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

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Clothing
Date:	circa 1833-1944
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Clothing
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Extent:	0.59 Cubic feet (consisting of 1 box, 4 folders, 2 oversize folders, 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: Clothing</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

Clothing 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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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.

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Scope and Contents

This material consists primarily of scattered correspondence on letter head stationery, bills/receipts, advertising cards, clothing labels, printed advertisements, fabric samples, business cards, catalogues, price lists, coins and import/export documents from importers, manufacturers and dealers of clothing. The clothing is intended for men, women and children. Custom and ready-made garments were offered by many of the establishments. There are a few companies that offered second hand clothing and others repaired and cleaned garments. Some of the advertisements suggest that credit could be obtained but would be treated like cash. Most of the businesses also sold a variety of other furnishings including shoes, boots, hats, gloves and furs. A number of advertisements for rubber, oiled and outer garments are found among these materials. Other dry goods items sold by these companies but not necessarily related to clothing are table covers, diapers, horse covers, bicycles and sewing machines.

A few of the companies specialize in garments for one group particularly men's furnishings. Most of the companies, however, are clothing houses for the whole family. For clothing companies specializing in garments for one particular gender group see appropriate subject categories. Additional materials on clothing houses represented in this material can also be found in other subject categories. The subject terms that follow are the appropriate Warshaw categories to consult.

Related Publications contains an article discussing the manufacture of ready-made clothing published in 1857.

A number of the clothing establishments used advertising cards with images of the presidents.

Materials are organized alphabetically by name of company. There are a few folders of material arranged by type: general receipts, related articles, clothing labels, import/export documents and miscellaneous items.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Children
- Dry-goods
- Gloves
- Hats
- Men's clothing
- Shoes
- Uniforms
- Women's clothing

Types of Materials:

- Business ephemera
- Ephemera

Container Listing

Subseries 1: Companies

Box 1, Folder 1	Adams & Goodwillie's Retail Clothing House, Cleveland, Ohio
Box 1, Folder 1	Adelberg-Feder Stores Incorporated, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 1	Aquascutum, Limited, London, England
Box 1, Folder 1	Argall, Thomas M., Clothing Manufacturing Company, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 2	Anthony, L.D., Providence, Rhode Island
Box 1, Folder 2	Babbitt and Chapin, Springfield, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 3	Baer, Seasongood & Clothing Manufacturing Company, Saint Louis, Missouri
Box 1, Folder 3	Barnaby, J.B., Clothing Retailer, Providence, Rhode Island
Box 1, Folder 3	Barnes, J.C., Clothing Manufacturing Company, Batavia, New York
Box 1, Folder 3	Becker Wholesale Clothier, Chicago, Illinois
Box 1, Folder 3	Berry, O.H. and Company, Richmond, Virginia
Box 1, Folder 4	Bidwell & Langdon, Monterey, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 5	Brigham, E. & Son
Box 1, Folder 5	Brokaw Brothers Fine Clothing & Furnishing Establishment, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 5	Boston Clothing House, Fall River, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 5	Boston Raincoat Company, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 5	Boston Store, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 5	Brown & Powers Tailors, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 5	Brownings Clothing, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 6	Canton One Price Clothing Company, Canton, Ohio
Box 1, Folder 6	Carter, J.F., Beverly, Massachusetts

Box 1, Folder 6	Childrenware Company, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 6	Claflin, Mellen & Company, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 6	Clisby, Phebe E., Nantucket, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 7	Collester, George C., North Blandford, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 7	Columbia Clothing Manufacturing Company, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 7	Conklin Clothing Manufacturing Company, Brooklyn, New York
Box 1, Folder 7	Continental Clothing House, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 8	Country Store, Concord, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 8	Cowan & Mead Clothing Manufacturing Company, Newark, New Jersey
Box 1, Folder 8	Currier, W.M., & Company, Lynn, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 9	Cutler, Lyon & Field, Greenfield, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 10	Davies, J.L., World's Clothier, Brooklyn, New York
Box 1, Folder 10	Demorest's, Madame, Cosmopolitan Emporium of Fashion, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 10	Devlin & Company Clothing House, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 10	Dutton & Rhodes Fine Clothing, New York, New York
Oversize 16, Folder 4	Erichs, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 11	Feder, Charles, Location unknown
Box 1, Folder 11	Fenno, Isaac, & Company, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 11	Fernandes, John, Brooklyn, New York
Box 1, Folder 11	Fine Clothier, Buffalo, New York
Box 1, Folder 11	Fisher, Charles, & Company, Buffalo, New York
Box 1, Folder 11	Fisher, Higgins, and Company, Taunton[?]
Box 1, Folder 11	Ford & Allen, Hornellsville, New York

[Foster, A.L., & Company, Hartford, Connecticut](#)

Notes: Clothiers and Hatters

Box 1, Folder 11	Foster, Higgins & Company, Taunton, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 11	Foster, J.J., & Company, Pittsfield, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 11	Fulmer, E.D., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 11	Fulper, W.H., Flemington, New Jersey
Box 1, Folder 11	Gaiety Waist Co., New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 12	Godfrey, J .A., & Company, Waterbury, Connecticut
Box 1, Folder 12	Gossamer Rubber Clothing Company, Chicago, Illinois
Box 1, Folder 12	Grant & Besse, Detroit, Michigan
Box 1, Folder 12	Greenough, Byron, & Company, Portland, Maine
Box 1, Folder 13	Hannach, J., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 13	Harcourt, Bradley & Company, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 13	Harlem & Westchester, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 13	Hartford Eyelet Company, Hartford, Connecticut
Box 1, Folder 14	Hayes & Snow, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 14	Hayward & Company, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 15	Hodgdon, D.M., & Company, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 15	Hollander, L.P., & Company, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 15	Howard, Goodrich and Pierce, Location unknown
Box 1, Folder 15	Hull, E.R., & Company, Cleveland, Ohio
Box 1, Folder 15	Hunt & Sampson, Kingston Centre, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 16	Jessup & Company, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 16	Kennedy Brothers, Location unknown
Box 1, Folder 17	Kent & Miller, Syracuse, New York

Box 1, Folder 17	Kirschbaum, A.B., Philadelphia, Peruisylvania
Box 1, Folder 17	Kolb, Brayton & Company, Rochester, New York
Box 1, Folder 17	Kuh, Nathan & Fischer Company, Chicago, Illinois
Box 1, Folder 18	Leckie, John, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Box 1, Folder 18	Leland, Rice & Company, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 18	Lewis, Samuel, Troy, New York
Box 1, Folder 18	Lichtenfels, Peter, & Company, Richmond, Indiana
Box 1, Folder 18	Loewenberg, P., Clothing Company, Hope, Arkansas
Box 1, Folder 18	Longley, C.E., & Company, New Haven, Conneticut
Box 1, Folder 19	Macintosh, Charles, & Company, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 19	Magic Clothes Cleaner Company, Portland, Maine
Box 1, Folder 19	Maice, J.H., Reading, Pennsylvania
Oversize 16, Folder 4	Mann, J. Laroy, Location unknown
Box 1, Folder 19	Mann, Leon, Company, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 19	Manson & Smith, Auburn, New York
Box 1, Folder 19	Marshall & Ball Company, Newark, New Jersey
Box 1, Folder 19	Matlack, E., & Son, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 19	Mayer, L., Hartford, Connecticut
Box 1, Folder 19	Mccomas, Ullman & Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 19	McGurk & McKeon, Brooklyn, New York
Box 1, Folder 20	Mercier's, D., & Sons, New Orleans, Louisiana
Box 1, Folder 20	Merrick Brothers, Rockford, Illinois
Box 1, Folder 20	Merrick, H.A., & Company, Shelburn Falls, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 20	Merrill & Company, Boston, Massachusetts

Box 1, Folder 20	Merritt, Clark & Son, Northampton, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 20	Milbury Atlantic Manufacturing Co., New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 20	Miner, Beal & Company, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 21	Misfit Parlors, Providence, Rhode Island
Oversize 16, Folder 4	Modern Merchandise, Worcester, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 21	Morison, Son, and Hart, Norwalk, California
Box 1, Folder 21	Morse, Leopold, & Company, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 21	Mullin & Son, Wilmington, Delaware
Box 1, Folder 21	Munson and North
Box 1, Folder 21	Myer, V., Lowville, New York
Box 1, Folder 22	Nathan, S.S., & Company, Sacramento, California
Box 1, Folder 22	Naumkeag Clothing Company, Salem, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 22	New Process Company, Warren, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 22	New York Clothing House, Albany, New York
Box 1, Folder 22	Northwestern Miller, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Box 1, Folder 22	Oak Hall Clothing House, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 22	Old South Clothing House, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 23	Pardridge & Blackwell, Detroit, Michigan
Box 1, Folder 23	Paret, Henry & John, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 23	Paret, John, & Company, Brooklyn, New York
Box 1, Folder 23	Parshall Brothers, Ridgway, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 23	Parshley and Company, Middletown, Connecticut
Box 1, Folder 23	People's Supply Company, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 23	Perego, Ira, New York, New York

Box 1, Folder 23	Perry, T.W., Rome, New York
Box 1, Folder 23	Pettit & Company, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 23	Pitcairn, Albert
Box 1, Folder 23	Putnam & Son, Lowell, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 23	Randolph's Clothing Emporium, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 23	Ray, William, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 23	Rex Raincoat Company, Chicago, Illinois
Box 1, Folder 24	Rhodes & Ripley, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 24	Rines Brothers, Portland, Maine
Box 1, Folder 24	Roberts & Company, Newark, New Jersey
Box 1, Folder 24	Robinson, James A., & Son, Bangor, Maine
Box 1, Folder 24	Rock Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 24	Rosenbaum, Reading, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 24	Rubber Clothing Company, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 25	Sampson Brothers, Rondout, New York
Box 1, Folder 25	Saul, Julius, Albany, New York
Box 1, Folder 25	Schoolherr, Bernstein & Company, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 25	Schulting, H., New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 25	Schwarz & Buhler, Rochester, New York
Box 1, Folder 25	Scribner, James, Lockport, New York
Box 1, Folder 26	Sellers, Medlon & Bachman, Reading, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 26	Sherman, A.B., Fitchburg, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 26	Singer, S.J., & Sons, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 26	Silverberg, Maurice, & Company, Scranton, Pennsylvania

Box 1, Folder 26	Smith, Carter, Connor & Company, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 26	Snellenburg, N., & Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 26	Stadler, Max, & Company, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 26	Sterns & Fuller, Montpelier, Vermont
Box 1, Folder 26	Stewart, Alexander T., & Company, New York, New York
Oversize 93, Folder 5	Strauss, Sol, Dayton, Ohio
Oversize 93, Folder 5	Strawbridge and, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 27	Taunton Clothing Company, Location unknown
Box 1, Folder 27	Thompson's 5 Cent and Bargain Store, Haverhill, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 27	Three Taylors, Haverhill, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 27	Tilton, A.M., Haverhill, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 27	Tilton, R.L., New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 28	Tower, A.J., New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 28	Towne & Kendrick, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 28	Tremont Rubber Company, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 28	Trounstone, A. & J., & Company, Cincinnati, Ohio
Box 1, Folder 29	Union Clothing Company, Albany, New York
Box 1, Folder 29	Union Supply Company, Location unknown
Box 1, Folder 29	Valentine, H.C., & Company, Worcester, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 29	Vehon, Louis, Company, Chicago, Illinois
Oversize 93, Folder 5	Vogel Brothers, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 29	Wanamaker and Brown
Box 1, Folder 30	Wanamaker, John, & Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 30	Ware, Pratt & Company, Worcester, Massachusetts

Oversize 16, Folder 4 Weber and Heilbroner, New York, New York

Box 1, Folder 30 Wests', Bradley & Cary, New York, New York

Box 1, Folder 30 Wheelwright, Clark, & Company, Bangor, Maine

Box 1, Folder 30 Whiting, Galloupe, Bliss & Company, Boston, Massachusetts

Box 1, Folder 30 Widow Jones

Box 1, Folder 30 Wilmot Clothing Company, Boston, Massachusetts

Oversize 16, Folder 4 Wonewoc Bargain House, Wonewoc, Wisconsin

Box 1, Folder 30 Wyman, William, Lowell, Massachusetts

Box 1, Folder 30 Yates, A.C., & Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Subseries 2: General Works

Box 1, Folder 31-32 General Receipts

Box 1, Folder 33 Clothing Labels

Box 1, Folder 34 Coins

Box 1, Folder 35 General Images

Box 1, Folder 36-37 Import/Export Documents

Map-folder 2 Clothing

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Subseries 3: Related Publications, 1857

Box 1, Folder 38 Manufacture of Ready-Made Clothing, 1857

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Subseries 4: Advertisements, Business Records, Accounting Books and a Trade Card

Box 1, Folder 29	<p>[Chinese man in purple, smoking long pipe : advertising illustration] 1 Item (Ink on paper, 11-1/4" x 4-7/8"..) Advertiser: Union Clothing Company (Main Cor. Water St., Rochester, New York) Language: English. Notes: AC0060-0000062 (AC Scan No., does not include entire item) Image of man is imprinted on an image of a piece of fabric with four button holes--the shape of a collar or cuff?. Union Clothing Co. stamp below image. "Tobacco" in pencil, upper left. Folded in center; delicate join. Edges ragged with minor losses. Topic: Ethnic Imagery Project, Archives Center Tobacco Tobacco pipes Smoking Clothing and dress Collars Celluloid -- Collars Celluloid Genre/Form: Advertisements Culture: Chinese</p>
Box SUPP 9, Folder 4	Business Records and Marketing Material, 1834-1920
Box ADD14, Folder 5	Daybook, Accounting, 1852
Box ADD14, Folder 6	Receipt Book, Accounting. Agent: Hawkes, William E., 1866-1869 Notes: New York.
Box ADD14, Folder 7	Trade Card, undated

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