

History Timeline of Mechanics Hall & Hook Organ in the context of Worcester, US, and World History

Mechanics Hall **Building • Events • Hook**

Worcester County Mechanics Association established

Mechanics Hall Dedicated

First Worcester Music Festival

Thoreau lecture "A Plea for Captain Brown"

Hook Organ Installed Op. 334

Charles Dickens speaks at MH

Hook Brothers retire

Dudley Buck soloist at the Worc. Music Festival

Geroge Hutchings lowers pitch to A-435

Hook Organ "electrified"

Women Members in Mechanics Association

Mech Hall on National Register of Historic Places

Hook Organ Restoration Committee formed

Mech Hall re-dedicated; Phase I restoration completed

Boyden Salon addition

Hook Organ restoration celebration Sept 25-26

Brown Bag Concert Series began

Fuller International Organ Festival

125th Organ Celebration Concert; Fuller Wing

Washburn Hall restored

Promenade refurbished

Façade restored

Hook Organ cleaned/refurbished

Hook 150th Anniversary - Year of the Organ

Historical Events

Worcester • US & World

1722	Worcester Incorporated
1842	
1843	College of the Holy Cross established
1848	Worcester becomes a city; Free Soil anti-slavery party founded
1850	First National Woman's Rights Convention held in Worcester
1855	Steam calliope invented by Joshua C Stoddard
1855	Eli Thayer founds Oread Institute, first four- year college for women
1857	
1858	
1859	
1861	American Civil War
1864	Worcester YMCA founded
1865	WPI founded
1868	Worcester population: 118,000
1869	1st trans-continental railroad completed
1871	
1880	Candlepin bowling invented in Worcester
1887	Clark Univeristy founded
1895	
1898	Spanish-American War
1899	American Guild of Organists founded
1901	Assembly-line manufacturing concept introduced
1904	Assumption College founded
1908	First Model T Ford produced
1909	Sigmund Freud lectures at Clark
1910	
1914	WWI
1920	Women's right to vote - 19th Amendment
1926	Robert Goddard liquid fuel rocket first successful launch
1938	NE Hurricane: unpredicted Category 5
1941	WWII
1947	Worcester Orchestra established
1949	Worcester Chapter AGO founded
1950	Korean War
1953	June F4 Tornado: 94 killed
1955	Vietnam War (1964)
1963	Organ Historical Society founded; Harvey Ball: Smiley Face
1973	
1975	
1977	
1978	
1982	
1983	
1985	
1989	
1991	
1999	Worcester Cold Storage fire kills 6 firemen
2000	
2002	
2013	Worcester Population 182,544
2014	