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Guide to the Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Post Office

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Post Office
Date:	1871-1963
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.PostOffice
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Extent:	2.6 Cubic feet (consisting of 4.5 boxes, 3 folders, 1 oversize folder, 1 flat box (partial).)
Language:	English .
Summary:	A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Post Office</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

Post Office 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

Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Post Office, 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

An assortment of materials and literature related to post offices and postal history including mail services, stamps, PO Boxes, delivery, letter and package mailing, and metering. Stamps are well represented, but otherwise, this is not a well define category and there is a lot of cross over with other portions of the Warshaw collection.

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

Postal History and Examples, 1871-1963

Box 1	Post Office
Box 2	Post Office
Box 3	Post Office
Box 4	Post Office
Box 5	Post Office
Box SUPP 24, Folder 7	Service Receipts and Marketing Material, 1871-1963 Notes: Transactional receipts for registered mail, money orders, postage, and box rental. Informational material issued from the US Post Master encouraging the use of government stamped envelopes and zip codes, a flier for injection molded trays, and a flier announcing the Air Mail Pilots of America calendar featuring Lindberg and the "Spirit of St. Louis".
Box ADD68, Folder 3	Civil War Era Envelopes and Stationary, 1861-1862 Notes: Scrapbook. Specimens glued onto pages, most only contain clipped relevant artwork and not the full envelopes or sheets.
Box ADD68, Folder 4	Romance of the Mails: the story of the carrying of intelligence and the development of the postal system, 1931 March 28 Notes: Booklet.
Oversize ADDOV39	US Mail Mailbox, undated Notes: Plastic mold, front of blue and red letter drop box with tag: INV 80 80579 Z22.
Oversize 52, Folder 1	Post Office

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