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Guide to the Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Kitchen Appliances and Utensils

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Kitchen Appliances and Utensils
Date:	1884-1968 undated
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Kitchen
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Extent:	1.86 Cubic feet (consisting of 4 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: Kitchen Appliances and Utensils</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: Kitchen Appliances and Utensils

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Kitchen Appliances and Utensils 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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- [Series 1: Business Ephemera](#)
- [Series 2: Other Collection Divisions](#)
- [Series 3: Isadore Warshaw Personal Papers](#)
- [Series 4: Photographic Reference Material](#)

Processing Information

Boxes 1-4 are unprocessed.

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

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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

Materials relate to kitchen appliances and utensils in the United States and originate from manufacturers and distributors of kitchen cabinets and kitchen cookware and from other businesses who gave kitchenware as gifts or incentives. The oversize items are comprised of printed advertisement, brochures, and images. Machines used in the kitchen are not available in this collection, but can be found in the vertical legal size document boxes. Images are of products primarily. The material dates from early to mid-twentieth century.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Cookware
- Furniture
- House furnishings
- Kitchen appliances
- Kitchen utensil industry
- Kitchen utensils

Types of Materials:

Business ephemera
Ephemera

Container Listing

Business Records, Marketing Material, and Other, 1884-1968

Subseries 1: Manufacturers and Distributors of Kitchen Appliances and Utensils

Oversize 118, Folder 1	International Enameling and Stamping Company, Granite City, Illinois Notes: Nesco Perfect Roaster
Oversize 28, Folder 1	The I-XL Furniture Company, Goshen, Indiana Notes: Manufacturer of Kitchen Cabinets and Ladies Desks
Oversize 28, Folder 1	McClerman Metal Products Company, Chicago, Illinois Notes: Manufacturers of Steel Kitchen Cabinets
Oversize 28, Folder 1	McDougall Company, Frankfort, Indiana
Oversize 118, Folder 1	Murphy Door Bed Company, New York, New York Notes: Murphy Wood Cabinets
Oversize 118, Folder 1	National Seed Company, Lancaster, Pennsylvania Notes: Kitchenware giveaways
Oversize 118, Folder 1	Savage, M.W.'s Big International Stock Food Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota Notes: Kitchenware giveaways
Oversize 28, Folder 1	Starkweather & Allen, Troy, New York Notes: Importers and Jobbers of Crockery, Glassware, Tinware, Fancy Goods, etc.
Oversize 118, Folder 1	Swasey, E. and Company, Portland, Maine Notes: Old English Gray Ware
Oversize 28, Folder 1	Whittier Lumber and Millwork Company, Newark, New Jersey Notes: Morgan Kitchen Cabinets

Subseries 2: General Works

Oversize 28, Folder 1	Miscellaneous Cookware
Box 1	Kitchen Appliances and Utensils
Box 2	Kitchen Appliances and Utensils
Box 3	Kitchen Appliances and Utensils

Box 4 Kitchen Appliances and Utensils

Box SUPP 16, Folder
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Business Records and Marketing Material, 1884-1968

Notes: Business records contain a bill, an envelope and a couple of ledger sheets. Marketing material consists of trade cards, promotional calendar, clipped advertisements, circulars, and price lists. Some products listed include tin foil, toasters, chafing dishes, ladles, jar holders, flatware, stamped ware, canning, meat and food choppers, tin ware, automatic dishwasher, refrigerator, and gas ranges, dish pans, serving ware,

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