

Finding Aid: The Edwin B. Worthen Collection

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About the Collection

Title

The Edwin B. Worthen Collection

Creator

Edwin B. Worthen, Sr. (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. 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.

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These non-book materials are located in Cary’s Library’s Archives Room, a climate-controlled vault that was built in 2012, and one map case in Cary Library’s Oval 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. 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.

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Biographical History

Edwin B. Worthen, Sr. (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 served as President of the Lexington Historical Society from 1921-1924 (and thereafter served as the Town's unofficial historian for many years), as a member of the 1924 Zoning By-Laws Committee and member of the Planning Board from 1924-1927. He also was a member of the 150th Anniversary Committee, 1923-1925, a member of the aircraft carrier "Lexington" committee, and was treasurer of the 1925 Pageant of Lexington. For many years he was an examiner for the Boy Scouts and 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.

Mr. Worthen was Treasurer of the Lexington Savings Bank from 1909-1952, and President from 1952-1956. 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

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.*

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and the Hayden Recreation Center. He was active in Lexington town government, serving as a 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. *Lexington and the Minutemen*. [Lexington, Mass]: Normal Instructor and Primary Plans, 1923.
- Worthen, Edwin B. *The beginnings of Lexington, Massachusetts* / by Edwin B. Lexington, Mass.: s.n., 1924.
- Piper, Fred S., Edwin B. Worthen and Henry S. C. Cummings. *History of Simon W. Robinson Lodge and its temple, 1870-1945*. Cambridge, Mass.: Cosmos Press, 1945.
- Worthen, Edwin B. *A calendar history of Lexington, Massachusetts, 1620-1946, issued by the Lexington Savings Bank in observance of its seventy-fifth anniversary, 1871-1946*. Lexington [Mass.]: The Bank, 1946.
- Worthen, Edwin B. *A big chowder for East Lexington*. News from Home, 1952.
- Worthen, Edwin B. *A brief history of the Lexington Historical Society: in observance of its seventy-fifth anniversary, 1886-1961*. Lexington (Mass.): Lexington Historical Society, 1962

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- Worthen, Edwin B., Jr. *Buckman Tavern: an account of the land and the house, its ownerships, development and restoration*. [Lexington, Mass]: s.n., 1963.
- Worthen, Edwin B., Jr. *The Bowman family and Lexington: to support recommendation of the name Bowman School for the new building to be constructed at Moreland Avenue / written for the use of the Lexington School Committee*. [Lexington, Mass.], 1964.
- 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.
- Worthen, Edwin B., Jr. *A study of the Hancock-Clarke House site: Hancock Street, Lexington, Massachusetts*. [Lexington, Mass.]: s.n.; 1966.
- Worthen, Anita P. *The first tea party held at Lexington?* Lexington, Mass.: Lexington Bicentennial Committee, 1973.
- Worthen, Edwin B., Jr. and S. Lawrence Whipple. *A brief history of the Lexington Historical Society: in observance of its one hundredth anniversary, 1886-1986*. Lexington (Mass.): Lexington Historical Society, c1986.
- Worthen, Edwin B., 1879-1956. *Tracing the past in Lexington, Massachusetts*. Edited by Anita P. Worthen. New York: Vantage Press, 1998.

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; manuscripts and publications of Edwin B. Worthen, Sr. are located in Document Series 36.

Organization and Arrangement

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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.

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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 and 2013, cataloging of individual items was continued, offering researchers additional opportunities for discovery of materials. Updates to the collection were made in 2016 and 2021.

The Documents series are listed below. Individual folders and items may be explored further by searching the Worthen Collection "Virtual Exhibit."

Series 01. American History Resources

Series 02. American Revolution: Artistic Representations

Series 03. American Revolution: Battles

Series 04. American Revolution: Biographical Materials

Series 05. American Revolution: Commemorations

Series 06. American Revolution: Guidebooks to Revolutionary Sites

Series 07. American Revolution: Journals of the Revolutionary Era

Series 08. American Revolution: Military Matters

Series 09. American Revolution: Monuments

Series 10. American Revolution: Political and Economic Conditions

Series 11. American Revolution: Sermons and Orations

(Series 12. Deleted)

Series 13. American Revolution: Reference Works

Series 14. Lexington Business and Industry

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- Series 15. Lexington Celebrations
- Series 16. Lexington Civic and Social Organizations
- Series 17. Lexington History Resources
- Series 18. Lexington People
- Series 19. Lexington Properties and Landmarks
- Series 20. Lexington Religious Organizations
- Series 21. Lexington Schools
- Series 22. Lexington Town Government
- Series 23. Lexington Transportation
- Series 24. Neighboring Towns
- Series 25. Worthen, Anita
- Series 26. Worthen, Edwin B., Junior: Correspondence
- Series 27. Worthen, Edwin B., Junior: Manuscripts and Publications
- Series 28. Worthen, Edwin B., Junior: Source Documents
- Series 29. Worthen, Edwin B., Junior: Notes and Clippings
- Series 30. Worthen, Edwin B., Junior: Research Notes
- Series 31. Worthen, Edwin B., Junior: Professional Activities
- Series 32. Worthen, Edwin B., Junior: Service with the Lexington Historical Society
- Series 33. Worthen, Edwin B., Junior: Service with the Town of Lexington
- Series 34. Worthen, Edwin B., Junior: Other Activities
- Series 35. Worthen, Edwin B., Senior: Correspondence
- Series 36. Worthen, Edwin B., Senior: Manuscripts and Publications
- Series 37. Worthen, Edwin B., Senior: Source Documents
- Series 38. Worthen, Edwin B., Senior: Research Notes
- (Series 39. –Series 41. Deleted)
- Series 42. Worthen, Edwin B., Senior: Other Activities

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.

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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 2012-2013, 2016 and 2021, additional images were scanned and described, offering researchers additional opportunities for discovery of materials.

The materials in this collection may be browsed or searched in the Worthen Collection “Virtual Exhibit.”

Series 02. American Revolution: Artistic Representations

Series 05. American Revolution: Commemorations

Series 09. American Revolution: Monuments

Series 14. Lexington Business and Industry

Series 15. Lexington Celebrations

Series 16. Lexington Civic and Social Organizations

Series 17. Lexington History Resources

Series 18. Lexington People

Series 19. Lexington Properties and Landmarks

Series 20. Lexington Religious Organizations

Series 21. Lexington Schools

Series 22. Lexington Town Government

Series 23. Lexington Transportation

Series 24. Neighboring Towns

Series 42. Worthen, Edwin B. Sr.: Other Activities

Series 43. Aerial Views of Lexington

Series 44. Prints of Lantern Slides

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

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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.

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
- Slides A1 through A40 are of groups of people
- Slides S1 through S19 are of school buildings and groups of students

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.

Worthen.1001	Map of the Twelve Plantations, Massachusetts, 1636 (Worthen)
Worthen.1002	Early Settlers at "The Farms," Lexington MA (Worthen)
Worthen.1003	Map, Cambridge MA, 1641 (Worthen)
Worthen.1004	Early Grants at the Farms, 1650, Lexington MA (Worthen)
Worthen.1005	The Cambridge Parish, 1691 (Worthen)
Worthen.1006	Lexington Village, 1775 (Worthen)
Worthen.1007	Boston and vicinity, 1775-1776 (Worthen)
Worthen.1008	Map of Southwest Lexington and Lincoln MA (Worthen)

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Worthen.1009	Lexington MA 1794 (Worthen)
Worthen.1010	Boston, Lexington and Concord MA, April 19, 1775 (Worthen)
Worthen.1011	Plan of the Town of Lexington, 1793 (Samual Thompson)
Worthen.1012	The Pelham Farm in 1700-1765 (Canavan)
Worthen.1013	Woburn, 1794 (Canavan)
Worthen.1014	The country road from Cambridge to Concord MA (Canavan)
Worthen.1015	Lexington 1830 (Canavan)
Worthen.1016	Lexington, n.d. (Canavan)
Worthen.1017	Plan of the Town of Lexington MA (Worthen, based on Hales, 1830)
Worthen.1018	Plan of the Town of Lexington MA, Middlesex County (Hales, 1830)
Worthen.1019	Plan of the Town of Lexington in the County of Middlesex (Hales, 1830)
Worthen.1020	Prints of eight maps, early New England, 1675-1829
Worthen.1021	Map showing rides of Revere, Dawes and Dr. Prescott, April 18-19, 1775
Worthen.1022	Picture story, rides of Revere, Dawes and Dr. Prescott, April 18-19, 1775
Worthen.1023	Lexington at the time of the Revolution, an historic tour map
Worthen.1024	Map showing historic buildings and sites in Lexington Center
Worthen.1025	Plan of the Town and Harbour of Boston and the Country adjacent...1775
Worthen.1026	A map showing historic sites and places of interest in Lexington MA
Worthen.1027	Map of Town of Lexington, 1853 (Walling)
Worthen.1028	Map of Town of Lexington MA, 1853 (Worthen, based on Walling)
Worthen.1029	Map of the city and vicinity of Boston, 1852 (Sidney)
Worthen.1030	Plan of the Town of Lexington in the County of Middlesex, 1775
Worthen.1031	Map of Lexington MA, F. W. Beers, 1875
Worthen.1032	Map of Lexington Center, F. W. Beers, 1875
Worthen.1033	Map of East Lexington MA, F. W. Beers, 1875
Worthen.1034	Official topographical atlas of Massachusetts... Walling and Gray, 1871
Worthen.1035	Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for Lexington MA, 1887-1935
Worthen.1036	Map of Bedford and Lexington MA, George H. Walker, 1889.
Worthen.1037	Part of Lexington (Center), George H. Walker, 1889.
Worthen.1038	Part of Lexington (East), George H. Walker, 1889.
Worthen.1039	Index map of Lexington, Geo. W. Stadly & Co., 1898
Worthen.1040	Part of Lexington (Center), Geo. W. Stadly & Co., 1898
Worthen.1041	Part of Lexington (East Lexington). Geo. W. Stadly & Co., 1898

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Worthen.1042	Part of Lexington (Great Meadow), Geo. W. Stadly & Co., 1898
Worthen.1043	Part of Lexington (South), Geo. W. Stadly & Co., 1898
Worthen.1044	Part of the Town of Lexington (North), Geo. W. Stadly & Co., 1898
Worthen.1045	Route map of Appalachian Mountain Club outing, 1905
Worthen.1046	Index map of Lexington, 1906
Worthen.1047	Part of Lexington (Center), 1906
Worthen.1048	Part of Lexington (East), 1906
Worthen.1049	Part of Lexington (Great Meadow), 1906
Worthen.1050	Map of Lexington, 1908. Sanborn Map Company
Worthen.1051	Map of Lexington, 1918. Sanborn Map Company
Worthen.1052	Map of Lexington, 1927. Sanborn Map Company
Worthen.1053	Town of Lexington, Mass. 1920.
Worthen.1054	Map of the Town of Lexington, Mass. 1926
Worthen.1055	Map of the Town of Lexington MA, 1929
Worthen.1056	Topographical map of Lexington MA
Worthen.1057	Six maps, Massachusetts State Planning Board, WPA Project No. 13684.
Worthen.1058	Seven maps, published by the United States Geological Survey
Worthen.1059	Lexington MA Street and Precinct Maps, 1930-1960
Worthen.1060	Map of the Town of Lexington, MA, 1937
Worthen.1061	Map of the Town of Lexington MA, 1944
Worthen.1062	Map of Middlesex County MA, 1944
Worthen.1063	Boston, 1630-1930: 300 years of progress
Worthen.1064	Decorative and informative map...Massachusetts, 1958
Worthen.1065	Map of Romantic Boston Bay...1944
Worthen.1066	Street maps, Lexington MA and Concord MA, 1960 and 1967
Worthen.1067	Street maps of Lexington MA, 1962 and 1966
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.

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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."

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
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)

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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
Worthen.3038	Painting, "Sacred to the memory of Mrs. Sarah Clark," 1800
Worthen.3039	Frame, Old Belfry
Worthen.3040	Engraving, A View of the Green in Lexington, 1795
Worthen.3041	Engraving, Munroe Tavern, Lord Percy's Headquarters on April 19, 1775
Worthen.3042	Engraving, Revolutionary Monument at Lexington, Mass.
Worthen.3043	Engraving, Journée de Lexington
Worthen.3044	Engraving, A Memento of Lexington, 1937
Worthen.3045.1-2	Plaque, A Memento of Lexington, 1937
Worthen.3046	Statement by Jonathan Harrington, 1846
Worthen.3047	United States lottery ticket, 1776
Worthen.3048	Engraved copper printing plates, by Amos Doolittle, circa 1795
Worthen.3049	Framed print, "Concord Hymn," 1837
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Worthen.3051	Notice from Massachusetts Bay Province, 1754
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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."

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.2021	Boston Traveler Home Edition, 1 issue, March 4, 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

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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
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
Worthen.2054	King's Boston Views, 1895
Worthen.2055	Lexington and the Minuteman, Dansville NY, 1923

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