

WORCESTER FAMILY  
COLLECTION

2 Boxes

Provenance: Elizabeth Worcester Deily

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Related Holdings: BV 84 through BV 106

M25 - Dean Conant Worcester

P1 - Philippine Slides of George S. Worcester

SC 21 - George Steele Worcester

SC 32 - Ida Kinney Worcester

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection consists of 2 boxes containing materials belonging to the Worcester family of Thetford.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Worcester family moved to Thetford from Chelsea, Vermont when Ezra C. Worcester made his home here in 1846. Ezra Carter Worcester, MD was born in 1816, in Peacham, VT. He married Ellen Hunt of Charlestown, NH in 1836. Ezra received a Medical degree from Dartmouth College in 1838, and practiced medicine in St. Johnsbury, Chelsea, and Thetford, where he died in 1887.

William Leonard Worcester (1845-1901) was the son of Ezra and Ellen, the eldest of eight children. William received a Bachelor's Degree from Dartmouth College and a Medical Degree from Columbia Medical College. Returning from advanced study abroad, he practiced for a time in Burlington, VT before devoting himself to the study and treatment of mental disorders. Dr. Worcester published many articles and pamphlets, most of which are included in this collection. Dr. Worcester never married, and died in Danvers, MA in 1901, following a battle with Tuberculosis.

George Steele Worcester (1849-1939) was another son of Ezra and Ellen. He was born in Thetford in 1849, and married Ida Kinney of Plainfield, VT in 1881. Relocated to The Philipines from 1908 to 1913. Was active in the community, serving as a Thetford Academy Trustee, was licensed to preach in the Congregational Church. Also served in the State Legislature.

Philip George (P.G.) Worcester was the son of George and Ida, born in Thetford in 1884. He married Mollie Brown in 1910, and was a Professor of Geology at the University of Colorado. Several of his publications relating to Colorado Geology are included in this collection.

William Ezra Worcester (1887-1981) was the brother of P.G. Worcester, also born in Thetford. In 1911, he married Mabel Bullis of Michigan. Worcester was VP of Sales of Kinney manufacturing of Boston, a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and a Thetford Academy Trustee. Mr. Worcester developed a method for pumping liquid asphalt, which revolutionized road resurfacing. He retired to his home in Thetford.

## BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

### BOX 1

- Folder 1: Worcester correspondence, 1855 to 1975.
- Folder 2: Assorted sheet music, Worcester family.
- Folder 3: Fret Sawing patterns, Worcester family.
- Folder 4: Worcester/Closson Nurseries.
- Folder 5: James S. Worcester Graduation Speech, Salem Normal School 1878.
- Folder 6: George S. Worcester and Ida Kinney.

### BOX 2:

- Folder 1: Dr. William L. Worcester - Ledger, Bank Account book.
- Folder 2: Dr. William L. Worcester, Publications - 1869-1897, including:
  - "Materialistic Tendencies of the Age"*, 1869, Prize Essay, Dartmouth College.
  - "Cases Illustrative of the Localization of Cerebral Functions"*, 1887, American Journal of Insanity.
  - "Four Cases of Pernicious Anemia"*, 1888, New York Medical Journal.
  - "Delirium"*, 1889, American Journal of Insanity.

- "Infantile Hemiplegia"*, 1889, publication unknown.
- "Is Puerperal Insanity a Distinct Clinical Form?"*, 1890, American Journal of Insanity.
- "Observations on Some Points in James's Psychology"*, 1893, The Monist magazine.
- "Cases of Multiple Neuritis"*, 1893, American Journal of Insanity
- "Confusional Insanity"*, 1894, presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Medico-Psychological Association.
- "A Case of Paretic Dementia of Long Duration"*, 1896, publication unknown.
- "Sclerosis of the Cornu Ammonis in Epilepsy"*, 1896, reprinted from the Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease.
- "Case of Acromegaly, with Autopsy. Tumor of Pituitary Body"*, 1896, Boston Medical and Surgical Journal.
- "Cases of Paraphasia and Word Deafness"*, 1896, publication unknown.
- "The Psychology of Insane Delusions"*, 1897, American Medico-Psychological Association.

Folder 3: Dr. William L. Worcester, Publications - 1898-1901, including:

- "Regeneration of Nerve Fibres in the Central Nervous System"*, 1898, Journal of Experimental Medicine.
- "A Case of Landry's Paralysis"*, 1898, The Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease.
- "The Katatonic Symptom-Complex"*, 1899, American Journal of Insanity.
- "The Relations of Renal Disease to Mental Derangement"*, 1899, American Journal of Insanity.
- "Three Cases of General Paralysis in young Women"*, 1900, American Journal of Insanity.
- "Some Difficulties in the Traction Theory"*, 1899, publication unknown.
- "Case of Patient Foramen Ovale in Advanced Life"*, 1900, Boston Medical and Surgical Journal.
- "Cerebral Hemiatrophy in an Adult, with Hemiplegia and Aphasia"*, 1901, American Journal of Insanity.
- "Mechanical Restraint in the Treatment of the Insane"*, date and publication unknown.
- Memorial Notice, William Leonard Worcester, MD, written by Arthur Harrington, MD, 1901.
- Memorial, William Worcester, MD, written by Dr. Henry M. Hurd, Johns Hopkins University.

Folder 4: George S. Worcester, Copy of letter to the United Opinion, 1911,  
Publication on Philippines lecture series.

Folder 5: P.G. Worcester - Geology related pamphlets, 1919-1935.

Folder 6: William E. Worcester - Pamphlets "Asphalt Road Equipment",  
"Pumping Viscous Materials".

Folder 7: William E. Worcester - Articles of local interest (Thetford Hill  
Village Improvement Society, Thetford Congregational Church).

Folders 8-12: Examples of fretwork sawing.