McLean County Museum of History

Almanac Collection

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Collection Information

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**Brief History**

Almanacs are annual publications that include information such as weather forecasts, farmers' planting dates, tide tables, and other tabular data often arranged according to the calendar.

**Scope**

This collection features a variety of almanacs. Where applicable, the local business offering the almanac (usually gratis) is listed.

**Folder Inventory**

**Agricultural**

1. Agricultural Almanac, 1953.

**Ayer’s**

4. Almanach Francais, D’Ayer, 1884. (In French)
5. Ayer’s American Almanac, 1885.
6. Ayer’s American Almanac, 1886. 2 copies.
7. Ayer’s American Almanac, 1892.
8. Ayer’s American Almanac, 1893.
9. Almanac Ayer, 1897. (In Welsh)

**Chamberlain’s**


**Farmers’ & Farmer’s**

Dr. Harter’s
1. Dr. Harter’s Almanac and Receipt Book, 1875. Presented by Frank Washburn, Shirley, 3 copies.
2. Dr. Harter’s Almanac, 1884. Presented by Richard Sparks, Jr., Mackinaw.

Dr. D. Jaynes’s

Dr. Miles
1. Dr. Miles New Weather Almanac and Hand Book of Valuable Information, 1912.

Dr. Pierce’s
1. Dr. Pierce’s Almanac, 1930.

Hazeltine’s

Herbalist

Rev. Irl R. Hicks

Hostetter’s
2. Hostetter’s Illustrated United States Almanac, 1881.
3. Hostetter’s Illustrated United States Almanac, 1883. From N. Patterson, M.D. Ellsworth.
5. Hostetter’s Illustrated United States Almanac, 1888.
6. Hostetter’s Illustrated United States Almanac, 1890.
7. Hostetter’s Illustrated United States Almanac, 1897.
9. Hostetter’s Illustrated United States Almanac, 1901.
11. Hostetter’s Illustrated United States Almanac, 1903.

Illinois State
Ladies Birthday
1. Ladies Birthday Almanac, 1899.
2. Ladies Birthday Almanac, 1904.

Lum and Abner’s
1. Lum and Abner’s Family Almanac and Helpful Hints, 1936.

Merchant’s Gargling Oil

Wm. Resor & Co.’s
1. Wm. Resor & Co.’s Illustrated Almanac, 1881.

Swamp-Root
2. Swamp-Root Almanac, 1933.

Vinegar Bitters
2. Vinegar Bitters Almanac. Devoted to Temperance, health and economy. 1878. From E.K. Crothers & Green, Blm.

Warner’s Safe Cure
1. Warner’s Safe Cure Valuable Family Recipes, 1887.
2. Warner’s Safe Cure Telephone Book, Cooking Recipes, 1893.

Wakefield’s
1. Wakefield’s Western Farmers’ Almanac, 1869. From S. T. Rogers, El Paso.
2. Wakefield’s Western Farmers’ Almanac, 1872.
3. Wakefield’s Western Farmers’ Almanac, 1874. 3 copies with different retail dealers advertised on back cover.
4. Wakefield’s Western Farmers’ Almanac, 1878. From John Campbell, Ellsworth.
5. Wakefield’s Western Farmers’ Almanac and Account Book, 1880/81.
7. Wakefield’s Western Farmers’ Almanac and Account Book, 1891.
8. Wakefield’s Pocket Memoranda, 1892-93.
9. Wakefield’s Annual Almanac and Account Book Designed for Pocket Use, 1899-1900.
10. Wakefield’s Annual Almanac and Account Book Designed for Pocket Use, 1901-02.
12. Wakefield’s Almanacs – one or more of unspecified date removed from collection by curator of exhibits.