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Guide to the Warsaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Amusements

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Amusements
Date:	1851-1920
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Amusements
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Extent:	0.63 Cubic feet (consisting of 1 box, 1 folder, 4 oversize folders, 4 map case folders.)
Language:	English .
Summary:	A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Amusements</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

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Amusements 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)

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- [Series 1: Business Ephemera](#)
- [Series 2: Other Collection Divisions](#)
- [Series 3: Isadore Warshaw Personal Papers](#)
- [Series 4: Photographic Reference Material](#)

Preferred Citation

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

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Scope and Contents

This material consists primarily of printed advertisements, scattered correspondence on letterhead stationery, and receipts from dealers, manufacturers and importers of equipment for various forms of entertainment. There is also information on bookers or agents for performers and stunts. The material dates from 1851 to 1920.

Arrangement

Materials are organized by name of manufacturing company, dealer or importer. There are also some folders of material arranged by type of entertainment or amusement.

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	Albion, Amusement Company, Albion, New York
Box 1, Folder 2	American Amusement Company, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 3	American Playground Device Manufacturing Company, Anderson, Indiana
Box 1, Folder 4	Armitage Herschell Steam Riding Galleries Mfg., North Tonawanda, New York
Box 1, Folder 5	Blaisdell, Frank- landscape Architect , Boston, Mass.
Box 1, Folder 6	Breining Construction Company Terre Haute, Indiana
Box 1, Folder 7	Cagney Bros.Locomotive Manufacturers New York
Box 1, Folder 8	Carey, James Designer Contractor and Builder, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 8	Chas. and Isleib, Patterson, New Jersey
Box 1, Folder 9	Chubuck Laheel Swing Company New York
Box 1, Folder 10	Cohen Play cards company New York
Box 1, Folder 11	Condernan Pleasure Wheel Company Balston Spa, New York
Box 1, Folder 12	Dentzel, G.A. carrousel and Organ Manufacturers Philadelphia, PA
Box 1, Folder 13	Double Wheel Riding Device Manufacturing Company Chicago, IL.
Box 1, Folder 14	Este, J.D. company Philadelphia, PA
Box 1, Folder 14	Excelsior Carnival company
Box 1, Folder 15	Flynn Amusement Enterprises Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 16	Gillie Engine and Machine Company Tonawanda, New York
Box 1, Folder 17-18	Gorman, J.W Amusements Attractions Boston, Mass.
Box 1, Folder 19-21	Harton, T.M. Company Pittsburgh , PA
Box 1, Folder 22	Health Merry Go Round Company Quincy, IL.

Box 1, Folder 23	Ingersoll Designers- PA
Box 1, Folder 24	Isleib, Charles E. Paterson, New Jersey
Box 1, Folder 25	Jackel, John c. New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 26	Jahn Amusement Construction Company Redding, PA
Box 1, Folder 27	Keystone Farm Machine Company York , PA
Box 1, Folder 28	Lee Lash Studios New York , New York
Box 1, Folder 28	McCallurn Circuit of Parks Rochester, New York
Box 1, Folder 29	Negley, S.L. Chicago, IL.
Box 1, Folder 30	Norman and Evans Lockport , New York
Box 1, Folder 31	Springer, w. Construction Co.
Box 1, Folder 32	Swartz, W .R.Dealre in Park Amusements Gloversville, New York
Box 1, Folder 33	Thompson, L.A . Scenic Railway company New York
Box 1, Folder 34	Thurston Waltz Ride company, Inc. New York, New York
Oversize SUPP 39, Folder 1	Traveling Mind Reader, circular, 1895
Box 1, Folder 35	Traver Circle Swing Company New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 36	Twentieth Century Amusement Company New Brighton, PA
Box 1, Folder 37	United Amusements Structures, LTD
Box 1, Folder 38	Zarro Amusement Device Company, LTD
Box SUPP 2	Advertising Cards, undated

Thematic

Box 1, Folder 40	Stunt Performances
Box 1, Folder 41	Picnics
Box 1, Folder 43	Fairs, Poverty

Box 1, Folder 44	Festivals
Box 1, Folder 45	Concerts
Box 1, Folder 46	Carnivals
Box 1, Folder 47	Fourth of July celebrations
Box 1, Folder 48	Fourth of July Celebrations
Box 1, Folder 49	Parties
Box 1, Folder 50	Social Dances
Box 1, Folder 51	Socials
Box 1, Folder 52	Games
Box 1, Folder 39	Dramatic Companies
Box 1, Folder 53	Booking Services
Box 1, Folder 54	Parks

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Associations, Images, New Clippings, Programs, Publications, and Miscellaneous

Box 1, Folder 55	Associations
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Box 1, Folder 60	Miscellaneous Items

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Oversize 77, Folder 7 Amusements [Oversize]

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Map-folder 2;

Map-folder 3;

Map-folder 4

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