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## Guide to the Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Loans

NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Loans

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Loans
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1788-1920
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Loans
<b>Creator:</b>	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
<b>Extent:</b>	0.25 Cubic feet (consisting of .5 box, 1 folder.)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	<p>A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Loans</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: <a href="#">Warshaw Collection of Business Americana</a></p>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Loans 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

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. 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: Loans, 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 subject category- Loans- contains materials produced or used by loan companies. Only a few of the materials are dated. Researchers looking for information on loan companies, ordinances for pawnbrokers in 1875, or handwritten loan papers from the late 18th century will find this information useful.

Company records and marketing material includes business cards, info cards, a print of an ad poster, an application for membership in the instruction department of the Morden Land & Loan Company, a correspondence offering a bond arrangement, and a blank property description sheet. Only the correspondence is dated (1890). All other items are undated. Companies are primarily located in the northeastern U.S. states of Connecticut, New York, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts but there is also a company in Iowa and one in Minnesota. Materials are arranged alphabetically by company.

General information contains handwritten loan papers, ordinances for "pawnbrokers and loan brokers, or keepers of loan offices" from 1875. There is also a business card with an engraving relating to money loans from an unknown company. The loan papers are mostly undated. Materials are arranged by subject.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

Loans

### Types of Materials:

Business ephemera  
Ephemera

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## Container Listing

### Business Records, Marketing Material, Loan Documents, and Other, circa 1788-1920

Scope and Contents: Trade card for a loan and pawn broker. Promissory note.

Contents:

Box SUPP 17, Folder 4                      General, Loans, 1790-1920

#### Subseries 1: Companies, circa 1890, undated

Language:        English.

Box 1, Folder 1                      Cohen, Isaac, undated  
Language:        English.  
Notes:            Money loan office; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Box 1, Folder 1                      Collateral Loan Company, undated  
Language:        English.  
Notes:            Money loaned on watches and diamonds; Hartford, Connecticut

Box 1, Folder 2                      Hartford Building and Loan Association, undated  
Language:        English.  
Notes:            Hartford, Connecticut

Box 1, Folder 3                      Johnson, A.M. & Company, undated  
Language:        English.  
Notes:            Money loaned on bond and mortgage; New York

Box 1, Folder 4                      Morden Land & Loan Company, undated  
Language:        English.  
Notes:            Instruction Department; Minneapolis, Minnesota

Box 1, Folder 5                      Phelps, C.H. & Company, undated  
Language:        English.  
Notes:            Financial Agency; New York

Box 1, Folder 6                      Schreiner, Richard H., circa 1890  
Language:        English.  
Notes:            Resident loan agent; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Box 1, Folder 7                      Sylvester, W.A. & Company, undated  
Language:        English.  
Notes:            Real Estate loans and investments; Woodsville, New Hampshire

Box 1, Folder 8                      Underwood & Clark, undated  
Language:        English.  
Notes:            Loan agents; Muscatine, Iowa

Box 1, Folder 8	Wood, Wm. B., undated Language: English. Notes: Square dealing broker; New Bedford, Massachusetts
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## Subseries 2: General Information, circa 1788-1875, undated

Language: English.

Box 1, Folder 9	Handwritten loan papers, 1788, 1797, 1828, undated Language: English.
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Box 1, Folder 10	Ordinances, 1875 Language: English.
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Box 1, Folder 11	General Images, undated Language: English.
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