

Early Telephone Bells

The Historical Museum has recently acquired two bells that were used in 1882 in the first harmonic ringing system for party line telephone service. These bells, shown in the accompanying photograph, were designed by Jacob R. Currier, an undertaker in Lowell, Massachusetts, and were used to a considerable extent by the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company in the Boston and Lowell districts in the early 80's. They were manufactured by Charles Williams, Jr., of Boston, who made the first telephone apparatus for the Bell System.

