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

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Fairs
Date:	1857-1961
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Fairs
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Extent:	0.57 Cubic feet (consisting of 1 box, 1 folder, 3 oversize folders, 2 map case folders.)
Language:	English .
Summary:	A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Fairs</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

Fairs 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](#) .

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.

Preferred Citation

Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Fairs, Archives Center, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution

Restrictions

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

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Scope and Contents

This material consists primarily of catalogues, brochures, programs, guides, scattered correspondence on letterhead stationery, printed advertisements, advertising cards, tickets, postcards, invitations and lithographs. The different types of fairs included health, agricultural, industrial trades, international, annual city and state and traveler's health exhibitions. A number of the fairs were to benefit the United States Sanitary Commission. Many of these fairs and exhibitions included musical selections from bands. Most of the fairs were held in the United States but there are a number in various places including Germany, Belgium, France, Canada and England.

The material dates from 1857-1961, but the bulk is 1860-1900. The material is arranged alphabetically by the geographical location of the event. There is one folder of miscellaneous exhibition stamps.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Fairs

Types of Materials:

Business ephemera
Ephemera

Container Listing

Business Records, Marketing Material, and Other, 1857-1961

Subseries 1: AMERICAN, 1880s-1950s

Oversize 21, Folder 1	Agricultural and Mechanical Association Eighth, Saint Louis, Missouri
Oversize 102, Folder 1	Agricultural Society 26th Exhibition, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 1	Albany, New York Bicentennial, 1886
Box 1, Folder 1	American Institute 40th Anniversary Exhibition
Box 1, Folder 2	Bangor Council, No. 158, Bangor, Maine, 1913 Notes: United Commercial Travelers, Winter Carnival and Food Fair
Box 1, Folder 2	The Big Fair, Binghamton, New York, 1894
Box 1, Folder 2	Bradford County Fair, 1897
Box 1, Folder 2	Broadway Universalist Church Fair, Boston, Massachusetts
Oversize 102, Folder 2	Brooklyn Sanitary Fair, Brooklyn, New York, 1864
Box 1, Folder 2	Broome County Agricultural Society 11th Annual Fair
Box 1, Folder 3	Buffalo International Fair, 1889
Box 1, Folder 3	California Expositions (San Diego and San Francisco), 1915
Box 1, Folder 3	Cincinnati Fair, 1917
Box 1, Folder 3	Charity Fair, [no location], undated
Box 1, Folder 3	Centennial Celebration: official program
Box 1, Folder 4	Clumer & French Creek Farmer's Club First Annual Fair, 1857
Box 1, Folder 5	Connecticut Agricultural & Industrial Exposition, Hartford, Connecticut, 1921
Box 1, Folder 5	Danbury Fair, [Connecticut]
Box 1, Folder 5	Dayton, Ohio Industrial Exposition

Oversize 102, Folder 1	Eastern Maine State Fair, Bangor, Maine, 1897
Box 1, Folder 5	Grand Indian Exhibition
Oversize 102, Folder 1	The Great North Western Sanitary Fair, Chicago, Illinois, 1865
Box 1, Folder 5	Illinois State Fair, 1954
Oversize 102, Folder 1	Mechanics' Fair, Boston, Massachusetts, 1883
Oversize 102, Folder 2	Mechanics Institute Fair, New York, 1838
Box 1, Folder 6	Metropolitan Fair for the U.S. Sanitary Commission, New York, New York, 1864
Oversize 21, Folder 1	2 ^d Exhibition of the Metropolitan Mechanics Institute, District of Columbia, Washington, 1855
Box 1, Folder 6	Third Milwaukee Industrial Exposition, 1883
Box 1, Folder 7	71st Annual New York State Fair, 1911
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Box 1, Folder 7	North-Western Fair for the Sanitary Commission, [no location], undated
Box 1, Folder 8	North-Western Ohio Fair, Co., 13th Annual Fair
Box 1, Folder 8	Ohio Mechanic's Institute 17th Exhibition, Cincinnati, Ohio 1859
Box 1, Folder 8	Ohio Centennial Fair, Columbus, Ohio, 1888
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Oversize 21, Folder 1	Philadelphia Country Fair, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1894
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Box 1, Folder 10	Richmond County Bicentennial, Staten Island, New York, 1883
Oversize 102, Folder 2	49th Annual Fair at Rutland, Rutland, Vermont, 1894

Box 1, Folder 11	Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show "Royal Pageant", Fort Worth, Texas, 1924
Oversize 102, Folder 1	Saint John, International Exhibition, 1898
Box 1, Folder 11	St. Louis Fair, 1889
Box 1, Folder 12	Tri-State Fair, Lake Erie [NY?]
Box 1, Folder 12	United States Festival Committee
Oversize 102, Folder 1	Veiled Prophet Parade and Fair, Nebraska, 1891
Box 1, Folder 12	Watertown Fair (Connecticut)
Box 1, Folder 12	Wayne County Agricultural Association, 9th Annual Fair

Subseries 2: FOREIGN

	Belgium
Box 1, Folder 13	American Manufacturer's Agency Industrial Exhibition, Antwerp, 1879
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	Canada
Box 1, Folder 14	Canadian National Exhibition, 1922
Oversize 102, Folder 2	Central Canada Exposition, Ottawa, 1902
	Cuba
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Box 1, Folder 16	British Industries Fair, London, 1908
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	Germany
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Box 1, Folder 21	"Leipsic and its Fair" [news article]
Box 1, Folder 21	Internat Ausstellung Von Arbeiten...Nurnberg
	France
Box 1, Folder 22	Exposition Universelle
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Box 1, Folder 22	Universal Exhibition at Paris, 1856
	Italy
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	Philippines
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Box 1, Folder 23	Miscellaneous Exposition Stamps, various countries

Box SUPP 13, Folder 8	General, Fairs, 1875-1909 Notes:	Business records, trade cards, branded envelopes and letterhead, one B&W photographic print of a game booth with prize ribbons displayed, and event ribbons.
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