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

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Leather
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.L Leather
Date:	circa 1845-1953
Extent:	1.9 Cubic feet (consisting of 4 boxes, 1 folder, 3 oversize folders, 1 map case folder.)
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Language:	Collection is in English. A few items are in Spanish or French.
Summary:	A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Accounting and Bookkeeping</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

Leather 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, August 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

The leather industry serves both commercial and consumer needs. The preparation and treatment of leather includes tanning, oiling, and dressings as well as tools and equipment used in working with it.

The business records are in the form of operational transactional documents, mostly in the form of bookkeeping, bills, receipts, and correspondence, with a significant volume of import/export documentation. Advertisements and catalogues cover consumer goods such as luggage, bags, accessories likesuch as wallets, handbags, shoes, bookbinders, harnesses and saddles used for or with livestock, plus raw or semi-processed leather, hide, and tanning goods and services made by or sold to manufacturers of finished leather products. Also present is a small quantity of product samples.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into three subseries.

- Business Records
- Genre
- Subjects

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Consumer goods -- Catalogs
- Hide preparation
- Hides and skins
- Mail-order business -- Catalogs
- Patents
- advertising -- Business ephemera

Types of Materials:

- Advertisements
- Advertising
- Advertising cards
- Advertising fliers
- Advertising mail
- Business cards
- Business ephemera
- Business letters
- Business records
- Catalogs
- Catalogues
- Commercial catalogs
- Correspondence
- Ephemera
- Illustrations
- Invoices
- Letterheads
- Mail order catalogs
- Manuals
- Manufacturers' catalogs
- Periodicals
- Print advertising
- Printed ephemera
- Printed material
- Printed materials
- Publications
- Publications -- Business
- Receipts
- Reports
- Sales catalogs
- Trade cards
- Trade catalogs
- Trade literature

Container Listing

Business Records, circa 1845-1918

Contains transactional documents such as receipts and invoices for goods and services, correspondence.

Folders are ed alphabetical by company or proprietor name.

Box 1, Folder 1	A-B, 1847-1916 Includes: Barnum Brothers.
Box 1, Folder 2	C-D, 1842-1915
Box 1, Folder 3	E-G, 1834-1905
Box 1, Folder 4	Forepaugh, William F. Jr., and Brothers, 1875-1881
Box 1, Folder 5	H-I, 1831-1914 Includes: Headley, William, and Son.
Box 1, Folder 6	Haley, John G., circa 1846-1865 Company name variants: Easter and Haley; Haley and Read
Box 1, Folder 7	J-L, 1832-1920
Map-folder 5	Kemper-Thomas, 1927 Circular.
Box 1, Folder 8	M-O, 1845-1913 Includes: Osborn, John and Son with variants Osborn, Knight, and Company; Osborn, J. and H.K.
Box 1, Folder 9	Moyer, Edward P., circa 1846-1875
Box 1, Folder 10	P-R, 1843-1914
Box 2, Folder 1	S-T, 1846-1921 .
Box 2, Folder 2	U-Z, 1832-1918
Box 2, Folder 3	Winship, 1848-1870 Includes several name varients: Easter and Winship, H.A. Winship, Winship and Roulstone, Winship and Willis.

Box SUPP 16, Folder 19 Business Records, Marketing Material, Care Guide, 1851-1906
Business records include a letter and an import document. Marketing material consists of trade cards, circulars, small catalogues, and price lists for trunks, cases, bags, harness oil, and a riveting machine.

Import/Export Documents

Box 2, Folder 4 Buchey, J.J., and Company, circa 1878-1898

Box 2, Folder 5 Conway Brothers, 1880

Box 2, Folder 6 Hampton, J.W. Jr., and Company, circa 1884-1889

Box 2, Folder 7 Hampton and Larzelere, 1873

Box 2, Folder 8 Hempstead, O.G., and Son, circa 1873-1899

Box 2, Folder 9 Larzelere, Willam, and Company, circa 1883-1897

Box 2, Folder 10 Murphy, Alex, and Company, circa 1876-1887

Box 2, Folder 11 Ruherford, A. P., 1873
Name variant: printed as Rutherford on wrap sheets but has been corrected by hand

Box 2, Folder 12 United States of America Consulate, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 1886

Box 2, Folder 13 Vandegrift, F. B., and Company, circa 1896-1898

Box 3, Folder 1 Early-Mid 1800s, 1823-1886

Box 3, Folder 2 Early 1870s, 1870-1873

Box 3, Folder 3 Mid 1870s, 1874-1876

Box 3, Folder 4 Late 1870s, 1877-1879

Box 3, Folder 5 1880s, 1880 - 1889

Box 3, Folder 6 1890s and Early 1900s, 1922, 1890 - 1898, 1925

Genre, circa 1850-1953

Advertising and Marketing

Contains general marketing material including advertisements, product information, circulars, mailers, and thin catalogues. Some company history or publications may also be present.

Arranged by categorically by goods or service.

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| Box 3, Folder 7-8 | Consumer Products, undated
Covering: trunks, bags, cases, briefcases, harnesses, saddles, wallets, purses, clothing, shoes, wardrobes, valise, desktop furnishings, straps, handbags, pocketbooks, etc. |
| Oversize 121, Folder 7 | Schwartz, L., 1911
New products mailer. |
| Oversize 31, Folder 5 | Vargas Y Vilaseca, Miguel, 1889
In Spanish. Product/design brochure, home decor. |
| Box 3, Folder 9 | Hides, Skins, Leather Suppliers, undated |
| Oversize 31, Folder 5 | Kumbel's Banding, circa 1850
Broadside |
| Box 4, Folder 1 | Machinery and Tools, undated |
| Box 4, Folder 2 | Tanning, Oils, Dressings, undated |
| Box 4, Folder 3-4 | Catalogues, circa 1897-1953 |
| Oversize 218 | Trefousse and Company, undated
In English and French. |
| Box 4, Folder 5 | Illustrations, undated |
| Oversize 31, Folder 5 | Pinder and Winchester's Tannery, Peabody, Massachusetts, undated
Illustration, single page from book, title unknown, pg. 131. Note: also includes an image of the William H. Brown residence with Peabody Glue Works. |
| Box 4, Folder 6 | Patents, circa 1856-1890 |
| Box 4, Folder 7-8 | Product Samples, undated
Various swatches and small promotional items (cases, sleeves, wallets) made of leather. |

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Subject, 1893-1938

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| Box 4, Folder 9 | Care Instructions, 1893 |
| Box 4, Folder 10 | History , circa 1893-1912 , 1938 April
Covering: care and maintenance, workers/trade, history of leather, Stone Age
dressing of hides, biography of Andrew W. Stout |
| Box 4, Folder 11 | Tanning Instructions, undated |

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