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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
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Steel
Date:	1819-1985
Extent:	5.11 Cubic feet (consisting of 11 boxes, 1 folder, 2 oversize folders, 1 map case folder, 1 flat box (partial.))
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
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

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-case 2, Drawer 4, Folder 19	North Works Stock Sheet, 1909 October 02 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 United States Steel Corporation.
Map-case 2, Drawer 4, Folder 19	Map Showing Properties of Subsidiary Companies of United States Steel Corporation, 1908 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 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 Includes a packet of literature for Ceco Steel, sent in response to an inquiry by Warshaw.

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Genre, 1839-1954

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 A.B. Murray Company Incorporated (1927), American Steel Company (undated), American Steel Foundries (1919), Barnhart Type Foundry
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Company (1909), Berger's Metal Lumber (1916), Chester Steel Castings Company (1882).

- Box 7, Folder 2 F-H, 1890-1931, undated
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
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
Rochester Can Company (2 catalogues. 1940), Sexton Can Company (1932).
- Box 7, Folder 5 U, undated
United States Steel Export Company (undated), United States Steel Corporation (undated).
- Box 7, Folder 6 W, 1925-1954, undated
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
9 color illustrations featuring steel and iron foundries in England with the envelope Warshaw kept them in.
- Box 8, Folder 5 Realia, 1897
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 Excerpt.

British Trade Journal, 1881 January 01

Tables labeled *Twenty Years' History of Copper, Twenty Years' History of Tin, A Fifty Years' History of the British Iron Trade.*

Carboloy, "Care and Maintenance of CARBOLOY Tipped Saws", undated
Volume 2, Number 3. Excerpt by C.M. Thompson.

Engineering, 1893 February 17

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

Farm News, 1911 July

Iron Trade Review, 1912-1930

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

Excerpt by Coleman Sellers, reprint.

Old Timer, 1928, undated

2 issues. Volume 5, Number 6-8.

Right Angle, 1923 December

Volume 7, Number 5.

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

Bulletin Number 3.

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

Volume 4, Number 2.

Transactions of American Society for Steel Treating, 1922-1928

Box 8 Volume II, No. 8, 10-12 , 1922
4 Issues: May; July-September.

Box 8 Volume VII, No. 1-6 , 1925
6 issues: January-June.

Box 9 Volume VIII, No. 1-6 , 1925
6 issues: July-December.

Box 9 Volume IX, No. 1-6 , 1926

- 6 issues: January-June.
- Box 9 Volume X, No. 1-6 , 1926
6 issue: July-December.
- Box 10 Volume XI, No. 1-6 , 1927
6 issues: January-June.
- Box 10 Volume XII, No. 1-6 , 1927
6 issues: July-December.
- Box 10 Volume XIII, No. 1-2, 4-6 , 1928
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
Contains biographical summaries of the life of Andrew Carnegie and his innovation within the steel industry. The publication *Steel Manufacture in the United States* 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
Oversize material includes advertisements, structure designs, and business records.
- Box 11, Folder 2-3 Steel Education, 1808-1944
Contains instructional and background information about types of steel products, manufacturing methods, and available tools for tradesmen.
- Map-case 2, Drawer 4, Directions and Suggestions for Starting and Running Shipman Engine, 1888
Folder 19 Shipman Engine Company educational material. Includes names and descriptions of product parts.
- Box 11, Folder 4 Steel and Society, 1888-1951, undated
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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