



Smithsonian
National Museum of American History
Kenneth E. Behring Center

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

NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Fairs

Vanessa Broussard-Simmons and Nicole Blechynden

Funding for partial processing of the collection was supported by a grant from the Smithsonian Institution's Collections Care and Preservation Fund (CCPF).

1999, Revised 2017

Archives Center, National Museum of American History
P.O. Box 37012
Suite 1100, MRC 601
Washington, D.C. 20013-7012
archivescenter@si.edu
<http://americanhistory.si.edu/archives>

Table of Contents

Collection Overview	1
Administrative Information	1
Scope and Contents.....	2
Names and Subjects	2
Container Listing	4
Subseries : Business Records, Marketing Material, and Other, 1857-1961.....	4

Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Fairs
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Fairs
Date:	1857-1961
Extent:	0.57 Cubic feet (consisting of 1 box, 1 folder, 3 oversize folders, 2 map case folders.)
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: 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](#).

- [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.

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 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 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
Box 1, Folder 7	New Orleans Exposition, 188?
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
Box 1, Folder 8	Ohio State Fair and Industrial Exposition, 1893
Oversize 21, Folder 1	Philadelphia Country Fair, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1894
Box 1, Folder 9	Philadelphia Great Central Fair for the Sanitary Commission, 1864

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

Box 1, Folder 13 Union des Associations Internationales Brussels

Canada

Box 1, Folder 14 Canadian National Exhibition, 1922

Oversize 102, Folder 2 Central Canada Exposition, Ottawa, 1902

Cuba

Box 1, Folder 15 Matanzas Exposition, 1881

England

Box 1, Folder 16 American Exhibition of Arts, Inventions...Of the USA, London, 1886

Box 1, Folder 16 British Industries Fair, London, 1908

Box 1, Folder 16 Exhibitions of Mechanism and Manufactured Products, undated

Box 1, Folder 16 Franco-British Exhibition, London, 1908

Box 1, Folder 16 Foot Guards Fair

Box 1, Folder 17 Garden Exhibitions, Kensington & Chiswick, 1855

Box 1, Folder 17 Industrial Trade Exhibition, London

Box 1, Folder 17 International Health Exhibition, London, 1898

Box 1, Folder 18 Ladies' Fair, Lyons, England, 1833

Box 1, Folder 18 Livingston Exhibition, London, 1901

Box 1, Folder 18 London Commercial Exhibition of American Manufacturers, Oxford
Agricultural Association Fair, 1867

Germany

Box 1, Folder 19 Deutsche Allgemeine Ausstellung, Berlin, 1889

Box 1, Folder 20 Die 800 Jargie Wettiner-Jubelfrier, Dresden, 1889 [800 year celebration]

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

Oversize 21, Folder 1 The Oxford County Agricultural Society 26th Exhibition, Norway Village &
South Paris

Box 1, Folder 22 Universal Exhibition at Paris, 1856

Italy

Box 1, Folder 22 Exposition at Milan, 1906

Philippines

Box 1, Folder 22 Philippines Island Exposition

Box 1, Folder 23 Miscellaneous Exposition Stamps, various countries

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

Map-folder 9-10 Fairs

[Return to Table of Contents](#)