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Guide to the Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Air-Conditioning

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Air-Conditioning
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Air
Date:	circa 1866-1965
Extent:	3.2 Cubic feet (consisting of 5 boxes, 1 folder, 1 oversize folder, 2 flat boxes.)
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Language:	English .
Summary:	A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Air-Conditioning</i> forms part of the Warshaw Collection of Business Americana, Subseries 1.1: Subject Categories. The Subject Categories subseries is divided into 470 subject categories based on those created by Mr. Warshaw. These subject categories include topical subjects, types or forms of material, people, organizations, historical events, and other categories. An overview to the entire Warshaw collection is available here: Warshaw Collection of Business Americana
Digital Content:	Image(s): Warshaw Subject Category: Air-Conditioning

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Air-Conditioning is a portion of the Business Ephemera Series of the Warshaw Collection of Business Americana, Accession AC0060 purchased from Isadore Warshaw in 1967. Warshaw continued to accumulate similar material until his death, which was donated in 1971 by his widow, Augusta. For a period after acquisition, related materials from other sources (of mixed provenance) were added to the collection so there may be content produced or published after Warshaw's death in 1969. This practice has since ceased.

Materials in the Archives Center

Archives Center Collection of Business Americana (AC0404)

Forms Part Of

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- [Series 1: Business Ephemera](#)
- [Series 2: Other Collection Divisions](#)

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- [Series 4: Photographic Reference Material](#)

Preferred Citation

Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Air-Conditioning, Archives Center, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution

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Scope and Contents

This material consists primarily of catalogs, printed advertisements, photographs, scattered correspondence on letterhead stationery, reports, operating manuals, diagrams, pamphlets, patents, price lists and order forms from manufacturers and distributors of climate control devices. Such devices include air conditioners, furnaces, exhaust fans, ceiling fans, blowers, gas exhausters, ventilators, heaters, stoves and refrigerators. The devices were manufactured for the heating and ventilating of private, public and industrial buildings. The buildings include schools, asylums, courts, hospitals, churches, auditoriums, theatres, factories, dry good stores, and private residences. Some of the companies also manufactured cooling and heating devices for railroad and subway cars. There is a substantial amount of materials from some of the major companies that still exist today. Among these companies are General Electric, Carrier Engineering Corporation, Philco Corporation and Hotpoint Company.

There are a number of images included in the materials. Most of the images are illustrations of products. Product illustrations are generally in trade catalogues as well as on a number of advertisements and price lists. Other illustrations of products can be found in photographs dating from the 1950s. These images are good examples of family life and products during that era.

Publications discuss a variety of topics concerning climate control devices. Among the reports, bulletins, pamphlets, and articles the topics of concern are primarily ventilation, refrigeration and manufactured weather. There are a few technical bulletins which cover the function and operation of a particular product.

Materials in boxes one through four are organized alphabetically by name of company. There are ten folders of material grouped by type: photographs, patents, import/export documents, related publications and miscellaneous items. Box five contains hand fans. Most of these fans were used to advertise a product or service for restaurants, grocery stores, dry good stores and patent medicines. The fans are arranged by type of image including flowers, animals and children.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Types of Materials:

Business ephemera
Ephemera

Container Listing

Business Records, Marketing Material, and Other

Box 1, Folder 1	Amana Refrigeration, Incorporated Amana, Iowa
Box 1, Folder 2	American Blower Corporation Detroit, Michigan
Box 1, Folder 3	American Blower Corporation Detroit, Michigan
Box 1, Folder 4	Ashwell & Nesbit Warming, Ventilating & Hydraulic Engineers Sycamore Lane, Leicester
Box 1, Folder 5	Auto Utilities Manufacturing Co. Inc. Chicago, Illinois
Box 1, Folder 6	Automatic Ventilator Company New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 7	Backus Water Motor Company Newark, New Jersey
Box 1, Folder 8	Backus Water Motor Company Newark, New Jersey
Box 1, Folder 9	Baker, Wilbraham Blower Manufacturing Company Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 10	Brocklin, Van & Aland Blower Manufacturing Company Rome, New York
Box 1, Folder 11	Bryant Affiliated Gas Equipment, Incorporated Cleveland, Ohio
Box 1, Folder 12	Barrows, E. New York
Box 1, Folder 13	Buchan, M. S. A., Assoc. San Inst., Sanitary and Ventilating Engineer London, England
Box 1, Folder 14	Buffalo Forge Company Engineers and Manufacturers Buffalo, New York
Box 1, Folder 15	Burt Manufacturing Company Akron, Ohio
Box 1, Folder 16-21	Carrier Corporation Syracuse, New York
Box 1, Folder 22	Chrysler Corporation Airtemp Division
Box 1, Folder 23	Coleman Company, Incorporated Wichita, Kansas
Box 1, Folder 24	Curtis Refrigeration Machine Company St. Louis, Missouri

Box 1, Folder 25	Emerson Electric Fan Manufacturing Company New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 26	Exhaust Ventilator Manufacturing Company Chicago, Illinois
Box 1, Folder 27	Fowler Fly Fan Company Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 28	Fuller and Warren Company Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 29	Garden City Foundaries,(Turner, Dickinson Chicago, Illinois & Company, Incorporated)
Box 1, Folder 30	General Air Conditioning Corporation Los Angeles, California
Box 1, Folder 31-33	General Electric Company Schenectady, New York
Box 1, Folder 34	Gibson Refrigerator Company Greenville, Michigan
Box 1, Folder 35	Globe Ventilator Company Troy, New York
Box 1, Folder 36	Gouge, H. A. & Company New York
Box 1, Folder 37	No folder #37
Box 1, Folder 38	Allington & Curtis Manufacturing Company Saginaw, Michigan
Box 1, Folder 39	American Ventilating Company, Incorporated Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 40	Bennett & Peck Heating & Ventilating Company Cincinnati, Ohio
Box 1, Folder 41	Cole, Rex, Incorporated Long Island City, New York
Box 1, Folder 42	Doran, J. & J. Albany, New York
Box 2, Folder 1	Halsted & Mitchell Manufacturers of Refrigeration Equipment Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Box 2, Folder 2	Harrington, John D., Manufacturing Company Auburn, New York
Box 2, Folder 3	Hotpoint Company
Box 2, Folder 4	Igoe Brothers, Incorporated Newark, New Jersey

Box 2, Folder 5	International Harvester Company Chicago, Illinois
Oversize 78, Folder 4	Kelvinator, Location unknown
Box 2, Folder 6	Lafourcade, W. R. Manufacturing Company Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 2, Folder 7	Lennox Furnace Company Marshalltown, Iowa
Box 2, Folder 8	Merchant & Evans Company Baltimore, Maryland
Box 2, Folder 9	Miles Furnace Fan Division Henry Furnace & Foundry Company Cleveland, Ohio
Box 2, Folder 10	Mingle, Wm .J. Manufacturing Company Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Box 2, Folder 11	Modine Manufacturing Company Racine, Wisconsin
Box 2, Folder 13	Mueller, L.J., Furnace Company Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Box 2, Folder 14	Nash - Kelvinator Corporated Detroit, Michigan
Box 2, Folder 15	Perfection Stove Company Cleveland, Ohio
Box 2, Folder 16	Perkins, B. F. & Son, Manufacturers Holyoke, Massachusetts
Box 2, Folder 17	Philadelphia Exhaust Ventilator Company Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 2, Folder 18 - 20	Philco Corporated Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 2, Folder 21	Quiet Kool Corporation Newark, New Jersey
Box 2, Folder 22	Recold Corporation Los Angeles, California
Box 2, Folder 23	Remington Corporation New York
Box 2, Folder 24	Robb, L. B. Cincinnati, Ohio
Box 2, Folder 25	Robbins & Myers Company Springfield, Ohio
Box 2, Folder 26	Royal Ventilator & Manufacturing Company Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 2, Folder 27	Sanitary Engineering and Ventilation Company Westminster, London

Box 2, Folder 28 - 31	Servel Incorporated Evansville, Indiana
Box 2, Folder 32	Simonds Manufacturing Company New York
Box 2, Folder 33	Skilton, James A., Engineer & Expert New York
Box 2, Folder 34	Smith & Anthony Company Boston, Massachusetts
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Box 2, Folder 36	Sprague Electric Works New York
Box 2, Folder 37	Sturtevant, B. F. , Blower Patentee & Manufacturer Boston, Massachusetts
Box 2, Folder 38	Sturtevant, B.F., Blower Patentee & Manufacturer Boston, Massachusetts
Box 2, Folder 39	Sugg, William & Company London, England
Box 2, Folder 40	Surface Combustion Corporation Columbus, Ohio
Box 2, Folder 41	Sutton, O. D., Corporation Wichita, Kansas
Box 3, Folder 1-4	Tecumseh Products Company Marion, Ohio
Box 3, Folder 5	Trane Company, La Crosse, Wisconsin
Box 3, Folder 6 - 7	Typhoon Air Conditioning Company, Incorporated Brooklyn, New York
Box 3, Folder 8	Universal Diffuser Corporation New York, New York
Box 3, Folder 9	Watson, Charles Ventilation & Sanitary Engineer, Yorkshire, London
Box 3, Folder 10	Webster, Warren Air Conditioning Apparatus Company Camden, New Jersey
Box 3, Folder 11	Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
Box 3, Folder 12	Wheeler Condenser & Engineering Company Carteret, New Jersey
Box 3, Folder 13	Worthington Corporation Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Box 3, Folder 14	Worthington Corporation Harrison, New Jersey
Box 4, Folder 1-5	York Manufacturing Company, York, Pennsylvania

Oversize 78, Folder 4 York Refrigeration and Air Conditioning, York, PA

Box 4, Folder 6-7 York- Shipley, Inc., York, Pennsylvania

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Contains fliers and ads for humidifiers, window vents, and evaporators.

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Box 6 Oversize

Box 7 Oversize

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