Canavan; Cannon on the Common; Captain’s Hill; Carnival; Cary; Catholic Club; Celebrations; Census; Central Block; Cemeteries; Chamber of Commerce; Chandler; Choral Society; Churches; Civil War; Clapp; Clarke, Jonas; Clematis Pond; Clocks; Cloyes; Common; Commemorative Plate; Coburn’s History; Coins; Community Chest; Community Courses; Concord Hill; Cooper; Cottrell’s Lodge; Cutler

Worthen.29.04  One folder, Subjects beginning with letter D:
Damon; Dana; Dane; Davis Tavern; Devine; Diamond; Directories; Dodd; Domine Manse, Bedford; Doolittle prints; Dormers; Double dating; Downing; Drum Corps; Duffy; Dunning Collection

Worthen.29.05  One folder, Subjects beginning with letter E:
Earle; Earthquakes; Emerson House; Emery Family; Emery Park; Estabrook

Worthen.29.06  One folder, Subjects beginning with letter F:
Fairchild Aerial Survey; Fessenden; Firefighters and fire stations; Fireproof Room (storage area of the Lexington Historical Society); Fires; Fiske; Fitzgerald; Flags; Flynn; Follen; Football; Forsyth; Franklin Road; Freeman; French; Fuller

Worthen.29.07  One folder, Subjects beginning with letter G:
Gage (General); G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic); Garden Club (Lexington Field and Garden Club); Garrity House; Gas company; Gaves; Gerry; Gilcrest; Glynn; Golf club; Goodspeed’s bookshop; Granny Pond; Grant Elm; Grassby; Great Meadow; Greeley; Griffing; Griffith, D. W.; Green/Greene; Guidebooks; Guides; Gunhouse

Worthen.29.08  Three folders, Subjects beginning with letter H:
Hancock-Clarke House; Handley; Harlakenden; Harrington; Harris; Harrison; Hartwell; Hasting Park; Hat, White Tricorn; Hayden; Hayes; Hayward Well; Hills; Hiram Lodge (Masons); Historical Society; History of the Town of Lexington (book); Hobbs Brook Reservoir; Holmes; Holt; Home for the Aged (Dana Home); Houses, miscellaneous; Howard, Sidney; Howells, William Dean; Howe’s diary; Hudson; Hume; Hunt; Hunt Block; Hunting Swamp; Hurricane of 1815
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Worthen.29.09  
One folder, Subjects beginning with letter I:  
Indians; Iron, Cast

Worthen.29.10  
One folder, Subjects beginning with letter J:  
Jackson; Joy

Worthen.29.11  
One folder, Subjects beginning with letter K:  
Kent; Kettell; Kimball; Kitson, H. H.

Worthen.29.12  
One folder, Subjects beginning with letter L:  
Lafayette; Lamps; Law and Order League; Law enforcement; Lawrence; Lewis; “Lexington” (racehorses); “Lexington” (ships); Lexington Center; Lexington, Kentucky; Lexington Historical Society; Lexington Manor; Lexington Minute-Man (newspaper); Lexington miscellany; Lexington Normal School; Lexington Outdoor Club; Lexington place names; Lexington Savings Bank; Lexington Street, London; Lexington trust funds; Liberty Heights; Library; Lichtenberg; Lincoln Street; Liquor; Locke; Lowell; Loyalists

Worthen.29.13  
Two folders, Subjects beginning with letter M:  
Mann, Horace; Maple Street; Maps; Masons; Massachusetts Avenue; Massachusetts House; Mather; Melvin; Memorial Day; Menotomy (Arlington); Meriam/Merriam; Meserve; Middlesex County; Mills; Ministerial Fund; Minuteman National Park; Minute-Man Statue; Minute-men (of 1775); Minute Men (organization); Minute-Men Memorial (obelisk on the Common); Minute-Men Museum; Monuments; Mulliken; Munroe Tavern; Muzzey

Worthen.29.14  
One folder, Subjects beginning with letter N:  
Nails; Newhall; Newspapers; Nichols

Worthen.29.15  
One folder, Subjects beginning with letter O:  
Old Belfry; Old Belfry Club; Otis

Worthen.29.16  
Two folders, Subjects beginning with letter P:  
Pageant of Lexington; Paint; Paint Mine; Painters of early America; Park Drive; Parker; Parkhurst; Parking; Parks and playgrounds; Parsons; Patch; Paxton; Payson; Peat; Peirce/Pierce; Pendleton; Percy; Perry; Phinney; Photography; Piper; Pistols; Pitcairn; Planning Board; Pleasant Street;
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Poor Farm; Porter; Post Office; Powder horn; Prescott; Preston; Prices during the Revolution; Publications of the Lexington Historical Society; Proceedings of the Lexington Historical Society

Worthen.29.17  One folder, Subjects beginning with letter Q or R:
Railroad; Reed; Reservoir; Rest Inn; Revere; Revolution; Richardson; Rindge; Ripley; Roads; Robbins; Robbins Cemetery; Robinson; Robinson Hill subdivision; Rogers; Rooms, Period; Rope Walk; Rose; Russell Family; Russell House

Worthen.29.18  Two folders, Subjects beginning with letter S:
Safe; Sanderson; Sandham; Saws; Schools; Scouts; Seal, Town; Seaver; Sewers; Seymour; Sherburne; Sherman; Signs and Markers; Simonds; Stages, Stagecoaches; Staples; Stetson; Stimson; Stone; Stoneheap Inn; Streets; Streetcars; Surveyors; Svenson; Swenson

Worthen.29.19  Two folders, Subjects beginning with letter T:
Taverns; Teall; Telephone; Television; Temperance; Terhune; Tidd; Tilton; Toilet facilities; Tool Owners Union; Tower; Tower Park; Town Bicentennial, 1913; Town dealers; Town genealogy; Town government; Town growth; Town Hall; Town Meeting; Town Office Building; Town records; Trains; Tramps; Transportation; Trees; Trust funds; Tucker; Tufts; Tyler

Worthen.29.20  One folder, Subjects beginning with letter U or V:
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Worthen.29.21  One folder, Subjects beginning with letter W:
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Series 30. Worthen, Edwin B., Junior: Research Notes
This series consists of handwritten notes on a wide range of topics. Some of this material was gathered from oral interviews with Lexington residents. The notes originally were organized alphabetically in an accordion file.
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**Worthen.30.01**  
One folder, Subjects beginning with letter A:  
Accessions of the Lexington Historical Society; Adams hand tub; Andirons;  
Appraisal at Munroe Tavern; Artifacts; Artillery Company; Artists &  
artworks; Ashby

**Worthen.30.02**  
One folder, Subjects beginning with letter B:  
Banner; Ballard; Barns; Battle of Lexington; Beds; Belfry, the Old; Bells;  
Bibles; Blinds; Books – reference; Bostonian Society; Bowman; Bricks;  
Bridges; Bridge Family; Brigham; Briggs; British soldier in Old Burial  
Ground; Brown; Buckman, Buckman Tavern; Bull; Burdoo; Burns; Buttons

**Worthen.30.03**  
One folder, Subjects beginning with letter C:  
Calendars; Canavan; Cannon; Cannonballs; Cary Family; Cary Memorial  
Hall; Centennial, 1875; Chairs; Chaise; Chandler; China; Church, Burr  
(photographer); Churches; Clarke writing desk; Clocks; Coburn; Coins;  
Color Guards; Common; Concerts; Cookbooks; Copper; Copperplate  
transfer; Cummings

**Worthen.30.04**  
One folder, Subjects beginning with letter D:  
Dana; Darley; Dennie; Diamond; Diaries; Doolittle; Dow; Downing; Drum  
Corps; Dunning Collection

**Worthen.30.05**  
One folder, Subjects beginning with letter E:  
Earl, Ralph; Eaton; Eddy; Emerson; Engravers; Estabrook; Exhibits

**Worthen.30.06**  
One folder, Subjects beginning with letter F:  
Fessenden; Field and Garden Club; Films; Firearms; Fiske; Follen;  
Forefathers’ Day; Flageolet; Flags; Floorcloths; Frocks; Furniture

**Worthen.30.07**  
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Griffing; Guns

**Worthen.30.08**  
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HABS (Historic American Building Survey); Hancock; Hancock-Clarke  
House; Hardware; Harlakenden; Harrington; Harris; Hats; Hayes; Hayes  
Memorial Fountain; Hayward; Holmes; Horne; Houses and other  
buildings
Worthen.30.09 One folder, Subjects beginning with letter I:
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Worthen.30.10 One folder, Subjects beginning with letter J:
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Worthen.30.11 One folder, Subjects beginning with letter K:
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Worthen.30.12 One folder, Subjects beginning with letter L:
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Worthen.30.13 One folder, Subjects beginning with letter M:
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Meeting House; Microfilm; Milne; Mines; Ministerial Fund; Minute-Man
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Music; Muzzey

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Worthen.30.15 One folder, Subjects beginning with letter O:
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Paintings and painters; Parker; Parkman; Parsons; Peirce/Pierce; Percy;
Pendleton; Pewter; Photographs, photography; Pianos; Pigs; Piper;
Pitcairn; Plates; Plows; Poetry; Ponywold; Poor Farm; Population; Porter;
Portraits; Pottery; Prescott; Pullen; Pumps

Worthen.30.17 One folder, Subjects beginning with letter Q:
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Worthen.30.18  One folder, Subjects beginning with letter R:
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Worthen.30.20  One folder, Subjects beginning with letter T:
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Worthen.30.21  One folder, Subjects beginning with letter U, V, W, X, Y, or Z:
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Series 32.  Worthen, Edwin B., Junior: Service with the Lexington Historical Society
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Worthen.32.02  Curator’s reports
Worthen.32.03  Data on visitors
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Photographs, Postcards & Negatives

More than 1500 photographs, prints and postcards portray life in Lexington during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Images depict Battle of Lexington reenactments and celebrations, historic properties and landmarks, houses, town buildings, schools and businesses, and individuals and groups. The Worthens collected photographs and took many pictures themselves to document Lexington’s history as well as the ways in which the town changed during their lifetimes.

The Photos collection is arranged in a numbered series, as listed below. In 2011, the materials were arranged and cataloged at a basic (“folder”) level. In 2012, individual images will be scanned and described further.

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Lantern Slides
The Lantern Slide exhibit includes approximately 300 lantern slides collected by Edwin B. Worthen, Sr., who used them to give talks in the 1930s and 1940s to students, social and professional groups and other audiences. The slides depict Lexington's people, places and events from 1775 to 1954, showing glimpses of Lexington during previous generations as well as how it changed during his lifetime. Edwin B. Worthen, Jr., also used the slides to give talks in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

Mr. Worthen, Sr. not only collected, organized and labeled the slides, he also wrote narrative descriptions - some of which are quite detailed - which served as scripted notes to describe the people, places and events in the images and, in many cases, the reasons why they were important. Many of the slides of individuals and groups indicate peoples' names, giving us the ability to use them for family history research. Through these images and their descriptions, we are able to get a glimpse of what life was like in Lexington.

The scanned lantern slide images, and accompanying descriptions written by Mr. Worthen, may be found in the Worthen Collection Virtual Exhibit www.carylibrary.org/special/worthen.

The slides are organized as follows:

- Slides 1 through 222 are of Lexington properties, places, landmarks and events
- Slides A through R are of individuals
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**Maps**

The Worthen Collection includes approximately 100 maps that depict Lexington and surrounding areas from the 1600s through the 1960s. Edwin B. Worthen, Sr. was keenly interested in understanding and illustrating who lived where and when in Lexington, from the earliest colonial land grants to the early-/mid-20th century when many of the original farms became residential developments.

In addition to collecting maps, Mr. Worthen created or traced others’ maps and surveys to indicate property holdings of early settlers and families. The map collection also includes commercially printed maps and atlases, as well as commemorative maps and tourist guides.

Items in the Maps collection are listed below. Scanned images and more information may be found in the Worthen Collection Virtual Exhibit [www.carylibrary.org/special/worthen](http://www.carylibrary.org/special/worthen).

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Worthen.1066  Street maps, Lexington MA and Concord MA, 1960 and 1967
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Worthen.1068  Maps of Hancock Clarke, Munroe Tavern, Battle Green historic districts

Artifacts, Souvenirs & Art

The Worthen Collection includes a small number of objects, primarily commemorative items such as medals, pins, coins, buttons, plates, badges and materials related to April 19th and other Lexington celebrations, as well as to the Worthens’ participation in a variety of local committees and organizations.

The collection also includes originals and reproductions of posters, prints and works of art, as well as several of Edwin B. Worthen, Jr.’s architectural sketches, plans and drawings for Lexington Center improvements, Munroe Tavern restoration, and proposed memorials and signs.

Items in this collection are listed below; scanned images and more information may be found in the Worthen Collection “Virtual Exhibit” www.carylibrary.org/special/worthen.

Worthen.3001  Tricorn Hat awarded to Edwin B. Worthen (1954)
Worthen.3002  Green leather box used by Lexington Town Treasurer (n.d.)
Worthen.3003  Lexington Bicentennial crystal cup plate (1975)
Worthen.3004  Lexington Bicentennial Commemorative Medal (1975)
Worthen.3005  Razor blade owned by British soldier (1775)
Worthen.3006  Collection of Liberty Loan buttons, pins and coins (World War I)
Worthen.3007  Commemorative plate, inscribed to Lora (Mrs. Edwin B. Worthen) (n.d.)
Worthen.3008  Battle of Lexington 150th anniversary commemorative medals (1925)
Worthen.3009  Hand-carved wooden bear (n.d.)
Worthen.3010  Piccolo played by Edwin B. Worthen (1900)
Worthen.3011  Lexington-Concord Sesquicentennial Half Dollars (1925)
Worthen.3012  Charles Edward French Scholarship Medal (1925)
Worthen.3013  Lexington silver spoon
Worthen.3014  King George II half-penny (1734)
Worthen.3015  Battle of Lexington Centennial commemorative medal (1875)
Worthen.3016  G.A.R. Post 119 Associate medal, 1904
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Worthen.3017  Collection of ribbons, medals, badges, pins and buttons (early 1900s)
Worthen.3018  Poster, Lexington Winter Carnival [1915]
Worthen.3019  Print, The Battles of Concord and Lexington, by Doolittle (printed 1960)
Worthen.3020  Print, Dawn of Liberty, Lexington 1775 (1886)
Worthen.3021  Lexington Monument Association, certificate of membership (1860)
Worthen.3022  Broadside, Bloody Butchery by the British Troops… (1775)
Worthen.3023  Poster, Liberty Day, the 19th of April in American History [1900]
Worthen.3024  Certificate, Lexington High School Class of ‘97, “Nihil Sine Labore” (1897)
Worthen.3025  Poster, Your Bonds are Better than Ever! (1951)
Worthen.3026  Drawings, Lexington Center planning & zoning (1943-1948)
Worthen.3027  Plan of existing landscape conditions, Buckman Tavern (1929)
Worthen.3028  Hand-drawn sketches of housing lots, Lexington MA (n.d.)
Worthen.3029  World War II monument designs, Scheme A & B (1944)
Worthen.3030  Lexington historical information sign (1937)
Worthen.3031  Architectural drawings, Munroe Tavern restoration (1937-1938)
Worthen.3032  Depot Square area streets and properties (1944)
Worthen.3033  Proposed street and curb lines, Lexington Center [1924]
Worthen.3034  Archaeological survey and of Hancock-Clarke excavation (1965-1966)
Worthen.3035  Watercolor painting of Munroe Tavern (1939)
Worthen.3036  Drawing, Portion of Munroe Farm leased by the Breck-Robinson Nursery Company, Boston, 1912
Worthen.3037  Working sketches establishing property ownership and transfers, Muzzey Estate and Hayes Estate

Newspapers, Journals & Articles

This collection includes approximately 200 issues of more than 56 local and regional newspapers reporting on Lexington’s – and, in many cases, America’s – history from the early 1800s through 1975. Headlines cover the news of the day, whether commemorating the Battles of Lexington and Concord, presenting the pros and cons of building a new high school for Lexington, debating new national banking regulations, or announcing the deaths of Presidents Lincoln, Grant and Kennedy.

Newspapers titles are listed below; more information may be found in the Worthen Collection Virtual Exhibit http://www.carylibrary.org/special/worthen .

Worthen.2001  The Bee, 1 issue, October 12, 1846
Worthen.2002  Bicentennial Times, 8 issues, December 1973 - January 1976
Worthen.2003  Boston Evening Globe, 2 issues, 1933, 1942
Worthen.2004 Boston Gazette and the Country Journal, 1 issue, March 26, 1770
Worthen.2005 Boston Daily Advertiser, 3 issues, 1844-1892
Worthen.2006 Boston Evening Journal, 2 issues, 1877, 1878
Worthen.2007 Boston Daily Globe, 2 issues, 1885, 1925
Worthen.2008 Boston Daily Journal, 1 issue, June 17, 1869
Worthen.2009 Boston Daily Times, 2 issues, 1839, 1855
Worthen.2010 Boston Evening Gazette, 1 issue, July 22, 1843
Worthen.2011 Boston Evening Transcript, 2 issues, 1925, 1933
Worthen.2012 Boston Globe, 2 issues, 1923, 1925
Worthen.2013 Boston Herald, 20 issues, 1858-1942
Worthen.2014 Boston Herald American, 1 issue, April 19, 1975
Worthen.2015 Boston Herald Traveler, 17 issues, 1972
Worthen.2016 Boston Journal, 1 issue, April 15, 1894
Worthen.2017 Boston Morning Journal, 1 issue, April 20, 1875
Worthen.2018 Boston Patriot and Mercantile Advertiser, 1 issue, July 16, 1830
Worthen.2019 Boston Sunday Post, 3 issues, 1905, 1925, 1936
Worthen.2020 Boston Traveler, 8 issues, 1923-1933
Worthen.2022 Boston Weekly Journal, 1 issue, April 22, 1875
Worthen.2023 Bunker Hill Aurora and Boston Mirror, 1 issue, March 16, 1844
Worthen.2024 Charleston Mercury and Morning Advertiser, 1 issue, April 28, 1825
Worthen.2025 Cherry Valley (NY) Gazette, 1 issue, March 30, 1864
Worthen.2026 Christian Freeman and Family Visitor, 1 issue, March 28, 1862
Worthen.2027 Christian Science Monitor, 2 issues, 1925, 1941
Worthen.2028 Columbian Centinel, 3 issues, 1807, 1818, 1823; 1 bound volume, 1810
Worthen.2029 Concord Enterprise, 1 issue, April 22, 1925
Worthen.2030 Concord Freeman, 1 issue, April 19, 1875
Worthen.2031 Daily Evening Transcript, 3 issues, 1841, 1846, 1847
Worthen.2032 Daily Evening Traveller, 1 issue, January 28, 1882
Worthen.2033 Lexington Advertiser, 1 issue, 1869
Worthen.2034 Lexington Independent, 6 issues, 1902-1908
Worthen.2035 Lexington Minuteman, 65 issues, 1873-1975
Worthen.2036 Lexington Times, 16 issues, 1922-1925
Worthen.2037 The Lexingtonian, 1 issue, November 15, 1882
Worthen.2038 The Liberator, 1 issue, April 29, 1859
Worthen.2039 Massachusetts Mercury, 1 issue, December 15, 1795
Worthen.2040 Mount Vernon Herald, 1 issue, December 13, 1799
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Worthen.2041 The Nation, 1 issue, July 24, 1869
Worthen.2042 New England Farmer, 1 issue, May 4, 1861
Worthen.2043 New York Commercial, 1 issue, June 18, 1925
Worthen.2044 New York Herald, 1 issue, April 15, 1865
Worthen.2045 The Repertory, 1 issue, February 12, 1808
Worthen.2046 Sunday Herald Advertiser, 1 issue, April 20, 1975
Worthen.2047 Boston Journal, Supplement, 1 issue, June 17, 1869
Worthen.2048 True Flag, 1 issue, April 30, 1859
Worthen.2049 Boston Weekly Messenger, 1 issue, February 10, 1815
Worthen.2050 Woburn Daily Times, 1 issue, October 29, 1940
Worthen.2051 Ye Patriot, 1 issue, April 7, 1960
Worthen.2052 Boston in the Revolution, Illustrated: a Souvenir for Patriotic Americans, 1 issue, 1888
Worthen.2053 Bunker Hill Centennial, Supplement to Frank Leslie’s Illustrated Newspaper, 1 issue, June 26, 1875

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