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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Prisons
Date:	1816-1929
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Prisons
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Extent:	1.99 Cubic feet (consisting of 3.5 boxes, 3 folders, 2 oversize folders, 1 flat box.)
Language:	English .
Summary:	A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Prisons</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

Prisons 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](#) .

Missing Title:

- [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: Prisons, 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

Container Listing

Business and Operational Records, and Other, 1831-1929	
Box 1, Folder 1	Images of prisons
Box 1, Folder 2	Libby Prison [Richmond, Virginia]
Box 1, Folder 2	Albany County Penitentiary, Albany, New York
Box 1, Folder 3	Receipts, invoices and bills
Box 1, Folder 4	Ads for steel and iron bars and window guards
Box 1, Folder 5	Correspondence
Box 1, Folder 6-7	Miscellaneous
Box 1, Folder 8-9	Prison related pamphlets
Box 1, Folder 10	Convict ship, Success
Box SUPP 24, Folder 12	General, Prisons, 1831-1929 Notes: Contains two pieces of correspondence, a single page excerpt on penitentiary from a book, a receipt from Maryland Penitentiary which contains a drawing of the facility, and minutes from a meeting on prison discipline (1828, County Jail, Calton Hill, Edinburgh).
	Albany Penitentiary Business Records, 1816-1924 Notes: Consisting of a large volume of invoices and receipts for goods and services related to the operations of the Albany Penitentiary. Includes payroll distribution sheets, a small amount of correspondence, and discharge payment records.
Box ADD68, Folder 5	Early 1800s, 1816-1839
Box ADD68, Folder 6	1840s, 1840-1849
Box ADD69, Folder 1	Early 1850s, 1850-1853
Box ADD69, Folder 2	Mid 1850s, 1854-1856
Box ADD69, Folder 3	Late 1850s, 1857
Box ADD69, Folder 4	Late 1850s, 1858

Box ADD69, Folder 5	Late 1850s, 1859
Box ADD69, Folder 6	1860s, 1860-1869
Box ADD69, Folder 7	Early 1870s, 1870-1871
Box ADD70, Folder 1	Early 1870s, 1872-1873
Box ADD70, Folder 2	Mid 1870s, 1874
Box ADD70, Folder 3	Mid 1870s, 1875
Box ADD70, Folder 4	Mid 1870s, 1876
Box ADD70, Folder 5	Late 1870s, 1877-1878
Box ADD70, Folder 6	Late 1870s, 1879
Box ADD71, Folder 1	Early 1880s, 1880
Box ADD71, Folder 2	Early 1880s, 1881
Box ADD71, Folder 3	Early 1880s, 1882
Box ADD71, Folder 4	Early 1880s, 1883
Box ADD71, Folder 5	Mid-Late 1880s, 1884-1889
Box ADD71, Folder 6	1890s, 1892-1898
Box ADD71, Folder 7	Early 1900s, 1900-1921
Box ADD71, Folder 8	Discharge Payment Records, 1871-1885
Albany Business Records	
Oversize ADDOV11	Scrapbooks

Albany Penitentiary, 1835-1891

Notes: One post bound scrapbook. Handwritten alphabetical index of vendors appears at front with page numbers. News clipping (undated) affixed to a page gives the back story of the discovery of a large chest filled with receipts and release forms by workmen razing an unused building on the property of the Penitentiary. Warshaw procured the contents from J.W. Coyle (Coyle Wrecking and Lumber Corporation). The scrapbooks features a

sampling of receipts from local Albany vendors for goods and services provided to the Penitentiary. Most receipts inserted with photo corners with some items missing.

Albany-centric business records including Albany Penitentiary, 1845-1924

Notes:

One post bound scrapbook featuring a sampling of receipts, business records, and a few advertising pieces. There is the occasional appearance of print images depicting local buildings, places of worship, and meeting houses. Records included correspondence related to local Albany vendors for goods and services, with many items shipped to Schenectady. A number of receipts relate to purchases made by M. B. Callaghan; purchases by the Albany Penitentiary are also present. Of note: a letter to Hon. Martin H. Glynn (1900 March 20) from John T. Brady referencing Mr. Brady's request for help finding a copy of the book *Growth of Industrial Art* [a copy of this book can be found in the Warshaw Addendum Subseries 01.01.141, Early Trades and Professions materials]. Most receipts inserted with photo corners with some items missing.

Oversize 52, Folder 9

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