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

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Concrete
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Concrete
Date:	circa 1891-1959
Extent:	0.72 Cubic feet (consisting of 1.5 boxes, 1 folder, 1 oversize folder.)
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Language:	English
Summary:	A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Concrete</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

Concrete 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](#).

- [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.

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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 trade catalogs, manuals, reference books, primers, handbooks, pamphlets, printed advertisements, caricatures, scattered correspondence on letterhead stationery, articles, instruction books and bulletins from manufacturers of cement and products made of concrete.

Most of the products produced by these companies are for home, industrial and public use. Concrete home products include garden furniture, porches, terraces, garages, walls, gateways, steps, walkways, driveways, pools and bird baths. Industrial and public concrete products include pipes, roads, highways, bridges, septic tanks, sewers and tennis courts. A number of the companies manufactured other products such as plates for reinforced concrete construction of roofs, floors and siding; collapsible steel forms; culverts; lime and plaster.

There are a number of publications included in the materials. Most of these are organized alphabetically by name of company and are found with the rest of the company related materials. Topics include concrete construction about the home and on the farm, concrete highway construction, design and control of concrete mixtures and concrete building frames. Many of these publications include a variety of photographs, diagrams and building specifications. Literature that is not an official publication of a manufacturing company is found at the end of company related materials.

The bulk of the material dates from the twentieth century. Box one is organized alphabetically by name of company. Materials in box two are also organized by company name. There are four folders arranged by type: related publications including bulletins, periodicals, pamphlets and books. There also is a folder of miscellaneous materials.

Arrangement

Arranged into 2 subseries:

- Subseries 1: Manufacturers and Distributors, circa 1891-1952
- Subseries 2: Related Publications, circa 1907-1959

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Building materials
Cement
Concrete
Roofing
garden furniture

Types of Materials:

Business ephemera
Ephemera

Container Listing

Subseries 1: Manufacturers and Distributors, circa 1891-1952

Box 1, Folder 1	Arden, Harry B., New York, New York Dealer in Underground Structures
Box 1, Folder 1	Atlas Lumnite Cement Company, New York, New York Subsidiary of United States Steel Corporation
Box 1, Folder 2	Atlas Portland Cement Company, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 3	Berger Manufacturing Company, Canton, Ohio
Box 1, Folder 4	Blaw Collapsible Steel Centering Company, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania Catalogue, 1910
Box 1, Folder 4	Buffalo Steel Company, Tonawanda, New York Dealer in Steel Bars and Reinforcing Concrete
Box 1, Folder 5	Citizens' Concrete Company, New Haven, Connecticut Dealer in Coal Tar Concrete
Box 1, Folder 5	City Point Concrete Company, New Haven, Connecticut Dealer in Walks and Driveways Laid in Coal and Pitch Tar and Graphite Cement
Box 1, Folder 6	Corrugated Bar Company, Buffalo, New York
Box 1, Folder 7	Dow Chemical Company, Midland, Michigan Instruction Manual, 1924
Box 1, Folder 8	Edison Portland Cement Company, New Village, New Jersey
Box 1, Folder 8	Fife-Coleman Company, Carson City, Michigan Dealer in Culvert Molds
Box 1, Folder 9	Lawrence Cement Company, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 10	Lehigh Portland Cement Company, Allentown, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 11	Lock Joint Pipe Company, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 12	Miller, Clifford L., Dealer in Cement & Plaster Plant

Box 1, Folder 13	Pennsylvania Cement Company, New York, New York Instruction Manual, 1924
Box 1, Folder 14-18	Portland Cement Association, Chicago, Illinois Instruction Manuals, 1916, 1924
Box 1, Folder 19	Post, D. & A., Mole Company, Three Rivers, Michigan Manufacturers of Steel Mold for Concrete Fence Posts
Box 1, Folder 19	Sprague, J.P., Company, Kansas City, Missouri Dealer in Building Material and Contractor's Supplies
Box 1, Folder 20	Trus-Con Laboratories, Detroit, Michigan Dealer in Cement Coatings
Box 1, Folder 21	Turner Construction Company, New York, New York Consulting Engineers and Contractors
Box 2, Folder 1	Universal Atlas Cement Company, New York, New York Subsidiary of United States Steel Corporation; Handbook, 1943
Box 2, Folder 2	Universal Portland Cement Company Chicago, Illinois
Box 2, Folder 3	Warner, Charles, Company, Wilmington, Delaware
Box 2, Folder 4	Zonolite Company, Chicago, Illinois

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Subseries 2: Related Publications, circa 1907-1959

Arranged in three subseries by type: Handbooks, Magazines, and Pamphlets.

Subseries 2.1: Handbooks

Box 2, Folder 5	<i>Concrete Engineers and Contractors Pocketbook</i> , 1907 Published by Technical Publishing Company, Cleveland, Ohio
Box 2, Folder 6	<i>Reinforced Concrete Field Handbook</i> , 1909 Published by Technical Publishing Company, Cleveland, Ohio

Subseries 2.2: Magazines

Box 2, Folder 7	<i>CMG Bulletin</i> , 1944 Published by Construction Machinery Company, Waterloo, Iowa
Box 2, Folder 7	<i>Perlite Torch</i> , 1952

Published by The Perlite Institute, International Trade Association of Perlite
Miners and Expanders, New York, New York

Box 2, Folder 7

Universal Dealer, 1926-1928

Published by Universal Portland Cement Company, Chicago, Illinois

Subseries 2.3: Pamphlets

Box 2, Folder 8

The Family Fallout Shelter, 1959

Published by Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization

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Box SUPP, Folder 12

Citizen's Concrete Company, 1892

Receipt for materials.

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