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## Guide to the Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Astronomy

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Astronomy
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Astronomy
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1770-1940
<b>Extent:</b>	0.49 Cubic feet (consisting of 1 box, 1 folder, 1 oversize folder.)
<b>Creator:</b>	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Summary:</b>	A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Astronomy</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: <a href="#">Warshaw Collection of Business Americana</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Astronomy 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: Astronomy, Archives Center,  
National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution

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## Scope and Contents

This subject category- Astronomy- consists primarily of publications relating to astronomical research and practices. Most are in the form of monographs; some are reprints of lectures. Subjects include stars, the sun and moon, comets, observatories, apparatus, and others. A few items are for educational use. Publications relating to the Transit of Venus in both 1769 and 1882 may be of particular interest. Illustrations depicting astronomers and astronomical instruments are also present. The material has been arranged alphabetically by title.

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## 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

- Box 1, Folder 1      *Archaeology and Astronomy, 1939*  
William Bell Dinsmore
- Box 1, Folder 1      *Astronomical Tables and Precepts for Calculating the true Times of New and Full  
Moons and shewing the method of projecting Eclipses, from the Creation of the  
World to A.D. 7800, 1773*  
James Ferguson
- Box 1, Folder 1      *Astronomy, Outline of Eight Lectures on, 1824*  
Mr. Goodacre
- Box 1, Folder 2      *Astronomical Maps and Charts, circa 1800*
- Box 1, Folder 3      *Astronomy, 1803*  
London
- Box 1, Folder 4      *The Comet of 1771: Investigation of its Orbit, 1879*  
William Beebe
- Box 1, Folder 4      "Comparison of Photometric Magnitudes of the Stars", 1894  
Edward C. Pickering
- Box 1, Folder 4      *The Computation of Eclipses and Occultations, Elementary Treatise on, 1835*  
J. W. Lubbock London
- Box 1, Folder 5      *Davis' New Geographical and Astronomical Apparatus, 1854*  
Guide for Using "Lunatellus" and "Heliotellus" No date
- Box 1, Folder 5      *Destiny of the Solar System*  
D. Vaughan Lectures
- Box 1, Folder 5      *Discovery of Variable Stars from their Photographic Spectra, 1869*  
Edward C. Pickering, 1894
- Box 1, Folder 6-7      *Dudley Observatory, 1858, 1890*  
Albany, New York
- Box 1, Folder 8      *Eclipses, A Lecture on, circa 1790*
- Box 1, Folder 8      *Eclipses of Jupiter's Satellites*  
Photographic observations 1895
- Box 1, Folder 8      *Eclipse, total*

Mattoon, Illinois

- Box 1, Folder 9      *Four Propositions...Regarding Determining the Distance of the Sun Using the Theory of Gravity*, 1769  
Newcastle
- Oversize 4, Folder 7      The Great Refracting Telescope, 1848  
Cambridge, Massachusetts  
  
Illustration and description, circa 1850
- Box 1, Folder 7      The Great Refracting Telescope  
Cambridge, Massachusetts Circa 1850
- Box 1, Folder 7      Loose page of engraved illustrations of astronomical subjects  
No date [circa 1800?]
- Box 1, Folder 10      *Gilberts Guide to and History of Halley's Comet*, 1835
- Box 1, Folder 10      "I. D. Haile's Universal Orrery Globe"  
Instructions for
- Box 1, Folder 10      "Joslin's New Solar Telluric Globe", 1866, 1858  
Manuals for
- Box 1, Folder 11      *Mercator Map of the Starry Heavens*  
(Description and Explanation of) W. Croswell, 1810
- Box 1, Folder 11      *Moons Rotation, Doctrine of the*, 1856  
James L. Mac-Elshender Edinburgh
- Box 1, Folder 12      National Convention of Amateur Astronomers, 1939  
Program of
- Box 1, Folder 12      *Natural and Experimental Philosophy* Lectures on, 1806  
George Adams
- Box 1, Folder 12      *Natural and Experimental Philosophy*  
Analysis of lectures on A. Walker, ca. 1800
- Box 1, Folder 13      Observatories  
Publications and images of
- Box 1, Folder 14      *Path of the Earth and Moon in the Plane of the Ecliptic*, 1894  
Verplanck, Colvin
- Box 1, Folder 15      Periodical, 1783, name unknown; articles, 1783

"Aurora Borealis", "An Account of a Meteor" , Origin of Meteoric Stones"

- Box 1, Folder 16      Royal Astronomical Society  
Monthly Notices of November 1877 and March 1878
- Box 1, Folder 17      *Smith's Illustrated Astronomy*  
School textbook, 1851
- Box 1, Folder 18      *Research Career in Astronomy, A*, 1923  
Paul W. Merrill
- Box 1, Folder 18      *Stars Having Peculiar Spectra . . .*, 1895  
M. Fleming
- Box 1, Folder 18      *Studies of the Stars*, 1877  
Chautauqua text book  
Henry W. Warren, D.D.
- Box 1, Folder 18      *The Sun; Or Great Solar Luminary*, 1855  
M. McCarthy Reidy
- Box 1, Folder 19      *Transit of Venus, 1769, Instructions Relative to the Observations of the Ensuing  
Transit of the Planet VENUS Over the Sun's Disk*, 1768  
Nevil Maskelyne, A. M.
- Box 1, Folder 19      *Transit of Venus, December 5 and 6, 1882, Observations of, made at the  
Harvard College Observatory*, 1883  
Edward C. Pickering
- Box 1, Folder 20      Publications in German:  
  
                         *Die Erhdung des Teleskop*, No date  
  
                         *Zietschrift fur Mathamatischen und Naturwissen-Schaftlichen Unterricht H.  
Schotten*, 1910
- Box 1, Folder 21      Images of Astronomers
- Box 1, Folder 22      Images of Astronomical Instruments
- Box 1, Folder 23      Miscellaneous Astronomy
- Box SUPP 3, Folder 12      Publications. Image., 1858-1894

Contains a biography of James Nasmyth (1894), a booklet *Specimens of the Garbling Letters* (1858, Dudley Observatory), and a color illustration of the Yerkes Telescope (1893).

Oversize 4, Folder 7

Astronomy [Oversize]