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

NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Fences

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Fences
Date:	1856-1941
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Fences
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Extent:	0.94 Cubic feet (consisting of 2 boxes, 1 folder, plus digital images of some collection material.)
Language:	English .
Summary:	A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Fences</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
Digital Content:	Image(s): Warshaw Subject Category: Fences

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Fences 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

Oversize material is unprocessed.

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, Archives Center Subject Categories: Fences, 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 pamphlets, printed advertisements, trade catalogues, calendars, trade cards, patents and scattered correspondence on letterhead stationary from manufacturers and distributors of fences. These companies sold fences for both home and commercial use. There are also some materials with reference to gates and iron railings.

The material dates from 1856 to 1941, but the bulk is late nineteenth century early twentieth century.

Arrangement

Arranged in 2 subseries. The first is organized alphabetically by company name. The second is grouped by type of materials.

- Subseries 1: Manufacturers and Distributors
- Subseries 2: Related Materials

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Fences
Gates
Hand-railing -- Iron
Iron
Steel

Types of Materials:

Business ephemera
Ephemera

Container Listing

Subseries 1: Manufacturers and Distributors

Box 1, Folder 1	Adrian Wire Fence Co., Adrian, Michigan
Box 1, Folder 1	American Iron Post and Construction Co., Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 2-4	American Steel & Wire Co., Chicago, Illinois
Box 1, Folder 5	Archer Post Iron Works, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 5	Baer Double Lock Wire Fence Co., Hagerstown, Maryland
Box 1, Folder 5	Ball, Johson & Co., New Haven, Connecticut
Box 1, Folder 5	Bean, H. & B.F., Pawling, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 6	Barnum, E.T. Iron & Wire Fence Co., Detroit, Michigan
Box 1, Folder 7	Betts Wire Fencing Co., Palmer, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 8	Brock Flexible Fence Co., New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 8	Brockner & Evans, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 9	Brown Fence & Wire Co., Cleveland, Ohio
Box 1, Folder 10-11	Buck-Thorn Fence Co., Trenton, New Jersey
Box 1, Folder 12	Case Brothers- Agents for Union Fences, Colchester, Connecticut
Box 1, Folder 12	Chicago Steel Post Co., Chicago, Illinois
Box 1, Folder 13	Cincinnati Iron Fence Co., Cincinnati, Ohio
Box 1, Folder 13	Cleveland Fence Co., Indianapolis, Indiana
Box 1, Folder 13	Clow, William M. & Co., Lockport, Illinois
Box 1, Folder 14	Collinson, Joshua Fence Co., East Orange, New Jersey
Box 1, Folder 14	Crescent Metallic Fence Stay Co., Covington, Ohio
Box 1, Folder 14	Cyclone Fence Co., Waukegan, Illinois

Box 1, Folder 15	DeWitt Wire Cloth Co., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 15	Dillon-Griswald Co., Sterling, Illinois
Box 1, Folder 16	DuBois Fence & Garden Co., New York, New York
	Fences [illustrated trade card], 1932 1 Item (Ink on paper.) Advertiser: Dubois Artist: Farrow Language: English. Notes: AC0060-0001084-1.tif (AC scan no.) AC0060-0001084-2.tif (AC scan no.) In Box 1, Folder 16 Card shows houses, yard, laundry hanging. In "Fences" category, Box 1, folder 16 - Dubois. Signed in lower right by "Farrow." Topic: Fences -- 1930-1940 Laundry -- 1930-1940 Genre/Form: Trade cards -- 1930-1940
Box 1, Folder 17	Enterprise Iron Works Co., Indianapolis, Indiana
Box 1, Folder 18	Eureka Fence Mfg. Co., Richmond, Indiana
Box 1, Folder 19	Gilbert & Bennett Mfg. Co., New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 19	Gennodo, W.B., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 20	Hall, S.H. Farm Fence Mfg. Co., Elmira, New York
Box 1, Folder 20	Hagerstown Hedge & Fencing Co., Hagerstown, Maryland
Box 1, Folder 21	Hartmen Fence Mfg. Co., Elwood City, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 21	Hayden Patent Elastic Steel Strand Fence, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 21	Haynes' Patent Brace Fence
Box 1, Folder 22	Henry, M.C. Fence Mfg. Co., Richmond Indiana
Box 1, Folder 23	Hollow Cable Mfg. Co., Hornellsville, New York
Box 1, Folder 24-26	Home Fence Co., Cincinnati, Ohio
Box 1, Folder 27	Husselman Fence Mfg. Co., California

Box 1, Folder 28	Indiana Steel & Wire Co., Munice, Indiana
Box 1, Folder 28	International Steel Post Co., Chicago, Illinois
Box 1, Folder 29	Keystone Steel & Wire Co., Peoria, Illinois
Box 1, Folder 29	Kitselman Brothers, Munice, Indiana
Box 1, Folder 29	Lamb Fence Co., Adrian, Michigan
Box 1, Folder 30	McMullen Woven Wire Fence Co., Chicago, Illinois
Box 1, Folder 30	Mast, Foos & Co., Springfield, Ohio
Box 1, Folder 30	Metal Post and Culvert Co., Niles, Ohio
Box 1, Folder 31	Middleton, Howard W. Fence Co., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 32	Missouri Anchor Fence Co., St. Joseph, Missouri
Box 1, Folder 33	National Hedge & Wire Co., Pennsylvania
Box 2, Folder 1	New Jersey Wire Cloth Co., Trenton, New Jersey
Box 1, Folder 2	New York Fence Co., Syracuse, New York
Box 1, Folder 3	New York Wire Railing Co., New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 4	Northwestern Barb Wire Co., Sterling, Illinois
Box 1, Folder 4	Otis, J. A. Patent Fence Posts
Box 1, Folder 5	Page Woven Wire Fence Co., Adrian, Michigan
Box 1, Folder 6-7	Pittsburgh Steel Co., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 8	Pittsburgh Woven Wire Fence Co., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 9	Rogers Fence Co., Springfield, Ohio
Box 1, Folder 9	Republic Fence & Gate Co., North Chicago, Illinois, 1770-1899, undated
Box 1, Folder 9	Royal Fence
Box 1, Folder 10	Scutt, H.B. Fence Mfg. Co., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 11	Sedgwich Fence Mfg. Co., Richmond, Indiana

Box 2, Folder 11	Speakman's Patent Wire Truss Fence
Box 2, Folder 12	Standard Fence Mfg. Co., Cincinnati, Ohio
Box 2, Folder 12	Standard Wire Fence Co., Cananadaigua, New York
Box 2, Folder 13	Sterling Fences
Box 2, Folder 13-14	Stewart Iron Works Co., Cincinnati, Ohio
Box 2, Folder 15	Tait, F.B. Fence Mfg. Co., Decatur, Illinois
Box 2, Folder 15	Titchener, E.H. & Co., Binghamton, New York
Box 2, Folder 16	Truss & Cable Fence Co., Hornellsville, New York
Box 2, Folder 17	Union Fence Co., Dekalb, Illinois
Box 2, Folder 17	Vandemark, Charles, Oak Corners, New York
Box 2, Folder 18	Wheeling Corrugating Co., Wheeling, West Virginia
Box 2, Folder 18	Wheelock Rust Proof Flowerbed Guard and Trellis
Box 2, Folder 18	Worth Wire Works, Kokomo, Indiana
Box 2, Folder 19	Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co., Youngstown, Ohio

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Subseries 2: Related Materials

Box 2, Folder 20	Patents
Box 2, Folder 21	Fence Building Machinery & Tools
Box 2, Folder 22	Gates
Box 2, Folder 23	Iron Railings
Box 2, Folder 24	Related Publications

Box 2, Folder 25 Miscellaneous

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Box SUPP 13, Folder 10 Riter's Fence Machine, advertisement circular, undated

Oversize 102, Folder 3 Fences