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Guide to the Warshaw Collection of
Business Americana Subject Categories:
Lawn Mowers and Lawn Accessories

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Lawn Mowers and Lawn Accessories
Date:	circa 1857-1938, undated
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Lawnmowers
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Extent:	0.51 Cubic feet (consisting of 1 box, 1 folder, 2 oversize folders, plus digital images of some collection material.)
Language:	English .
Summary:	<p>A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Lawn Mowers and Lawn Accessories</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>
Digital Content:	Image(s): Warshaw Subject Category: Lawn Mowers and Lawn Accessories

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Lawn Mowers and Lawn Accessories 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](#)
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- [Series 4: Photographic Reference Material](#)

Processing Information

Oversize materials 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

Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Lawn Mowers and Lawn Accessories, 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 consist primarily of advertising cards, bills, receipts, pamphlets, booklets, scattered correspondence on letterhead stationery and printed advertisements from manufacturers and distributors of lawn mowers and lawn accessories. The material dates from 1857 to 1938.

Materials pertaining to lawn mowers are organized by name of company. Lawn accessories are grouped by type of implement such as rakes, hoes and sprinklers. There are also three folders of material grouped by type: lawn mower parts and repairs, patents, and general works (images).

Brand / Company / Product Index

Organized as: Brand Name / Company Name / Type of Product

- Acme / Blair Mfg. Co. / Lawn Mower
- Airway / Henley Lawn Mower Co. / Lawn Mower
- Ajax / C. S. Bell Co. / Garden Rollers
- Bay State / Blair Mfg. Co. / Lawn Mower
- Best / Blair Mfg. Co. / Lawn Mower
- Boston / Blair Mfg. Co. / Lawn Mower
- Champion / C. S. Bell Co. / Garden Rollers
- Champion / Henley Lawn Mower Co. / Lawn Mower

- Charter / Oak Archimedean Lawn Mower Co. / Mower
- Cricket / Henley Lawn Mower Co. / Lawn Mower
- Doo-Klip / Alliance Mfg. Co. / Grass Shears
- Easy / Blair Mfg. Co. / Lawn Mower
- Empress / Henley Lawn Mower Co. / Lawn Mower
- Excelsior / Chadborn & Coldwell Mfg. Co. / Lawn Mower
- Fleetwood / Henley Lawn Mower Co. / Lawn Mower
- Gem / Henley Lawn Mower Co. / Lawn Mower
- Greyhound / Henley Lawn Mower Co. / Lawn Mower
- Imperial / Chadborn & Coldwell Mfg. Co. / Lawn Mower
- Lakewood / Chadborn & Coldwell Mfg. Co. / Lawn Mower
- Lawn Boy / A & R Power Tool / Lawn Mowers
- Lawn King / Gregg & Co. / Lawn Mower
- Merit / Canvas Products Co. / Grass Catcher
- Model / Chadborn & Coldwell Mfg. Co. / Lawn Mower
- Molon / Henley Lawn Mower Co. / Lawn Mower
- New Easy / Blair Mfg. Co. / Lawn Mower
- Nox-All / Canvas Products Co. / Grass Catcher
- Pilot / Henley Lawn Mower Co. / Lawn Mower
- Radium / Henley Lawn Mower Co. / Lawn Mower
- Rainbow Peerless / Henley Lawn Mower Co. / Lawn Mower
- Rain King / Chicago Flexible Shaft Co. / Lawn Sprinkler
- Rajah Clipper / Chadborn & Coldwell Mfg. Co. / Lawn Mower
- Rambler / Henley Lawn Mower Co. / Lawn Mower
- Republic / Henley Lawn Mower Co. / Lawn Mower
- Success / Deming Co. / Lawn Sprinkler
- Trump / Animal Trap Co. / Garden Tools
- Victor / Arbeiter Lawn Mower Co. / Lawn Mower

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Lawn mowers
- Rakes
- Shears
- Sprinklers

Types of Materials:

- Business ephemera
- Ephemera

Container Listing

Business Records, Marketing Material, and Other

Subseries 1: Companies, circa 1857-1938

Box 1, Folder 1	A & R Power Tool Specialists Incorporated Notes: Lawn Boy Power Mowers Manufacturers; New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 2	Arbeiter Lawn Mower Manufacturing Company Notes: Hartford, Connecticut
Box 1, Folder 3	Archimedean Lawn Mower Manufacturing Company Notes: Hartford, Connecticut
Box 1, Folder 4	Baldwin, Robbins, & Company Notes: Retailers of Hub Lawn Mower; Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 5	Blair & Fiske Lawn Mower Manufacturing Company Notes: Springfield, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 6	Boyer, William, & Brother Manufacturing Company Notes: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 7	Chadwell & Coldwell Lawn Mower Manufacturing Company Notes: Newburgh, New York
Box 1, Folder 7	Coldwell Lawn Mower Manufacturing Company Notes: Newburgh, New York
Box 1, Folder 8	Coldwell Lawn Mower Manufacturing Company Notes: Newburgh, New York
Box 1, Folder 9	Coldwell Lawn Mower Manufacturing Company Notes: Newburgh, New York
Box 1, Folder 10	Enterprise Manufacturing Company Notes: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 11	Gregg Lawn Mower Manufacturing Company Notes: Trumansburg, New York
Box 1, Folder 12	Henderson, Peter & Company Notes: New York
Box 1, Folder 13-15	Henley Lawn Mower Manufacturing Company Notes: Richmond, Indiana

Box 1, Folder 13	<p>Young girl pushing Excelsior lawn mower : advertising illustration, late 19th century 1 Item Advertiser: Chadborn and Coldwell (Newburgh, N.Y.) Language: English. Notes: Ink on paper. Item is fragile. Copy prints available. Probably public domain due to expired copyright and unused trademark. Order from neg. no. 97-9611.</p> <p>Topic: Excelsior (lawn mowers) Women -- Pictorial works Lawns -- Equipment and supplies -- 1870-1900 Lawn mowers -- 1870-1900</p> <p>Genre/Form: Advertisements -- 19th century</p>
Box 1, Folder 16	<p>Howard Manufacturing Company Notes: Buffalo, New York</p>
Box 1, Folder 17-18	<p>Ideal Power Lawn Mower Company Notes: Detroit, Michigan</p>
Box 1, Folder 19	<p>Mast, Foos & Lawn Mower Manufacturing Company Notes: Peoria, Illinois</p>
Box 1, Folder 20	<p>Motor-Mower Manufacturing Company Notes: Detroit, Michigan</p>
Box 1, Folder 21	<p>Newhall & Stebbins Manufacturing Company Notes: Hinsdale, New Hampshire</p>
Box 1, Folder 22	<p>Norwalk Lawn Mower Manufacturing Company</p>
Box 1, Folder 23-25	<p>Pennsylvania Lawn Mower Manufacturing Company Notes: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</p>
Box 1, Folder 26	<p>Rawson Manufacturing Company Notes: Hornellsville, New York</p>
Box 1, Folder 27	<p>Standard Manufacturing and Sales Corporation Notes: Lebanon, Indiana</p>
Box 1, Folder 28	<p>Sterns, E. C. Hardware Manufacturers Notes: Syracuse, New York</p>
Box 1, Folder 29	<p>Supplee Hardware Company Notes: Retailers of the Great American Lawn Mower; Pennsylvania</p>
Box 1, Folder 30	<p>Swift Lawn Mower Manufacturer</p>

	Notes: Matteawan, New York
Box 1, Folder 31	Thomas Machinery Manufacturing Company Notes: Springfield, Illinois
Box 1, Folder 32	Townsend Lawn Mower Manufacturing Notes: Orange, New Jersey
Box 1, Folder 33	Warrior Mower Company Notes: Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 34	Worthington Mower Company Notes: Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

Subseries 2: Lawn Accessories

Box 1, Folder 35	Patents
Box 1, Folder 36	Grass Catchers
Box 1, Folder 37	Grass Receptacles
Box 1, Folder 38	Grass Shears
Box 1, Folder 39	Grass Sweepers
Box 1, Folder 40	Hedge Trimmers
Box 1, Folder 41	Hoses
Box 1, Folder 42	Rakes
Box 1, Folder 43	Sharpeners
Box 1, Folder 44	Sprinklers
Box 1, Folder 45	General Works: Visual Images
Box 1, Folder 46	Repair and Parts
Box SUPP 16, Folder 18	Gouverneur Machine, trade card, undated
Oversize 31, Folder 4	Lawn Mowers and Lawn Accessories

Oversize 120, Folder 9 Lawn Mowers and Lawn Accessories

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