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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 case folders, 6 flat boxes (4 full, 2 partial), plus digital images of some collection material.)
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, d. 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)

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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](#)

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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 o/s 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 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 o/s 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 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 <i>1 Item</i> Woolworth, F. W., Publisher 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 o/s 3, Folder 5	Kendall, H. E. Willesdon School London, England
Box o/s 79, Folder 1	King, D. W. New York, New York
Box o/s 3, Folder 5	Linford, Benjamin A. "The Hall," Bardwold Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box o/s 79, Folder 3	Lohman, Charles K. Egadiner 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 79, Folder 1	Nichols, Frank D. Bridgeport, Connecticut
Box 1, Folder 9	Ohrenstein, E. J. Chicago, Illinois
Box 79, Folder 1	Osgood, James R. and Company Location Unknown
Box 1, Folder 9	Palliser, Palliser and Company Bridgeport, Connecticut
Box 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 79, Folder 2	Richardson, H. H. Austin Hall, Harvard Law School, 1883
Box 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 o/s 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	Scham, J. H. Indianapolis, Indiana
Box 1, Folder 14	Scheidler, A.A. No location
Box 1, Folder 14	Schwarzmann and Kafka Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box o/s 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 79, Folder 1	Snyder, Howard C. and Leonard S. Henry No location
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 o/s 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

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\(s\): Simplex Sectional Garages and Summer Cottages \[catalog\].](#)

Local Numbers

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In Box 1, Folder 11.

Topic: Cottages
Garages
Genre/ Catalogs -- 1910-1960
Form:

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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 o/s 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 o/s 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 o/s 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 o/s 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 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 o/s 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 o/s 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 o/s 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 o/s 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 o/s 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.

Monographs

Oversize ADDOV2 *Architecture. Designs for Street Fronts, Suburban Homes, and Cottages,*
1866

Oversize ADDOV1 *Bicknell's Cottage and Villa Architecture,* 1878

Oversize ADDOV2 *Builders of Connecticut, Volume II,* undated

Oversize ADDOV2 *Concrete Country Residences,* 1909
Fifth edition.

Oversize ADDOV2 *Concrete Houses and Cottages, Volume II: Small Houses,* 1909

Oversize ADDOV2 *Cummings' Architectural Details,* 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-case 1, Drawer 7, Architecture [Map-case]
Map-folder 10-11

Map-case 1, Drawer 7, Architecture [Map-case]
Map-folder 7

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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

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