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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Mining
Date:	circa 1836-1980
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Mining
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Extent:	2.37 Cubic feet (consisting of 5 boxes, 1 folder, 4 oversized folders, 1 map case folder.)
Language:	English .
Summary:	A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Mining</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

Mining 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](#) .

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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.

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Scope and Contents

This subject category-Mining consists of material related to the mining industry from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The documents span the period circa 1836-1980, but the majority of the materials date from circa 1870-1915. The overwhelming majority of this collection of material relates to mining businesses and related industries in North America, and particularly in the states and territories of the American Southwest (California, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, and New Mexico). The collection consists of company correspondence, reports, and other matter; trade literature; investment prospectuses (for individual companies, for brokerage firms specializing in the mining industry, and for particular resources and locations, i.e., Canadian uranium or Coloradan gold); brochures advertising mining, milling, and smelting equipment, or promoting chemical processing techniques for mined materials; tool catalogs; stock certificates; blank forms for professional association membership; subscription blanks for professional journals; articles of incorporation, legislative charters, and other official papers; journal, magazine, and newspaper articles related to mining activity; photographs, stereographs, postcards, and business cards; and one map. Topics covered by the collection include prospecting; financial outlook and economics of the mining industry; working conditions in mines; the nature of mining activity; technological advances in tunneling, drilling, pumping, and refining techniques and equipment; business culture of the late 19th and early 20th centuries; and the social life of mining people. Mined resources covered by the documents in the collection include gold, silver, copper, lead, nickel, uranium, cobalt, zinc, coal, and various forms of stone, sand, and gravel.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Mining

Types of Materials:

Business ephemera
Ephemera

Container Listing

Business Records, Marketing Material, and Other, circa 1836-1980

Subseries 1: Mining Companies, 1846-1980; undated

Scope and Contents: Mining Companies consists of materials related to mining companies. It is the largest series in the Mining collection and the majority of the materials date from circa 1870-1915. Most of the companies represented operated in North America; there are a few companies included which operated in other parts of the world. The documents are primarily promotional material intended to attract investment: brochures, prospectuses, annual reports, and forms for stock subscription. Also included, for some companies, are business correspondence, blank stock certificates, business cards, press releases. Mined resources covered by the documents in the series include gold, silver, copper, lead, nickel, uranium, cobalt, zinc, coal, and various forms of stone, sand, and gravel. The material is arranged in alphabetical order by company name.

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Subseries 2: Mining Equipment and Processing Companies, 1852-1964; undated

Scope and Contents: Mining Equipment and Processing Companies contains material from companies and individuals engaged in the production and development of equipment for mining, as well as techniques for processing the extracted material. The majority of the materials date from circa 1880-1905. Most of the companies represented are American. The material is, as in series one, largely of a promotional nature: advertising brochures, fliers, and handouts for specific types of machinery or equipment; reports on new chemical processing techniques. There are also selected pieces of correspondence related to equipment orders, as well as tool catalogs and blank order forms. The material is arranged in alphabetical order by company name.

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Scope and Contents: Mining Locations consists of material relating to mining regions. It is generally of a promotional nature, intended to encourage people to move to the area or to invest in companies working in the area. The places covered are mostly in the United States, but a few foreign regions are represented. The majority of the material consists of brochures or small booklets detailing a particular region's mining activity, or particular types of mining in an area. The material arranged in alphabetical order by name of mines.

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Box 5, Folder 1	Yauli, Peru, 1896 Notes: Paris, France

Subseries 4: Mining Brokers & Investment Companies, 1880-1956; undated

Scope and Contents: Mining Brokers & Investment Companies contains material produced by brokerage firms and other companies specializing in investment in the mining industry. These are largely companies headquartered in Eastern cities, offering investment opportunities in operations in the American West, Canada, and Mexico. Most of the documents date from the turn of the twentieth century. The material consists of brochures, forms, order blanks, testimonial letters. Some of the companies represented focus of particular species of mining (gold, cobalt, uranium), while others offer investment possibilities in many different types of mining. The material is arranged in alphabetical order by company name.

Box 5, Folder 2	American Investors Company, 1910 Notes: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 5, Folder 3	American Mining Stock Exchange, circa 1880s Notes: New York, New York
Box 5, Folder 4	Calumet Investment, Limited, 1956 Notes: Montreal, Quebec
Box 5, Folder 5	Catlin & Powell Company, 1904 Notes: New York, New York
Box 5, Folder 6	Devere, Joseph M., & Company, 1911 Notes: New York, New York
Box 5, Folder 7	Emerald Securities, Limited, circa 1950s Notes: Montreal, Quebec
Box 5, Folder 8	Gormaly, Tilt & Company, 1909 Notes: Toronto, Ontario
Box 5, Folder 9	Henderson, T.S. & Company, undated

Notes: Chicago, Illinois

Box 5, Folder 10	Honnold & Company, 1956 Notes: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Box 5, Folder 11	Kaye, DeWolf & Company, circa 1903 Notes: New York, New York
Oversize 134, Folder 4	Kendrick Promotion Company, 1898 Notes: Location Unknown
Box 5, Folder 12	McCrossan, Charles W., 1901 Notes: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Box 5, Folder 13	Morris, Paul & Company, circa 1900s Notes: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 5, Folder 14	Payton, Bowman, Hall & Company, undated Notes: Boston, Massachusetts
Box 5, Folder 15	Raymond, Henry L., & Company, 1880 Notes: New York, New York
Oversize 38, Folder 8	Shove, Aldrich & Company, 1896 Notes: Colorado Springs, Colorado
Box 5, Folder 16	Shurtleff, George F., & Company, 1907 Notes: New York, New York
Oversize 134, Folder 4	Thompson, Towle & Company, 1911 Notes: New York, New York
Box 5, Folder 17	Vail, F. Ellsworth, 1904 Notes: New York, New York
Box 5, Folder 18	Wernse, Wm. F., & Company Bond & Stock Company, 1902 Notes: St. Louis, Missouri
Box 5, Folder 19	Western Trader & Investor, circa 1950s Notes: Salt Lake City, Utah

Subseries 5: Mining Organizations & Institutions, 1871-1914

Scope and Contents: Mining Organizations & Institutions consists of materials relating to organizations and institutions involved in the mining industry, such as the American Institute of Mining Engineers. Also covered are mining schools and professional congresses devoted to mining activity. The material consists of subscription forms, membership requests, reports, and articles on various topics. It is arranged in alphabetical order by the name of the organization.

Box 5, Folder 20	American Institute of Mining Engineers, 1876, 1884, circa 1910, 1913 Notes: New York, New York
Box 5, Folder 21	American Mining Congress, 1911 Notes: Chicago, Illinois
Box 5, Folder 22	Bureau of Mines & Mining, circa 1860s Notes: New York, New York
Box 5, Folder 23	Mining Schools, 1871, 1875, 1879, 1897, 1914 Notes: Various Locations
Box 5, Folder 24	World's Congress of Mines & Mining, 1893 Notes: Chicago, Illinois

Subseries 6: General Mining Material, 1836-1959

Scope and Contents: General Mining Material consists of a wide variety of general material related to mining such as mining certificates; copies of legislation related to mining; mining reference information; and postcards, photographs, and other images of mines, mining activity, or mining towns. The material is arranged in alphabetical order by subject.

Box 5, Folder 25	Caricatures of Mining Figures, circa 1905 Notes: Location unknown
Oversize 134, Folder 4	Map of the Distribution of Iron Ores of the Lake Superior District in the Year, 1909, 1909
Box 5, Folder 26	Mining Certificates, 1889, 1893, 1918 Notes: Pennsylvania
Box 5, Folder 27	Mining-Related Legislative Material & Other Official Documents, 1836-1837, 1873, 1876, 1959 Notes: Various Locations
Box 5, Folder 28	Mining Reference Material, various dates Notes: Various Locations
Box 5, Folder 29	Miscellaneous Mining Images, 1893, 1905, 1908-1909, 1911, circa 1925 Notes: Various Locations
Box 5, Folder 30	Miscellaneous Mining-Related Material, various dates Notes: Various Locations

Subseries 7: Mining Publications, 1877-1958

Scope and Contents: Mining Publications consists of publications relating to the mining industry. It is divided into three subseries. Subseries one consists of individual articles on mining-related topics from general

publications and is arranged in alphabetical order by the title of the article . Subseries two contains full or partial issues of journals or magazines related to the mining trade and is arranged in alphabetical order by the name of the publication. Subseries three is a single folder consisting of random, mining-related pieces, some fragmentary and incomplete, such as one page from an issue of Mexican Mining Record from 1905. The material is arranged in alphabetical order by title.

Subseries 7A: Articles, 1880-1970

Scope and Mining Publications
 Contents:

Oversize 134, Folder 4 "Colorado and Its Gold Mines", May 1880
 Notes: (Whole Earth Catalog)

Oversize 38, Folder 8 "Mining on Kirk's Creek", 1970

Oversize 38, Folder 8 "Tenderfoot on Thunder Mountain, A ", 1902
 Notes: ('Reprinted from the *Saturday Evening Post*)

Subseries 7B: Journals & Periodicals Related to Mining, 1889-1914

Box 5, Folder 31 Engineering & Mining Journal, The, 1914
 Notes: New York, New York

Box 5, Folder 32 Exchangers' Monthly, The, 1889
 Notes: Jersey City, New Jersey

Box 5, Folder 33 Western Miner, The, September 1893
 Notes: Denver, Colorado

7C: Subseries C, General Mining Publications, 1877-1958

Box 3, Folder 34 Miscellaneous Mining Publications
 Notes: Various Locations

Box SUPP 19, Folder 3 Trade Literature and Advertisement, circa 1874-1898
 Notes: Includes publications on the Hoosack Tunnel, Zinc, and an Auckland Industrial and Mining Exhibition handbook (1898-1899), plus a flier for Wood's Patent Steam or Pneumatic Rock Drillers.

Oversize SUPP 39, Folder 2 Coal Interests in Massachusetts, Senate No. 55 excerpt, circa 1851

Map-folder 2 Mining

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