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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Banking
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Banking
Date:	1724-1975
Extent:	13.66 Cubic feet (consisting of 30 boxes, 2 folders, 6 oversize folders.)
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Language:	English Collection is in English with some materials in French, German, Spanish, Chinese, and one additional unidentified language.
Summary:	A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Banking and Banks</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

Banking and Bankers 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.

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](#)

Processing Information

In 2016, with funding provided by the Smithsonian Institution's Collections Care and Preservation Fund, the Archives Center at the National Museum of American History implemented the use of minimal level processing standards to increase information about and facilitate access to more of our collections. Arrangement and housing (box and folder) were completed at an earlier date by the Archives Center staff, which also included a preliminary Scope and Content note. Non-archival housing was replaced for long-term stability, but staples and other fasteners have not all been removed.

Folder contents were verified with date(s) added; the scope and content note was enhanced, folder-level description was completed, and a machine-readable, encoded finding aid was created by Nicole Blechynden, May 2017.

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Scope and Contents

Most of the banking documents are 19th century (1830-1890) commercial banking correspondence on letterhead stationary between banking customers and clients and their banks, banking houses, dealers and exchanges (rather than bank to bank correspondence) and cancelled checks from large banks such as Shawmut Bank, Bank of Kent, Bank of Whitehall, and Wells Fargo. Correspondence topics include loans, foreign currency exchanges, mortgages, estates and taxes.

Banking regulations, bank annual reports, state and congressional legislation, stock certificates, and bond certificates are also present.

Notes of exchange (first, second and third exchanges), what appears to be scrip issued for currency requirements, promissory notes ("I promise to pay"), complaints concerning non-payment, and a few documents on banknote companies are among the materials.

Bank-issued booklets on various subjects such as saving money, the effect of various depressions, including The Great Depression, may be included in the folder of the publishing bank, and a few other related publications are in the subject series.

Some early material on investment banks (Kidder Peabody, Brown Brothers) and a large number of items from The Manhattan Company, an early bank type organization is also included.

Most of the material comes from the northeastern United States, with a large amount from New York. The vast majority of items are organized by name of the issuing bank, or the name of the bank that cashed the

check, with names like "Bank of Kent" filed under "Kent, Bank of". Banks named First National Bank of... are filed under "F" and banks with names like State Bank of New York are filed under "S". Those items that do not contain an identifiable bank name have been filed in Checks and Records by state.

Documents where no bank name or geographic origin is discernible are in folders organized by document examples, e.g. Bankruptcy and Foreclosure.

A small number of documents and checks from non-U.S. banks are included in Box 29.

Arrangement

The original arrangement was completed by Archives Center Staff (date unknown). Minor modification was made to the arrangement during additional processing. The collection is arranged into three subseries.

Series 1: Business Records and Marketing Material, 1724-1975

Series 2: Genre, 1836-1913

Series 3: Subjects, 1857-1967

- Business Records and Marketing Material
- Genre
- Subject

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Advertising history
Bankers
Banking
Banks and banking, American -- 19th century
Education -- finance
Land titles -- Registration and transfer
Loans, Personal -- 18th century
Money
Savings bonds
advertising -- Banks

Types of Materials:

Advertisements
Advertising
Advertising cards
Advertising mail
Bank statements
Business cards
Business ephemera
Business letters

Business records
Caricatures
Commercial correspondence
Correspondence
Ephemera
Financial records
Illustrations
Invoices
Land titles
Legal correspondence
Legal documents
Legal records
Letterheads
Periodicals
Print advertising
Printed ephemera
Promissory notes
Publications
Publications -- Business
Receipts
Receipts (financial records)
Stock certificates
Stock records
Wills

Container Listing

Business Records and Marketing Material, 1724-1975

Documents and materials include a variety of written records such as correspondence, letterheads, canceled and blank checks, invoices, and receipts. Promotional and advertising materials include print advertisements, circulars, company sponsored publications, tokens, blotter cards, plus give away items like pocket memo books and calendars.

Arranged in individual folders alphabetically by company or proprietorship name. Many folders contain just one item, but also may contain more.

Domestic, 1724-1975

Banking Institutions, 1793-1975

Box 1, Folder 1-59	A, 1802-1942 (bulk 1848-1916)
Oversize 7, Folder 1	Atomic Development Mutual Fund Incorporated, 1955 Semi-annual stock holders report (two copies).
Box 1, Folder 60-71	B-Ba, 1851-1910
Box 2, Folder 1-90	Ba-Br, 1823-1954
Oversize 7, Folder 1	Bowery Savings Bank, 1937 Circular regarding the "treasury hunt" for unclaimed funds.
Box 3, Folder 1-7	Br-Br, 1864-1892
Box 3, Folder 8-14	Brown, J.B., and Sons, 1851-1885
Box 3, Folder 15-45	Br-By, 1851-1924
Box 3, Folder 46-63	C-Ca, 1849-1924
Box 4, Folder 1-61	Ca-Ch, 1826-1965
Oversize 7, Folder 1	Chase National Bank, 1945
Oversize 7, Folder 1	Chemical Fund Incorporated, 1956
Box 5, Folder 1-63	Ch-Co, 1818-1975
Oversize 7, Folder 1	Clapp and Company, 1892

Box 6, Folder 1-16	Co-Cu, 1852-1923
Oversize 7, Folder 1	Cooke, Jay, and Company, 1865
Box 6, Folder 17-44	D, 1834-1974 (bulk 1834-1911)
Box 6, Folder 45-62	E, 1838-1965 (bulk 1838-1925)
Box 6, Folder 63-72	F-Fa, 1836-1929
Box 7, Folder 1-45	Fa-Fi, 1828-1934
Oversize 7, Folder 1	Farmers National Bank, undated
Oversize 7, Folder 1	Federal Reserve Banks, 1920
Oversize 7, Folder 1	First National Bank, 1919
Box 8, Folder 1-26	Fi-Fo , 1852-1965
Box 8, Folder 27-33	Foote and French, 1873-1887
Box 8, Folder 34-53	Fo-Fu, 1837-1927
Oversize 7, Folder 1	Fulton Bank, 1887
Box 8, Folder 54-59	G-Ge, 1857-1920
Box 9, Folder 1-39	Ge-Gu, 1849-1958
Box 9, Folder 40-49	Gwynne and Day, 1857-1864
Box 9, Folder 50-70	H-Ha, 1850-1920
Box 10, Folder 1-41	Ha-Hu, circa 1830-1942
Box 10, Folder 42-66	I, 1831-1946 Indiana National Bank folder contains banquet and officer photos.
Box 10, Folder 67-79	J, 1850-1888
Box 10, Folder 80-86	K-Ke, 1853-1889

Box 11, Folder 1-5	Ke, 1861-1914
Oversize 82, Folder 6	Keene National Bank, undated
Box 11, Folder 6-22	Kent, Bank of, 1841-1877
Box 12, Folder 1-13	Kent, Bank of, 1856-1864
Box 30, Folder 7	Kent, Bank of, Correspondence Copy Book, undated Bank of Kent. Mostly illegible. Month and day appear on most letters but no year is present.
Box 12, Folder 14-36	Ke-Kr, circa 1810-1917
Box 12, Folder 37-38	L-La, circa 1870-1921
Box 13, Folder 1-52	La-Ly, 1821-1951
Box 13, Folder 53-62	M-Ma, 1799-1930 (bulk 1818-1930) The 1799 dated item is a reproduction of an advertisement.
Box 14, Folder 1-38	Ma-Me, circa 1810-1950
Box 15, Folder 1-44	Me, 1825-1931 Account books for the Jermain family (1863-1886) are in Folder 2, Mechanics' and Farmers' Bank. A money bag is in Folder 20, Merchant's Bank and Trust Company.
Box 16, Folder 1-12	Mi, 1851-1902
Box 16, Folder 13-20	Minot and Company, 1867-1879
Box 16, Folder 21-23	Mi, 1867-1890
Box 17, Folder 1-37	Mi-My, 1846-1921
Box 17, Folder 38-80	N-Na, 1835-1974 (bulk 1835-1942)
Box 18, Folder 1-62	Na-Ne, 1798-1981
Box 19, Folder 1-47	Ne-No, 1811-1959

Checkbook and account books for the Jermain family are in Folder 9-11,
New York State National Bank.

Box 19, Folder 48-71	O, 1832-1919
Box 20, Folder 1-60	P-Po, circa 1800-1941
Box 21, Folder 1-27	Po-Pu, circa 1830-1959 Includes materials related to Augustus T. Post, Folder 5, Post, Aug. T. Banker and Dealer.
Box 21, Folder 28-37	Q, 1845-1906
Box 21, Folder 38-70	R-Ro, 1838-1924
Oversize 82, Folder 6	Robinson and Ogden, 1881 Color lithographic poster.
Box 22, Folder 1-19	Ro-Ru, circa 1850-1931
Box 22, Folder 20-81	S-Sh, 1803-1955
Oversize 7, Folder 1	Seaman's Sailing Fund Society, undated In English and German.
Box 23, Folder 1-47	Sh-St, 1838-1910 Items related to Augustus T. Post in Folder 8, Shepard, E.D., and Company.
Oversize 7, Folder 1	South Bend Street Building and Loan Association, undated
Box 23, Folder 48-55	State of New York, Bank Department, 1854-1914
Box 23, Folder 56-64	St, 1822-1927 Contains many "State of" banking institutions.
Box 24, Folder 1-19	St-Sy, 1848-1926 Contains many "State of" banking institutions.
Box 24, Folder 20-32	T-Th, 1849-1918
Box 24, Folder 33-43	Thompson, J., Banking Office, 1856-1857
Box 24, Folder 44-65	Th-Tr, 1827-1938

Box 25, Folder 1-6	Tr-Tu, 1849-1934
Box 25, Folder 7-12	Turner, Manuel, and Company, 1882-1898
Box 25, Folder 13-15	Tu-TW, 1873-1913
Box 25, Folder 16-59	U-Ut, 1793-1954 (bulk 1816-1931)
Oversize 7, Folder 1	Union Mortgage and Trust Company, undated Illustration of building (two copies).
Oversize 7, Folder 1	United States Loan Office, 1793
Box 26, Folder 1	Ut, 1873-1874
Box 26, Folder 2-9	V, 1827-1906
Box 26, Folder 10-36	W-Wh, 1839-1949 (bulk 1839-1931) Includes Wells Fargo in Folder 23.
Box 26, Folder 37-43	Whitehall, Bank of, 1834-1856
Box 26, Folder 44-51	Wh-Wi, 1852-1910
Box 27, Folder 1-13	Wi-Wr, 1851-1912
Box 27, Folder 14-15	Y, 1863-1885
Box 27, Folder 16	Z, 1884
Box 27, Folder 17	Miscellaneous, circa 1860 Three hand written items with no clear association to an institution: a deposit note, an envelope with the name "Mr. Sturgeon," and a list of numbers.

Document Examples, 1724-1944

Box SUPP 4, Folder 7	Account Book. Checkbooks., 1863-1871 Includes checkbook for Geo. Opdyke & Company, New York (circa 1870).
Box SUPP 4, Folder 6	Assorted Business Records, Marketing Material, Architecture, 1771-1940 Contains a variety of checks, notes, and correspondence that serve as transactional records. Also includes two sheets of blank checks, a couple

of account statements, a few bank informational circulars, advertising trade cards.

Box 27, Folder 18	Bankruptcy and Foreclosure, 1822-1890
Box 27, Folder 19-21	Cash Account Statements, 1852-1856
	Checks and Records, By State No specific institution is readily identifiable on these documents.
Box 27, Folder 22	Alabama, 1847-1850
Box 27, Folder 23	California, 1850
Box 27, Folder 24	Connecticut, 1845-1847
Box 27, Folder 25	Delaware, 1860-1862
Box 27, Folder 26	Illinois , 1857-1858
Box 27, Folder 27	Georgia, 1844-1868
Box 27, Folder 28	Indiana, 1853
Box 27, Folder 29	Iowa, 1879
Box 27, Folder 30	Kentucky, 1882-1883
Box 27, Folder 31	Louisiana, 1839-1863
Box 27, Folder 32	Maine, 1856-1914
Box 27, Folder 33	Maryland, 1781-1857
Box 27, Folder 34	Massachusetts, 1797-1890 Includes checks plus additional business records related to Massachusetts banking institutions.
Box 27, Folder 35	Michigan, 1861
Box 27, Folder 36	Missouri, 1844-1881
Box 27, Folder 37	New Hampshire, 1849-1873

	Includes checks plus additional business records related to New Hampshire banking institutions.
Box 27, Folder 38	New Jersey, 1857-1924
Box 27, Folder 39	New York, circa 1792-1899 Includes checks plus additional business records related to New York banking institutions.
Box 27, Folder 10	Ohio, 1860-1877
Box 37, Folder 41	Pennsylvania, 1765-1921 Includes checks plus additional business records related to Pennsylvania banking institutions.
Box 27, Folder 42	Rhode Island, 1827-1880
Box 27, Folder 43	Vermont, 1857-1884 Includes checks plus additional business records related to Vermont banking institutions.
Box 27, Folder 44	Virginia, 1791-circa 1890 Includes checks plus additional business records related to Virginia banking institutions.
Box 28, Folder 1	Exchange, Letters of, 1838
Oversize 7, Folder 1	1st - 3rd Notes of Exchange, circa 1800 Blank, on a single sheet.
Box 28, Folder 2	Interest Tables and Tools, 1901, undated Includes foreign exchange, and a wheel revolving interest calculator.
Oversize 7, Folder 3	Simple and Compound Interest Table Wheel, 1849
Box 28, Folder 3	Legal , 1841 Power of attorney, and unrelated additional handwritten notes.
Box 28, Folder 4	Loans, In Default, 1829-1943 Includes notices regarding non-payment of promissory notes.
Box 28, Folder 5	Promissory Notes, 1724-1920 (bulk 1820-1850) Includes also some promissory notes specifically related to estate distribution.
Oversize 7, Folder 2	Regents Merchantile Corporation, 1920

Promissory note with intact coupons.

- Box 28, Folder 6 Real Estate and Mortgages, 1829-1901
Includes one hand drawn map for properties along the Illinois River (undated) showing Henry Johnson's properties and the owner's names of adjacent lots.
- Oversize 8, Folder 5 Bank of Pittsburg, 1833
Deed.
- Oversize 8, Folder 5 Lee, Levi, 1831
Mortgage document.
- Box 28, Folder 7 Receipts, 1828-1926
- Box 28, Folder 8 Replica Currency , 1954
Seven facsimiles of Confederate States of America bills.
- Box 28, Folder 9 Stocks and Bonds, 1814-1944
Includes circulars, stock and bond certificates plus coupons, correspondence, receipts, transactional listings and records, and purchase agreements.
- Oversize 7, Folder 2 Oversize
- Liberty Bond Certificate with Coupons, undated
Ministry of Finance, National Government of the Republic of China.
In English and Chinese.
- Martin and Company Incorporated, 1916
- Ostrander, W.M., circa 1906
Two promotional circulars.
- State of New York Bounty Bond, 1866
Two notes with differing serial numbers.
- U.S. Four Percent Bond, 1871
- War Bond News*, Bankers Trust Company, 1944
- Box 28, Item Enclosure Receivable/Payable Ledger, 1835-1849
In enclosure.
- Box 28, Item Enclosure Receipt Book, 1851-1871

Of Daniel Buck. In enclosure.

Box 28, Item
Enclosure

Titles, State Savings Bank, 1864-1866
Folded documents in their original metal edged cardstock box.

International, 1767-1924

Materials are in English unless otherwise noted.

Box 29, Folder 1	Australia, 1863-1921
Box 29, Folder 2	Belgium, undated In French.
Box 29, Folder 3	Canada, 1845-1919
Box 29, Folder 4	Columbia, 1862
Box 29, Folder 5	Cuba, 1862
Box 29, Folder 6	England, 1767-1917
Box 29, Folder 7	France, 1866-1919 In English and French.
Box 29, Folder 8	Germany, 1905-1924 In English and German.
Box 29, Folder 9	Haiti , 1796 Formerly St. Domingo.
Box 29, Folder 10	Ireland, 1855-1877
Box 29, Folder 11	Italy, circa 1902-1908
Box 29, Folder 12	Malaysia, 1862
Box 29, Folder 13	Mexico, 1894 In Spanish.
Box 29, Folder 14	Netherlands, 1885-1909 In French.
Box 29, Folder 15	Scotland, 1864-1873

- Box 29, Folder 16 South Africa, 1907
- Box 29, Folder 17 Sweden, 1907
In French.
- Box 29, Folder 18 Switzerland, 1852, undated
In English and undetermined language.
- Box 29, Folder 19 Wales, circa 1820

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Genre, 1836-1913

Illustrations, mostly caricatures, plus printed matter related to the banking industry, including some legislation and regulatory documents, are included in this series.

- Box 29, Folder 20 Images, undated
Caricatures of banking personalities, plus one image each of a bank vault door and the facade of the Imperial Bank of Russia, St. Petersburg.
- Box SUPP 4, Folder 6 Bank Architecture, illustrations
- Oversize 7, Folder 3 I Sold On Credit! I Sold In Cash!, undated
Color poster.
- Box 29, Folder 21 Industry Printing Services, 1874-1909, undated
Advertisements and circulars for business-to-business printing services.
- Box 29, Folder 22 Industry Publications, circa 1870-1913
Marketing material for bank almanacs, tables, cards, and other reference type material.
- Oversize 82, Folder 8 Thompson's Bank Note and Commercial Reporter, undated
Supplement.
- Box 29, Folder 23 Legislation and Regulation, 1836-1895

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Subjects, 1857-1967

- Box 29, Folder 24 Advertising History, 1967
- Associations
- Box 29, Folder 25 American Bankers' Association, 1885-1887

One postcard and two conference/address publications.

- Box 29, Folder 26 American Banking Association, 1939 April
Banking (journal, 2 copies).
- Oversize 7, Folder 3 *Bankers Convention Supplement*, Commercial and Finance Chronicle, 1910,
1924
Three photocopied pages of advertisements. 1910 Vol. 91, pp. 22-23. 1924,
Vol. 119, p. 21.
- Box 29, Folder 27 Finance, 1865-1874
General publications on "getting rich" and other financial management topics.
- Oversize 7, Folder 3 *Financial Review*, 1889 February 6
One issue: Vol. VI, No. 6.
- Oversize 7, Folder 3 "How's Your Credit", *New York Times Magazine*, 1953 September 13
- Investments, 1892-1965
- Box 29, Folder 28 General, 1904-1948
Three publications and one serial on the topic of securities and investments.
- Box 29, Folder 29 Christmas Clubs, 1960
- Oversize 7, Folder 3 Mutual Guarantee Building and Loan Association of Philadelphia, circa 1892
Broadside, in enclosure (2 pieces, split at fold).
- Box 29, Folder 30 National Thrift Committee Incorporated, 1955-1965
- Box 30, Folder 1-2 Depressions, 1871-1937
Publications and essays on 19th and 20th century depression eras.
- Box 30, Folder 3 Federal Reserve, History and Purpose of, 1921
- Box 30, Folder 4 History of Banking and Money, 1903-1962
Six publications on various topics such as early banking practices, state banks,
and money.
- Box 30, Folder 5 New York Banking Industry, 1857-1908
- Box 30, Folder 6 School Savings Banks, 1897

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