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

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Bridges
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Bridges
Date:	1818-1941
Extent:	1 Cubic foot (consisting of 2 boxes, 1 folder, 3 oversize folders, 2 map case folders, 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: Bridges</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: Bridges

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Bridges 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](#)

Other Finding Aids

An [inventory](#) for Boxes 1-2 and oversize materials is available. Details for additional collection material can be found in the Contents/Container List.

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.

Preferred Citation

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

Restrictions

Collection is open for research. Some items may be restricted due to fragile condition.

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Scope and Contents

This subject category- Bridges consists primarily of materials relating to bridge builders and suppliers of bridge building materials as well as individual bridges, publications, and other materials relating to bridge building. Bridge types include beam, truss, suspension, highway and railroad bridges. Various construction types, such as iron, steel and concrete are represented. Most of the material in this collection was produced in the north eastern United States; a few items are European. While the material dates from 1818 to 1941, the bulk of it was produced between 1870 and 1910. A considerable number of bridge images are present.

The material is arranged in four series.

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

Business Records, Marketing Material, and Other, 1818-1941

Box 1	Bridges
Box 2	Bridges
Box SUPP 6, Folder 6	Business Records. Illustration., 1894-1915 Receipts and correspondence related to bridge construction and engineering. One trade card featuring a bridge.
Oversize 9, Folder 6	Bridges
Oversize 86, Folder 3-4	Bridges
Map-case 1, Drawer 9, Map-folder 10	Bridges
Map-case 1, Drawer 9, Map-folder 16	Bridges

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