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Guide to the Warsaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Minerals

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Minerals
Date:	circa 1836-1953
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Minerals
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Extent:	0.27 Cubic feet (consisting of 1 folder, 1 oversize folder.)
Language:	English .
Summary:	A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Minerals</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

Minerals 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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Scope and Contents

This subject category- Minerals consists of materials involving minerals. The bulk of the materials are from companies that manufactured or distributed either minerals themselves or information about minerals. There are also several publications on minerals. Most of the materials are from the late 19th century. Researchers looking for information about minerals, particularly what types of minerals were distributed and at what cost, as well as the study of minerals 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:

Subjects:

Mining and minerals industry

Types of Materials:

Business ephemera
Ephemera

Container Listing

Business Records, Marketing Material, and Other, circa 1836-1953

Subseries 1: Companies, circa 1863-1953, undated

Scope and Contents: Companies and individuals records represent those involved in the distribution of minerals, manufacturing materials from minerals, or distributing information about minerals. There are informational booklets, business cards, ad sheets, and pamphlets but most of the materials are price lists and catalogues. There is a group of stock certificates from the Virginia Onyx Company. There is also a drawn diagram of a likely place to find Indian relics on Nantucket from F.G. Hillman (1906). Most of the companies are located in the Northeast United States but there is one company located in Los Angeles, California and another company with eleven offices all across the United States. There is also one foreign (German) company. The bulk of the materials are from the late 19th century and early 20th century with a grouping of catalogues from the 1940s. Materials are arranged alphabetically by company with the German company in the final folder of the series.

Box 1, Folder 1	American Cyanamid Company, 1953 Notes: Mineral Dressing Division; New York
Box 1, Folder 2	Brewster, Charles G., 1878 Notes: Naturalist, Mineralogist, and Taxidermist; Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 2	Brewster and Knowlton's, 1875, 1876 Notes: Mineralogists, Naturalists, and Assayers of Ores; Dealers in specimens of Natural History; Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 2	Denver Equipment Company, undated Notes: Manufacturer of Denver Selective Mineral Jig; Denver, Colorado
Box 1, Folder 3	English, Geo. L., & Company, 1890, 1894 Notes: Mineralogists; Dealers in Minerals; New York
Box 1, Folder 3	Foote, A.E., 1892 Notes: Dealer of Minerals and Mineralogical Books; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 7	Hercules Powder Company, undated Notes: Manufacturer of equipment used in mining minerals; 11 offices across the United States
Box 1, Folder 4	Hillman, F.G., 1900, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1915 Notes: Dealer in Natural Science Material and Supplies, Historical Relics, Art Objects, Quaint Curios, Etc.; New Bedford, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 4	Huse-Liberty Mica Company, 1930 Notes: Dealer in Ground Mica; Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 4	Lattin, Frank H., undated

Notes: Dealer of Minerals, Fossils, and General Curiosities; New York

Box 1, Folder 4	Mammoth Lodes Mining Company, 1902 Notes: Portland, Oregon
Box 1, Folder 4	Orange County Mineral Company, 1863 Notes: New York
Box 1, Folder 5	Seymour, E., undated Notes: Mineral Agency; New York
Box 1, Folder 5	Ultra-Violet Products, Incorporated, 1945 Notes: Mineralight Manufacturers; Los Angeles, California
Box 1, Folder 5	Virginia Onyx Company, 1893, 1894 Notes: New Jersey (state the distributed the stock certificates)
Box 1, Folder 6	Ward's Natural Science Establishment, Inc., 1943, 1947, 1948 Notes: Dealer of Natural Science Materials; New York
Box 1, Folder 7	Foreign Company: Germany, circa 1943

Subseries 2: General Information, circa 1836-1898, undated

Scope and Contents: General information provided additional industry insight through images, state documents, and custom documents. The state documents are from the Maryland legislature concerning the incorporation of two companies. The images are undated but show a mining site with a crane for the Allegany Sand & Gravel Company in Olean, New York. There are two sheets with advertisements for various mineral companies in the oversize folder and listed in the container list as "miscellaneous". Materials are arranged according to subject.

Box 1, Folder 8	Images, undated
Box 1, Folder 9	State Documents, 1836, 1837
Box 1, Folder 10	Custom Documents, 1876, 1880, and 1898
Oversize 38, Folder 7	Custom Documents, 1875
Box 1, Folder 10	Miscellaneous, 1898 and undated

Subseries 3: Related Publications, circa 1879-1895, undated

Scope and Contents: Related Publications vary from general to technical. There is an 1898 article "Some Methods of Determining the Positive or Negative Character of Mineral Plates in Converging Polarized Light With the Petrographical Microscope", three different copies of a periodical "The Naturalists' Leisure Hour and Monthly Bulletin" distributed by A.E. Foote, an 1882 booklet "First Lessons in Minerals", an 1885 booklet, "The Meteorites from Glorieta Mountain, Sante Fe, New Mexico", and an undated

partial publication that appears to be an encyclopedia entry on minerals. Materials are arranged by subject.

Box 1, Folder 11	Article, 1898
Box 1, Folder 12	Periodicals, 1879, 1882, 1883
Box 1, Folder 13	Booklets, 1882, 1885
Box 1, Folder 14	Partial Publication, undated
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Box SUPP 19, Folder 2	"Keystone" Lime Kilns, Bulletin No. 23, 1927

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