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

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Philately
Date:	1866-1968
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Philately
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Extent:	0.49 Cubic feet (consisting of 1 box, 1 folder, 1 map case folder.)
Language:	Collection is in English; with some items in Spanish.
Summary:	A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Philately</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

Philately 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)

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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

Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Philately, Archives Center, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution

Restrictions

Collection is open for research. Some items may be restricted due to fragile condition.

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Scope and Contents

This subject category- Philately consists of company information for businesses that either sold stamps or provided a service for stamp collectors. Materials are arranged in alphabetical order by name of company.

Clubs, associations, and organizations devoted to the interests of those who collected are also represented. Materials are arranged in alphabetical order by name of organization.

Related Materials includes image of boy and older man looking at stamps and pasting stamps in book Stamp duties imposed by Act of Congress of 1862, and its Amendments of March 3, 1863. Stated that it was published for the convenience of merchants, bankers, brokers, conveyances, attorneys and the general public. Publications is comprised of articles, catalogues, literature, newsletters, and other materials of interest to the collector or dealer. There is a small amount of materials in Spanish as well.

Container Listing

Subseries 1: Companies, 1884-1953; undated

Box 1, Folder 1	Fox, John A. Advertisement, New York, New York, undated
Box 1, Folder 1	Harmer, Rooke & Company, Incorporated. Catalogue Cover, 1New York, New York, 1947
Box 1, Folder 1	Harris, H.E. Catalogue, Boston, Massachusetts, 1942
Box 1, Folder 2	Kessler, F.W. Catalogue, New York, New York, 1939
Box 1, Folder 2	Knickerbocker Stamp Company. Catalogue, New York, New York, 1941
Box 1, Folder 3	Long, Elmer R. Collectors Handbook, Catalogue and Order Forms, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 1953; undated
Box 1, Folder 4	Mekeel, C.H., Stamp and Publishing Company, Book, St. Louis, Missouri, undated
Box 1, Folder 5	Scott & Company. Postage and Revenue Stamp Catalogue, New York, New York, 1884
Box 1, Folder 5	Scott Publications, Incorporated. Stamp Catalogue, New York, New York, 1938
Box 1, Folder 5	Scott Stamp & Coin Company. Descriptive List, New York, New York, 1916
Box 1, Folder 5	Scott Stamp & Coin Company. Postage Stamp Catalogue, New York, New York, undated
Box 1, Folder 6	Standard Stamp Company. Price List, St. Louis, Missouri, 1893

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Subseries 2: Clubs and Associations, 1881-1961; undated

Box 1, Folder 7	Christmas Seal and Charity Stamp Society. Advertisements, Correspondence and Bulletins, 1952-1953; undated
Box 1, Folder 8	Germany Philatelic Society. Membership Application, undated
Box 1, Folder 9	Masonic Stamp Club of New York. Publications, New York, New York, 1956, 1957, 1960, 1961

Box 1, Folder 10	National Philatelic Society. Publications, New York, New York, 1882, 1883, 1886
Box 1, Folder 11	New Jersey Philatelic Society. Publication, Jersey City, New Jersey, 1881
Box 1, Folder 12	Pottstown Stamp Club. Exhibition Pamphlet, Pottstown, Pennsylvania, 1938
Box 1, Folder 12	Rockaway Philatelic Society. Dinner Ticket, New York, New York, 1941

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Subseries 3: Related Materials, undated

Box 1, Folder 13	Stamps, undated
Box 1, Folder 14	Advertising Envelopes, undated
Box 47, Folder 5	Images, undated
Box 47, Folder 5	Stamp Duties, 1863
Box SUPP 23, Folder 11	General, Philately, 1866-1968 Notes: A small number of postal (cancelled and noncancelled) and novelty stamps, plus a dealer's advertisement and an envelope annotated with the details of a removed postal stamp.
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Subseries 4: Publications, 1881-1964; undated

Subseries 4.1: Articles, undated

Box 1, Folder 15	"Stamps and Stamp Collecting", by Ramon Coffman, undated
Box 1, Folder 15	"Stamps of Distinction for Patent Medicines", by George Griffenhagen, undated
Box 1, Folder 15	"You Just Don't Know What Stamps Can Do to a Man", undated

Subseries 4.2: Catalogs, 1938-1939, 1947

Box 1, Folder 15

Box 1, Folder 16	United States Specialized Catalog of First Day Covers, 1938
Box 1, Folder 17	Mitchell-Hoover Official Catalog of United States Bureau Precancels, 1939
Box 1, Folder 18	Official Catalogue Centenary International Philatelic Exhibition, New York, New York, 1947

Subseries 4.3: Literature for Collectors, 1901-1964; undated

Box 1, Folder 19	United States Post-Office Department Exhibit, Pan American Exposition, Buffalo, New York, 1901: A Description of all Postage Stamps and Postal Cards issued by the Department. An Extract from the Report of the Third Assistant Postmaster-General for the Year Ending, June 30, 1900, 1901
Box 1, Folder 19	A Guide to Philatelic Literature in Three Sections, 1927
Box 1, Folder 19	The Professional Rare Stamp Hunter's Guide Book: An Encyclopedia of the Rare Stamps of the World, 1927
Box 1, Folder 19	Stamps of United States, 1942
Box 1, Folder 19	Guide for the Selection of United States Commemorative Postage Stamps, 1959
Box 1, Folder 19	Duck Stamp Data, United States Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, 1964
Box 1, Folder 19	United States 1857-1860 Issue, undated

Subseries 4.4: Newsletters, 1881-1937; undated

Box 1, Folder 20	Granite State Philatelist, September 1882
Box 1, Folder 20	Linn's Weekly Stamp News, undated
Box 1, Folder 20	New Southern Philatelist, The, undated
Box 1, Folder 20	Stamp Collector, The, 1937
Box 1, Folder 20	Stamp World, The, 1882
Box 1, Folder 20	Stamp World, The, undated
Box 1, Folder 20	St. Louis Philatelist, 1881

Box 1, Folder 20 Weekly Philatelic Gossip, undated

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Subseries 5: Foreign Materials, 1972

Box 1, Folder 21 Catalogo Especializado de Estampillas de Venezuela, 1972

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