Guide to the Dance Invitations from Massachusetts Collection

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Geographical (By Place)--United States
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Descriptive Summary

Title: Dance invitations from Massachusetts collection,
Date (inclusive): 1806-1859 (bulk 1850-1859)
Collection number: MS-P041
Extent: 0.2 linear feet (1 box)
Repository: University of California, Irvine. Library. Special Collections and Archives.

Abstract: This collection comprises an inaugural ball admittance ticket and eleven invitations for dances, balls, and a cotillion party held in locations in Massachusetts, chiefly in the city of Worcester. All materials are printed. Several include holograph notations of dates or individual invitees, and contain information such as the location and sponsor of the dance, names of the dance managers or members of the arrangement committee, and the name and number of members of the quadrille band or orchestra. Sponsoring organizations for these dances include the Worcester Light Infantry, the Worcester City Guards, and several fire companies. Some invitations request an "early answer" and several indicate that carriages will call for the attendees. Several of the items are on embossed paper or card stock, with design elements including firemen, warriors, an eagle, and a horse-drawn fire engine. One invitation is printed in gold and its printer is identified as Fletcher. In addition to Worcester, other locations of dances include Hubbardstown, Jonesville, and Templeton, all small towns in eastern Massachusetts.

Language: English.

Access
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Materials in this collection are arranged chronologically.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects
Balls (Parties)--Massachusetts--Archival resources.
Dance--Archival resources.

Genres and Forms of Materials
Invitations.

Box 1 : 1

Inauguration Ball admittance ticket, 1806.

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Ball and dance invitations, 1850-1859.

Physical Description: 11 items.