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Guide to the Warsaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Cash Registers

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Cash Registers
Date:	circa 1850-1954
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Cash
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Extent:	0.49 Boxes (consisting of 1 box, 1 oversize folder, 1 map case folder, 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: Cash Registers</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

Cash Registers 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](#)

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Scope and Contents

This material consists primarily of printed advertisements, scattered correspondence on letterhead stationery, catalogues, annual reports, handbills, booklets, bulletins, order forms, price lists, postcards and lithographs from manufacturers and dealers of cash registers . There is quite a bit of material from the National Cash Register Company. Some of the companies sold correct posture chairs and accounting machine desks for use with cash registers and similar machinery. The cash register is advertised as a cure-all to hand posted accounting systems eliminating duplication of work, errors in mental computations and illegible records. The companies also tended to sell a variety of other office and business machinery including check writing and signing machines, analysis machines, comptometers, bookkeeping machines, adder machines, cash drawers, posting machines, bank-bookkeeping machines and postage meter machines.

A few companies issued publications for all concerned in the cash register industry . Adder Machine Company produced bulletins titled "The Wales Way" which was named after their Wales machinery. The National Cash Register Company distributed a number of publications including "The National Cash Register", a journal which showed illustrations of company operations, employees and some usual features which included a kindergarten run by the company. "The Businessmen's N. C. R." assisted retail storekeepers make more money, create good window displays, increase profits and recognize the value of modern methods and machinery. "The N C R Weekly" was published for employees as well as customers, cash register manufacturers and the general public. All of these publications heavily advertise the company's products. The National Cash Register Company also published a book on principle nations of the world and their coinage.

The bulk of the material is late nineteenth and early twentieth century. There is one folder of general images and one folder of miscellaneous items.

Arrangement

Materials are organized alphabetically by name of company.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Bookkeeping
Cash registers

Types of Materials:

Business ephemera
Ephemera

Container Listing

Subseries 1: Companies

Box 1, Folder 1	Adder Machine Company, Wilkes, Barre, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 2	Brandt Cashier Company, Chicago, Illinois
Box 1, Folder 3	Casey, John, Jersey City, New Jersey
Box 1, Folder 3	Dayton Autographic Register Company, Dayton, Ohio
Box 1, Folder 4	Greene Register Company, Chicago, Illinois
Box 1, Folder 5	Hallwood Cash Register Company, Columbus, Ohio
Box 1, Folder 5	Lippincott and Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 6	McCaskey Register Company, Alliance, Ohio
Box 1, Folder 7	Meaker manufacturing Company, Chicago, Illinois
Box 1, Folder 8	Miles Alarm Till Manufacturing Co., Providence, Rhode Island
Box 1, Folder 9	Miller, C.B., Ithaca, New York
Box 1, Folder 10-21	National Cash Register Company, Dayton, Ohio
Box 1, Folder 22	Ohmer Fare Register Co., Dayton, Ohio
Box 1, Folder 22	Pottin Register Manufacturing Co., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 23	St. Louis Cash Register Company, St. Louis, Missouri
Box 1, Folder 24	Tucker, W.H. and company, Indianapolis, Indiana

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Subseries 2: General Images and Miscellaneous Material

Box 1, Folder 25	General Images
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Box 1, Folder 26 Miscellaneous

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Oversize 90, Folder 8 Cash Registers

Map-folder 1, Drawer
10, Map-folder 9 Cash Registers