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

NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Cutlery

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Collection Overview

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| Repository: | Archives Center, National Museum of American History |
| Title: | Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Cutlery |
| Identifier: | NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Cutlery |
| Date: | circa 1852-1935 |
| Extent: | 0.74 Cubic feet (consisting of 1.5 boxes, 2 folders, 1 oversize folder, plus digital images of some collection material.) |
| 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: Cutlery</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

Cutlery 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

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

Collection is open for research. Some items may be restricted due to fragile condition.

Conditions Governing Use

Collection items available for reproduction, but the Archives Center makes no guarantees concerning copyright restrictions. Other intellectual property rights may apply. Archives Center cost-recovery and use fees may apply when requesting reproductions.

Scope and Contents

This material consists primarily of bills/receipts, scattered correspondence, patents, articles, printed advertisements, catalogues with prices, advertising cards, and import/export documents from manufacturers and dealers of table and pocket cutlery. Material dates from ca. 1852 - 1938.

Arrangement

Materials are organized by name of company. There are six folders of documents, and related material arranged by type including import/export articles.

Oversize material is unprocessed. Details for additional collection material can be found in the Contents/Container List.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Cutlery trade
Knives

Types of Materials:

Business ephemera
Ephemera

Container Listing

Subseries 1: Companies

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| Box 1, Folder 1 | Abbott Machine Company Knives |
| Box 1, Folder 1 | Adams & Cline Knives |
| Box 1, Folder 1 | Ahearn & Company Scissor |
| Box 1, Folder 1 | American Cutlery Company Sharpener |
| Box 1, Folder 2 | Bailey & Blendinger Mfg. Company Machine Leather Knives |
| Box 1, Folder 2 | BarnLun & Stone Cutting Apparatus |
| Box 1, Folder 2 | Baxter, Davis & Company Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 2 | Biggs, Charles, & Co. Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 2 | Bradford, Martin L. Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 3 | Brown, C. P. Knives |
| Box 1, Folder 4 | Cattaraugus Company |
| Box 1, Folder 5 | Christy Knife Co. |
| Box 1, Folder 6 | Coes, Loring Co. Paper |
| Box 1, Folder 7 | Colelesser Bros. Axes |
| Box 1, Folder 7 | Collins Co. |

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| Box 1, Folder 8 | Connecticut Cutlery Co. |
| Box 1, Folder 8 | Cornell Bros.& Co. |
| Box 1, Folder 8 | Cragin Bros. Knives |
| Box 1, Folder 8 | Dame Stoddard & Kendall Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 8 | Darling, H. M. & Co. Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 8 | Deakin, James & Sons Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 8 | Ely & Wray Cutlery Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 8 | Eickhoff, A. Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 8 | Empire Knife Co. |
| Box 1, Folder 9 | Fabyan Knife Co. |
| Box 1, Folder 10 | Fleily, J. |
| Box 1, Folder 10 | Friedmann & Lauterjung Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 10 | Fullerton, Alexander Co. Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 11 | Gillette & Son Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 11 | Golden Cutlery co. |
| Box 1, Folder 11 | Goodell Co. Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 12 | Hall, Elton & Co. |

Spoons

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| Box 1, Folder 12 | Hankey, A. & Co. Machine |
| Box 1, Folder 12 | Hatch Cutlery Co. Knives |
| Box 1, Folder 12 | Healey, Chas J. & Co. Knives |
| Box 1, Folder 12 | Heath & Simpson Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 12 | Hermann, Boker & Co. Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 12 | Holler & Co. Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 13 | Holley Mfg. Co. Pocket Knives |
| Box 1, Folder 14 | Holzhauer, Louis Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 14 | Hunt, N. Knife Cleaner |
| Box 1, Folder 14 | Hunter, C. Pruning Knives |
| Box 1, Folder 15 | Jackson, Wm. & Co. Razors |
| Box 1, Folder 15 | Jacobs, Elisha & Co. Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 15 | Johnson, Lawrence A. Knives |
| Box 1, Folder 15 | Jordan, A.J. Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 15 | Kapler, Frank |

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| | Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 15 | Kimball, Albert Co. Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 15 | Kimball, G. J. & Son Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 15 | Lamson & Goodnow Mfg. Co Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 16 | Landers, Frary & Clark Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 16 | Lynn, J. & Co. Knives, Spoons |
| Box 1, Folder 17 | Maher & Grosh Cutlery Co. Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 18 | May, F. P. & Co. Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 18 | McKinless, John A. C Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 18 | May, F. P. & Co. Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 18 | McKinless, John A. Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 18 | Meriden Cutlery Co. Table Knives |
| Box 1, Folder 18 | Miller Bros. Cutlery Co. Shears, Scissors |
| Box 1, Folder 18 | Miller & Sprague Pocket Knives |
| Box 1, Folder 18 | Moore, William Pocket Knives |
| Box 1, Folder 18 | Moran & Sons |

Shoe / Butcher Knives

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| Box 1, Folder 19 | Neverfail Cutlery Co. Shears, Scissors |
| Box 1, Folder 19 | New York Knife Co. Knives, Forks |
| Box 1, Folder 19 | Norcross & Towne Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 19 | Northfield Knife Co. |
| Box 1, Folder 19 | Novelty Cutlery Company Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 19 | Osborn & Sons Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 20 | Pankin, William H. Knife Sharpener |
| Box 1, Folder 20 | Peace, Charles Knives |
| Box 1, Folder 20 | Perkins & Thurman Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 20 | Peters Bros. Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 20 | Pope, T.J. Knives |
| Box 1, Folder 20 | Power, L. Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 20 | Puzzle Knife |
| Box 1, Folder 21 | Reliable Mfg. Co. Knife Sharpeners |
| Box 1, Folder 21 | Remington Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 21 | Rixford Mfg. Co. |

Axes, Scythes

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| Box 1, Folder 21 | Robeson Cutlery Co. |
| Box 1, Folder 22 | Roberts, R.J. Cutlery |
| Box 1, Folder 22 | Roby Mfg. Co. Machine Knives |
| Box 1, Folder 22 | Rockford Cutlery Co. |
| Box 2, Folder 1 | Root, L. Pocket Knives |
| Box 2, Folder 1 | Russell, John & Co. Knives |
| Box 2, Folder 1 | Ryan & Bros. Cutlery |
| Box 2, Folder 2 | Sanson Cutlery Co. |
| Box 2, Folder 2 | Sears, Henry & Co. Image(s) Pocket Knives |
| Box 2, Folder 2 | Seymour & Co. Shears, Scissors |
| Box 2, Folder 2 | Sheffield Cutlery Concern |
| Box 2, Folder 2 | Simonds Mfg. Co. Knives |
| Box 2, Folder 2 | Simonds Bros.& Co. Machine Knives |
| Box 2, Folder 2 | Simmons Hardware Co. Pocket Knives, Razors |
| Box 2, Folder 3 | Simmons Hardware Co. |
| Box 2, Folder 4 | Southington Cutlery Co. |

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| Box 2, Folder 4 | Sprague, D. E. Knives |
| Box 2, Folder 4 | Stainless Products Sales Company Cutlery |
| Box 2, Folder 4 | Stevenson Mfg. Co. Reaper Knife Sharpener |
| Box 2, Folder 5 | Taylor, Stiles & Co. Industrial Knives |
| Box 2, Folder 6 | Thayer Scythe Co. |
| Box 2, Folder 6 | Thompson, O.E. & Sons Slicers |
| Box 2, Folder 6 | Tiffany Tree Cutter |
| Box 2, Folder 6 | Torrey, J. R. & Co. Slicers and Cutters |
| Box 2, Folder 7 | Ulery, U. J. & Co |
| Box 2, Folder 7 | Union Knife Co. |
| Box 2, Folder 7 | U.S.Slicing Machine Co. |
| Box 2, Folder 7 | V & Co. Knives |
| Box 2, Folder 7 | Village Blacksmith Folks Cutlery |
| Box 2, Folder 8 | Warren,William W. Cutlery |
| Box 2, Folder 8 | Waterville Cutlery Co. |
| Box 2, Folder 8 | Watson, John Cutlery |
| Box 2, Folder 8 | Western States Cutlery Co. |

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| Box 2, Folder 8 | White, W. M. & Co. Cutlery |
| Box 2, Folder 8 | White & Sanson Cutlery |
| Box 2, Folder 8 | Whitin & Son Cutlery |
| Box 2, Folder 8 | Will & Finck Cutlery |
| Box 2, Folder 8 | Wilson, Hawksworth, Ellison & Company Cutlery |
| Box 2, Folder 8 | Woodruff, J. & Co. |
| Box 2, Folder 8 | Wostenholm, Geo.& Son Cutlery |
| Box 2, Folder 8 | Yarnall, E. A. Cutlery |

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Subseries 2: Documents, Publications and Patents

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| Box 2, Folder 9 | Related Literature |
| Box 2, Folder 10 | Treasury Department |
| Box 2, Folder 11-15 | Export/Import Documents |
| Box 2, Folder 16 | Cutlery: Trade-Mark Patents |
| Box SUPP 10, Folder 10 | Bradford and Anthony, trade card, undated |
| Oversize SUPP 39, Folder 1 | Carl Eickhorn, catalogue, 1920 |
| Oversize 17, Folder 12 | Cutlery |

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