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Collection Overview

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Date:	1828-1957
Extent:	0.94 Cubic feet (consisting of 2 boxes, 2 oversize folders, plus digital images of some collection material.)
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Language:	English .
Summary:	A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Building and Construction</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

Building and Construction 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

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Processing Information

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Scope and Contents

This collection consists primarily of scattered correspondence on letterhead stationery, bills and receipts, trade cards, building specifications, publications, periodicals, contracts, stocks, expense schedules and building permits. Most of these materials are from manufacturers of, and dealers in building products. These include terra cotta tile, lumber, doors, sashes, moldings, balusters, stairs and cornices. There are also materials from builders, carpenters, joiners, stone cutters, masons, plasterers, stucco workers, bricklayers, house painters, decorators and architects.

Most of the buildings are for public use; however there are companies such as Sears, Roebuck & Company that produced specifications and products for private use including homes, summer cottages, garages, and shelters. Public buildings represented include those for use by railroads and their passengers, power plants, storage facilities, work shops, municipal voting houses, telephone booths, hunting lodges, boat houses, bath houses, docks, film projection booths, bunkhouses, and portable school houses. The buildings are mostly stone, brick, iron and steel structures. Some of these are fire-proof.

Other materials include periodicals and publications relating to the building trades. Included is a 1913 book of plans for a model fire-proof farm house. A group of general materials includes building permits, contracts, specifications and caricatures of builders.

Arrangement

This series is arranged into 3 subseries:

- Subseries 1: Builders, Carpenters, and Manufacturers and Distributors of Building Products, circa 1860-1920
 - Subseries 2: Publications, 1887-1928
 - Subseries 3: General Information, circa 1835-1910
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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:

Building
Construction

Types of Materials:

Business ephemera
Ephemera

Container Listing

Business Records, Marketing Material, and Other, 1828-1957

Builders, Carpenters, and Manufacturers and Distributors of Building Products, 1860-1920

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Subseries 2: Publications, 1887-1928

This subseries includes periodicals and publications relating to the building trades. Included is a 1913 book of plans for a model fire-proof farm house.

Arranged alphabetically by title in two subseries:

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Subseries 2.1: Periodicals Related to the Trade, 1888-1927

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Box 2, Folder 25 "Model Fire-Proof Farm House or Country Home", 1913

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Publication about shopping centers, Metal Lath Manufacturers Association

Box 2, Folder 27 Rules of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners, 1893

Box 2, Folder 28 "Service Index", Architectural Service Corporation, 1918 August, 1919 May

Box 2, Folder 29 *To Builders, Contractors and Others. Extracts from Ordinances of the City of Brooklyn, (1835-1855)*, 1874

Box 2, Folder 30 "Valuable Tables and Memoranda for the Use of Builders", 1887

Subseries 3: General Information, circa 1835-1910

This subseries includes building permits, contracts, specifications and caricatures of builders.

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Box SUPP 6, Folder 7-8	Business Records and Marketing Material. Annual Report., 1858-1957 A sampling of documents and advertising covering a number of aspects of building and construction including wrecking, excavation, masonry and stone or slate work, boring and drilling, cellars and wells, supplies, surveying, shingles, cranes, beams, insulation, and finishes. Includes the 1957 Annual Report for Merritt-Chapman and Scott Corporation. Sample book for Cabot's "Quilt" insulation.

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