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## Guide to the Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Candles

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Candles
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1838-1928
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Candles
<b>Creator:</b>	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
<b>Extent:</b>	0.27 Folders (consisting of .5 box, 1 folder, 1 oversize folder.)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Candles</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: <a href="#">Warshaw Collection of Business Americana</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Candles 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](#)

### Processing Information

Oversize material is unprocessed.

## 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 bills/receipts, pamphlets, printed advertisements, import/export documents, postcards, labels, lithographs and scattered correspondence on letterhead stationery from manufacturers and distributors of candles and other related products. The companies tended to manufacture a variety of candles including beeswax, stearic acid, sulfur, chemical mould, crystal, glycerin and red oil. Other products include gas lighters, coils, artificial charcoal, soap, starch, sal-soda, indigo, wax bleachers, tapers, inks, blacking, sperm oil, teas, wines, cigars and rolls. There are a few company publications relating to the history of candle making, the shift from candles as utilitarian products to decorative pieces and the uniqueness of a particular candle manufacturing company. The bulk of the material is late nineteenth and early twentieth century.

There are a few images included among the materials . These images are lithographs of women and children with lighted candles . There is no identification of origin on the images . A number of the company related catalogs include images of candles, identification of types and prices.

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## Arrangement

Subseries one is organized by name of company. Subseries two is organized by type of material: import/export documents, general images and miscellaneous materials.

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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:

Candles  
Dry-goods  
Soap  
Waxes

Types of Materials:

Business ephemera  
Ephemera

## Container Listing

### Subseries 1: Manufacturers and Distributors, circa 1838-1928 (bulk late nineteenth century)

Scope and Contents: This material consists primarily of bills, receipts, pamphlets and scattered correspondence on letterhead stationery produced by manufacturers and distributors of candles and related products.

Box 1, Folder 1	Bancroft, John Candle Manufacturer, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 2	Baumer, Francis Candle Manufacturer, Syracuse, New York
Box 1, Folder 3	Belknap, A.& M. Soap and Candle Factory, Newburgh
Box 1, Folder 3	Brown, David S.Steam Soap & Candle Works, New York
Box 1, Folder 4	Carhart, Brother & Co. Wholesale Grocers, New York
Box 1, Folder 4	Colgate,William Candle Manufacturer, New York
Box 1, Folder 5	Colonial Candle Company, Hyannis, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 5	Cook, Alexander, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 5	Crouse, J. & D.N. Wholesale & Retail Dealers, Canastota, New York
Box 1, Folder 6	Darrah & Elwell Ship Chandlers and Grocers, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 6	Duffy, Edward & Son Soap & Candle Manufacturer, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 6	Dunbar Sulphur Candle Manufacturing Company, East Orange,New Jersey
Box 1, Folder 7	Eckermann & Will Wax Candle Manufacturers, Syracuse,New York
Box 1, Folder 8	Hoppock, J. & Son, New York
Box 1, Folder 8	Hume, S. & Company Buffalo Soap and candle Works, Buffalo,New York
Box 1, Folder 9	Mack, Miller Candle Company, Syracuse, New York
Box 1, Folder 9	Mitchel, R.B.Candle Manufacturer, Lakeville, Connecticut
Box 1, Folder 10	Pierce, Samuelcandle Wholesale and Retail Dealer, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 11	Standard Oil Company, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 11	Syracuse Candle Co., Syracuse, New York

Box 1, Folder 12      Webb & Purdy Wholesale Grocers and Commission Merchants, New York

Box 1, Folder 13      Will & Baumer Candle Manufacturer Company, Syracuse, New York

Box SUPP 7, Folder 7      Will and Baumer Company, 1913  
Notes:                      Order confirmation postcard.

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## Subseries 2: Shipping Documents, General Images, and Miscellaneous Materials

### Box 1

Box 1, Folder 14      Import/Export Documents

Box 1, Folder 15      Railroad & Shipping Documents

Box 1, Folder 16      General Images

Box 1, Folder 17      Miscellaneous

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