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Guide to the Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Bicycles

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Bicycles
Date:	1884-1898 undated
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Bicycles
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Extent:	2.13 Cubic feet (consisting of 4.5 boxes, 1 folder, 4 oversize folders, plus digital images of some collection material.)
Language:	English .
Summary:	A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Bicycles</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: Bicycles

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Bicycles 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

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- [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. A large portion of stored material from the original acquisition received minimal level processing, which resulted in additions to this Subject category. This effort included basic arrangement and replacement of non-archival housing for long-term stability, but staples and other fasteners have not all been removed. Revisions to the encoded finding aid were made to reflect the added content in context to the previously processed material.

Minimal level processing and enhancement of the machine-readable finding aid completed by Nicole Blechynden, September 2017.

Processing Information

Boxes 1-5 are unprocessed. Descriptions available for oversize materials only.

Preferred Citation

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

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Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Bicycle industry

Types of Materials:

Business ephemera
Ephemera

Container Listing

Business Records, Marketing Material, and Other, 1884-1898, undated

Box 1	Bicycles
Box 2	Bicycles
Box 3	Bicycles
Box 4	Bicycles
Box 5	Bicycles
Oversize 8, Folder 1	Iver Johnson
Oversize 8, Folder 1	"American Star Bicycle" (diagram), H.B. Smith Machine Company, Smithville, New Jersey
Oversize 8, Folder 1	"Diana Bicycles for 1895", Cortland Wagon Company, Cortland, New York
Oversize 8, Folder 1	Mead Cycle Company, Chicago, Illinois
Oversize 8, Folder 1	"Oregon Bicycles", The Louis Company, Chicago, Illinois
Oversize 8, Folder 1	"Rambler for 1894", Gormully and Jeffrey Manufacturing Company, Chicago, Illinois
Oversize 8, Folder 1	Michigan Buggy Company, Kalamazoo, Michigan
Oversize 8, Folder 1	"Vive La Bicycletee!" (pastel image)
Oversize 84, Folder 1	General Image of Women on Bicycles
Oversize 84, Folder 2	Mead Cycle Company, Chicago, Illinois
Oversize 84, Folder 3	E.I. Horsman, New York, New York
Oversize 84, Folder 3	National Wagon Company, Holly, Michigan
Oversize 84, Folder 3	"A Century Run" (lithograph)
Oversize 84, Folder 3	"The River Drive-Fairmount Park" (lithograph), Julius Bien B. Company, New York, New York, 1897
Oversize 84, Folder 3	Touraine Bicycle Tires, Akron, Ohio Notes: Distributed by E.H. Hall Company, Inc., Rochester, New York

Oversize 84, Folder 3	"Bargains in New and Second Hand Bicycles" Price List, 1912
Oversize 84, Folder 3	Sears and Roebuck and Company, Chicago, Illinois
Oversize 84, Folder 3	Monarch Bicycle Manufacturing Company, Chicago, Illinois
Oversize 84, Folder 3	Exhibition of Bicycle Drop Forgings, National Cycle Show, 1899, New York, New York
Oversize 84, Folder 3	J.H. Williams and Company, Brooklyn, New York
Box SUPP 5, Folder 3	General, Bicycles, 1884-1898 Notes: Advertisements for bicycles. Announcements and a ribbon for rides, races, and club events. A couple of greeting cards (Christmas, Valentines) featuring bicycles. One piece of business correspondence.
Map-folder 6	Bicycles

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