OVERVIEW

Title: Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Business Ephemera: Architecture

Collection Dates: circa 1850-1970

Extent and Forms of Material: 1 cubic foot, including (3 boxes, 7 oversize folders)

Scope and Content: This subject category- Architecture- relates to the design and construction of primarily residential architecture. Most of the materials date from the middle of the nineteenth century to the middle of the twentieth century. Some of the materials were created by architects. There is also a substantial amount of materials from manufacturers of pre-cut, prefabricated and even portable buildings and dwellings. This collection is rich in images of domestic architecture covering a century of design, especially in the oversize materials. Exterior and interior images, detailed plans are seen, often accompanied by glowing texts attesting to their charm and livability. A small group of publications relating to architecture is also included.

Series 1, Architects, circa 1850-1960, consists primarily of materials relating to individual architects and firms engaged in the design of residences. The materials are arranged alphabetically by name. Several publications illustrating completed projects and a few original drawings are included. A publication by Deere and Company detailing the work of Eero Saarinen is of particular interest.

Series 2, Manufacturers of Pre-cut and Prefabricated Homes, circa 1910-1973, consists of catalogues of home designs ready-made for assembly on the buyer’s site. It is an excellent source for images of home design in the first half of the twentieth century. The materials are arranged in alphabetical order by the name of the company.

Series 3, Residential Building Plans, circa 1906-1955, includes materials published by architects, shelter magazines, and building contractors. The catalogues are primarily of plans for small to mid-sized homes and include illustrations of the homes as constructed. The materials are arranged in alphabetical order by title.

Series 4, Manufacturers of Building Materials and Supplies, circa 1860-1910, include suppliers of decorative moldings, ornaments and metalwork. Materials are arranged in alphabetical order by name of company. The materials are arranged in alphabetical order by the name of the company.

Series 5, Manufacturers of Portable Houses and Buildings, circa 1910-1920, consists of many types of portable structures including: cottages, garages, even schools, chapels and stores. Some of these are surprisingly large and elaborate. The majority, however, were for the use of campers, hunters, and fishermen. The materials are arranged in alphabetical order by the name of the company.

Series 6, Publications, circa 1843-1964; undated, includes publications about architecture and catalogues of books about architecture. The materials are arranged in alphabetical order by title.

Series 7, General Information, undated, includes caricatures of architects, images of

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architecture, and miscellaneous material relating to architecture.

**System of Arrangement:** The arrangement scheme for Isadore Warshaw’s aggregation of Architecture material has been created by the Archives Center. It is arranged in seven series.

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