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Guide to the Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Madison, James

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Madison, James
Date:	1902-1956 undated (bulk 1936-1942)
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Madison
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Extent:	1.13 Cubic feet (consisting of 2.5 boxes.)
Language:	English .
Summary:	A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Madison, James</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

James Madison 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

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Biographical / Historical

James Madison was a playwright, vaudeville author, publisher, collector, and dealer of collectibles and Americana with addresses and dealings out of San Francisco and New York City.

He published the quarterly *Collector's Guide* which was "devoted to First Editions, Americana, Autographs, Old Newspapers and Magazines, Sheet Music, Playbills, Dime Novels, Current Auction Prices, Etc.", the *Rare Book Speculator*, the *James Madison's Gag Sheet*, the *Comedian*, the *Gag Album*, *Madison's Budget* and others.

Scope and Contents

The materials are focused on extensive correspondence related to his business dealings, along with advertisements, stock lists, price lists, etc. There are multiple folders for collector George H. Hess. Topics include but are not limited to magic, movies, and ventriloquism. There is also a listing of his estate (undated) detailing posters, scripts, and other paper-centric collectibles and memorabilia.

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 and Personal Papers, undated

Box 1	James Madison
Box 2	James Madison
Box 3	James Madison

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