



Smithsonian
National Museum of American History
Kenneth E. Behring Center

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

NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Telegraph

Vanessa Broussard-Simmons and Nicole Blechynden

Funding for partial processing of the collection was supported by a grant from the Smithsonian Institution's Collections Care and Preservation Fund (CCPF).

1999, Revised 2017

Archives Center, National Museum of American History
P.O. Box 37012
Suite 1100, MRC 601
Washington, D.C. 20013-7012
archivescenter@si.edu
<http://americanhistory.si.edu/archives>

Table of Contents

Collection Overview	1
Administrative Information	1
Names and Subjects	2
Container Listing	3
Subseries : Business Records, Marketing Material, Trade Literature, and Other, 1863-1903.....	3

Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Telegraph
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Telegraph
Date:	1863-1903
Extent:	3.48 Cubic feet (consisting of 7.5 boxes, 1 folder, 3 oversize folders, 1 map case folder, 1 object, plus digital images of some collection material.)
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Language:	English .
Summary:	A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Telegraph</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
Digital Content:	Image(s): Warshaw Subject Category: Telegraph

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Telegraph 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](#).

- [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: Telegraph, Archives Center, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution

Restrictions

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

Conditions Governing Use

Collection items available for reproduction, but the Archives Center makes no guarantees concerning copyright restrictions. Other intellectual property rights may apply. Archives Center cost-recovery and use fees may apply when requesting reproductions.

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 Records, Marketing Material, Trade Literature, and Other, 1863-1903

No Subnote Content

Subseries 1: Telegraph Company Materials

Box 1, Folder 1	Albany District Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 2	American District Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 3	American Machine Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 4	American Rapid Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 5	American Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 6	American Telegraph and Cable Company
Box 1, Folder 7	American Telephone and Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 8	American Union Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 9	American Wireless Company
Box 1, Folder 10	Anglo American Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 11	Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 12	Atlantic and Pacific and Eastern Franklin Telegraph Companies
Box 1, Folder 13	Automatic Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 14	Bains Chemical Telegraph
Box 1, Folder 15	Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 16	Banker's, Brokers' and Commercial Lines of Telegraph
Box 1, Folder 17	Bankers merchants telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 18	Boston Telegraph Company

Box 1, Folder 19	British-Irish Magnetic Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 20	Buffalo and Erie Railroad Telegraph
Box 1, Folder 21	California State Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 22	Capital District Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 23	Central and Southern American Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 24	Chester and Derry Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 25	Cleveland and Cincinnati Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 26	Cohoes and Troy Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 27	Commercial Cable
Box 1, Folder 28	Del. Lack and Western Telegraph
Box 1, Folder 29	Delaware River Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 30	District Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 31	Eastern Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 32	Erie Telegraph and Telephone Company
Box 1, Folder 33	Electric and International Telegraph
Box 1, Folder 34	Electro Magnetic Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 35	I 35 Empire Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 36	Franklin Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 37	Gold and Stock Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 38	Great North Western Telegraph Company of Canada
Box 1, Folder 39	Holmes Burglar Alarm Telegraph Company

Box 1, Folder 40	House Postal Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 41	Illinois and Mississippi Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 42	Independent Line of Telegraph
Box 1, Folder 43	Insulated Lines Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 44	International Printing Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 45	Leigh Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 46	Magnetic Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 47	Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of America and Canada
Box 1, Folder 48	Monongahela Valley Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 49	Montreal Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 50	Morse's American Telegraph
Box 1, Folder 51	Mutual District Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 52	Mutual Union Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 53	National Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 54	National Telegraph Lines
Box 1, Folder 55	New England Telephone and Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 56	New York, Albany and Buffalo Telegraph Company
Box 1, Folder 56	Letter, Williamsburg, Va, May 7, 1862 <i>0.15 Cubic feet (1 folder)</i> Image(s) Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969, Collector Letter written by a Union Civil War soldier after the Battle of Williamsburg. The letter relates one of the first uses of mechanical land mines in battle as well as the death and destruction witnessed after the battle. (This letter has been transcribed by the Transcription Center.)

Local Numbers

AC0060-0002559 (NMAH Acc.)

Topic: Civil war -- United States
Land mines
battles

Place: Williamsburg (Va.)
Yorktown (Va.)

Genre/
Form: Letters (correspondence) -- 1860-1870

Box 1, Folder 57	New York and Erie Railroad Company Telegraph
Box 2, Folder 1	New York Central Railroad Telegraph
Box 2, Folder 2	New York State Telegraph
Box 2, Folder 3	North American Telegraph Company
Box 2, Folder 4	Northern Telegraph Company
Box 2, Folder 5	Oregon Telephone and telegraph Company
Box 2, Folder 6	O'Rielly Telegraph
Box 2, Folder 7	Pacific and Atlantic Telegraph
Box 2, Folder 8	Pacific Mutual Telegraph Company
Box 2, Folder 9	Pennsylvania Railroad Company Telegraph
Box 2, Folder 10	People's Telegraph Line
Box 2, Folder 11	Philadelphia Local Telegraph Company
Box 2, Folder 12	Philadelphia, Reading and Pottsville Telegraph Company
Box 2, Folder 13	Philadelphia and Wilkesbarre Telegraph Company
Box 2, Folder 14	Pleasant Valley Telegraph Company
Box 2, Folder 15	Post Office Telegraphs
Box 2, Folder 16	Post Office Submarine Telegraphs

Box 2, Folder 17	Postal and Commercial Union Telegraph Companies
Box 2, Folder 18	Postal Telegraph Cable Company
Box 2, Folder 19	Reading and Columbia Railroad Telegraph
Box 2, Folder 20	Southern and Atlantic Telegraph Company
Box 2, Folder 21	Southern Magnetic Telegraph
Box 2, Folder 22	Southern Michigan Telegraph Company
Box 2, Folder 23	Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company
Box 2, Folder 24	Stock Quotation Telegraph Company
Box 2, Folder 25	Telegrafi Dello Stato (Italian)
Box 2, Folder 26	Telegramme Prive (French)
Box 2, Folder 27	Telegraphie des Deutchen Reiches (German)
Box 2, Folder 28	Telephone and Telegraph Company
Box 2, Folder 29	Telepost Company
Box 2, Folder 30	Troy and Canada Junction Telegraph Company
Box 2, Folder 31	Union Rail Road Telegraph Office
Box 2, Folder 32	Union Telegraph Company
Box 2, Folder 33	United Lines Telegraph Company
Box 2, Folder 34	United States Military Telegraph
Box 2, Folder 35	United States Telegraph Company
Box 2, Folder 36	United Wireless Telegraph Company
Box 2, Folder 37	Vermont and Boston Telegraph Company

Box 2, Folder 38	Vermont and Boston Telegraph Line
Box 2, Folder 39	Western Telegraph Company
Box 3, Folder 1	Western Union Telegraph Company—telegrams sent
Box 3, Folder 2	Western Union Telegraph Company—telegrams sent
Box 3, Folder 3	Western Union Telegraph Company—telegrams sent
Box 3, Folder 4	Western Union Telegraph Company—telegrams sent
Box 3, Folder 5	Western Union Telegraph Company—telegrams sent
Box 3, Folder 6	Western Union Telegraph Company—telegrams sent
Box 3, Folder 7	Western Union Telegraph Company—telegrams sent
Box 3, Folder 8	Western Union Telegraph Company—telegrams sent
Box 3, Folder 9	Western Union Telegraph Company—telegrams sent
Box 3, Folder 10	Western Union Telegraph Company—telegrams sent
Box 4, Folder 1	Western Union Telegraph Company—telegrams sent
Box 4, Folder 2	Western Union Telegraph Company—telegrams sent
Box 4, Folder 3	Western Union Telegraph Company—telegrams sent
Box 4, Folder 4	Western Union Telegraph Company—telegrams sent
Box 4, Folder 5	Western Union Telegraph Company—message envelopes
Box 4, Folder 6	Western Union Telegraph Company—messages sent report, 1881
Box 4, Folder 7	Western Union Telegraph Company—telegram franks, 1868-1908
Box 4, Folder 8	Western Union Telegraph Company—advertisements
Box 5, Folder 1	Western Union Telegraph Company—correspondence, 1869-1915
Box 5, Folder 2	Western Union Telegraph Company—memoranda, 1912

- Box 5, Folder 3 Western Union Telegraph Company—stock information, 1875-
- Box 5, Folder 4 Western Union Telegraph Company—Supply Department, 1867-
- Box 5, Folder 5 Western Union Telegraph Company—bulletins, forms and publications about cables, messages and letters
- Box 5, Folder 6 Western Union Telegraph Company—general publications
- Box 5, Folder 7 Western Union Telegraph Company—images

Subseries 1.2: William E. Hawks

- Box 7, Folder 1-7 Telegrams sent and received
- Box 8, Folder 1-4 Telegrams sent and received

Subseries 1.3: Railroad Companies

- Box 5, Folder 8 Allegheny Valley Rail Road Company
- Box 5, Folder 9 Boston and Maine Railroad
- Box 5, Folder 10 Central Vermont Railroad
- Box 5, Folder 11 New York Central Railroad Company
- Box 5, Folder 12 New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company
- Box 5, Folder 13 Northern Pacific Railroad Company
- Box 5, Folder 14 Old Colony and Newport Railway
- Box 5, Folder 15 Pennsylvania Railroad Company
- Box 5, Folder 16 Sullivan Railroad Company
- Box 5, Folder 17 Union Pacific Railway
- Box 5, Folder 18 Vermont Valley and Sullivan County Railroads

Subseries 1.4: Telephone Companies

- Box 5, Folder 19 Glen Telephone Company
- Box 5, Folder 20 Hudson River Telephone Company
- Box 5, Folder 21 Telephone Company of Philadelphia

Subseries 1.5: Telegraph Supply Companies

- Box 5, Folder 22 J.H. Bunnell and Company
- Box 5, Folder 23 J.A. Caldwell and Company
- Box 5, Folder 24 C.T. and J.N. Chester, 1857; 1865
- Box 5, Folder 25 A.S. Chubbuck, 1867-1871
- Box 5, Folder 26 James J. Clark and Company
- Box 5, Folder 27 E.S. Greeley and Company, 1894-1896
- Box 5, Folder 28 Thomas Hall, 1858; 1865
- Box 5, Folder 29 Hinds and Williams, 1857
- Box 5, Folder 30 King and Company, 1865
- Box 5, Folder 31 J.H. Longstreet, 1885
- Box 5, Folder 32 J.Hall Rohrman and Son, 1878
- Box 5, Folder 33 W.C. Sterling and Son
- Box 5, Folder 34 Telegraph Supply and Manufacturing Company
- Box 5, Folder 35 L.G. Tillotson and Company. 1869-1884
- Box 5, Folder 36 Charles Williams Jr., 1870

Subseries 1.6: Serials

- Box 5, Folder 37 The Century Illustrated Monthly Magazine, Nov. 1887-April 1888
- Box 5, Folder 38 Journal of the Telegraph, February 20, 1889

Box 5, Folder 39 The Operator, October 1, 1879

Subseries 1.7: Publications

Box 5, Folder 40 Alexander Graham Bell

Box 5, Folder 41 Fifty Years of Telephone Progress, 1876-1926

Box 5, Folder 42 Early History of the Electric Telegraph, 1881

Box 5, Folder 43 United States Postal Telegraph, undated,

Box 5, Folder 44 Reports of selected cases argued and decided in circuit and district court
(Kentucky), 1848

Box 6, Folder 1 Outlines of the History of Telegraphs in Japan, undated

Box 6, Folder 2 Operators' Manual of Telegraph, undated

Box 6, Folder 3 How to make an experimental wireless telegraph outfit, 1906

Box 6, Folder 4 The Telegraph Monopoly, undated

Box 6, Folder 5 Atlantic Cable Album, undated

Box 6, Folder 6 William Williams v. Western Union, 1881

Box 6, Folder 7 Sermon on the Completion of the Atlantic Telegraph by William Sprague. 1858

Box 6, Folder 8 Copies of all legal and scientific opinions showing House's Printing Telegraph
to be independent of all other inventions, 1849

Box 6, Folder 9 A Talk on Telegraphic Topics, undated

Box 6, Folder 10 Synchronous Multiplex Telegraphy, undated

Box 6, Folder 11 Senate. Report on Postal Telegraph, 1884

Box 6, Folder 12 Die Elektromagnetischen Apparate, 1872

Box 6, Folder 13 Bildergalerie für die Jugend, 1831

- Box 6, Folder 14 Deutsch-Atlantische Telegraphengesellschaft
- Box 6, Folder 15 Extracts from speech of Hon. Samuel W. Smith in the House of Representatives, 1908
- Box 6, Folder 16 The American Inventors of the Telegraph, undated
- Box 6, Folder 17 The Patent Decision, undated

Subseries 1.8: Miscellaneous

- Box 6, Folder 18 Clippings about telegraphy
- Box 6, Folder 19 Patents for Gilbert A. Cassagnes, 1884-1885
- Box 6, Folder 20 Cyrus W. Field
- Box 6, Folder 21 Samuel F.B. Morse
- Box 6, Folder 22 Adams Express Company
- Box 6, Folder 23 Gray National Telautograph Company
- Box 6, Folder 24 Messenger Telegraph Association
- Box 6, Folder 25 Morse School of Telegraphy
- Box 6, Folder 26 Miscellaneous folder

Subseries 2: Oversize

Materials relate to telegraph service in the United States. The oversize items are comprised of printed advertisements. The material dates from the early twentieth century and is arranged alphabetically by company.

- Oversize 61, Folder 4-6 Telegraph
- Box 61, Folder 7 Clark Wireless Telegraph & Telephone Company
Detroit, Michigan
- Box 61, Folder 7 Elmira Telegram
Location unknown

- Box SUPP 31, Folder 8 General, Telegraph, 1863-1903
Business records include correspondence, receipts, and telegrams. *Descriptive Story of the Telegraphone*, booklet (1907). Ribbon commemorating the laying of the Atlantic cable.
- Cabinet 1 Cyrus W Field Lovett Medal, 1858
[Metal type unassessed, was issued in white metal and also in silver]. Struck by George Hampden Lovett, New York. [verify with/without date variant].
- Map-case 2, Drawer 5, Map-folder 8 Telegraph

[Return to Table of Contents](#)