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Guide to the Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Steel

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Steel
Date:	1819-1985
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Steel
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Extent:	5.11 Cubic feet (consisting of 11 boxes, 1 folder, 2 oversize folders, 1 map case folder, 1 flat box (partial.))
Language:	Collection is in English. Contains German language material.
Summary:	A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Accounting and Bookkeeping</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

Steel 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.

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.

For this subject, minimal processing included arrangement to the folder level, based on prior processing and preservation action, with retention of the pre-existing arrangement when possible, if applicable. Otherwise, an order was imposed by the Processing Archivist. Some materials were consolidated to eliminate excess bulk but items within folders were not arranged further. The guide may or may not include a more refined list of folder contents. Nonarchival housing was replaced for long-term stability, but staples and other fasteners have not all been removed.

Minimal level processing and machine-readable finding aid completed by Kendra Jae, 2017 February.

Preferred Citation

Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Steel, 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

The subject category Steel largely represents business records and advertisements created by steel manufacturers and distributors of steel-based goods or services. Additional materials include biographical writings about Andrew Carnegie, documentation about the effect of the steel industry on society, and educational material about the steel industry.

No complete set of business records are represented within the collection, however the United States Steel Corporation has notable representation within the business records.

Technical documentation about the production of steel-based products as well as background information about the United States Steel Industry and Andrew Carnegie are strong research strengths of this subject category.

Arrangement

Steel is arranged in three subseries.

- Business Records and Marketing Material
- Genre
- Subject

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Iron and steel bridges
Iron and steel industry

Iron and steel workers -- 1920-1930 -- New York (State) -- New York
Manufacturing
Manufacturing industries
Manufacturing processes
Stainless steel tableware
Steel alloys
Steel founding
Steel industry and trade
Steel industry and trade -- 1930-2000
Steel, Stainless -- 20th century
Structural steel workers -- 1920-1930 -- New York (State) -- New York
Trade associations
Women iron and steel workers

Types of Materials:

Advertisements
Advertising
Advertising cards
Advertising fliers
Advertising mail
Business cards
Business ephemera
Business letters
Business records
Catalogues
Commercial catalogs
Commercial correspondence
Correspondence
Ephemera
Illustrations
Invoices
Legal documents
Legislation (legal concepts)
Letterheads
Manuals
Manufacturers' catalogs
Manuscripts for publication
Periodicals
Print advertising
Printed ephemera
Printed material
Printed materials
Publications -- Business
Receipts
Reports
Sales catalogs
Sales letters
Sales records
Steel plate engravings
Technical manuals -- 20th century
Technical reports
Trade cards
Trade catalogs

Trade literature

Container Listing

Business Records and Marketing Material, 1819-1985, undated

Scope and Contents: Contains records for steel manufacturers and merchants of steel-based products. This includes advertisements, business correspondence, merchant records, and import and export documentation. Records and marketing material for proprietorships may be filed under either the first or last name of the individual, researchers should look in all applicable alphabetical folders.

Box 1, Folder 1-2	A, 1847-1985, undated
Box 1, Folder 3-4	B, 1855-1921, undated
Box 1, Folder 5-6	C, 1853-1957
Box 2, Folder 1	C, 1853-1957
Box 2, Folder 2	D, 1854-1934, undated
Box 2, Folder 3	E, 1855-1920, undated
Box 2, Folder 4	F, 1850-1931, undated
Box 2, Folder 5	G, 1855-1908, undated
Box 2, Folder 6	H, 1863-1929
Box 3, Folder 1	I, 1867-1979, undated
Box 3, Folder 2-4	J, 1840-1954
Box 3, Folder 5	K-L, 1852-1928, undated
Box 3, Folder 6	M, 1847-1944, undated
Box 4, Folder 1	M, 1847-1944, undated
Box 4, Folder 2-3	N, 1833-1910
Map-folder 19	North Works Stock Sheet, 1909 October 02 Notes: Price list.
Box 4, Folder 4-5	O-P, 1839-1915
Box 5, Folder 1	Q-R, 1820-1941, undated
Box 5, Folder 2-3	S, 1833-1961

Box 5, Folder 4	T, 1819-1918, undated
Box 5, Folder 5	U-V, 1855-1915, undated
Box 6, Folder 1-2	United States Steel Corporation (USS), 1902-1951
Oversize 220	A Pictorial Presentation of a Basic American Industry, 1939 Notes: United States Steel Corporation.
Map-folder 19	Map Showing Properties of Subsidiary Companies of United States Steel Corporation, 1908 Notes: Secondary title of map reads "Map of Pittsburg and Vicinity."
Box 6, Folder 3-4	W, 1834-1914
Box 6, Folder 5	Y, 1867-1925
Box 6, Folder 6	Import / Export, 1870-1888
Box 6, Folder 7	Miscellaneous, 1851-1901, undated Notes: A few slips with writing or text, some with calculations. Includes a small blueprint (1902) of an unspecified object.
Box SUPP 29, Folder 1	Correspondence and Lupton Steel Casements brochure, 1952, undated
Box 6, Folder 8	Correspondence, Warshaw, 1957-1961 Notes: Includes a packet of literature for Ceco Steel, sent in response to an inquiry by Warshaw.

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Genre, 1839-1954

Scope and Contents: Genre contains artistic depictions of steel manufacturing companies as well as material focusing on the historical overview of different steel manufacturing companies. This series also contains catalogues, serial publications, and records pertaining to government projects relating to the steel industry.

Catalogues, 1882-1954	
Box 7, Folder 1	A-C, 1882-1927, undated Notes: A.B. Murray Company Incorporated (1927), American Steel Company (undated), American Steel Foundries (1919), Barnhart Type Foundry Company (1909), Berger's Metal Lumber (1916), Chester Steel Castings Company (1882).
Box 7, Folder 2	F-H, 1890-1931, undated

	Notes:	Fansteel Products Company (1931), F.H. Lawson Company (1919), Firth-Sterling Steel Company (1931), Fort Pitt Spring and Manufacturing Company (undated), Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett and Company (1890).
Box 7, Folder 3	J-N, 1889-1931, undated Notes:	J.B Shannon (undated), Jones and Laughlins Limited (1891), Joseph T. Ryerson and Sons Incorporated (2 catalogues. 1927-1931), Midvale Steel Company (undated), National Tube Works Company (1889).
Box 7, Folder 4	R-S, 1932-1940, undated Notes:	Rochester Can Company (2 catalogues. 1940), Sexton Can Company (1932).
Box 7, Folder 5	U, undated Notes:	United States Steel Export Company (undated), United States Steel Corporation (undated).
Box 7, Folder 6	W, 1925-1954, undated Notes:	Wallace Barnes Company (1925), Wheeling Corrugating Company (2 catalogues. 1940), Wheelock, Lovejoy and Company (undated), Witt Cornice Company (1939), Woodward Company (undated), Wooster Products Incorporated (4 catalogues. 1951-1954, undated).
Box 8, Folder 1-2	Company Guides, 1839-1942	
Box 8, Folder 3	Government Proposal Remarks, 1916	
Box 7, Folder 4	Images, 1859 Notes:	9 color illustrations featuring steel and iron foundries in England with the envelope Warshaw kept them in.
Box 8, Folder 5	Realia, 1897 Notes:	Plate reads "U.S. Polished B 1897, A Happy New Year, U.S.I. and T.P.MFG.CO, Demmler.PA"
	Serial Publications, 1892-1930	
Box 8, Folder 6	A-Z, 1881-1930	
		Boston Post, "Steamship Fuller Is Reported Sold", 1925 September 11 Notes: Excerpt.
		British Trade Journal, 1881 January 01 Notes: Tables labeled <i>Twenty Years' History of Copper</i> , <i>Twenty Years' History of Tin</i> , <i>A Fifty Years' History of the British Iron Trade</i> .

Carboloy, "Care and Maintenance of CARBOLOY Tipped Saws",
undated

Notes: Volume 2, Number 3. Excerpt by C.M. Thompson.

Engineering, 1893 February 17

Notes: Untitled excerpt displaying roof details of the St. Mary-
Street Market in Cardiff, Wales.

Farm News, 1911 July

Iron Trade Review, 1912-1930

Notes: 2 articles. *The Corrosion of Steel and Its Prevention*
by Allerton S. Cushman, and Article reprint titled
Tungsten Carbide Cutting Tools Are Winning Greater
Favor by Owen K. Parmiter.

Mechanical Engineering, "The Use of Tungsten Carbide As A Cutting
Material On Heavy Machine Tools", 1930 July

Notes: Excerpt by Coleman Sellers, reprint.

Old Timer, 1928, undated

Notes: 2 issues. Volume 5, Number 6-8.

Right Angle, 1923 December

Notes: Volume 7, Number 5.

United States Steel Corporation Bureau of Safety, Relief Sanitation
and Welfare, 1912 August

Notes: Bulletin Number 3.

Y.P.S. Pointers, 1925 July-August

Notes: Volume 4, Number 2.

Transactions of American Society for Steel Treating, 1922-1928

Box 8

Volume II, No. 8, 10-12, 1922

Notes: 4 Issues: May; July-September.

Box 8

Volume VII, No. 1-6, 1925

Notes: 6 issues: January-June.

Box 9

Volume VIII, No. 1-6, 1925

Notes: 6 issues: July-December.

Box 9

Volume IX, No. 1-6, 1926

Notes: 6 issues: January-June.

Box 9

Volume X, No. 1-6, 1926

Notes: 6 issue: July-December.

Box 10	Volume XI, No. 1-6 , 1927 Notes: 6 issues: January-June.
Box 10	Volume XII, No. 1-6 , 1927 Notes: 6 issues: July-December.
Box 10	Volume XIII, No. 1-2, 4-6 , 1928 Notes: 5 issues: January-February, (missing March), April-June.

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Subject, 1808-1951, undated

Box 11, Folder 1	Andrew Carnegie Biographies and Writings, 1894-1935 Notes: Contains biographical summaries of the life of Andrew Carnegie and his innovation within the steel industry. The publication <i>Steel Manufacture in the United States</i> by Carnegie as well as transcripts of additional addresses are also within the materials. Andrew Carnegie was a Scottish immigrant who became an industrialist and philanthropist in the United States in the mid and late 19th century. He was the founder of the Carnegie Steel Company that later became the United States Steel Corporation.
Oversize 60, Folder 1	Oversize Miscellaneous, 1868-1929 Notes: Oversize material includes advertisements, structure designs, and business records.
Box 11, Folder 2-3	Steel Education, 1808-1944 Notes: Contains instructional and background information about types of steel products, manufacturing methods, and available tools for tradesmen.
Map-folder 19	Directions and Suggestions for Starting and Running Shipman Engine, 1888 Notes: Shipman Engine Company educational material. Includes names and descriptions of product parts.
Box 11, Folder 4	Steel and Society, 1888-1951, undated Notes: Contains resources concerning steel manufacturing statistics, background on welfare work in the steel industry, discussions about the steel industry's impact on societal progress, and steel's role in the food industry.

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