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

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Ivory
Date:	circa 1843-1893
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Ivory
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Extent:	0.23 Cubic feet (consisting of .5 box , plus digital images of some collection material.)
Language:	English .
Summary:	A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Ivory</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
Digital Content:	Image(s): Warshaw Subject Category: Ivory

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Ivory 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)

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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](#)

Preferred Citation

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

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Scope and Contents

This subject category- Ivory consists of materials involving the manufacturing and sale of ivory or ivory goods. The bulk of the materials is from companies in the northeast United States and are dated from the mid to late nineteenth century. Researchers interested in the manufacture or sale of ivory during the last half of the 1800s will find this information useful.

Arrangement

Arranged in two subseries. Subseries 1 is arranged alphabetically by company name. Subseries 2 is arranged by subject.

- Subseries 1: Companies, circa 1843-1893, undated
- Subseries 2: General Information, circa 1874-1883, undated

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Ivory
Ivory industry

Types of Materials:

Business ephemera
Ephemera

Container Listing

Subseries 1: Companies, circa 1843-1893, undated

Scope and Contents: This subseries contains the papers of companies dealing in the manufacturing and/or sale of ivory or ivory goods. Items include receipts for materials sold, ad sheets, business cards, price lists, informational booklets, an ad sheet for "Ivory that grows on trees" from William Kingsley, and an article on "Eburnea, the Synthetic Ivory" from George Wright. The bulk of the companies are located in New York. Others are in Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. There is also a company in Hamburg, Germany and one in London. The W. Kirsch company material shows Portland as a location but it is unknown what state. Materials are arranged alphabetically by company.

Box 1, Folder 1	American Supply Company, Westville, Connecticut, 1893 Notes: Manufacturers of ivory, bone, horn, wire, and sheet metal goods
Box 1, Folder 2	Demuth, William & Company, New York, 1893 Notes: Manufacturers and importers of walking sticks
Box 1, Folder 3	Grote, F. & Company, New York, undated Notes: Turners and dealers in ivory
Box 1, Folder 4	Harvey & Ford, Philadelphia, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879 Notes: Ivory Goods – Ivory Cut to Order; Billiard and Bagatelle Balls
Box 1, Folder 5	Kaldenberg, F.J., New York, 1875-circa 1880 Notes: Manufacturer of Ivory Toilet Articles, Stationary and Fancy Goods
Box 1, Folder 5	Kingsley, William, Pennsylvania, 1862 Notes: Manufacturer of Walking Canes, Billiard Balls, Meruschaum & Briar Root Pipes
Box 1, Folder 5	Kirsch, W., Portland, 1873
Box 1, Folder 6	Meyer, Heinr. Ad., Hamburg, Germany, circa 1875
Box 1, Folder 7	Phyfe, John, New York, circa 1843, 1854, 1860 Notes: Dealer in Ivory and Manufacturer of Ivory Goods
Box 1, Folder 7	Puffer, J. & Company, Massachusetts, undated Notes: Dealer in horns
Box 1, Folder 8	Sevey, J. A., Boston, Massachusetts, 1858 Notes: Dealers in Ivory and Whalebone Raw Stock
Box 1, Folder 9	Wright, George, London, circa 1891 Notes: Billiard Table Manufacturers, Merchants and Shippers

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General Information, circa 1874-1883, undated

Scope and Contents: This subseries contains images and miscellaneous materials. There is a card with an elephant and an ad sheet showing various items made of Ivory Pyralin. There is also an invoice (1883?) and import/export documents from Hamburg, Germany to Pennsylvania (1874). Materials are arranged by subject.

Box 1, Folder 10	General Images, undated
Box 1, Folder 11	Miscellaneous, 1874 and 1883

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