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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Needles and Needlework
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Needles
Date:	circa 1848-1923
Extent:	1.45 Cubic feet (consisting of 3 boxes. 2 folders, 2 oversize folders, 1 map case folder.)
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Language:	English .
Summary:	A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Needles and Needlework</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

Needles and Needlework 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

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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.

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Scope and Contents

This subject category- Needles and Needlework consists primarily of receipts, invoices, correspondence, advertising, and publications relating to the manufacture of needles and the practice of needlework. Samples and sample books relating to needles and needlework are also included. Instructional publications published by thread manufacturers and needlework supply houses encouraged the use of their products in the making of both practical and decorative items. Other publications were created by a variety of authors and publishers. Included among the materials are also a variety of patterns for crochet, embroidery, and quilting and materials relating to needlework accessories, patents, and import/export documents.

Manufacturers of needles produced lines for both hand and machine use at home and in factories. The records consist primarily of invoices, correspondence and advertising. William Cowley's samples illustrating the needle-making process are particularly interesting. A number of needle books, some containing needles, are also included. These materials are arranged alphabetically by name of company.

Manufacturers and distributors of thread, patterns and other needlework supplies materials center on catalogues and instructional publications for crochet, embroidery, lace-making, sewing, and quilting. These materials are arranged alphabetically by name of company.

Publications of needlework instruction and design features booklets devoted to needlework written and produced by a variety of authors and publishers; several are periodicals. They are arranged alphabetically

by author and title and feature designs and instructions for crochet, embroidery, needlework, fancy work and sewing.

Needlework patterns represents a small sampling of loose patterns, many clipped from publications. Transfer patterns, iron-on patterns, and grid design diagrams are also present. The patterns are for crochet, drawn, embroidery, quilting and patchwork. A few handmade patterns and needlework samples worked on punch cards are included.

General subjects covers topic such as needlework accessories, needle workers and needlework manufacturers, and patents. There are also import/export documents and other miscellaneous.

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

Subseries 1: Manufacturers of Needles

	American Fish Hook and Needle Company, New Haven, Connecticut
Box 1, Folder 2	American Needle Company, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 3	Bate, Thomas H. and Company, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 4	Blanchard, J.B. , Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 4	Burlington Needle Works, Burlington, Vermont
Box 1, Folder 5	Charlton, S.H., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 6	Clerk, Andrew and Company, Redditch, England
Box 1, Folder 6	Cox, Frederick S., Milford, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 7	Crowley, William and Sons. Samples of needle manufacturing process
Box 1, Folder 7	Crowley, Robert, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 8	Eagle Needle Company, Watertown, New York
Box 1, Folder 8	English, John and Company, Feckenham, England
Box 1, Folder 9	Funken Brothers, Aix-La-Chapelle, Germany
Box 1, Folder 9	Hackett, John, Liverpool, England
Box 1, Folder 10	James, Arthur, Redditch, England
Box 1, Folder 10	James, John and Sons, Redditch, England
Box 1, Folder 11	Jaszynsky, Lewis, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 11	London Needle Company, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 12	Milward, Henry and Sons, New York, NY and Redditch, England

Box 1, Folder 12 Pratt, Erasmus C. and Brother, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Box 1, Folder 13 Shrimpton, Alfred and Company, New York, New York

Box 1, Folder 14 United Awl and Needle Company, West Medway, New York

Box 1, Folder 15-16 Needle books and Cases

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Subseries 2: Manufacturers and Distributors of Thread, Patterns and Other Needlework Supplies, circa 1880-1930

Box 1, Folder 17 Allen, Issac D. and Company, Boston, MA, Directions for Fancy Work, undated

Box 1, Folder 17 Barbour Brothers Company, New York, NY, Barbour's Prize Needlework Series, 1891

Box 1, Folder 18 Bear Brand Yarns, New York, NY, Manual of Yarnkraft, 1916

Box 1, Folder 19 Belding Brothers and Company, New York, New York, The Self Instructor, 1892.

Box 1, Folder 19 Complete book of Art Needlework, 1897

Box 1, Folder 20 Belding Brothers and Company, New York, New York, New Needle and Hook, 1898

Box 1, Folder 20 Belding Brothers and Company, New York, New York, Revised Needle and Hook, 1904

Box 1, Folder 21 Brainerd and Armstrong, Catalogues of Embroidery Silks, New London, Connecticut, undated

Box 1, Folder 22 Brainerd and Armstrong, New York, NY, Art Needle Work, undated

Box 1, Folder 22 Brainerd and Armstrong, New York, NY, Rules and Designs for...Knitting Silk, 1891

Box 1, Folder 23 Brainerd and Armstrong, Embroidery Lessons with Colored Studies, , New York, New York, 1901, 1903

Box 1, Folder 24 Brainerd and Armstrong. Embroidery Book for 1914, New York, New York

Box 1, Folder 25 Bucilla Yarns. Hand Crocheted Sport Coat, The Embroidery Package Outfits. Hooked Yarn Rugs, 1927

Box 2, Folder 1	Coats, J. P. and Company, Crochet Book, Pawtucket, Rhode Island, 1917
Box 2, Folder 2	Cook, Taylor and Company. Story of Thread, Lowell, Massachusetts, 1887
Box 2, Folder 3	Corticelli Silk Mills. Lessons in Embroidery, Florence, Massachusetts, 1903
Box 2, Folder 4	Davisson, C.S. and Company. Catalog of Needlework Supplies, New York, New York, undated
Box 2, Folder 5	Glasgo Lace Thread Company. Pattern Books for Lace, Glasgo, Connecticut, 1890s
Box 2, Folder 6-7	Hersschner, Frederick, Successor to Needle Workers Supply Company. Catalogs of Needlework Suppliers, Chicago, IL, 1913 and undated
Box 2, Folder 8	Heminway, M. and Sons. A Lady's Book on Art Embroidery, New York, New York, undated
Box 2, Folder 8	Ingall's, J.F. Catalog of Needlework Supplies, Lynn, Massachusetts, 1889
Box 40, Folder 2	Ingall's, J.F. Lynn, Massachusetts
Box 2, Folder 10	Ladies Art Company. Catalogue of Quilt Patterns, St. Louis, Missouri, 1898
Box 2, Folder 11	Lion Brand Yarns. Manual of Worsted Work, 1909
Box 40, Folder 2	Lord and Taylor, New York, New York
Box 2, Folder 12	Minerva Worsted Yarn. Sweaters For Correct Sportswear, 1920
Box 2, Folder 13	New London Wash Silk Company New York. Fleur-De-Lis-Frances, New York, New York, 1904
Box 40, Folder 2	Newcomb Loom Compan, Davenport, Iowa
Box 2, Folder 14	Nonotuck Silk Company. Florence Home Needlework, Florence, Massachusetts, 1887, 1893, 1896
Box 2, Folder 15	Royal Society (Crochet Thread). Crochet Lessons, 1915, 1916
Box 2, Folder 16	Webber, Walter P. Modern Embroidery Catalogue, Lynn, Massachusetts, 1906
Box 2, Folder 16	Webber, Walter P. The Art of Embroidery Catalogue, undated

- Box 2, Folder 16 Whitney, W.M Stitches for Crazy Quilting, Albany, New York, undated
- Box 2, Folder 16 Whitney, W.MWhitney's Treatise on Crocheting and Knitting, undated

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Subseries 3: Publications of Needlework Instruction and Design, 1870-1921

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- Box 2, Folder 17 Cordet, Adeline. Edging in Crochet, 1916
- Box 2, Folder 18 Fitch, Mary. Filet Crochet With Instructions, undated
- Box 2, Folder 18 Ford, Anna Grauson. Self-Instruction in Embroidery, 1901
- Box 2, Folder 19 Hale, Lucretia P. Art Needle Work and Decorative Embroidery, 1879
- Box 2, Folder 20 Home Needlework Magazine, 1900
- Box 2, Folder 21 Home Art Magazine, October-December 1901
- Box 2, Folder 22 Houck, Mrs. Issac Miller. A Treatise on Modern Drawn Work in Color, 1904
- Box 2, Folder 23 Ingall's Home and Art Magazine, 1892
- Box 2, Folder 24 Ingalls, J.F. Instructions in Fancy Work, Lunne, Massachusetts, 1885
- Box 3, Folder 1 Ladies Guide to Fancy Work, Trade Publication, circa 1870?
- Box 3, Folder 2 Nacke, Louis. Bags of all Kinds in Crochet, 1916
- Box 3, Folder 3 Near East Relief. The New Near East, 1921
- Box 3, Folder 4 Orr, Ann. Crochet Book of Edgings, Insertions, Corners and Medallions, 1917
- Box 3, Folder 5 Ouvrages De Dames. Needlework Designs for Initials, undated
- Box 3, Folder 6 Priscilla Publishing Company, Catalogue of Priscilla Fancy Work Designs, Priscilla Needlework Book for 1899, Boston, Massachusetts
- Box 3, Folder 7 Priscilla Publishing Company. Priscilla Filet Crochet Book, 1911
- Box 3, Folder 8 Sewing Illustrated. Sewing Primer for Schools and families, 1896

Box 3, Folder 9 Valiere, Anna. Medallion Yokes and Yokes of Beauty, undated

Box 3, Folder 10 Various small books of needlework designs

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Box 3, Folder 15 Miscellaneous pattern diagrams

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Box 3, Folder 21 Needle workers and needlework manufacturers

Box 3, Folder 22 Needlework patents

Box 3, Folder 23-25 Import and export documents

Box 3, Folder 26 Miscellaneous

Box SUPP 20, Folder 4 General, Needles and Needlework, 1895, undated
One receipt, one thin catalogue, and a bookmark sized fabric swatch with embroidered flowers.

Box ADD53, Folder 3 Advertising and Labels, undated

Pins and needles, with one needle sample with promotional card.

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