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

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Laboratories
Date:	1840-1942
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Laboratories
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Extent:	0.25 Cubic feet (consisting of .5 box, 1 folder.)
Language:	English .
Summary:	<p>A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Laboratories</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</p>

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Laboratories 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

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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

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: Laboratories, Archives Center, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution

Restrictions

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Scope and Contents

This collection consists of materials from laboratories primarily in the northeast United States. Only two of the items in the collection are dated. Researchers looking for information on how testing of materials was done and the cost of such testing during the late 19th and early 20th centuries will find this information useful.

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

Business Records, Marketing Material, and Other, 1840-1942

Subseries 1: Companies, circa 1884-1942

Scope and Contents: This subseries consists of materials from laboratories involved in testing materials both biological and industrial. Items include a pricelist booklet for biological testing materials, an info and price brochure for construction materials, a book "Testing in Modern Industry" (1942), and correspondence. The companies are based in the northeast United States with two companies in New York and one in Philadelphia. The fourth company, the United States Testing Company, is based in New Jersey with other offices in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Illinois, and New York. Only two of the items are dated (1884 and 1942).

Arrangement: Arranged alphabetically by company.

Box 1, Folder 1	American Lactone Company, New York, New York, undated Notes: Biological testing supplies
Box 1, Folder 2	Grimshaw, Robert, Ph.D., Philadelphia, 1884 Notes: Scientific Expert, Testing Department
Box 1, Folder 3	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, New York, undated Notes: Testing Laboratories-construction materials
Box 1, Folder 4	United States Testing Company, New Jersey and other states, 1942

Subseries 2: Images, undated

Scope and Contents: This subseries is comprised of one image of a group of people working in a laboratory. The location and date of the image are both unknown.

Box 1, Folder 5 Image of laboratory, undated

Product Catalogue and Purchase Receipt, 1911, 1840
Language: Catalogue is in German.

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