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

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Wills
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1762-1929
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Wills
<b>Creator:</b>	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
<b>Extent:</b>	0.31 Cubic feet (consisting of .5 box, 2 folder, 2 oversize folders.)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	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: <a href="#">Warshaw Collection of Business Americana</a>

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## 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](#) .

Missing Title:

- [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

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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.

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## 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

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

Box 1, Folder 9	Cresson, Benjamin Notes: Will, 1827, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 10	Cresson, Deborah Notes: Will, 1852, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 11	Crossan, Thomas Notes: Will, July 1791, April 1792, Belfas Township, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 12	Dibble, Sherman Notes: Will, 1867, Orleans County, New York
Box 1, Folder 13	Eastman, James H. Notes: Will, 1878, Concord, New Hampshire
Box 1, Folder 14	Exline, John Notes: Application for Will, 1849, Bedford, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 15	Gates, Caleb Notes: Will and Receipt, 1816, Schenectady, New York
Box 1, Folder 15	Girlling, Thomas, L. Notes: 1826, Wooster, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 16	Hassinger, David S. Notes: Will, 1862, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 16	Hopkins, William Notes: 1873, Location Unknown
Box 1, Folder 17	Jermain, Alanson Notes: Will, November 1876, Hempstead, New York
Box 1, Folder 18	Jermain, Barclay Notes: Will, December 1882, Albany, New York
Box 1, Folder 18	Jones, Henry Notes: March 1895, Location Unknown
Box 1, Folder 18	Kittredge, Hannah Notes: January 1878, Salem, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 19	Lansing, Abraham I. Notes: Will and Estate Evaluation, April 1806, Rensselaer County, New York
Box 1, Folder 19	Lawrence Townley Estate Notes: October 1885, Location Unknown

Box 1, Folder 20	Linacre, James Notes: Will and Correspondence Regarding Will, April 1835, Albany, New York
Box 1, Folder 1	Lykins, Sarah Notes: Will, November 1834, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Oversize 70, Folder 20	Marshall, Elizabeth Mortimer Notes: Will, January 1840, Lancaster, Cornwall
Box 1, Folder 20	Martin, George Notes: 1863, Location Unknown
Box 1, Folder 20	Mowatt, John Notes: June 1829, New York
Box 1, Folder 21	Nedder, Simon Notes: Will, Receipt, and Notification of Death- 1820, Schenectady, New York
Box 1, Folder 1	Norton, Mary Notes: Copy of Will, 1669 printed 1877, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 208, Folder 21	Nottbeck, Jean Notes: December 1863, New York, New York NOT IN FOLDER
Box 1, Folder 21	O'Brien, James Notes: June 20, 1904, Williamstown, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 21	Odell, Isaac Notes: January 1887, White Plains, New York NOT IN FOLDER
Box 1, Folder 22	Pannel, Robert Notes: Will, 1785, Albany, New York
Box 1, Folder 23	Pardon, Jane Notes: Will, August 1923, Albany, New York
Box 1, Folder 23	Randall, Sarah Notes: September, 1865, Otsego, New York
Box 1, Folder 23	Rathbone, John Jr. Notes: 1842, New York
Box 1, Folder 24	Rodman, Thomas Notes: Will, March 1762, Long Island, New York

Box 1, Folder 1	Rumball, Silvester Notes: Probate of Will, October 1683, Location Unknown
Oversize 70, Folder 24	Rush, Henrietta Notes: 1874, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 25	Ryan, William Notes: Will and Insurance, March 1868, Albany, New York
Box 1, Folder 26	Sanford, Samuel T.W. Notes: Will, Certificate of Execution of Will, September 1879, Long Island, New York
Box 1, Folder 1	Sayre, Joel Notes: Will copy and Register, October 1818, New York, New York
Oversize 70, Folder 26	Sumner, Hanson Notes: March, 1874, Albany, New York
Box 1, Folder 27	Ten Broeck, Abraham Notes: Will, February 1810, Albany, New York
Box 1, Folder 27	Thislock, William Notes: September 1850, Location Unknown
Box 1, Folder 27	Thorne, Jonathon Notes: January 1868, Location Unknown
Box 1, Folder 1	Thorpe, Robert Notes: Estate Account, March 1832, Sussex County, England
Oversize 70, Folder 28	Tillott, James A. Notes: Notice of Death, Will Execution, October 1860, Poughkeepsie, New York
Box 1, Folder 29	Truax, Isaac Notes: Will, 1837, Schenectady, New York
Box 1, Folder 29	Turner, Amy Notes: Receipt for Certificate of Estate, April 1859, Poughkeepsie, New York
Box 1, Folder 30	Van Leuven, Peter Notes: Will, June 1899, Albany, New York
Box 1, Folder 31	Van Solingen, Edward Notes: Will, January 1862, Elizabeth, New Jersey
Box 1, Folder 32	Von Hof, Daniel



	Notes:	March 1895, Albany, New York NOT IN FOLDER
Box 1, Folder 33	Williams, David Notes:	Will, May 1837, Oneida County, New York
Box 1, Folder 34	Young, William Jr. Notes:	Certification of Last Will and Testament, 1814, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 35	Wainwright, P. Notes:	Household Inventory, January 1841, Unknown Location
Box SUPP 34, Folder 12	General, Wills, 1798-1929 Notes:	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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