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Guide to the Warsaw Collection
of Business Americana Subject
Categories: Family and Business Papers

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Family and Business Papers
Date:	circa 1670-1926 undated
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Family
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Extent:	0.9 Cubic feet (consisting of 2 boxes.)
Language:	English .
Summary:	A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Family and Business Papers</i> forms part of the Warshaw Collection of Business Americana, Series 5: Addendum. 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

Family and Business papers 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

This material was not one of Warshaw's original subject categories. The content was segregated by prior NMAH Staff from the Paper Products and Poetry categories in an attempt to collocate the papers or records of a few select families or business entities. The effort was never completed

but the following represents a general inventory of these folders. Note: this material is subject to reappraisal and reprocessing.

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 lists 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, 2017 August.

Preferred Citation

Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Family and Business Papers, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution

Restrictions

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

Scope and Contents

This material was segregated from the Paper Products and Poetry Subject Categories in a prior attempt to collocate the papers or records of a few select families or business entities.

It contains a variety of correspondence, financial, and legal documents pertaining to personal or business concerns, including military service. Some folders contain supplementary staff research notes which may provide insight to the materials of the person, family, or business. There may be additional documents related to these persons and entities elsewhere in the Warshaw collection, likely filed with the trade or industry in which they were involved.

Arrangement

Family and Business papers is arranged in two subseries.

- Persons and Families
- Business and Mixed Records

Administrative Research Notes Content

Some staff research notes and additional documentation may be present but has not been reviewed for accuracy or relevancy. The phrase "plus research notes" has been added to the folder title to help alert the researcher to the presence of this type of administrative material.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Types of Materials:

Business ephemera
Ephemera

Container Listing

Persons and Families, 1721-1911

Box 1, Folder 1	Allen George. Correspondence and Receipt, 1834-1849
Box 1, Folder 2	Belcher Family. Legal Documents, plus research notes, 1721, 1747
Box 1, Folder 3	Beverley, Robert. Business Records and Correspondence, plus research notes, 1796-1833
Box 1, Folder 4	Colt, Dr. Roswell L. Account and Stock Balance Sheets, 1836
Box 1, Folder 5	Ludington Family. Business and Military Records, plus research notes, 1819-1841
Box 1, Folder 6	Ludenton, Henry vs. Van Nuys, Jacobus. Special Notice of Bail, plus research notes, 1788
Box 1, Folder 7	Mowatt Family. Legal Documents, plus research notes, 1822-1850
Box 1, Folder 8	Oliver, Captain Thomas. Letters to, 1845-1858
Box 1, Folder 9	Stemmler, Theodore W. Correspondence., 1899-1911 Notes: See also Subject Category Whiskey, Liquor, and Spirits for extensive business documents.
Box 1, Folder 10	Washington, Col. William A. Letters to and Receipts, plus research notes, 1791-1810
Box 1, Folder 11	Wainwright, Elizabeth (nee Mayhew). Letters to, plus research notes, 1777-1825
Box 1, Folder 12	Watson, Harriet. Letter to, plus research notes, 1818
Box 1, Folder Admin	Watts/Hepworth, research notes only Notes: This folder does not contain any collection material but may related to some of the historical materials found in these Family and Business Papers.
Box 1, Folder 13	Whiten, P. and Sons. Business Correspondence, 1854-1860
Box 1, Folder 14	Yeates, Jasper. Accounting Documents, 1788-1796

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Business and Mixed Records, 1670-1926

Box 1, Folder 15	Northern Railroad. Business Records, 1831-1883
Box 1, Folder 16	Railroads. Business Records, 1836-1883
Box 1, Folder 17	Bills and Invoices, 1797-1913
Box 1, Folder 18	Business Records and Correspondence, 1805-1915
Box 1, Folder 19	Business Records and Correspondence, 1843-1893
Box 2, Folder 1	Correspondence and Meeting Minutes, plus research notes, circa 1795-1926 Notes: Some names include: Mr. and Mrs. Rice, Josie, Baptist Society, [Robert] Troup and the President of the United States. Topics: family news, meeting minutes, salary request, travel update, funeral announcement, missed visit, invitation, New York legal matters.
Box 2, Folder 2	Correspondence, Patent Documents, Reports, plus research notes, 1835-1876
Box 2, Folder 3	Declaration, plus research notes, 1670 Notes: Handwritten, mostly illegible, one line states "I shall give you no further trouble". Signatories include Daniell Gookin, John Elliot, Daniel Taka[uompbaie], Thomas Shepard. Research notes pertain to Daniel Gookin and John Elliot.
Box 2, Folder 4	Legal Documents, plus research notes, 1813-1830
Box 2, Folder 5	Legal Documents, Massachusetts, plus research notes, 1840-1899
Box 2, Folder 6	Receipts, 1769
Box 2, Folder 7	Receipts, 1770
Box 2, Folder 8	Receipts, 1771
Box 2, Folder 9	Receipts, 1772
Box 2, Folder 10	Receipts, 1773
Box 2, Folder 11	Receipts, Unsorted or Undated, 1762-1866, undated

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