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Collection Overview

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| Repository: | Archives Center, National Museum of American History |
| Title: | Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Historical |
| Date: | circa 1837-1966 |
| Identifier: | NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Historical |
| Creator: | Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969 |
| Extent: | 0.96 Cubic feet (consisting of 2 boxes, 1 folder, 2 oversize folders.) |
| Language: | English . |
| Summary: | A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Historical</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

Historical 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

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, 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 mostly of information related to national and local historical societies and organizations in the United States. There is also some material on historic sites, people and events. It further contains a few loose images/illustrations, maps and visual chronologies. A small group of oversize materials relating to US charter documents is also present. The majority of the collection dates from the 1880s through the 1960s; some material dates as early as 1837.

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

Organizational Records, Marketing Material, Images, and Literature, circa 1837-1966

Subseries 1: Organization and Society Records, 1843-1965

Scope and Contents: Historical Organization and Society Records contains material relating to and/or produced by historical societies and organizations. Several of these are national-level organizations, although there are also a significant number of state and local groups. Most organizations are located in the Northeastern United States (notably New York State) as well as the Midwest. Contents include publications and newsletters, information relating to events/conferences, membership correspondence, and certificates. Materials are arranged alphabetically by organization.

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| Box 1, Folder 1 | Albany Institute and Historical and Art Society, Albany, New York, 1902 |
| Box 1, Folder 1 | Albion Historical Club, Albion, New York, 1883-1884 |
| Box 1, Folder 2; Oversize 108, Folder 1 | American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Massachusetts, 1864-1885 |
| Box 1, Folder 3 | American Association for State and Local History, Madison, Wisconsin, 1953-1963 |
| Box 1, Folder 4 | American Geographical Society, New York, New York |
| Box 1, Folder 5 | American Historical Association, Washington, DC, 1894-1940 |
| Box 1, Folder 6 | American Institute of the City of New York, New York, New York |
| Box 1, Folder 6 | American Jewish Historical Society, New York, New York, 1965 |
| Box 1, Folder 7 | Bibliographical Society of America, New York, New York, 1951 |
| Box 1, Folder 7 | B'nai B'rith Henry Monsky Foundation, Washington, DC, 1959 |
| Box 1, Folder 7 | Business History Foundation, Forest Hills, New York, 1949 |
| Box 1, Folder 8 | Business Historical Society, Boston, Massachusetts Notes: see also Sheraton Group |
| Box 1, Folder 9 | Chicago Historical Society, Chicago, Illinois, 1936 |
| Box 1, Folder 9 | Detroit Historical Commission, Detroit, Michigan, 1960 |
| Box 1, Folder 9 | Dukes County Historical Society, Dukes County, Massachusetts, 1923 |

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| Box 1, Folder 10 | DuPage County Historical Society, Glen Ellyn, Illinois, 1950-1952 |
| Box 1, Folder 11 | Early American Industries Association, Washington, DC, 1939-1965 |
| Box 1, Folder 12 | Economic History Association, Location Unknown, 1940 |
| Box 1, Folder 13 | Franklin Institute of the State of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1871 |
| Box 1, Folder 13 | Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1857 |
| Box 1, Folder 13 | Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1885 |
| Box 1, Folder 14 | Long Island Historical Society, Brooklyn, New York, post 1935 |
| Box 1, Folder 14 | Manchester Historic Association, Manchester, New York, post 1931 |
| Box 1, Folder 14 | Manuscript Society, The, New York, New York, 1954-1955 |
| Box 1, Folder 15 | Michigan Historical Collections, The, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1957-1961 |
| Box 1, Folder 15 | Minneapolis Athenaeum, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1885 |
| Box 1, Folder 15 | Montgomery County Historical Society, Amsterdam, New York, 1911 |
| Box 2, Folder 1 | National Historical Association, New York, New York, 1915 |
| Box 2, Folder 1 | New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, New Hampshire |
| Box 2, Folder 2-4 | New York Historical Society, New York, New York, 1843-1966 |
| Box 2, Folder 5 | New York State Historical Association, Cooperstown, New York, 1908-1964 |
| Box 2, Folder 5 | Northern Indiana Historical Society, South Bend, Indiana |
| Box 2, Folder 5 | Norwegian-American Historical Association, Northfield, Minnesota, 1962 |
| Box 2, Folder 6 | Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society, Columbus, Ohio Notes: also known as Ohio Historical Society |
| Box 2, Folder 6 | Onandaga Historical Society, Syracuse, New York, 1923 |
| Box 2, Folder 7 | Rochester Historical Society, Rochester, New York, 1916 |
| Box 2, Folder 8 | Schenectady County Historical Society, Schenectady, New York |
| Box 2, Folder 9 | Sheraton Group, Boston, Massachusetts, 1954-1960 Notes: see also Business Historical Society |

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| Box 2, Folder 10 | Webster Historical Society, Boston, Massachusetts, 1884 |
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Subseries 2: Historic Places, People and Events, circa 1884-1965

Scope and Contents: Historic Places, People and Events begins at Box 2, Folder 11 with materials on historical sites/buildings in the Northeastern and Midwestern United States and the Virgin Islands. This material is brief and largely promotional. Most dates are unknown. Folder 12 in box two contains a small number of prose essays or excerpts with historic figures or events as their subjects. Of note are a 1962 Time-Life exhibit guide on the Birth of the Republic, and an excerpt of eye-witness Civil War reports.

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| Box 2, Folder 11 | Historic Places |
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| Box 2, Folder 12 | Writing on Historic People/Events |
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Subseries 3: Images, Illustrations and Maps, circa 1838-1914

Scope and Contents: Images, Illustrations and Maps contains engravings, prints, portraits and other types of illustrations. Many are pages torn from books. Depicted are buildings, streets, people and scenes in nature. Box 2 Folder 14, plus one oversize folder in Box 108, contain a small number of world/country maps and world history charts or chronologies.

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| Box 2, Folder 13 | Illustrations, Portraits, and Engravings |
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| Box 2, Folder 14 | Maps and Chronologies |
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| Oversize 108, Folder 1 | Chronologies |
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Subseries 4: Materials Relating to Charter Documents, circa 1901-1937

Scope and Contents: Materials Relating to US Charter Documents include oversize reproductions of the Declaration of Independence, an excerpt of the text of the Constitution, and a commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Constitution.

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| Oversize 108, Folder 2 | Reproduction of the Declaration of Independence, created by the Patriotic Society, 1901 |
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| Oversize 108, Folder 2 | Reproduction of the Declaration of Independence (2 copies) Notes: creator and date unknown |
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| Oversize 108, Folder 2 | Commemoration by President Franklin D. Roosevelt of the 150th Anniversary of the Constitution, 1937 |
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| Oversize 108, Folder 2 | Illustrated excerpt from the Constitution, 1901 |
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Box SUPP 15, Folder
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Publications and Organizations, 1847-1963

Notes:

Informational pieces on the Declaration of Independence, a historical sketch and year book on topics of United States history, and a commemorative edition of Paul Revere's Ride poem issued for Patriot's Day (1897). Several promotional mailers for a charity meeting at a local Historical Society, League of Nations, the Society of American Archivists and the American Association for State and Local History, and the Descendants fo the Signers of the Declaration of the Independence. Comparison chart of the governments of multiple nations.

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