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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Wagons
Date:	1818-1919 (bulk 1840-1910)
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Wagons
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Extent:	3.25 Cubic feet (consisting of 7 boxes, 1 folder, 2 oversize folders, 2 map case folders.)
Language:	English .
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

Wagons 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 Nicole Blechynden, 2016 December.

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Scope and Contents

Contains materials relating to the manufacture and sale of wheeled and ski-based vehicles, primarily horse drawn, but in some cases human powered such as wagons, carriages, buggies, sleds, and sleighs used for transportation of goods and person. Includes information about a variety of wagon types runners, cutters, coaches, trucks, surreys, and phartons. Accessories include harnesses, reins, metal wheels, axles, spokes, tops, aprons, ornaments. There is one example of a baby carriage.

Businesses include general merchants, specialty dealers, service, parts and accessories, and repair.

Materials represent a sampling of daily transactions such as receipts and invoices for purchases. Marketing materials consists of price lists, ads, and brochures. There are several illustrated catalogues which provide good coverage on product lines. The images files provide good visual content of wagons used for work and leisure.

No extensive runs or complete records exist for any single company, brand, and no particular depth is present for any singular subtopic though some publications may provide general and historical overviews of a person, company, or facet of industry.

Arrangement

Wagons 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:

- Carriage and wagon making
- Carriage and wagon making -- 1880-1910 -- Maryland
- Carriage industry
- Carriages
- Carriages and carts
- Carriages and carts -- Design
- Consumer goods -- Catalogs
- Farm equipment
- Horse-drawn vehicles
- Licenses
- Patents
- Periodicals
- Road vehicles
- Sleds
- Sleds (animal-powered)
- Trade associations
- Wagon manufacturing
- Wagon wheels
- Wagons
- Wheels

Types of Materials:

- Advertisements
- Advertising
- Advertising cards
- Advertising fliers
- Advertising mail
- Business cards
- Business ephemera
- Business letters
- Business records
- Catalogs
- Catalogues
- Commercial catalogs
- Commercial correspondence
- Correspondence
- Ephemera
- Illustrations
- Instructional materials
- Invoices
- Legal documents
- Letterheads
- Mail order catalogs
- Manufacturers' catalogs
- Photographs
- Print advertising
- Printed ephemera
- Printed material
- Printed materials
- Publications

Publications -- Business
Receipts
Sales catalogs
Sales letters
Sales records
Trade cards
Trade catalogs
Trade literature

Container Listing

Business Records and Marketing Material, 1819-1918

Box 1, Folder 1	A, 1854-1904
Box 1, Folder 2-3	B, 1849-1905
Map-folder 2	Brown, D. Arthur and Company, 1873 Notes: Two invoices.
Box 1, Folder 4-5	C, 1831-1915
Box 1, Folder 6	D, 1845-1911
Box 2, Folder 1	E, 1837-1917
Box 2, Folder 2	F, 1843-1909 Notes: Includes board mounted photos for Finnesay and Kobler.
Box 2, Folder 3	G, 1846-1914
Box 2, Folder 4	H, 1848-1908
Box 2, Folder 5	I, 1854-1890
Box 2, Folder 6	J, 1853-1902
Box 2, Folder 7	K, 1819-1898 (bulk 1865-1898)
Box 2, Folder 8	L, 1847-1907
Box 3, Folder 1	M, 1856-1914
Box 3, Folder 2	N, 1858-1902
Box 3, Folder 3	O, 1866-1908 Notes: Ohio Wheel Company is well-represented.
Box 3, Folder 4	P, 1847-1915 Notes: Portsmouth Wagon Store is well-represented.
Box 3, Folder 5	Q, 1867-1898
Box 3, Folder 6	R, 1856-1905

Box 3, Folder 7-8	S, 1850-1918
Box 4, Folder 1	T, 1836-1916 (bulk 1850-1916)
Box 4, Folder 2	U, 1868-1890
Box 4, Folder 3	V, 1859-1902
Box 4, Folder 4	W, 1854-1915
Box 4, Folder 5	Y, 1860-1899
Oversize 68, Folder 1	Advertisements, Oversize Notes: Broadsides, circulars, and price lists for wagons and related products. Includes an ad for the Sidway Collapsible Baby Carriage.
Oversize 203, Folder 1	Advertisements, Oversize Notes: Broadsides, circulars, and price lists for wagons and related products. Includes a tri-fold for Studebaker's wagon combo that carries a hot road oiler (circa 1910). Also present are ads for transfer ornaments, aprons.
Map-folder 2	Advertisements, Oversize American Carriage Company, undated Notes: Circular. Emerson, Fisher, and Company, undated Notes: Broadside. Hiram W. Davis and Company, circa 1888 Notes: Broadside. Hiram W. Davis and Company, 1887 Notes: Broadside including monthly calendars. Hull Brothers, undated Notes: Circular featuring the Blue Ribbon Line. International Harvester Company of America, 1924 Notes: Circular featuring the Weber Wagons. International Harvester Company of America, undated Notes: Circular featuring the Columbus Wagons. T.W. Lane's, undated Notes: Broadside.

Little Salesman, undated
Notes: Circular

Parry Manufacturing Company, 1914
Notes: Circular.

Sidway Mercantile Company, 1914
Notes: Circular featuring the Allwin and Sidway brands of baby carriages.

Standard Wagon Company, 1889
Notes: Broadside.

A. Streich and Brothers Company, circa 1914
Notes: Circular.

Vehicle Apron and Hood Company, undated
Notes: Broadside featuring Blizzard.

Advertisements, Oversize

Chadwick Company, undated
Notes: Broadside.

Cleveland Hardware Company, undated
Notes: Broadside.

Davis Gould, undated
Notes: Broadside.

Standard Wagon Company, 1890
Notes: Broadside with calendar boxes. Note: damaged, pieces in envelope within enclosure.

Box 4, Folder 6 Import/Export, 1868-1879
Notes: Two import packets for port of entry Philadelphia.

Box SUPP 34, Folder 1 Miscellaneous, 1836-1915
Notes: Correspondence, a receipt, trade cards and marketing fliers, plus a coaching parade ribbon and few images wagons.

Box 4, Folder 7 Railroad Financial Account Statements, 1853-1856 (bulk 1854-1854)
Notes: New York Central Railroad Company, listing payments for goods and services.

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Genre, 1841-1918

	Catalogues	
	Notes:	Foldered alphabetically by company. One catalogue for each company, unless otherwise noted.
Box 4, Folder 8	A	
		American Carriage Company, 1896-1900 Notes: 3 catalogues.
Box 4, Folder 9	B	
		Barbour Buggy Company
		Binghamton Wagon Company, 1895
		Blees Buggy Company
		Boston Buckboard and Carriage Company, 1879, 1895 Notes: 2 catalogues.
		Boub and Scheu, 1909
		Bradley and Company Notes: 2 catalogues.
		Buckeye Handle, Gear and Bending Company
Box 4, Folder 10	C	
		Cash Supply and Manufacturing Company, 1901-1902 Notes: 2 catalogues.
Box 5, Folder 1	C, 1870-1902	
		Chamberlin E., Son and Company, 1870
		Concord Axle Company
		Cortland Wagon Company
		Cowley, L.H.
Box 5, Folder 2	D-E	
		Davis, Gould and Company

Eagle Carriage Company

Eames, A.M. and Company, 1902

Electric Wheel Company
Notes: 2 catalogues.

Elkhart Carriage and Harness Manufacturing Company, 1902-1903, 1886
Notes: 3 catalogues.

Empire Manufacturing Company

Excelsior Carriage Company, 1902

Box 5, Folder 3

F-G, 1900-1914

Farmers Handy Wagon Company

Fish, A.C.

Freeport Vehicles, 1914

Fuller Buggy Company, 1900

Gere, Truman, Platt and Company

Box 5, Folder 4

H-J

Haydock Brothers, 1891
Notes: 3 catalogues (2 copies of second catalogue).

Hitchcock Manufacturing Company

House

Jackson Wagon

Box 5, Folder 5

K-L

Keyes and Wilson
Notes: Successors to Flandrau, A.S. and Company.

Kimbark, S.D., 1894

Kingman and Company
Notes: 2 catalogues.

Kingsley, L.J. Company

Landsen Company

Box 5, Folder 5

Locke and Jewell

Box 6, Folder 1-3

M

Madison Wheel Company, 1905

Manville, B. and Company

McCabe, Young and Company

Michigan Buggy Company

Milburn Wagon Company

Notes: 2 copies of catalogue 104. No. 3274 registered to William Potts, Parkesburg, PA. No. 5483 registered to United Export Bureau, New York City.

Mitchell, Lewis, and Company, 1882-1884

Notes: 5 catalogues (2 each of 1883, 1884). The 1883 and 1884 catalogues are formatted as almanacs.

Moline Plow Company, 1914; undated

Notes: 3 catalogues. Each features a different product: T.G. Mandt Wagon, "Henney" Vehicles, Crescent Farm Wagons.

Moon Brothers, 1890; 1893

Notes: 2 catalogues.

Murray, Wilber H.

Box 6, Folder 4

N-O

Newton W.H. and Son, 1894; 1899; undated

Notes: 3 catalogues.

Norwood Manufacturing Company, 1893

Noyes Cart Company, 1890

O'Neill Wagon Company Limited, 1884

Notes: 2 copies.

Ohio Carriage Manufacturing Company

Owenboro Wagon Company

Oyler Geo. K. Carriage Company

Box 6, Folder 5

P-R, 1912, undated

Prouty and Glass Carriage Company, 1912

Rice , Louis P. and Company

Box 7, Folder 1

S, 1890-1908, unknown

Schwartz, Jos. and Company

Scott, Chas. and Company, 1890

Sears, Roebuck and Company

Notes: 2 catalogues, on features cutters and sleighs.

Sechler and Company, 1892

Sechler, D.M. Carriage Company, 1904

Notes: 2 copies, Louisiana Purchase Exposition souvenir booklet
(cover color variant).

Studebaker Brothers Manufacturing Company, 1908; undated

Notes: 4 catalogues. 1908 is formatted as an almanac.

Sullivan Brothers

Box 7, Folder 2

T-Z, plus Company Unknown, 1893, undated

Tubular Steel Sled Company

Union Machine Company

Watson Wagon Company, undated

Notes: 2 catalogues.

Wertz Buggy Company, 1893

[Company Unknown]

Notes: 2 catalogues. One on wagons and buggies, the other on
cover material with textile sample included.

Images

Illustrations and Prints

Oversize 203, Folder 1 Oversize Carriages and Wagons, 1899, undated
 Notes: 3 items. A printed photograph of the "Telegraph" coach, branded Potters Bar and listing persons appearing in image, as issues by The Road (Christmas Number, 1893, Plate No. II). A B&W printed illustration of an Old Oxford coach. A color illustration of an open carriage leisure ride.

Oversize 68, Folder 1 Oversize Carriages and Wagons, 1900 November 17, undated
 Notes: 2 images. Printed B&W sketch of a late 19th Century city corner with a carriage in the foreground. B&W illustration of the Mail Phaeton: Correctly Appointed (supplement to the *Rider and Driver*, Vol. XX, No. 13, November 17, 1900).

Box 7, Folder 3 Sleights and Sleds, undated

Box 7, Folder 4 Wagons and Carriages, undated

Box 7, Folder 5 Photographs, Wagons and Carriages, 1918, undated
 Notes: One image indicates Portland, Maine. Another has the date of 1918 on verso.

Box 7, Folder 6 Legal, Intellectual Property, circa 1850-1900
 Notes: Patent and trademark, with illustrations and drawings.

Box 7, Folder 7 Serial Publications, 1841-1907

Home and Country, "Driving", 1894 August
 Notes: Excerpt, pp. 45-52.

Penny Magazine, A Day at a Coach-Factory, 1841 December
 Notes: Excerpt, pp. 45-52.

Spokesman of the Carriage and Associate Trade, 1907 January
 Notes: Spokesman Publishing Company. 1 issue: 1907 January, Vol. XXIII, No. 1.

Vehicle Dealer, 1904 December
 Notes: 1 issue: 1904 December, Vol. VI, No. 3. Note: cover missing.

Ye Centennial Hub Almanac, 1876
 Notes: Hub Publishing Company. 1 issue: 1876.

Box 7, Folder 8 Vehicle Licenses, 1902-1919

Notes: 5 licenses from Ohio, Connecticut, Delaware.

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Subject, circa 1852-1916

Box 7, Folder 9 Carriage Builders' National Association 44th Annual Report, 1916 September 26-28

Box 7, Folder 10 Writings, General, circa 1852-circa 1872
Notes: Four unrelated items.

Amesbury, Massachusetts: the Carriage Center of the World , undated

"Broad-Rimmed Wheels", Letter to the Editor, 1882 March

"Carriage Axles and Springs", 1872
Notes: Excerpt, pp.1272-1282. Source unknown.

Changing Arms, Instruction Card, undated

Pictorial Gallery of Arts, "Arts Relating to Vehicles and Land-Travelling", circa 1852
Notes: Excerpt, Chapter VI, pp.227-254.

Oversize 68, Folder 1 "Studebaker Brothers Manufacturing Company, Wagons, Buggies, Carriages, and Sleighs", undated
Notes: An incomplete article/prospectus excerpt (source unknown) illustrated with portraits of C. Studebaker and J.M. Studebaker, plus a wagon and their production facility in South Bend, Indiana.

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