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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Wagons
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Wagons
Date:	1818-1919 (bulk 1840-1910)
Extent:	3.25 Cubic feet (consisting of 7 boxes, 1 folder, 2 oversize folders, 2 map case folders.)
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: 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-case 2, Drawer 9, Folder 2	Brown, D. Arthur and Company, 1873 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 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 Ohio Wheel Company is well-represented.
Box 3, Folder 4	P, 1847-1915 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 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 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-case 2, Drawer 9, Folder 2	Advertisements, Oversize American Carriage Company, undated Circular. Emerson, Fisher, and Company, undated Broadside. Hiram W. Davis and Company, circa 1888 Broadside. Hiram W. Davis and Company, 1887 Broadside including monthly calendars. Hull Brothers, undated Circular featuring the Blue Ribbon Line. International Harvester Company of America, 1924 Circular featuring the Weber Wagons. International Harvester Company of America, undated

Circular featuring the Columbus Wagons.

T.W. Lane's, undated
Broadside.

Little Salesman, undated
Circular

Parry Manufacturing Company, 1914
Circular.

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

Standard Wagon Company, 1889
Broadside.

A. Streich and Brothers Company, circa 1914
Circular.

Vehicle Apron and Hood Company, undated
Broadside featuring Blizzard.

Advertisements, Oversize

Chadwick Company, undated
Broadside.

Cleveland Hardware Company, undated
Broadside.

Davis Gould, undated
Broadside.

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

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

Box SUPP 34, Folder
1 Miscellaneous, 1836-1915
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)

New York Central Railroad Company, listing payments for goods and services.

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Genre, 1841-1918

Catalogues

Foldered alphabetically by company. One catalogue for each company, unless otherwise noted.

Box 4, Folder 8

A

American Carriage Company, 1896-1900
3 catalogues.

Box 4, Folder 9

B

Barbour Buggy Company

Binghamton Wagon Company, 1895

Blees Buggy Company

Boston Buckboard and Carriage Company , 1879, 1895
2 catalogues.

Boub and Scheu, 1909

Bradley and Company
2 catalogues.

Buckeye Handle, Gear and Bending Company

Box 4, Folder 10

C

Cash Supply and Manufacturing Company, 1901-1902
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
2 catalogues.

Elkhart Carriage and Harness Manufacturing Company, 1902-1903, 1886
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
3 catalogues (2 copies of second catalogue).

Hitchcock Manufacturing Company

House

Jackson Wagon

Box 5, Folder 5

K-L

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

Kimbark, S.D., 1894

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

Moline Plow Company, 1914; undated
3 catalogues. Each features a different product: T.G. Mandt Wagon,
"Henney" Vehicles, Crescent Farm Wagons.

Moon Brothers, 1890; 1893
2 catalogues.

Murray, Wilber H.

Box 6, Folder 4

N-O

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

Norwood Manufacturing Company, 1893

Noyes Cart Company, 1890

O'Neill Wagon Company Limited, 1884
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
2 catalogues, on features cutters and sleighs.

Sechler and Company, 1892

Sechler, D.M. Carriage Company, 1904
2 copies, Louisiana Purchase Exposition souvenir booklet (cover color
variant).

Studebaker Brothers Manufacturing Company, 1908; undated
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
2 catalogues.

Wertz Buggy Company, 1893

[Company Unknown]

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

Images

Illustrations and Prints

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| Oversize 203, Folder 1 | Oversize Carriages and Wagons, 1899, undated
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
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 <i>Rider and Driver</i> , Vol. XX, No. 13, November 17, 1900). |
| Box 7, Folder 3 | Sleighs and Sleds, undated |
| Box 7, Folder 4 | Wagons and Carriages, undated |
| Box 7, Folder 5 | Photographs, Wagons and Carriages, 1918, undated
One image indicates Portland, Maine. Another has the date of 1918 on verso. |
| Box 7, Folder 6 | Legal, Intellectual Property, circa 1850-1900
Patent and trademark, with illustrations and drawings. |
| Box 7, Folder 7 | Serial Publications, 1841-1907

<i>Home and Country</i> , "Driving", 1894 August
Excerpt, pp. 45-52.

<i>Penny Magazine</i> , A Day at a Coach-Factory, 1841 December |

Excerpt, pp. 45-52.

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

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

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

Box 7, Folder 8 Vehicle Licenses, 1902-1919
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
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
Excerpt, pp.1272-1282. Source unknown.

Changing Arms, Instruction Card, undated

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

Oversize 68, Folder 1 "Studebaker Brothers Manufacturing Company, Wagons, Buggies, Carriages,
and Sleighs", undated
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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