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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Architecture
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Architecture
Date:	1850-1970
Extent:	3.86 Cubic feet (consisting of 3 boxes, 1 folder, 1 oversize folder, 3 map folders, 6 flat boxes (4 full, 2 partial), plus digital images of some collection material.)
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: Architecture</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: Architecture

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Architecture 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

Forms part of the [Warshaw Collection of Business Americana](#).

- [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: Architecture, Archives Center, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution

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Scope and Contents

This subject category- Architecture- relates to the design and construction of primarily residential architecture. Most of the materials date from the middle of the nineteenth century to the middle of the twentieth century. Some of the materials were created by architects. There is also a substantial amount of materials from manufacturers of pre-cut, prefabricated and even portable buildings and dwellings. This collection is rich in images of domestic architecture covering a century of design, especially in the oversize materials. Exterior and interior images, detailed plans are seen, often accompanied by glowing texts attesting to their charm and livability. A small group of publications relating to architecture is also included.

Arrangement

The arrangement has been created by the Archives Center. It is arranged in eight subseries.

- 1) Architects, circa 1850-1960
- 2) Manufacturers of Pre-Cut and Prefabricated Homes, circa 1910-1973
- 3) Residential Building Plans, circa 1906-1955
- 4) Manufacturers of Building Materials and Supplies, circa 1860-1910
- 5) Manufacturers of Portable Houses and Buildings, circa 1910-1920
- 6) Publications, circa 1843-1964; undated
- 7) General Information, undated
- 8) Oversize

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

Architects, circa 1850-1960; undated

Subseries 1, Architects, circa 1850-1960, consists primarily of materials relating to individual architects and firms engaged in the design of residences. The materials are arranged alphabetically by name. Several publications illustrating completed projects and a few original drawings are included. A publication by Deere and Company detailing the work of Eero Saarinen is of particular interest.

Box 1, Folder 1-2	Allen, Augustus N. New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 3	Allen, Frank P. Grand Rapids, Michigan
Box Oversize 3, Folder 5	Bien, Sylvan Plans of Schwab House New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 3	Blaisdell, Frank M. Landscape architect Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 4	Briggs, L., Jr. Boston, Massachusetts
Box Oversize 79, Folder 1	Butt, R. New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 4	Cassell, Charles E. Baltimore, Maryland
Box 1, Folder 4	Chambers, B.D. Pottsville, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 4	Child, E. S. New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 4	Duggin and Crossman New York, New York
Box Oversize 3, Folder 5	Davis, Alex J. "Design for Improving the Old Alms House", circa 1850 New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 5	Files, R. F.

Somerville, New York?

Box Oversize 79, Folder 1
Frederic, W. Claude
Baltimore, Maryland

Box 1, Folder 5
Fuller, A.W.
Albany, New York

Box 1, Folder 5
Fuller and Laver
Albany, New York

Box 1, Folder 5
Gendell, David S.
No Location

Box 1, Folder 6
Gilbert, Cass
New York, New York

Dinner in honor of Cass Gilbert [program], April 24, 1913

1 Item

Woolworth, F. W., Publisher

English.

30+ pages. Contains seating chart. Many U.S. Congressmen and Senators attended the dinner. Found in Warshaw coll., moved to Architecture section, Box 2.

Names: Gilbert, Cass, 1859-1934

Topic: Architects
Legislators -- United States -- 1890-1920.

Genre/
Form: Programs

Box 79, Folder 1
Harris, H. L. "Flat Brush" (house)
New York, New York

Box 1, Folder 7
Hoggson Brothers
New York, New York

Box 1, Folder 7
Hutton, Addison
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Box 1, Folder 8
Keller, George
Hartford, Connecticut

Box Oversize 3, Folder 5
Kendall, H. E.
Willesdon School

London, England

Box Oversize 79, Folder 1	King, D. W. New York, New York
Box Oversize 3, Folder 5	Linford, Benjamin A. "The Hall," Bardwold Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box Oversize 79, Folder 3	Lohman, Charles K. Egadinier Kuhn house building plans St. Moritz, Switzerland
Box 1, Folder 8	May, Edwin Indianapolis, Indiana
Box 1, Folder 8	Merrick, Asa L. Syracuse, New York
Box 1, Folder 8	Moul, Henry S. Cloversville, New York
Box Oversize 79, Folder 1	Nichols, Frank D. Bridgeport, Connecticut
Box 1, Folder 9	Ohrenstein, E. J. Chicago, Illinois
Box Oversize 79, Folder 1	Osgood, James R. and Company Location Unknown
Box 1, Folder 9	Palliser, Palliser and Company Bridgeport, Connecticut
Box Oversize 79, Folder 3	Palliser, Palliser and Company Bridgeport, Connecticut
Box 1, Folder 9	Poley, Vincent J. Royersford, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 10	Post, James S. Poughkeepsie, New York
Box 1, Folder 10	Powell, Thomas H. Richmond, Virginia
Box 1, Folder 10	Price, Benjamin D.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

- Box 1, Folder 10 Putnam, J. Pickering
Boston, Massachusetts
- Box 1, Folder 11 Radford Architectural Company
Chicago, Illinois
- Box Oversize 79, Folder 2 Richardson, H. H.
Austin Hall, Harvard Law School, 1883
- Box Oversize 79, Folder 1 Roberts, H. L. and Son
New Jersey cottage
Newark, New Jersey
- Box 1, Folder 12 Saarinen, Eero
Challenge to an Architect, 1964
- Box Oversize 3, Folder 6 Sargent, Edward A. "St. James Rectory"
Fordham, New York
- Box 1, Folder 13 Savage, Fred L.
Bar Harbor, Maine
- Box 1, Folder 14 Scharn, J. H.
Indianapolis, Indiana
- Box 1, Folder 14 Scheidler, A.A.
No location
- Box 1, Folder 14 Schwarzmann and Kafka
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Box Oversize 3, Folder 6 Schweitzer, B. J. "A Country Dwelling"
New York, New York
- Box 1, Folder 15 Smith, Frank L.
Boston and Arlington Heights, Massachusetts
- Box 1, Folder 16 Smith, Thomas C.
New York, New York
- Box 1, Folder 16 Smith, W. Wheeler
New York, New York

- Box Oversize 79, Folder 1 Snyder, Howard C. and Leonard S. Henry
- Box 1, Folder 16 Strickland, William
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Box 1, Folder 17 Teneyck, H. Galloway
Newark, New Jersey
- Box 1, Folder 18 Thomas and Crowell
Bangor, Maine
- Box 1, Folder 18 Trimble, John M.
New York, New York
- Box Oversize 3, Folder 1 Town, Ithiel and A. Davis "Design for Astor Hotel", 1832
New York, New York
- Box 1, Folder 19 Various Architects (presented by Gray Brothers Carpenters and Builders)
Rosemont, Pennsylvania
- Box 1, Folder 20 Wendell and Smith
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Box 1, Folder 20 Wheeler, Gervase
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Box 1, Folder 20 Wilson Brothers and Company
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Box 1, Folder 20 Woolett, William M.
Albany, New York
- Box 1, Folder 21 Willcox, William H.
Peekskill, New York

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Manufacturers of Precut and Pre-Fabricated Homes and Buildings, circa 1910-1973

Subseries 2, Manufacturers of Pre-cut and Prefabricated Homes, circa 1910-1973, consists of catalogues of home designs ready-made for assembly on the buyer's site. It is an excellent source for images of home design in the first half of the twentieth century. The materials are arranged in alphabetical order by the name of the company.

- Box 1, Folder 22-24 Aladdin Company
Bay City, Michigan

- Box 1, Folder 25-28 Bennett, Ray H.
Lumber Company

North Tonawanda, New York
- Box 1, Folder 29 Bossert, Louis and Sons, Incorporated
Brooklyn, New York
- Box 1, Folder 30 Harris Brothers Company
Chicago, Illinois
- Box 1, Folder 31 International Mill and Timber Company
Bay City, Michigan
- Box 1, Folder 32 North American Housing
Point of Rocks, Maryland
- Box 1, Folder 33 Northern Homes
No location
- Box 1, Folder 34 Sears, Roebuck and Company
Chicago, Illinois and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Simplex Sectional Garages and Summer Cottages [catalog], 1922
1 Item (Ink on paper.; 16.5" x 11.3")
Sears, Roebuck and Company., Advertiser
English.
Sears, Roebuck and Co., 1922, Chicago, Ill, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Local Numbers
AC0060-0000905-01.tif - AC0060-0000905-36.tif (AC Scan Nos.)
- In Box 1, Folder 11.
- Topic: Cottages
 Garages
- Genre/
Form: Catalogs -- 1910-1960
- Box 1, Folder 34 Simplex Sectional / Garages and Summer Cottages / 1922 Designs [catalog],
1922
1 Item (Ink on paper.; 16.5" x 11.3")
[Image\(s\)](#)
Sears, Roebuck and Company., Advertiser
English.
Sears, Roebuck and Co., 1922, Chicago, Ill. and Philadelphia, Pa. Softbound
publication, 64+ pp., with color cover and black-and-white illustrations inside.

Local Numbers

AC0060-0000905-01.tif - AC0060-0000905-36.tif (AC Scan Nos.)

Topic: Architecture, Domestic
Buildings, Prefabricated
Cottages
Garages
Genre/
Form: Catalogs -- 1910-1960

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Residential Building Plans, circa 1906-1955; undated

Subseries 3, Residential Building Plans, circa 1906-1955, includes materials published by architects, shelter magazines, and building contractors. The catalogues are primarily of plans for small to mid-sized homes and include illustrations of the homes as constructed. The materials are arranged in alphabetical order by title.

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|-----------------------------|---|
| Box 2, Folder 1 | Better Homes At Lower Cost, 1928, 1950
Standard Homes Company

Washington, D.C. |
| Box 2, Folder 2 | Book of Plans for Everybody, 1906
Gordon Van Tine and Company

Davenport, Iowa |
| Box Oversize 3, Folder
7 | Co-operative Building Plan Association
Advertising circular

New York, New York |
| Box 2, Folder 3 | Cottages and Bungalows, circa 1915
J. Daverman and Son

Grand Rapids, Michigan |
| Box 2, Folder 4 | Face Brick Bungalow and Small House Plans, 1923
American Face Brick Association

Chicago, Illinois |
| Box 2, Folder 5 | Designs for a Small Brick House, 1923
American Face Brick Association

Chicago, Illinois |
| Box 2, Folder 6 | Home and Fireside, 1925
W.W. Radford |

Chicago, Illinois

Box 2, Folder 7 Home Builder, undated
F.W. Kinney and Company
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Box 2, Folder 8 Home Building for Wage Earners, 1920
F. T. Ley and Company, Incorporated, General contractor
New York, New York and other locations

Box 2, Folder 9 Homes of Today and Tomorrow

Box 2, Folder 9 Homes for your Street and Mine, 1950
Standard Homes Company
Washington, D.C.

Box 2, Folder 10 Homes That Grow, 1952
Samuel Paul, Architect
No location

Box 2, Folder 11 House Beautiful Handbook for Home Planners, 1950
Hearst Magazines, Incorporated
New York, New York

Box 2, Folder 12 Leach, S. C. and Company Realtors
Date book containing house plans, 1925
New York, New York

Box 2, Folder 13 Liberty Home Service, 1926
Liberty Street Lumber and Coal Company
Batavia, New York

Box 2, Folder 14 Low Cost Suburban Homes, 1909
House and Garden Magazine
John C. Winston Company Publishers
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Box Oversize 3, Folder 7 Modern Homes
National Architects Union
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

- Box 2, Folder 15 Montgomery Ward and Company
Book of Building Plans, 1909

Chicago, Illinois
- Box Oversize 3, Folder 7 Orange Judd Company
Advertising circular for home and farm building plans

New York, New York
- Box 2, Folder 16 Plans for Your Future Home, 1950
American Plan Service

Miami, Florida
- Box 2, Folder 17 Practical Homes, undated
Jens Pederson

St. Paul, Minnesota
- Box 2, Folder 18 Shoppel's Modern Houses, 1903
Co-Operative Building Plan Association

New York, New York
- Box Oversize 1, Folder 7 Shoppel's Modern Houses
catalogue, 1891
- Box 2, Folder 19 Town and Country Homes to Fit Your Budget, 1952
Allied House Plans, Incorporated

Jamaica, New York
- Box Oversize 79, Folder 3 Miscellaneous building plans, undated

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Manufacturers of Building Materials and Supplies, circa 1860-1910

Subseries 4, Manufacturers of Building Materials and Supplies, circa 1860-1910, include suppliers of decorative moldings, ornaments and metalwork. Materials are arranged in alphabetical order by name of company. The materials are arranged in alphabetical order by the name of the company.

- Box 2, Folder 20 Architects Standard Bronze Company
New York, New York
- Box 2, Folder 21 Clizbe, Ellis
Architectural woodwork

	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Box 2, Folder 21	Ellin, Kitson and Company Architectural sculptors New York, New York
Box 2, Folder 22	Flushing-Lumber and Building Company Flushing, New York
Box 2, Folder 23	Hinkle and Company Building materials catalogue, 1862 Cincinnati, Ohio
Box 2, Folder 24	Mesker and Brothers Architectural Ironworks Catalogue, 1900 Evansville, Indiana
Box 2, Folder 25	Purdy, E. H., Manufacturing Company Catalogue of architectural ornaments New York, New York
Box 2, Folder 26	Sanders, Henry Company Catalogue of lock joint columns, 1907 New York, New York and other locations
Box Oversize 3, Folder 8	Schrieber, Richard and Company Architectural ornaments Raschau, Germany

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Manufacturers of Portable Houses and Buildings, circa 1910-1920

Subseries 5, Manufacturers of Portable Houses and Buildings, circa 1910-1920, consists of many types of portable structures including: cottages, garages, even schools, chapels and stores. Some of these are surprisingly large and elaborate. The majority, however, were for the use of campers, hunters, and fishermen. The materials are arranged in alphabetical order by the name of the company.

Box 3, Folder 1	Bonafide Portable Building Manufacturers Long Island City, New York
Box 3, Folder 2-5	Hodgson Company Portable houses Boston, Massachusetts
Box 3, Folder 6	Kenyon, R. L., Company

Waukesha, Wisconsin

Box 3, Folder 6 Krickser, Adam
Darmstadt, Germany

Box Oversize 3, Folder 7 Kolb Portable Buildings
Location unknown

Box 3, Folder 7-8 Mershon and Morley Company
M and M Portable Houses
Saginaw, Michigan

Box 3, Folder 9 United Portable Builders Manufacturing Company
New York, New York

Box 3, Folder 10 Wycoff Lumber and Manufacturing Company
Cornell Portable Houses
Ithaca, New York

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Publications, 1843-1964; undated

Subseries 6, Publications, circa 1843-1964; undated, includes publications about architecture and catalogues of books about architecture. The materials are arranged in alphabetical order by title.

Box 3, Folder 11 "Architects and Architecture of New York," 1843
Brother Jonathan Wilson and Company Publishers
New York, New York

Box 3, Folder 12 Architecture and Industrial Arts from the Early Middle Ages to the End of the
XVIIIth Century, catalogue of library of Professor William Lubke
Joseph Baer and Company Bookseller
Frankfurt, Germany

Box 3, Folder 13 Architect's and Mechanic's Journal, 1860

Box 3, Folder 14 Architecture Worth Saving in Onondaga County New York State Council on the
Arts, 1964.
Syracuse University School of Architecture

Box 3, Folder 15 Art Gems from the American Architect and Building News, 1887
Ticknor and Company
Boston, Massachusetts

- Box Oversize 3, Folder 8 Catalog of the Avery Memorial Library
Circular, undated
- Box 3, Folder 16 Description of a New York
Gentleman's Dwelling House.

Extract from the St. Louis Republican, 1870
- Box 3, Folder 16 History of Architecture, undated
Advertisement for Charles Scribner's Sons

New York, New York
- Box 3, Folder 17 Illustrated Catalogue of Political Books on Architecture, 1891
Henry Carey Baird and Company

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Box 3, Folder 17 Illustrated Catalogue of Practical Books on Architecture, 1882
William T. Comstock

New York, New York
- Box 3, Folder 18 Illustrated Catalogue of Books on Architecture, 1873, 1877, 1881
Bicknell and Comstock

New York, New York
- Box 3, Folder 19 Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians, May 1962
- Box 3, Folder 20 Letter on Current American Architecture, 1906
A. J. Bloor, F.A.I.A.
- Box 3, Folder 21 Scientific American Architect and Builders Edition, undated
Munn and Company

New York, New York
- Box Oversize 3, Folder 8 "Service Sheets", index, February 1917
Architectural Service Corporation.
- Box 3, Folder 22 Spires and Towers of France, 1894
Smith and Packard

Chicago, Illinois
- Box 3, Folder 23 Miscellaneous articles and clippings

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General Information, undated

Subseries 7, General Information, undated, includes caricatures of architects, images of architecture, and miscellaneous material relating to architecture.

Box 3, Folder 24	Architectural League of New York New York, New York
Box 3, Folder 25	Caricatures of architects Press Artists Association, et al
Box 3, Folder 26-27	Images of architecture
Box Oversize 79, Folder 3	Images of architecture Miscellaneous
Box SUPP 2, Folder 11	Catalogue, Correspondence, Images, 1852-1921 Contains a single building supply catalogue marketed to architects, a letter, and a couple of images of buildings and interiors.

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Oversize

Catalogues

Oversize ADDOV1	Broschart and Braun, undated Catalogue. Sheet metal ornaments including facades, cornices, weather-vanes, etc.
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Monographs

Oversize ADDOV2	<i>Architecture. Designs for Street Fronts, Suburban Homes, and Cottages</i> , 1866
Oversize ADDOV1	<i>Bicknell's Cottage and Villa Architecture</i> , 1878
Oversize ADDOV2	<i>Builders of Connecticut, Volume II</i> , undated
Oversize ADDOV2	<i>Concrete Country Residences</i> , 1909 Fifth edition.
Oversize ADDOV2	<i>Concrete Houses and Cottages, Volume II: Small Houses</i> , 1909
Oversize ADDOV2	<i>Cummings' Architectural Details</i> , 1873

Oversize ADDOV52 *Ten Working Designs for Catholic Churches* , 1869
In enclosure.

Portfolios

Builders' Portfolio
Each volume contains 100 plates.

Oversize ADDOV19 Volume I, 1886

Oversize ADDOV20 Volume II

Oversize ADDOV20 Volume III

Serial Publications

New York Sketch Book of Architecture
Illustrated, issued monthly, bound.

Oversize ADDOV3 Volume II, 1875

Oversize ADDOV1 Volume III, 1876

Oversize 77, Folder 8 Architecture [Oversize]

Map-folder 10-11 Architecture [Map Folder]

Map-folder 7 Architecture [Map Folder]

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Times Square Looking North from Times Bldg. [photomechanical reproduction of photograph from book, "Catalog of Night Scenes,"], 1907
1 Item (Illustration on page of book)
Newcomb Publishing Co. (New York), Publisher
Inslee & Deck Co., Photographer
English.

Local Numbers

8511 (CBA Neg.)

Topic: Architecture -- New York (State) -- New York
 Night photography -- New York (State) -- New York -- 1900-1910

Place: New York (N.Y.) -- 1900-1910
 Times Square (New York, N.Y.) -- 1900-1910

Genre/Form: Photomechanical prints