

**250th Anniversary of Woburn (1892)
Collection, 1892**

Manuscript Collection, WOB-8

2 linear feet (2 boxes)

History: Woburn, Massachusetts was originally a part of Charlestown and was known as Charlestown Village. Charlestown set up a committee of thirteen men to select the site for a new town. A new site was chosen and a petition was presented to Charlestown's General Court that Charlestown Village was to be called Wooburne. Orders were drawn up and Woburn was incorporated as the thirtieth township in Massachusetts on October 7, 1642. In 1892 the City of Woburn decided to hold celebrations to commemorate the 250th anniversary of Woburn's incorporation. The Mayor, Edward Everett Thompson, and the Planning Committee arranged a week of activities starting on Sunday, October 2 and ending on Friday, October 7th. The planners hoped for a week that would not only be exciting for those living in Woburn but for people who visited from other places as well.

Woburn took months to prepare for the celebration and to beautify the town for the outside guests. On Sunday, October 2nd there were commemorative services at different churches in Woburn and in Charlestown, Massachusetts. Thursday, October 6th and Friday, October 7th were declared school holidays and people across the city were given the two days off from work to celebrate. Thursday featured athletic sports, literary exercises, children's entertainment, and a reception and ball. On the morning of the 250th anniversary, Friday, October 7th, Woburn had a grand parade that included military personnel, civic leaders and tradesmen in the procession. In the afternoon there was a banquet held at the Woburn Armory where dignitaries were invited to attend. Included among these dignitaries was the United States Secretary of State, James Foster, who attended on the behalf of President Harrison, a descendant of Woburn. For those who were not fortunate enough to be able to attend the banquet, a mock battle was put on by the Massachusetts Fifth Regiment. The mock battle was followed by a review and dress parade of the First Corps of Cadets. That evening there were band concerts held in different locations across the city, putting an end to the celebrations. Once concluded, the anniversary celebrations received positive reviews in the media.

Scope and Contents Note: This collection includes the 250th Anniversary Registration Books, the Auditor's ledger book detailing expenditures, copies of "Souvenir Memorial" and "Proceedings at the 250th Celebration of the Anniversary of Woburn." The collection also includes the Woburn Anniversary Grand March (sheet music). All items are dated to 1892 except for a short overview of the 250th anniversary celebrations written by Sylvia C. Pope, a former archivist of the Dr. Thomas J. Glennon Archives. Series 3 consists of ephemera related to the anniversary. There are items, such as ribbons and bunting, catalogued separately from the 250th Anniversary of Woburn Collection for preservation and cataloguing purposes.

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Processing Notes: The collection was processed at the item level to facilitate an online exhibit. Separation sheets were filled out for three groups of items. The first was for seven ribbons from the 250th anniversary of the founding of Woburn (now located in the museum). The object identification numbers for these ribbons are 2005.228, 2007.10, 2007.11, 2007.12a&b, 2007.13, 2007.14, and 2007.15. The second two sheets relate to objects refiled with the 325th anniversary of Woburn collection (WOB-19, Box 1). In addition the museum collection includes a banner for the 250th anniversary (the object identification number for the banner is 2007.19). Other items related to the 250th Anniversary of Woburn Collection were also previously catalogued in the museum collection.

Arrangement: Arranged topically.

Acquisition: Collected by the Library after 1892.

Access: Unrestricted.

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Related Material: See 325th Anniversary of Woburn Collection

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Series 1: Registration and Expenditures

Box Volume

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| 1 | 1 | City Auditor's Record of Expenditures on Account of the Celebration of 250 th Anniversary |
| 2 | 1 | Registration 250 th Anniversary Woburn, 1892 |
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| | 3 | Registration 250 th Anniversary Woburn, 1892 |
| | 4 | Registration 250 th Anniversary Woburn, 1892 |
| | 5 | Registration 250 th Anniversary Woburn, 1892 |

Series 2: Books

Box Volume

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| 1 | 1 | Souvenir Memorial 1642-1892 |
| | 1 | 250 th Anniversary Woburn, Mass Proceedings October Second to Seventh 1892 at the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town of Woburn Massachusetts |
| | 1 | Woburn Anniversary Grand March |
| | 1 | Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary, 1642-1892 |

Series 3: Ephemera

Box Folder Item

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| 3 | 1 | 1 | Ball ticket |
| | | 2 | Ball and concert program |
| | | 3 | Banquet menu |
| | | 4 | Official program of the 250 th celebration |
| | | 5 | Official program of the 250 th celebration |
| | | 6 | Program of literary exercises |
| | 2 | 1 | Official program of the 250 th celebration |
| | 3 | 1 | Official program of the 250 th celebration with envelope |
| | | 2 | Banquet menu |
| | 4 | 1 | First few pages of the book, "Proceedings at the 250 th Anniversary of the Incorporation of the town of Woburn Massachusetts" |
| | | 2 | Large stack of celebration registration forms |
| | 5 | 1 | Official program of the 250 th celebration |
| | | 2 | Official program of the 250 th celebration with envelope |
| | | 3 | Ticket to reviewing stand |

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Box	Folder	Item
3	6	1 Program for the 250 th anniversary mass at First Congressional Church on Sunday October 2, 1892.
		2 Overview of the celebration in 1892 by Sylvia C. Pope, n.d.
		3 Photo of a bridge and railroad
		4 Photo of a bridge and railroad
		5 Photo of a bridge and railroad
		6 Balcony ticket for ball
		7 Small program with train schedule and overview of celebrations
		8 Ticket for reception and ball
		9 Ticket for banquet
		10 Literary exercises program
		11 Photo of city hall decorated for the celebrations
		12 Picture of float of the 44 states from parade
		13 Official program of the 250 th celebration
		14 Official program of the 250 th celebration
		15 Card with prints of historical places in Woburn
		16 Pages from the souvenir memorial program
	7	1 Literary Program
		2 Parade Program
	8	1 Gallery ticket for reception and ball
		2 Small program with train schedule and overview of celebrations
		3 Official program of the 250 th celebration
		4 Official program of the 250 th celebration with envelope
		5 Literary program
	9	1 Small card with Savings Bank Building and Woburn Library printed on it
		2 Small card with churches and city buildings printed on it
		3 Small card with Dow Building print and Charles B. Winn photograph on it
		4 Small card with Lyceum Hall, First National Bank, and the Armory printed on it
		5 Souvenir of Quarter Millennial – leather sole of shoe accompanied by a photograph
		6 Leather advertisement
		7 Reception and ball ticket
		8 Small program with train schedule and overview of celebrations
		9 Photo of armory decorated for celebrations

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3	9	10 Banquet admission ticket
		11 Banquet menu
	10	1 Concert and ball program
		2 Concert and ball program
		3 Concert and ball program
		4 Invitation to literary exercises
		5 Card announcing the meeting of the executive committee for the 250 th anniversary on May 3, 1892
		6 Invitation to join the committee for 250 th anniversary planning
		7 Souvenir of school program
		8 Balcony ticket for ball
		9 Ticket for Mishawum Club
		10 Reception and ball refreshment ticket for gentleman and lady
		11 Mishawum Club 25 th anniversary invitation to visit for October 7, 1892
		12 Ticket for Banquet
		13 Reception and ball refreshment ticket for lady
		14 A cut out from the official program of the 250 th celebration
		15 Photogravure of ballroom
	11	1 Copy of Woburn Journal article, October 7, 1892