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

NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Wills

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Wills
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Wills
Date:	circa 1762-1929
Extent:	0.31 Cubic feet (consisting of .5 box, 2 folder, 2 oversize 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: Wills</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

Wills 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: Wills, 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

This subject category-Wills-consists primarily of last wills and testaments from nineteenth-century America. Other material dealing with property ownership and transfer and materials about wills makes up a smaller portion of this category. Most of the material is from the east coast primarily New York, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts though other location in America and the United Kingdom are represented.

Series 1, Last Wills and Testaments and Related Documents, 1762-1923, includes last wills and testaments, copies of wills, papers related to the creation and registration of wills, correspondence regarding wills, estate expenses and inventories. Materials are arranged in alphabetical order by name

Series 2, Materials about Wills and Miscellaneous, 1800s circa-1928, contains two examples of wills and two printed volumes by the Metropolitan Trust Company and the Marine Trust Company, respectively, about how to write wills. Other materials are a grant for power of attorney from Joseph and Martha Warren in 1842 and a list of accounts from Jacob Stout relating to the guardianship of Rebecca Allu from 1796. Materials are arranged by examples then publications; other material is located in the oversized folder by name.

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

Legal Documents and Publications, 1798-1929

Last Wills and Testaments and Related Documents, 1762-1923

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Box 1, Folder 1	Adams, William Dr. Estate Expenses, 1827, Location Unknown
Box 1, Folder 2	Austin, Sarah Will, 1879, Mobile County, Alabama
Box 1, Folder 3	Baker, Abraham Will, February 1881, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 4	Bloomer, Walton S. Will, 1909, Albany, New York
Box 1, Folder 1	Bogert, Jacobus Copy of Will, November 1809, New York, New York
Box 70, Folder 1	Bogert, John Copy of Will, July 1817, New York, New York
Box 70, Folder 4	Brower, Jacobus 1872, Trenton, New Jersey
Box 1, Folder 5	Burgin, Joseph Will, 1843, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 5	Colby, William C. Receipt of Payment for drafting of will, June 1885, New York
Box 1, Folder 6	Condon, James Will, 1895, Wilson, New York
Box 1, Folder 7	Cook, Abigail Will, 1860, Mendon, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 8	Cornell, Zebulon Will, 1834, White Creek, New York

Box 1, Folder 9	Cresson, Benjamin Will, 1827, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 10	Cresson, Deborah Will, 1852, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 11	Crossan, Thomas Will, July 1791, April 1792, Belfas Township, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 12	Dibble, Sherman Will, 1867, Orleans County, New York
Box 1, Folder 13	Eastman, James H. Will, 1878, Concord, New Hampshire
Box 1, Folder 14	Exline, John Application for Will, 1849, Bedford, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 15	Gates, Caleb Will and Receipt, 1816, Schenectady, New York
Box 1, Folder 15	Girlling, Thomas, L. 1826, Wooster, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 16	Hassinger, David S. Will, 1862, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 16	Hopkins, William 1873, Location Unknown
Box 1, Folder 17	Jermain, Alanson Will, November 1876, Hempstead, New York
Box 1, Folder 18	Jermain, Barclay Will, December 1882, Albany, New York
Box 1, Folder 18	Jones, Henry March 1895, Location Unknown
Box 1, Folder 18	Kittredge, Hannah January 1878, Salem, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 19	Lansing, Abraham I. Will and Estate Evaluation, April 1806, Rensselaer County, New York
Box 1, Folder 19	Lawrence Townley Estate

October 1885, Location Unknown

- Box 1, Folder 20 Linacre, James
Will and Correspondence Regarding Will, April 1835, Albany, New York
- Box 1, Folder 1 Lykins, Sarah
Will, November 1834, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Box 70, Folder 20 Marshall, Elizabeth Mortimer
Will, January 1840, Lancaster, Cornwall
- Box 1, Folder 20 Martin, George
1863, Location Unknown
- Box 1, Folder 20 Mowatt, John
June 1829, New York
- Box 1, Folder 21 Nedder, Simon
Will, Receipt, and Notification of Death- 1820, Schenectady, New York
- Box 1, Folder 1 Norton, Mary
Copy of Will, 1669 printed 1877, Boston, Massachusetts
- Box 208, Folder 21 Nottbeck, Jean
December 1863, New York, New York

NOT IN FOLDER
- Box 1, Folder 21 O'Brien, James
June 20, 1904, Williamstown, Massachusetts
- Box 1, Folder 21 Odell, Isaac
January 1887, White Plains, New York

NOT IN FOLDER
- Box 1, Folder 22 Pannel, Robert
Will, 1785, Albany, New York
- Box 1, Folder 23 Pardon, Jane
Will, August 1923, Albany, New York
- Box 1, Folder 23 Randall, Sarah
September, 1865, Otsego, New York
- Box 1, Folder 23 Rathbone, John Jr.

1842, New York

Box 1, Folder 24 Rodman, Thomas
Will, March 1762, Long Island, New York

Box 1, Folder 1 Rumball, Silvester
Probate of Will, October 1683, Location Unknown

Box 70, Folder 24 Rush, Henrietta
1874, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Box 1, Folder 25 Ryan, William
Will and Insurance, March 1868, Albany, New York

Box 1, Folder 26 Sanford, Samuel T.W.
Will, Certificate of Execution of Will, September 1879, Long Island, New York

Box 1, Folder 1 Sayre, Joel
Will copy and Register, October 1818, New York, New York

Box 70, Folder 26 Sumner, Hanson
March, 1874, Albany, New York

Box 1, Folder 27 Ten Broeck, Abraham
Will, February 1810, Albany, New York

Box 1, Folder 27 Thislock, William
September 1850, Location Unknown

Box 1, Folder 27 Thorne, Jonathon
January 1868, Location Unknown

Box 1, Folder 1 Thorpe, Robert
Estate Account, March 1832, Sussex County, England

Box 70, Folder 28 Tillott, James A.
Notice of Death, Will Execution, October 1860, Poughkeepsie, New York

Box 1, Folder 29 Truax, Isaac
Will, 1837, Schenectady, New York

Box 1, Folder 29 Turner, Amy
Receipt for Certificate of Estate, April 1859, Poughkeepsie, New York

Box 1, Folder 30 Van Leuven, Peter

- Will, June 1899, Albany, New York
- Box 1, Folder 31 Van Solingen, Edward
Will, January 1862, Elizabeth, New Jersey
- Box 1, Folder 32 Von Hof, Daniel
March 1895, Albany, New York

NOT IN FOLDER
- Box 1, Folder 33 Williams, David
Will, May 1837, Oneida County, New York
- Box 1, Folder 34 Young, William Jr.
Certification of Last Will and Testament, 1814, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Box 1, Folder 35 Wainwright, P.
Household Inventory, January 1841, Unknown Location
- Box SUPP 34, Folder 12 General, Wills, 1798-1929
Handwritten estate and probate forms, plus one hand written and one typed will. A series of promotional fliers from Riggs National Bank featuring portraiture and the wills of notable persons accompanied by information on various aspects of estate planning such as wills, executors, settlements, taxes, living trusts, real estate, probate, guardianship, trustees, custodians, beneficiaries, charitable giving, liquidation, litigation, intestate, and distributions. Includes the text of the wills or probate summaries of Paul Revere, Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, U.S. Grant, John Paul Jones, Robert Richard Randall, Robert E. Lee, Theodore Roosevelt, Alexander Hamilton, Grover Cleveland, John Marshall, and Benjamin Franklin.
- Box ADD76, Folder 3 Estate Book, Accounting. Stevenson, William D., 1853-1914

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- Box 1, Folder 36 Examples of Wills, 1800s circa
- Box 1, Folder 37 Publications about Wills, 1917 and 1928
- Oversize 70, Folder 1 Miscellaneous material, 1796, 1842

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