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

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Camping
Date:	circa 1887-1948
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Camping
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Extent:	0.53 Cubic feet (consisting of 1 box, 1 folder, 2 oversize folders, 1 map case folder.)
Language:	English .
Summary:	A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Camping</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

Camping 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](#) .

Missing Title:

- [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.

Preferred Citation

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Scope and Contents

This material consists primarily of printed advertisements, catalogues, brochures, cooking recipes, price lists and scattered correspondence on letterhead stationery from manufacturers and dealers of camping equipment.

The companies tended to manufacture products such as trailer awnings, duffle bags, boots, axes, hunting knives, ropes, out bags, camp stoves, lamps, sleeping bags, hunting apparel, cooking utensils, knapsacks, blankets and tents. Tents appear to be the main product for a number of these companies. The tents were manufactured for circuses, stables, concessions, carnivals, fairs, travelers and offices. Other products not related to camping include pre-fabricated houses and hammocks.

A smaller amount of material consists primarily of brochures, scattered correspondence, instructions and pamphlets from camps and camping sites. The camps were mostly for youth but some adult and gender oriented camps are among these materials. Related books include *Activities for Summer Camp* published in 1948 by the Arts Cooperative Service, Inc. and *Bits of Camp Life* by C. W. Reed and Louis Harlow dedicated to the Grand Army of the Republic by the artists. This is mostly visual images of the war and was published in 1888. The bulk of the material is early twentieth century.

Arrangement

Materials are organized alphabetically by name of company. There is one folder of material on camps. There is also a folder of camp instructions and aid. The remainder of the material is five folders of related publications.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Camps
- Sports

Types of Materials:

- Business ephemera
- Ephemera

Container Listing

Subseries 1: Companies

Box 1, Folder 1	Abercrombie, David T. Camp outfitters, MFG. Company, New York, New York Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 1	Amrock, E.S. Camping Equipment Company, Waltham, Massachusetts Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 1	Anchor Supply Company (tents), Evansville, Indiana Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 2	Baxter, W.E. Camping Outfits, Frankfort, Kentucky Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 3	Comstock, A.S. Tent Manufacturer, Evanston, Illinois Language: English.
Oversize 14, Folder 1	Conroy, Thomas J., Manufacturer and Importer of Fishing Tackle and Camping Goods, New York, New York, circa 1892
Box 1, Folder 4	Eberhardt Tent Manufacturing Company, Indianapolis, Indiana Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 5	Ever Hot Manufacturing Company, Maywood, Illinois Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 6	Greene, John A., New York Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 7	Johnson, Iver Sport Goods Company, Fitchburg, Massachusetts Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 8	Marble Arms & Manufacturing Company, Gladstone, Michigan Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 9	Marble Arms & Manufacturing Company, Gladstone, Michigan Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 10	Marble Arms & Manufacturing Company, Gladstone, Michigan Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 11	Master & Wells Boston, Massachusetts Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 12	Phelps, T.C. Karnper's Korrundities, Boston, Massachusetts

Language: English.

Box 1, Folder 13 Rumrille, H.J., Umbrella Tent Manufacturing Company, Camden, New Jersey
Language: English.

Box 1, Folder 14 Texas Pre-fabricated House & Tent Company, Dallas, Texas
Language: English.

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Subseries 2: Publications, Advertisements, and Other Related Materials

Box 1, Folder 15 Camps
Language: English.

Box 1, Folder 16 Instructions and Aid
Language: English.

Box 1, Folder 17-20 Journal of Outdoor Life
Language: English.

Box 1, Folder 21 "Activities for Summer camps" Published by the Arts Cooperative Service
Language: English.

Box 1, Folder 22 Related Books
Language: English.

Box SUPP 7, Folder 5 Advertising, 1922, undated
Notes: Print ads for clothing, guides, and gear.

Oversize 14, Folder 2 Marble's Outing Equipment for Campers, Gladstone, Michigan, circa 1892

Map-folder 6 Camping

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