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Guide to the Warsaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Forges

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Forges
Date:	1854-1945
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Forges
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Extent:	0.23 Cubic feet (consisting of .5 box.)
Language:	English .
Summary:	A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Forges</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

Forges 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

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- [Series 1: Business Ephemera](#)
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- [Series 4: Photographic Reference Material](#)

Preferred Citation

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

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Scope and Contents

This subject category- Forges contains materials related to the manufacture and sale of forges. With one exception, the materials are from companies that manufactured various forges and other materials as well as agents of those manufacturers. Materials are primarily from the late 19th and early 20th centuries and from companies in the Northeastern United States. Researchers looking for materials on the sale of forges will find this material useful. Of particular interest might be the booklet on the Wyman-Gordon Company from 1945.

Companies include those that manufactured forges or agents representing those manufacturers. Items include business cards, receipts, ad circulars, correspondence, catalogues, price lists, and booklets. Many of the materials are undated. The bulk of those that are dated are from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Most of the companies are located in the Northeastern U.S. with New York, Boston, and Philadelphia mentioned most often. There are also companies from New Hampshire, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois. A small booklet entitled "Quintin Matsys, The Blacksmith of Antwerp" has a written note with the date 1854 on the first page.

Arrangement

Arranged two subseries. Subseries 1 is arranged alphabetically by company. Subseries 2 consists of one item.

- Subseries 1: Companies, circa 1859-1945
- Subseries 2: Related Publications, circa 1854

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Forges

Types of Materials:

Business ephemera
Ephemera

Container Listing

Subseries 1: Companies, circa 1859-1945

Scope and Contents: This subseries consists of materials from companies that manufactured forges or agents representing those manufacturers. Items include business cards, receipts, ad circulars, correspondence, catalogues, price lists, and booklets. Many of the materials are undated. The bulk of those that are dated are from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Most of the companies are located in the Northeastern U.S. with New York, Boston, and Philadelphia mentioned most often. There are also companies from New Hampshire, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois.

Box 1, Folder 1	Andres, H., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1889 Notes: Emery Wheels, Emery Wheel Machinery; Portable Forges
Box 1, Folder 2	Boston Blower Company, Boston, Massachusetts, undated Notes: Manufacturers of fan blowers for Cupola Furnaces and Forges
Box 1, Folder 2	Boston Forge Company, Boston, Massachusetts, 1870-1873 Notes: Manufacturers of Railroad and Steam Marine Work, and forging of all descriptions
Box 1, Folder 3	Buffalo Forge Company, Buffalo, New York, 1890 Notes: Manufacturers and Engineers
Box 1, Folder 4	Buffalo Forge Company, Buffalo, New York, 1908-1909 Notes: Manufacturers and Engineers
Box 1, Folder 5	Buffalo Forge Company, Buffalo, New York, 1877, 1895, 1902, 1904, 1905, 1914, 1927, and undated Notes: Manufacturers and Engineers
Box 1, Folder 6	C.A.S. Forge Works, Saranac, Michigan, circa 1903 and 1913 Notes: Manufacturers of Portable Forges Component Parts
Box 1, Folder 7	Champion Blower & Forge Co., Lancaster, Pennsylvania, 1888 and 1905 Notes: Manufacturers of Portable Forges
Box 1, Folder 8	Colburn, M.L., Boston, Massachusetts, undated Notes: Agent for sale of Tuyeres, or Patent Rights for same
Box 1, Folder 8	Cole, P.J. & Co., Springfield, Ohio, undated Notes: Manufacturers of Eclipse Kit of Tools
Box 1, Folder 9	Electrical Forging Company, Boston, Massachusetts, 1892 Notes: Manufacturers
Box 1, Folder 9	Empire Portable Forge Company, New York, undated

	Notes:	Manufacturers of Portable Forges, Hand Blowers, and Blacksmith's Tools
Box 1, Folder 10	Fairbanks Co., New York, undated Notes:	Manufacturers
Box 1, Folder 10	Flagler, Frederick P., New York, undated Notes:	Manufacturer of Portable Forge and Bellows, for Blacksmiths and Jewelers
Box 1, Folder 11	Foos Manufacturing Co., Springfield, Ohio, undated Notes:	Manufacturers
Box 1, Folder 11	Frasse & Co., New York, undated Notes:	Manufacturers of Portable Forge & Bellows, for Blacksmith, Jewelers and Dentists
Box 1, Folder 12	Holt Manufacturing Company, Cleveland, Ohio, undated Notes:	Manufacturers of Forges & Blacksmith Tools
Box 1, Folder 13	Keystone Portable Forge Co., Northumberland, Pennsylvania, 1872, 1874, 1878, and undated Notes:	Manufacturers of the Keystone Portable Forge and Blower
Box 1, Folder 13	Johnson, W.C., Fitchburg, Massachusetts, undated Notes:	Portable Forges and Forge Blowers
Box 1, Folder 14	Nashua Iron and Steel Company, Nashua, New Hampshire, 1872 and 1873 Notes:	Manufacturers of Weldless Cast-Steel Locomotive Tires, Wrought Iron and Cast-Steel Forgings of all kinds; Heavy steel castings to pattern
Box 1, Folder 15	Pawtucket Manufacturing Company, Pawtucket, Rhode Island, 1883 Notes:	Manufacturers of bolts, cold punched nuts and washers, Iron and steel set screws, cap screws, forged or milled, etc.
Box 1, Folder 15	Potts & Weber, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, undated Notes:	Manufacturers
Box 1, Folder 16	Root, P.H. & F.M., Connerville, Indiana, 1875 and 1879 Notes:	Patentees and Manufacturers
Box 1, Folder 17	Townsend, S.S., New York, undated Notes:	General Agent for P.H. & F.M. Root's Patent
Box 1, Folder 18	Watervliet Forge, New York, 1908 Notes:	Iron and Steel Forgings of Every Description
Box 1, Folder 18	Westford Forge Company, Westforce, Massachusetts, 1859	

	Notes:	Wrought Iron Shafting, axles, and hammered shapes
Box 1, Folder 18	Wilkinson & Co., Boston, Massachusetts, undated Notes:	Manufacturers' Agents for Keystone Portable Forges and Blowers
Box 1, Folder 19	Wyman-Gordon, Worcester, Massachusetts; Harvey, Illinois; Detroit, Michigan Notes:	Master Forgers

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Subseries 2: Related Publications, circa 1854

Scope and Contents: This subseries consists of one item. It is a small booklet entitled "Quintin Matsys, The Blacksmith of Antwerp". There is a written note with the date 1854 on the first page.

Box 1, Folder 20	Booklet "Quintin Matsys, The Blacksmith of Antwerp", circa 1854
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