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

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Genealogy
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Genealogy
Date:	1813-1946
Extent:	1.19 Cubic feet (consisting of 2.5 boxes, 1 folder, 2 oversize 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: Genealogy</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

Genealogy 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: Genealogy, 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

This material consists of the papers and products of individual genealogists, genealogical societies, family associations, and businesses engaged in the study or trade of genealogy and heraldry. Items in this collection include personal papers, organizational papers, family trees, family registers, photographs, professional journals, handbooks, historical narratives, advertisements, and products samples. Researchers interested in the practice and study of genealogy in the United States will find these materials useful. There is also some documentation of foreign companies and individuals involved in the study and trade of genealogy. These materials document how genealogical research was done and where genealogists received their information. The bulk of the material dates from circa 1880 to circa 1920 and is from the Northeastern United States.

Arrangement

Arranged in 4 subseries:

- Subseries 1: Individual Genealogists, circa 1833-1928
- Subseries 2: Genealogical Societies and Family Associations, circa 1847-1939
- Subseries 3: Genealogical Businesses, circa. 1875-1946
- Subseries 4: General Information, circa 1833-1946

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Genealogy

Types of Materials:

Business ephemera

Ephemera

Container Listing

Research Files, Associations, Business Records, and Other, 1813-1923

Subseries 1: Individual Genealogists, circa 1833-1928

This subseries includes the personal papers of individuals engaged in the study of their ancestry and family history. Among these materials, there are historical narratives, family trees, family registers, photographs, correspondence, and documentation of family births, marriages, and deaths. The bulk of these materials consist of the personal papers of Frederic C. Torrey, a genealogist located in Lakehurst, New Jersey. He corresponded with numerous Torrey family members from across the United States. His papers include correspondence (circa 1890-1916), historical narratives about the Torrey family, family trees, family questionnaires, detailed information about Torrey family births, marriages, and deaths, and other miscellaneous items. Peter C. Schuyler's papers include correspondence with Schuyler family members (circa 1883-1884), historical narratives about the Schuyler family, tombstone inscriptions, and detailed information about Schuyler family births, marriages, and deaths. It is unclear where Peter C. Schuyler lived. Walter Freemont Mead was a genealogist from Troy, New York. His papers include correspondence (1908-1928), personal notes, newspaper clippings, photographs, family registers, and materials related to his involvement with the New York Society of Sons of the Revolution. The Read family materials included in this series were not compiled by a specific genealogist; however, they do document some historical information about the Read family through correspondence, photographs, and other notes.

Items in this subseries are arranged alphabetically by family name (Mead, Read, Schuyler, Torrey) and then in chronological order (where possible).

1.1: Walter Freemont Mead, 1908-1928, undated

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| Box 1, Folder 1 | Correspondence, 1908-1928 |
| Box 1, Folder 2 | Genealogical research papers, undated |
| Box 1, Folder 3 | New York Society of Sons of the Revolution |

1.2: Read family, 1833-1884, undated

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| Box 1, Folder 4 | Materials, circa 1883-1884 |
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1.3: Peter C. Schuyler, 1883-1884, undated

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| Box 1, Folder 5 | Correspondence, circa 1883-1884 |
| Box 1, Folder 6-8 | Genealogical research papers, undated |
| Oversize 23, Folder 3 | Genealogical research papers, undated |

1.4: Frederic C. Torrey, 1890-1916, undated

Correspondence

Box 1, Folder 9	Correspondence, 1890-1900
Box 1, Folder 10	Correspondence, 1900-1902
Box 1, Folder 11	Correspondence, 1903-1904
Box 1, Folder 12	Correspondence, 1905-1906
Box 1, Folder 13	Correspondence, 1907-1908
Box 1, Folder 14	Correspondence, 1909
Box 1, Folder 15	Correspondence, 1910-1916
Box 1, Folder 16	Correspondence, undated
Box 1, Folder 17-19; Oversize 23, Folder 3	Genealogical research papers, undated
Box 1, Folder 20	Miscellaneous materials, undated

Subseries 2: Genealogical Societies and Family Associations, circa 1847-1939

This subseries includes the professional journals, handbooks, by-laws, certificates of incorporation, officers, historical narratives, publications, services, mailing lists, and correspondence associated with societies and clubs dedicated to the study of genealogy and heraldry. This series also includes family reunion notifications, meeting information, and newsletters associated with the Eaton, Hickman, Reade, Robinson, Rockefeller, Sanford family associations. The majority of these organizations are located in New England with a few exceptions in Nashville, Tennessee, Lumberton, North Carolina, and Paris, France.

Items in this subseries are arranged alphabetically by society, club, or association name.

Box 2, Folder 1	Archives of the French Nobility Paris, France
Box 2, Folder 1	British American Record Society, New York, New York, 1911
Box 2, Folder 2	Eaton Family Association, Boston, Massachusetts, 1890
Box 2, Folder 2	Hickman Family Association of the United States, Nashville, Tennessee, 1939
Box 2, Folder 2	Kings County Genealogical Club, Brooklyn, New York, 1888

- Box 2, Folder 3 Maine Genealogical Society, circa 1800s
- Box 2, Folder 3 National Americana Society, New York, New York, 1912
- Box 2, Folder 4 New England Historic-Genealogical Society, Boston, Massachusetts,
1847-1909
- Box 2, Folder 5 New England Historic-Genealogical Society, Boston, Massachusetts, 1862
- Box 2, Folder 6 New England Historic-Genealogical Society, Boston, Massachusetts, 1868
- Box 2, Folder 7 New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, The, New York, New York,
1869-1922
- Box 2, Folder 8 New York Society of Sons of the Revolution, William Floyd Chapter, Troy, New
York Chapter Troy, New York, circa 1908-1928
- Box 2, Folder 9 Reade Historical and Genealogical Association, Boston, Massachusetts, 1912
- Box 2, Folder 9 Robinson Family Genealogical and Historical Association, Canton,
Massachusetts, circa 1900
- Box 2, Folder 10 Rockefeller Family Association, Brooklyn, New York, 1913
- Box 2, Folder 10 Sanford Association of America, Madison, New Jersey, 1917
- Box 2, Folder 11 Scottish Society of America, Lumberton, North Carolina
- Box 2, Folder 11 Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New York, New York, New
York, 1914

Subseries 3: Genealogical Businesses, circa 1875-1946

includes the advertisements, correspondence, and product samples of individuals and businesses engaged in genealogical trade. Their services and products included genealogical resources, books, research guides, and prepared family histories. The majority of these businesses are located in New York, Ohio, Maryland, New Jersey, and London, England. The Lawrence-Townley Estate materials include the records of individuals and businesses working to document their right or the rights of others to the Lawrence-Townley Estate (also known as Chase-Townley). The individuals and companies include F. Alden Hill and Dr. Alfred Shephard located in Glendale, Ohio; Jasiel Lawrence of Rome, New York; James Usher of New York, New York (Chase-Townley); and the Townley Estates Realization Company located in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Items in this subseries are arranged alphabetically by the name of the business or individual.

- Box 2, Folder 12 Wm. H. Abbott, The Bureau of Heraldry, New York, New York, 1900

- Box 2, Folder 12 John Bromley & Heather Child Armorial Bearings of the Guilds of London, London, England
- Box 2, Folder 12 David W. DeLay, Springfield, Ohio, 1882
- Box 2, Folder 13 Familien-Kalender, New York, New York, circa 1875-1946
- Box 2, Folder 13 Family Guidex, Annapolis, Maryland, circa 1946
- Box 2, Folder 13 Genealogical Publishing Company, New York, New York, 1911
- Box 2, Folder 14 Robert Gun, London, England
- Box 2, Folder 14 Historical Company, The, New York, New York, 1897
- Box 2, Folder 15;
Oversize 23, Folder 3 Lawrence-Townley Estate, also known as Chase-Townley
- Box 2, Folder 16 John Matthews, Genealogist, London, England, circa 1912-1917
- Box 2, Folder 16 Mayflower Pamphlet, New York, New York
- Box 2, Folder 17 Joel Munsell's Sons, Albany, New York, circa late 1800s
- Box 2, Folder 18 Noyes F. Palmer, Jamaica, Long Island, New York
- Box 2, Folder 18 H. J. Sanford, Potsdam, New York, circa 1917
- Box 3, Folder 1 Walford Brothers, London, England, circa 1906-1912
- Box 3, Folder 2 Ethel W. Williams, Ph. D., A Guide to Genealogical Research
- Box 3, Folder 2 E. M. Woodward, Ellisdale, New Jersey, circa late 1800s

Subseries 4: General Information, circa late 1800s

This subseries includes photographs, drawings, and engravings of various people, correspondence from various individuals studying the genealogy of different families (circa 1833-1946), the research papers and notes of individuals studying various genealogical family lines, and historic familial information including historical narratives, notices of family reunions, baptismal records, military records, ornate family trees, and family registers. Most of the photographs, drawings, and engravings are of the Butler family (circa 1800's). There is also a Buckley family photograph and two unidentified photographs. There is a large and ornate family tree documenting the lineage of Major General Robert Sedgwick (1613-1656); he is said to be one of the first Sedgwicks to arrive in America. The miscellaneous folder contains a picture of the arms of Henry Hudson, founder and 1st assistant of the Muscovy Company; a

blank family fact form of unknown origin; and a sheet of paper with pictures of the Elsass, Lothringen, Nanzig, Strasburg, Metz, and Verdun coat of arms.

Box 3, Folder 3	Butler photographs, drawings, and etchings
Oversize 23, Folder 3c	Butler drawings, and etchings
Box 3, Folder 4	Other photographs, drawings, and etchings
Box 3, Folder 5	Correspondence, circa 1833-1946
Box 3, Folder 6	Genealogical research papers
Oversize 23, Folder 3a	Family Trees
Oversize 106, Folder 4	Family Trees
Box 3, Folder 7	Family Registers
Oversize 23, Folder 3b	Family Registers
Box 3, Folder 8	Historic familial information
Oversize 23, Folder 3c	Historic familial information
Box 3, Folder 9	Miscellaneous
Box SUPP 14, Folder 13	General, Genealogy, 1813-1923 Printed lists of names from published material, handwritten note, a letter of inquiry with genealogical detail, and a program for the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

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