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## Guide to the Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Firearms

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Firearms
<b>Date:</b>	1859-1913 undated
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Firearms
<b>Creator:</b>	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
<b>Extent:</b>	1.96 Cubic feet (consisting of 4 boxes, 1 folder, 5 oversize folders, 2 map case folders. )
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Firearms</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: <a href="#">Warshaw Collection of Business Americana</a>
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Image(s): Warshaw Subject Category: Firearms</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Firearms 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

Boxes 1-4 are 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 Subject Categories: Firearms, 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

Materials relate to firearms produced in the United States and materials originate from clubs, associations, and manufacturers of firearms and gunpowders. The oversize items are comprised of printed advertisements, brochures, posters, displays, related publications, and general images. Images within the collection include products, animals, men and young boys. A picture of a baby with a pistol is found with the general images. The materials are mostly late nineteenth to mid-twentieth century in origin.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Firearms  
Guns  
Hunting  
Pistols  
Revolvers  
Rifles  
Weapons

Types of Materials:

Business ephemera  
Ephemera

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## Container Listing

### Business Records, Marketing Material, and Other, 1859-1913

#### Subseries 1: Manufacturers and Distributors of Firearms

Oversize 21, Folder 4	American Powder Mills, Location unknown
Oversize 102, Folder 6	Bannerman, Francis, New York, New York
Oversize 21, Folder 5; Oversize 102, Folder 6	Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company Notes: Colt Automatic Pistol
Oversize 102, Folder 6	Hall, John and Sons, London, England Notes: Manufacturers of Sporting, Military and Export Gunpowders
Oversize 102, Folder 6	Johnson, Iver's Arms and Cycle Works, Fitchburg, Massachusetts
Oversize 102, Folder 6	Lafin And Rand Powder Company, New York, New York
Oversize 21, Folder 5	Marble Arms & Manufacturing Company, Gladstone, Michigan
Oversize 102, Folder 6	Poly-Choke Company, Inc., Hartford, Connecticut
Oversize 102, Folder 6	Remington, E. and Sons, Ilion, New York
Oversize 21, Folder 6; Oversize 102, Folder 7	Winchester Repeating Arms Company, New Haven, Connecticut

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#### Subseries 2: Clubs and Associations

Oversize 102, Folder 7	Rod and Gun Club, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
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Oversize 102, Folder 7	US Bicentennial Society, Richmond, Virginia
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### Subseries 3: Related Publications

Oversize 102, Folder 7	Pistols
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Oversize 102, Folder 7	Promotional Material
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### Subseries 4: General Works

Box 102, Folder 7	General Images
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Box 1	Firearms
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Box 2	Firearms
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Box 3	Firearms
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Box 4	Firearms
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Box SUPP 13, Folder 13	General, Firearms, 1859-1913 Notes: Monograph <i>Illustrated Guide to the Armouries, Tower of London</i> (1910, covers missing), clipped advertisements, images, one receipt, short story "Jennie Blake, Jailer".
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Map-folder 1	Firearms
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Map-folder 10	Firearms
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