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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	W.D. MacFarlane Scrapbook
Date:	ca. 1870-1892.
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0337
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969 (Collector) MacFarlane, W.D. (Collector)
Extent:	0.5 Cubic feet (1 Box)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Scrapbook created by W. D. MacFarlane who was a partner, with his brother Robert, in the MacFarlane Old Dye Works in Albany, New York. The book contains chemical solutions for dyeing textiles, newspaper clippings, marriage and obituary notices, poems and political cartoons.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This collection was presumably a part of the Warshaw Collection, which was purchased from Augusta Warshaw, widow of Isadore Warshaw, in 1971.

Provenance

Transferred from the Warshaw Collection of Business Americana (AC0060).

Processing Information

Collection processed by Don Darroch, 1987

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Biographical / Historical

W.D. MacFarlane was apparently in the dyeing business in Albany, New York (MacFarlane's Old Dye Works) as a partner with his brother Robert. Their father, Robert MacFarlane (1815 1883) had emigrated from

Scotland to the United States in 1836, where he carried on the family trade of dyeing, but also engaged in more intellectual pursuits, serving as editor of the Scientific American for seventeen years. There is little information on his sons.

Scope and Contents

This scrapbook contain several handwritten directions for preparation of chemical solutions for dyeing textiles various colors; newspaper clippings relate to a variety of subjects; and several marriage and obituary notices concerning the MacFarlane and Albright families of Albany. In addition, there are numerous clippings of poems and several political cartoons.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Dyes and dyeing -- 1870-1900

Types of Materials:

Clippings -- 1850-1900

Marriage notices

Obituaries

Scrapbooks -- 19th century

Names:

MacFarlane's Old Dye Works

MacFarlane, Robert

Places:

Albany (N.Y.) -- 1870-1900

New York -- 1870-1900

Container Listing

Box 1

Scrapbook, 1870 - 1892