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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Engines
Date:	1829-1957
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Engines
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Extent:	3.01 Cubic feet (consisting of 6.5 boxes, 2 folders, 2 oversized folders.)
Language:	Collection is in English. A few items are in German, French.
Summary:	A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Engines</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

Engines 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.

Forms Part Of

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.

For this subject, minimal processing included arrangement to the folder level, based on prior processing and preservation action, with retention of the pre-existing arrangement when possible, if applicable. Otherwise, an order was imposed by the Processing Archivist. Some materials were consolidated to eliminate excess bulk but items within folders were not arranged further. The guide may or may not include a more refined list of folder contents. Non-archival housing was replaced for long-term stability, but staples and other fasteners have not all been removed.

Minimal level processing and machine-readable finding aid completed by Nicole Blechynden, 2016 September.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

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

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Scope and Contents

Covers all manner of engines including: boilers, gasoline, steam, water motors, automatic shut off, self-oiling, portable, vertical, mining, marine, diesel, crude oil, stationary, generators, compound, pumping, silent, alcohol, turbine, kerosene, hydrolic, caloric pumping, sectional, gasolene, iron man, single cylinder, slide valve, apparatus, cut-off, wind, horse, air cooled, valueless, two cycle, and the Corliss engine. Some of the following include engines used in portable sawing outfits, powered mills for grinding grain, feed cookers, boilers, injectors, and generators.

Materials represent a sampling of catalogues, correspondence, invoices, receipts, advertising and marketing material, bulletins, advertising cards, caricatures, seals, product specifications, booklets, price lists, company histories, order forms, prospectus, a few photographs, contracts, a legal opinion on a patent dispute (Novelty Iron Works, 1856), an operations guide *80-foot Elco Submarine Chacer Instructions, Care and Operations of Machinery Plant* (Standard Motor Construction Company, 1917), patents and patent circulars, and a promotional diary. Many items are illustrated with print drawings and schematics of engines and associated equipment, plus some images of manufacturing facilities. No extensive runs or complete records exist for any single company or brand, and no particular depth is present for any singular subtopic, although some publications may provide general and historical overviews of a person, company, or a facet of industry.

Arrangement

Engines is arranged in three subseries.

- Business Records and Marketing Material
- Genre
- Subject

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Advertising, Direct-mail
- Corliss steam-engine
- Diesel engines
- Diesel motor
- Engines
- Marine engines
- Rotary steam engines
- Sales promotion
- Steam engineering
- Steam-engines
- advertising -- Brand name products
- advertising -- Business ephemera

Types of Materials:

- Advertisements
- Advertising
- Advertising cards
- Advertising fliers
- Advertising mail
- Business cards
- Business ephemera
- Business letters
- Business records
- Business records -- 19th century
- Business records -- 20th century
- Catalogs
- Catalogues
- Commercial catalogs
- Commercial correspondence
- Correspondence
- Ephemera
- Illustrations
- Invoices
- Legal documents
- Letterheads
- Manuals
- Manufacturers' catalogs
- Patents
- Periodicals
- Print advertising
- Printed ephemera
- Printed material
- Printed materials
- Publications
- Publications -- Business

Receipts
Reports
Sales catalogs
Sales letters
Sales records
Trade cards
Trade catalogs

Container Listing

Business Records and Marketing Material, 1829-1957

Scope and Contents: Contains transactional documents such as receipts and invoices for goods and services, correspondence, and general marketing material including advertisements, product information, circulars, mailers, and thin catalogues. Some company history or publications may also be present.

Arrangement: Foldered alphabetical by company or proprietor name.

Box 1, Folder 1	A, 1848-1914
Box 1, Folder 2	B, 1829-1957 (bulk 1840-1915)
Box 1, Folder 3	C, 1854-1917
Box 1, Folder 4	D, 1840-1938
Box 1, Folder 5	E, 1852-1911
Box 1, Folder 6	F, 1856-1923
Box 1, Folder 7	G, 1840-1905
Box 2, Folder 1-2	H, 1853-1906
Box 2, Folder 3	I, 1893-1903
Box 2, Folder 4	J, 1858-1892
Box 2, Folder 5	K, 1891-1931
Box 2, Folder 6	L, 1842-1923
Box 2, Folder 7	M, 1865-1929
Box 2, Folder 8	N, 1856-1916
Box 3, Folder 1	O-P, 1870-1936
Box 3, Folder 2	Q-R, 1864-1911
Box 3, Folder 3	S, 1844-1930 Notes: Includes a blank promotional diary issued by Saureman Brothers Inc. (1930).
Box 3, Folder 4	T, 1852-1916

Box 3, Folder 5	U-V, 1860-1909
Box 3, Folder 6	W, 1855-1936
Oversize SUPP 39, Folder 1	Wagner Starter, 1916 Notes: Clipped magazine advertisement.
Box 3, Folder 7	Y-Z, 1940, 1871
Box 3, Folder 8	Import/Export, 1868-1894
Box SUPP 13, Folder 2	Business Records, Marketing Material, and Trade Literature, 1917-1920, undated Notes: Advertisements, business correspondence, and journal excerpts.

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Genre, 1842-1923

	Advertisements, 1842-1876 Notes: Circulars with product information and specifications for various companies.
Oversize 20, Folder 5	Oversize Ads, 1842-1876
Oversize 99, Folder 4	Oversize Ads, 1911, undated
	Book Prospectus, 1908
Box 4, Folder 1	Internal Combustion Engines: Their Theory, Construction and Operation, 1908 Notes: Title page, preface, index, and sample chapter only.
	Catalogues, 1854-1928
Box 4, Folder 2-3	Companies A, 1854-1912
Box 4, Folder 4-5	Companies B, 1875-circa 1912
Box 5, Folder 1	Companies C, circa 1879-circa 1904
Box 5, Folder 2	Companies F, 1900-1920
Box 5, Folder 3	Companies M, 1881-1920
Box 5, Folder 4	Companies O, 1882-1905, undated

Box 6, Folder 1	Companies P, 1885-1923
Box 6, Folder 2-3	Companies S, 1870-1923
Box 6, Folder 4	Companies W, 1903-1928
Images, 1842-1911	
Box 6, Folder 5	General, 1876-1911 Notes: Postcards, stereograph, photographs, clippings of illustrations from books and magazines. Depicting engines and related equipment and manufacturing, including a Corliss engine at the 1876 International Exhibition (Philadelphia) and a Harrisburg Standard (undated).
Oversize 20, Folder 5	Oversize Images, 1842 Notes: Illustration of a pile driving engine.
Legal, 1856-1875	
Box 6, Folder 6	Patents, 1875, 1856 Notes: Includes <i>The Argument of Mr. Edward N. Dickerson, with his notes and explanations; the Charge of Judge Nelson; and the Verdict of the Jury, in the case of Sickels vs. Borden, defended by "The Novelty Iron Works" and Mr. Horatio Allen</i> (The Novelty Iron Works, patent dispute, 1856).
Box 7, Folder 1	Manuals, 1878-1917 80-Foot Elco Submarine Chaser: Instructions, Care and Operation of Machinery Plant, 1917 Notes: Standard Motor Construction Company. A Manual for Engineers and Steam Users , 1878 Hill's Engineers and Steam Users Manual, 1878
Box 7, Folder 2	Regulatory, 1861-1880 Notes: New York State Assembly documents. Inspection notices.
Box 7, Folder 3	Reports, 1918, 1851 Diesel Engine: Its Fuels and Its Uses, 1918 Notes: US Department of Interior, Bureau of Mines. Report on the Engine and Other Furnaces Used in Manufacturing and Other Establishments in Glasgow, 1851

Box 7, Folder 4 Serial Publications, 1913, undated

Gas Power, 1913 December

Cassier's Magazine

"Efficiency of Steam Turbines", undated
Notes: Excerpt, pp. 47-64.

"Direct-Current Power Transmission" / "Production of Malleable Castings
and Their Application in Machine Construction", undated
Notes: Excerpt, pp. 201-214. Both articles are incomplete.

"Late Practice in Utilising Blast Furnace Gas as a Gas Engine Fuel",
undated
Notes: Excerpt, pp.341-348.

"Hoisting Engines" / "Electric Motor for Speed Regulation" / "Current
Topics" / "James Gayley", undated
Notes: Excerpt, pp. 491-494, 497-512. "Hoisting Engines" article is
incomplete, missing pp. 495-496.

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Subject, 1841-1909

Box 7, Folder 5 Associations, 1896, 1909

Institution of Civil Engineers, 1896
Notes: Excerpt Minutes of Proceedings, including "Sankey on the
Thermal Efficiency of Steam-Engines".

National Association of Stationary Engineers, 1909
Notes: Membership applications.

Box 7, Folder 6 Steam Engines, 1841, undated
Notes: Excerpted descriptions and history on the steam engine.

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