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

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Weather
Date:	1854-1879
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Weather
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Extent:	0.94 Cubic feet (consisting of 2 boxes, 1 folder, 1 oversize folder.)
Language:	English .
Summary:	A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Weather</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

Weather 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](#) .

Missing Title:

- [Series 1: Business Ephemera](#)
- [Series 2: Other Collection Divisions](#)
- [Series 3: Isadore Warshaw Personal Papers](#)
- [Series 4: Photographic Reference Material](#)

Preferred Citation

Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Weather, Archives Center, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution

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Scope and Contents

This subject category- Weather consists primarily of receipts, invoices, postcards with images of weather conditions, weather reports, articles, and advertisements relating to tobacco, clothing and other various stores.

Series 1, Manufacturers and Distributors of Weather Instruments: circa 1866-1926; undated, includes bills, receipts, printed advertisements, catalogs and invoices from manufacturers and distributors of weather vanes, weather stripping, thermometers, weather forecasters, barometers and various other instruments. Such businesses were located in the Northeastern United States, primarily New York, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania, with several from other areas in the United States and a few from England, France, Germany, and Canada. These materials indicate that the businesses were often family owned and operated. The materials also reflect the changing ownerships/partnerships in many of the businesses. Materials in this series are arranged in alphabetical order by business name. The foreign company is Askania, which was located in Berlin, Germany. Its printed catalog dating to 1887 contains various meteorological instruments.

Series 2, Weather Reporting Agencies and Organizations, circa 1873-1959; undated, includes pamphlets, reports, correspondences, protection guidelines, explanations of storm warnings, weather maps, crop bulletins and weather reports from weather agencies and organizations. The majority of them are United States federal agencies located in New York City and Washington DC. Others are privately owned and located in London, France, Japan and other areas of the United States, such as Ohio and Massachusetts. One foreign agency is the Imperial Meteorological Observatory in Tokyo, Japan, which compiled several weather maps into one work in 1884. The other is a French agency called Meteorographe Universel that created a small work in 1874. The materials indicate that governments played a central role in providing information about the various aspects of reporting weather and promoting warning systems. The materials are arranged in alphabetical order according to the agencies and organizations.

Series 3, Publications, 1797-1966; undated, contains almanacs, short publications describing various weather phenomenon, magazine articles, whole magazines and reports regarding different aspects of weather such as the temperature, storms, tornadoes and hurricanes. Some go into detail about how forecasting is done and about meteorologists in general. The miscellaneous folder contains an advertisement from Weather Trends, Incorporated located in New York, New York soliciting a subscription from the Warshaw Collection of Business. The materials are arranged in alphabetical order by subject.

Series 4, Related Materials, 1783-1954; undated, contains advertising cards, postcards, photographs, pictures from magazines and newspapers, short publications, pamphlets and weather reports. The photographs of the flood that occurred in March 1913 devastated parts of Ohio, Iowa, Indiana and Illinois in the Upper Mississippi and Ohio River Valleys. There was state wide flooding in Ohio with Dayton being the hardest hit area. The United States Storm and Weather Signals show the flags and their meanings on one side and on the other side advertisements from various types of companies, such as tobacco, pharmacies, clothing, electrical supplies and restaurants. Unk and I is a short caricatured pamphlet from 1954 regarding forecasting and various aspects of the weather in New York. The materials in this series are arranged in alphabetical order by subject of title.

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

Subseries 1: Manufacturers and Distributors of Weather Instruments, circa 1866-1926; undated

Box 1, Folder 1	Busch, Edward, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 2	Draper Manufacturing Company, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 3	Fiske, J.W., Iron Works, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 3	Fitchburg Hardware Company, Fitchburg, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 4	Franklin Metal Weather Strip Company Incorporated, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 5	Harris & Company, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 6	Jewell, A. L., & Company, Waltham, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 6	Jones, Thomas W., New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 7	Losey, David H., Westchester, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 7	Lovejoy, Alvan L., Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 7	Patent Metallic Weather Strip Company, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 8	Taylor Instrument Companies, Rochester, New York
Box 1, Folder 9	Underwood Weather Strip Company, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 10	Washburne, E.G., and Company, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 11	Westervelt, A.B., and W.T., New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 12	Wirfs, E. J., Organization, St. Louis, Missouri
Box 1, Folder 13	Miscellaneous Companies
Box 1, Folder 14	Foreign Companies

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Subseries 2: Weather Reporting Agencies and Organizations, circa 1873-1959

Box 1, Folder 15	Meteorological Society, London
Box 1, Folder 16	New York Meteorological Bureau, New York, New York, 1873 and 1888
Box 1, Folder 17	Ohio Meteorological Bureau, Columbus, Ohio, 1888 and 1891
Box 206, Folder 1A	United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Map, 1895
Box 1, Folder 18	United States Department of Agriculture Central Office of the Weather Bureau Correspondence, Washington, DC, 1911
Box 1, Folder 19	United States Department of Agriculture, Climate and Crop Service of the Weather Bureau, New York Section Correspondence, New York, New York, 1898 and 1900
Box 1, Folder 20	United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau Circular of Information, Washington, DC, 1894
Box 1, Folder 21	United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Mods and Small Craft, Storm and Hurricane Warnings, Washington, DC, 1892, 1908, Undated
Box 1, Folder 22	United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Report of Annual Meetings of the American Association of State Weather Services, Washington, DC, 1893 and 1894
Box 1, Folder 23	United States Department of Agriculture, Climate and Crop Service, Weather Bureau, New England Section, Weekly Crop Bulletin, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 24	United States Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau, New York, National Weather Bulletins, 1959
Box 1, Folder 24	Weather Report, New York, New York, 1959
Box 1, Folder 25	Foreign Agencies

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Subseries 3: Publications, 1797-1966

Box 2, Folder 1	Almanac, The Toronto and Montreal News Companies, 1881
Box 2, Folder 2	Cyclones and Hurricanes
Box 2, Folder 3	Forecasting, Godey's Magazine, September 1896

Box 2, Folder 4	Meteorologists, The Devoe Weather Book or Every Man a Weather Prophet and The Mentor: The Weather, 1916
Box 2, Folder 5	Temperature, Edinburg, Scotland, 1879-1880
Box 2, Folder 6	Tornadoes, 1880
Box 2, Folder 7	Wind, November 27, 1841
Box 2, Folder 8	Miscellaneous

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Subseries 4: Related Materials, circa 1783-1954

Box 2, Folder 9	Depictions of Weather and Seasons
Box 69, Folder 1a	Diary Entry Describing Cold Weather in New York, 1783-1785, 1790
Box 2, Folder 10	Flood in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Ohio, 1913
Box 2, Folder 11	Floods in New England, 1927
Box 2, Folder 12	Flood in Ohio, 1884
Box 2, Folder 13	United States Storm and Weather Signals, 1885-1887
Box 2, Folder 14	United States Weather Reports, circa 1900-1908
Box 2, Folder 15	Unk and I, November 1954
Box 2, Folder 16	Miscellaneous
Box SUPP 34, Folder 8	General, Weather, 1854-1879 Notes: Contains a blank membership acceptance form for the American Metrological society (1879) and <i>Destiny of the Solar System</i> ; being an epitome of three lectures delivered in Cincinnati (1854).
Oversize 68, Folder 1A	Weather

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