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

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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: Organs
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Organs
<b>Date:</b>	undated 1830-1923
<b>Extent:</b>	0.98 Cubic feet (consisting of 2 boxes, 1 folder, 2 oversize folders, 1 map case folder, plus digital images of some collection material. )
<b>Creator:</b>	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Organs</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>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Organs 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: Organs, Archives Center, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution

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## 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

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## Container Listing

### Business Records, Marketing Material, and Other, undated

#### Subseries 1: Manufacturers and Distributors

- Box 1, Folder 1      Aeolian Company  
Manufacturers of Musical Instruments  
  
New York, New York
- Box 1, Folder 1      Orgues [catalog], 1898  
*1 Item (8-3/8" x 5-3/8" (21.1 x 13.6 cm.).)*  
Alexandre Père & Fils, Publisher  
According to the cover, the Alexandre Pere & Fils company was founded in 1829.  
  
40 pp. plus cover, black ink except for "Alexandre" printed in red on the cover. Descriptions and illustrations of organs for sale. Includes organs suitable for churches and various other types and styles.  
  
Unrestricted research access on site by appointment. However, this fragile item needs to be handled with extra caution.  
  
Very fragile, pages loose, edge chips.  
  
Translation of Title  
    Organs [catalog].  
  
Varying Form of Title  
    CATALOGUE-ALBUM / des / Orgues d'ALEXANDRE Pere & Fils / 81, Rue La Fayette, 81 / PARIS.  
  
    Topic:           Musical instrument makers  
                  Musical instruments  
                  Organ (Musical instrument)  
  
    Genre/         Catalogs  
    Form:
- Box 1, Folder 1      American Automatic Organ Company  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Dealers in Organinas  
  
Boston, Massachusetts
- Box 1, Folder 2-3    Beatty, Daniel F.  
Organ and Pianoforte Catalogue, 1883-1884  
  
Washington, New Jersey

- Box 1, Folder 4      Beethoven Piano Organ Company  
                          Manufactory of Reed Organs  
  
                          Washington, New Jersey
- Box 1, Folder 5      Bell, William, & Company  
                          Organ Catalogue, 1880  
  
                          Guelph, Ontario, Canada
- Box 1, Folder 6      Bilhorn Brothers  
                          Manufacturers of Folding Organs  
  
                          Chicago, Illinois
- Box 1, Folder 7      Bloomfield Organ Company  
                          Bloomfield, New Jersey
- Box 1, Folder 8      Bowlby, C.P.  
                          Manufacturer of Cabinet, Chapel and Parlor Organs  
  
                          Washington, New Jersey
- Box 1, Folder 9      Bridgeport Organ Company  
                          Organ Catalogue, 1899  
  
                          Bridgeport, Connecticut
- Box 1, Folder 10     Burdett Organ Company  
                          Limited Catalogue, 1869  
  
                          Erie, Pennsylvania
- Box 1, Folder 11     Cabinet Pipe Organ Company  
                          Catalogue, 1874  
  
                          Syracuse, New York
- Box 1, Folder 12     Carhart & Needham  
                          Manufacturers of Melodeons  
  
                          New York, New York
- Box 1, Folder 13     Carpenter, E.P., Company  
                          Manufacturers of Organs  
  
                          Brattleboro, Vermont
- Box 1, Folder 14     Chase, A.B.,  
                          Organ Company

Norwalk, Ohio

Box 1, Folder 15 Chicago Cottage Organ Company  
Chicago, Illinois

Box 1, Folder 16 Clough & Warren Organ Company  
Detroit, Michigan

Box 1, Folder 17 Cornish Organ & Piano Factory  
Washington, New Jersey

Box 1, Folder 17 Ditson, Haynes & Company  
Mechanical OrguINETTE Catalogue, undated  
Boston, Massachusetts

Box 1, Folder 18 Dyer & Hughes  
Manufacturers of Organs  
Foxcroft, Maine

Box 1, Folder 18 Earley, H.G. Organ House  
Northville, New York

Box 1, Folder 19 Erben, Henry Organ Builder  
New York, New York

Box 1, Folder 20-24 Estey, J., & Company  
Catalogues, 1871, 1873, 1880-1881, 1896  
Brattleboro, Vermont

Box 1, Folder 25 Farrand and Votey Organ Company  
Catalogue, undated  
Detroit, Michigan

Box 1, Folder 26 Foley & Williams Manufacturing Company  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Box 1, Folder 27 Fort Wayne Organ Company  
Dealer in Packard Organs  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Box 1, Folder 28 Hamill, S.S.  
Manufacturer of Church Organs

Cambridge, Massachusetts

- Box 1, Folder 28      Hanford, G.R., & Company  
Dealer in Burdett Organs  
  
Watertown, New York
- Box 1, Folder 28      Hearne & Company  
Publisher of Soper's Guide to Piano and Organ  
  
New York, New York
- Box 1, Folder 29      Hickok, J.H., Music Stores  
Poughkeepsie, New York
- Box 1, Folder 30      Ithaca Organ Company  
Price List, 1878-1879  
  
Ithaca, New York
- Box 1, Folder 30      Jagger, David W.  
Dealer in Pianos and Organs  
  
Newburgh, New York
- Box 1, Folder 31      Jewett & Goodman  
Organ Price List, 1874  
  
Cleveland, Ohio
- Box 1, Folder 32      Kilgen, George, and Son  
Builders of Church & Parlor Pipe Organs  
  
St. Louis, Missouri
- Box 1, Folder 32      Kinetic Engineering Company  
Manufacturers of Organ Blowers  
  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Box 1, Folder 33      Knauff, H., & Son Organ Manufactory  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Box 1, Folder 34      Lawrence Brothers  
Manufacturers of Parlor Organs  
  
Easton, Pennsylvania
- Box 1, Folder 34      Lawrence 7 Octave Organ



Reading, Pennsylvania

- Box 1, Folder 35      Lehr, H., & Company  
Manufacturers of Lehr Piano-Style Organs  
  
Easton, Pennsylvania
- Box 1, Folder 35      Lichty's, C.H., Music House  
Reading, Pennsylvania
- Box 1                    Lyon & Healy of Chicago, Illinois, undated  
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 1                    Mason & Hamlin, page 26 of Mason & Hamlin cabinet organ catalog showing  
case 124 (style 510) chapel organ, 1881-10
- Box 2, Folder 5        Pagett, T.A.  
Dealer in Pianos, Organs and Sheet Music  
  
Elmira, New York
- Box 2, Folder 6        Patterson, James T.  
Manufacturers of Patterson Organ  
  
Bridgeport, Connecticut
- Box 2, Folder 7        Peloubet & Company  
Manufacturers of Standard Organ  
  
Bloomfield, New Jersey
- Box 2, Folder 8        Pelton, J.M.  
Manufacturer and Dealer in Pianos & Organs  
  
New York, New York
- Box 2, Folder 9        Pilcher's, Henry, Sons, Incorporated  
Manufacturers of Church Organs  
  
Louisville, Kentucky
- Box 2, Folder 10      Piercy & Company  
Dealer in Pianos & Organs  
  
Troy, New York
- Box 2, Folder 11      Prescott & Brothers  
Successors to A. Prescott & Son

Concord, New Hampshire

Box 2, Folder 12 Prince, George A., & Company  
Melodeon Factory  
Buffalo, New York

Box 2, Folder 12 Ramos, Manly B., & Company  
Dealer in Pianos, Organs, Music and Musical Supplies  
Richmond, Virginia

Box 2, Folder 13 Raymond, F.L.  
Manufacturers of United States Organ  
Cleveland, Ohio

Box 2, Folder 14 Rider, J.T.  
Dealer in Pianos & Organs  
Hudson, New York

Box 2, Folder 15 Ryder & Butler  
Manufacturers of Church Organs  
Boston, Massachusetts

Box 2, Folder 16 Sawyer, T. & E.  
Dealer in Melodeons, Seraphines, Reed Organs, Harmoniums, &c.  
Nashua, New Hampshire

Box 2, Folder 17 Schuelke & Steinert  
Manufacturers of Church Organs  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Box 2, Folder 18 Shoninger, B., Organ Company  
Catalogue, 1882-1883  
New Haven, Connecticut

Box 2, Folder 19 Simmons, William B.D., & Company  
Manufacturers of Church Organs  
Boston, Massachusetts

Box 2, Folder 20 Smith American Piano and Organ Company  
Boston, Massachusetts

Box 2, Folder 20	Soule Piano and Organ Investment Company New Bedford, Massachusetts
Box 2, Folder 20	Spargo, William Music Dealer  Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania
Box 2, Folder 21	Steere, J.W. , & Sons Builders of Church Organs  Springfield, Massachusetts
Box 2, Folder 22	Sterling Organ Company Also known as E.H. McEwen & Company Catalogue, 1882  Derby, Connecticut
Box 2, Folder 23	Story & Clark Organ Company Chicago, Illinois
Box 2, Folder 24	Taber Organ Company Worcester, Massachusetts
Box 2, Folder 25	Taylor & Farley Organ Company Worcester, Massachusetts
Box 2, Folder 26	Thomas Brothers Dealer in Cabinet-Style Organs  Catskill, New York
Box 2, Folder 26	Towle, George F. Dealer in Pianos & Organs  Canton, Maine
Box 2, Folder 27	Union Organ Company New Bedford, Massachusetts
Box 2, Folder 28	Waterloo Organ Company Waterloo, New York
Box 2, Folder 29	Waters, Horace, & Sons Organ Catalogue, 1876  New York, New York

Box 2, Folder 30	Weaver, J .o. Manufacturer of York Cottage Organ  York, Pennsylvania
Box 2, Folder 31	Weaver Organ & Piano Company York, Pennsylvania
Box 2, Folder 31	Wendell, C .E. Dealer of Organina  Albany, New York
Box 2, Folder 32	Western Cottage Dealer of Organs  Ottawa, Illinois
Box 2, Folder 33	Whitney, Raymond & Company Manufacturers of United States Organ  Price List, undated  Cleveland, Ohio
Box 2, Folder 34-36	Wilcox & White Organ Company West Meriden, Connecticut
Box 2, Folder 37	Williams Brothers Dealer in Cottage Organs  St. Louis, Missouri
Box 2, Folder 38	Williams & Eaton Organ Company Hill, New Hampshire
Box 2, Folder 39	Williams, R., Cottage Organ Chicago, Illinois
Box 2, Folder 39	Wing & Sons Dealer in Parlor & Church Organs  New York, New York
Box 2, Folder 40	Woods, George, & Company <a href="#">Image(s)</a> Dealer in Parlor and Vestry Organs

Cambridgeport, Massachusetts

Box 2, Folder 40 Woodward, C.F.  
Jobber and Dealer in School and Chapel Organs  
Rockford, Illinois

Box 2, Folder 41 Worcester Organ Company  
Worcester, Massachusetts

Oversize 43, Folder 3 Organs

Oversize 150, Folder  
2 Organs

Map-folder 1 Organs

Subseries 2: General Works

Box 2, Folder 42 General Images  
[Image\(s\)](#)

Box 2, Folder 43 Images of Organ Grinders  
[Image\(s\)](#)

Box 2, Folder 44 Programs for Organ Recitals

Box SUPP 21, Folder  
3 Trade Cards, undated

Subseries 3: Related Publications

Box 2, Folder 45 The Church Choir, 1899  
Published by George F. Rssche & Company  
Chicago, Illinois

Box 2, Folder 46 Organ Voicing and Tuning, 1881  
Published by John Church Company  
Chicago, Illinois

Box 2, Folder 47 The Temple Organ, 1900 by George W. Walter  
Published by W.W. Kimball Company  
Chicago, Illinois

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