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

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Chairs
Date:	undated 1880-1903
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Chairs
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Extent:	1 Cubic foot (consisting of 2 boxes, 1 folder, 2 oversize folders, 2 map case folders, 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: Chairs</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: Chairs

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Chairs 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)

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- [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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Restrictions

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Scope and Contents

This material consists primarily of scattered correspondence on letterhead stationery, bills/receipts, postcards, illustrated catalogs, price lists, printed advertisements, images, patents and trademarks, freight line papers, circulars and testimonials from manufacturers and dealers of chairs.

There is also some materials from cabinet makers and upholsterers. The chairs are manufactured for a variety of buildings including homes, churches, schools, halls, opera, auditorium, bank, office, library, cottage, lawn, hotels and porches. The companies also tended to manufacture a number of other products including bureaus, sofa, book cases, bank and office furniture, cradles, cribs, carriage chairs, folding beds, surgical tables, church pews, lumber dry kilns, piano stools, bedroom suites, side-boards, armoire, hamper chairs, hamper stools walkers and wash stands. The different types of chairs include lounges, reception, folding, rockers, ottomans, invalid, physicians, wheelchairs, settees, camp chairs, pushover car seats, dining chairs, sewing chairs, Grecian, puritan, and coach.

Chairs are made of cane, wood, metal, rattan and steel. There are some business cards from companies that repaired items: re-caned chairs, umbrellas mended, keys fitted and clocks cleaned.

The material is 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:

Types of Materials:

Business ephemera
Ephemera

Container Listing

Business Records, Marketing Material, and Other, 1880-1903, undated

Scope and Contents: Advertising and price list for wooden chairs, reed, rattan, aluminium office chairs, and chair manufacturing machinery.

Box 1 Chairs

Box 2 Chairs

Box SUPP 8, Folder 5 Marketing Material, 1880-1903, undated
Notes: Advertising and price list for wooden chairs, reed, rattan, aluminium office chairs, and chair manufacturing machinery.

Oversize 14, Folder 8 Chairs

Oversize 91, Folder 1 Chairs

Map-folder 11 Chairs

Map-folder 16 Chairs

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