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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Iron
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Iron
Date:	1803-1967 (bulk 1830-1915)
Extent:	4.82 Cubic feet (consisting of 10 boxes, 1 folder, 5 oversize folders, 2 map case folders, 1 flat box (partial).)
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: Iron</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

Iron 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.

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.

For this subject, minimal processing included arrangement to the folder level, based on prior processing and preservation action, with retention of the pre-existing arrangement when possible, if applicable. Otherwise, an order was imposed by the Processing Archivist. Some materials were consolidated to eliminate excess bulk, but items within folders were not arranged further. The guide may or may not include a more refined list of folder contents. Nonarchival housing was replaced for long-term stability, but staples and other fasteners have not all been removed.

Minimal level processing and machine-readable finding aid completed by Nicole Blechynden, October 2016.

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Restrictions

Collection is open for research. Some items may be restricted due to fragile condition.

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Scope and Contents

Iron and steel are companion industries so there is overlap in the products and goods manufactured and sold, which is evident in the documents. Iron was commonly used in construction as well as ornamental application in architecture and art, especially facades and sculptures, in addition to landscape and cemetery design, particularly in fencing. Some applications include bridges, concrete supports, joists, grating, casements, stairs, railings, trellises, doors, seats and other furniture, vases, vanes, shutters, posts, and fire escapes. Bar, plates, pig iron, cast iron, ore, and steel are commonly referred to in the collection materials. The emphasis is on products rather than production methods.

Materials represent a sampling of business records such as invoices, financial sheets, correspondence and a small number of advertising and promotional circulars. There are price sheets and a few product catalogs. Several company/foundry histories and prospectus documents are present. There is a large volume of import/export documents (European) present.

No extensive runs or complete records exist for any single company or brand, and no particular subtopic is represented in detail, although for any singular subtopic though some publications may provide general and historical overviews of a person, company, or facet of industry.

Arrangement

The materials are arranged into three series.

- Business Records and Marketing Materials
 - Genre
 - Subject
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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:

Benches, iron
Fences -- wrought iron
Gates -- Iron
Iron and steel bridges
Iron and steel industry
Iron and steel workers -- 1920-1930 -- New York (State) -- New York
Iron industry and trade -- United States
Ironwork
Mail-order business -- Catalogs
Periodicals
Public buildings
Public works
Sales promotion
Wrought-iron

Types of Materials:

Advertisements
Advertising
Advertising cards
Advertising fliers
Advertising mail
Annual reports
Business cards
Business ephemera
Business letters
Business records
Catalogs
Catalogues
Commercial catalogs
Correspondence
Ephemera
Illustrations
Invoices
Letterheads
Mail order catalogs
Manuals
Manufacturers' catalogs

Print advertising
Printed ephemera
Printed material
Publications
Publications -- Business
Receipts
Reports
Sales catalogs
Sales letters
Sales records
Technical manuals -- 20th century
Technical reports
Trade cards
Trade catalogs
Trade literature

Container Listing

Business Records and Marketing Material, 1803-1953

Contains transactional documents such as receipts and invoices for goods and services, correspondence, and general marketing material including advertisements, product information, circulars, mailers, and thin catalogues. Some company history or publications may also be present.

Folders are in alphabetical order by company or proprietor name.

Box 1, Folder 1	A, 1953, 1851-1902
Box 1, Folder 2	B, 1827-1902
Box 1, Folder 3-4	C, 1836-1914
Box 1, Folder 5	D, 1833-1903
Box 2, Folder 1	E, 1846-1913
Box 2, Folder 2	F, 1833-1890
Box 2, Folder 3	G, 1836-1928
Box 2, Folder 4	H, 1829-1893
Box 2, Folder 5	I, 1852-1892
Oversize 25, Folder 6	Indiana Iron Works, 1856 January 1 Three sheets of store coupons valued from five cents to five dollars.
Box 2, Folder 6	J, 1849-1896
Box 2, Folder 7	K, 1851-1898
Box 2, Folder 8	L, 1854-1918
Oversize 25, Folder 6	Leadite Company, undated Oversized circular ad.
Box 3, Folder 1	M, 1838-1911
Box 3, Folder 2	N, 1847-1906

Box 3, Folder 3	O, 1856-1892
Box 3, Folder 4	P, 1838-1913
Box 3, Folder 5	Q, 1884-1887
Box 3, Folder 6	R, 1854-1953 (bulk 1854-1891)
Box 3, Folder 7	Richards-Wilcox, 1919-1930
Box 10, Folder 4	Richmond Iron Works, 1846 Correspondence copy book with mechanical engineering notes. Samuel Gates, Agent.
Box 4, Folder 1	S, 1833-1927
Oversize 25, Folder 6	Sargent and Company, undated Oversized circular ad.
Box 4, Folder 2	T, 1835-1943 (bulk 1835-1895)
Box 4, Folder 3	U, 1869-1898
Box 4, Folder 4	V, 1850-circa 1938
Box 4, Folder 5-6	W, 1844-1904
Oversize 25, Folder 6	Ware's Copyright Engraving Designs, undated Oversized, illustrated price list. Represented by John Wilkinson.
Box 10, Folder 5	Ledger and Notebook, Production, circa 1911 Loose-leaf binder with cost of goods, measurements, notes, railroad shipping rates, blueprints of railroad cars. Some items relate to Honolulu Iron Works Company.
Box SUPP 16, Folder 5	Advertising, undated Iron industry advertisers list in German. Oversize
Oversize 110, Folder 8	Advertisements, 1864, 1876, 1887, undated
Map-folder 5	Advertisements

Gear, A.S. , undated
Broadside.

Hinderer's Iron Works , undated
Circular, catalogue 17.

Mott, J.L. Iron Works
Illustrated circulars.

Public Urinal, 1876

Fountains, undated

Wilson Walker, and Company, undated
Union Forge and Iron Mills product design illustrated circular.

Map-folder 10

Advertisements
Illustrated broadsides.

Fiske, J.W. , undated
Ornamental iron works.

Pond, Lucius W., undated
Planing machines for iron.

Import/Export
There are no records for 1887.

Box 5, Folder 1	Early to mid 1800s, 1803-1857
Box 5, Folder 2	Early to mid 1860s, 1860-1867
Box 5, Folder 3	Late 1860s, 1868-1869
Box 5, Folder 4	Early 1870s, 1870
Box 5, Folder 5	Early 1870s, 1871
Box 5, Folder 6	Early 1870s, 1872
Box 6, Folder 1	Early 1870s, 1873
Box 6, Folder 2	Mid 1870s, 1874

Box 6, Folder 3	Mid 1870s, 1875
Box 6, Folder 4	Mid 1870s, 1876
Box 6, Folder 5	Late 1870s, 1877
Box 6, Folder 6	Late 1870s, 1878
Box 6, Folder 7	Late 1870s, 1879
Box 7, Folder 1	Early 1880s, 1880
Box 7, Folder 2	Early 1880s, 1881
Box 7, Folder 3	Early 1880s, 1882
Box 7, Folder 4	Early 1880s, 1883
Box 7, Folder 5-6	Mid 1880s, 1884
Box 7, Folder 7	Mid 1880s, 1885
Box 7, Folder 8	Mid 1880s, 1886
Box 8, Folder 1	Late 1880s, 1888
Box 8, Folder 2	Late 1880s, 1889
Box 8, Folder 3	1890s, Early 1890s

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Genres, 1855-1966

Box 8, Folder 4-6	Catalogues, 1868-1934 One catalogue per company listed, unless otherwise noted.
Box 8, Folder 4	Barbee Wire and Iron Works, 1899
Box 8, Folder 4	Berlin Iron Bridge Company, undated
Oversize 25, Folder 6	Braun, J.G. , 1906 Illustrated catalogue (No. 11) and price list.

- Box 8, Folder 4 Fiske, J.W., Iron Works, 1868, undated
2 catalogues.
- Box 8, Folder 5 Gensel, Fred, and Company, undated
- Box 8, Folder 5 Hallett Iron Works, undated
- Box 8, Folder 5 Highton, Wm., and Sons and Hart and Cooley Manufacturing Company, 1929
- Oversize 110, Folder 6 Mott, J. L., 1875
- Oversize 219 Mott, J. L., Iron Works, 1888
Bound catalogue "G" (covers missing), pp. 1-276 plus index.
- Box 8, Folder 5 Murdock Parlor Grate Company, 1883
- Box 8, Folder 5 Pancoast and Rogers, undated
- Box 8, Folder 6 Stewart Iron Works, 1917
- Truscon Steel Company, 1929, 1935
2 catalogues.
- Van Dorn Iron Works Company, 1895, circa 1888, undated
3 catalogues.
- Oversize 25, Folder 6 Westervelt, A.B. & W.T., 1880
Illustrated catalogue (No. 3) and price list. Successors to Stone & Westervelt.
- Box 9, Folder 1 Images, 1910, undated
Two printed illustrations showing machinery made of iron. One pencil sketch of a gate design.
- Oversize Images
- Oversize 25, Folder 5 General, 1855, 1890, undated
Numerous printed illustration plates (separated from original text). Two mounted photos of the Waterbury Malleable Iron Company facilities (1890). Two print illustrations, one each of the Colby Iron Works and the Danvers Iron Works, both in Massachusetts. An ad for the Woodruff & Beach Iron Work with colorized map (1855) of Philadelphia on verso.
- Oversize 110, Folder 7 Quinsigamond Iron & Wire Works, undated
Colorized lithograph of the facility in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Serial Publications

- Box 9, Folder 2 *Iron Age*, 1897 February 4
Single issue. Vol. LI, No. 5. Preservation note: poor condition.
- Oversize 25, Folder 6 *World Journal Tribune*, "Saving 'Iron Face' ", 1966 September 15
Two photocopies of same article.
- Box 9, Folder 3 Miscellaneous, 1857-circa 1952
Five clipped *Quarterly Report of the Scotch Iron Trade* editorials by Thomas Thorburn (1857-1859), one issue of *The Wrought Iron Record* (Vol. 1, No. 4), 2 issues of *Malleable Iron Facts* bulletins (No. 47 & No. 48).

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Subject, 1842-1967

- Box 9, Folder 4-6 Company Histories and Achievements, 1876-1942
Coal and Iron Exchange Building. Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company. Taylor-Wharton Iron and Steel Company, Union Iron Works. Smyser-Royer Company, Accomplishments in Cast Iron. The American Rolling Mill Company, ARMCO. Carbonizing Coating, Goheen Manufacturing Company. Berlin Iron Bridge Company.
- Box 9, Folder 7 Essays, Reports, and Proceedings, 1876, 1878, 1967
Proceeding and meetings, Iron and Steel Institute. Photocopied excerpts from *Essays Upon Field Husbandry in New England and Other Papers 1748-1762* by Jared Eliot (1967).
- Box 9, Folder 8 Reference and Bibliographical , 1877-1957
Wrought Iron, Its Manufacture Characteristics and Applications (1942).
- Box 10, Folder 1-2 Reference and Bibliographical , 1877-1957
Texts and indexes on iron related publications, statistics, casting of steel, brazier, foundry work, and the use of wrought iron and steel in construction.
- Box 10, Folder 3 Miscellaneous, 1842-1902
A small assortment of items: clippings related to the iron industry, a warning about irons mixing while on ships and the negative impact, a few hand written scratch sheets with tables and calculations, a six6 page handwritten letter to the US Secretary of Treasury regarding customs tariffs (1884 September 27), printed text of *The Striking Miner's Song* (1902 September, Finson, H.W.), a real estate advertisement listing coal and iron ore on the property (1842, Western Pennsylvania). Blueprint for ice tank framing.
- Oversize 110, Folder 7 St. Mary-Street Market design schematic, 1893
Hauptur, William. Printed schematic for ironwork in the St. Mary-Street Market, Cardiff.

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