

McLean County Museum of History

Harper's Weekly Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1861-1901
RESTRICTIONS:	None
PROVENANCE:	
REPRODUCTION RIGHTS:	Permission to reproduce or publish material in this collection must be obtained in writing from the McLean County Museum of History
ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	See also library for several years of bound copies.

Brief History

Harper's Weekly, A Journal of Civilization was an American political magazine based in New York City. Harper & Brothers (originally brothers Fletcher, James, John, and Wesley) published this from 1857 through 1916. It featured foreign and domestic news, essays on varied topics, fiction, humor and illustrations. The weekly is perhaps best known for its extensive coverage of the US Civil War including numerous illustrations and for the work of political cartoonist Thomas Nast.

Scope

This collection includes unbound editions in fragile condition. Most are complete, but a few are not.

Inventory

1861

Indexes for 1861

Jan 5

Jan 12

Jan 19

Jan 26

Feb 2

Feb 9

Feb 16

Feb 23

Mar 2

Mar 9

Mar 16 - front sheet missing

Mar 23

Mar 30 - damaged

Apr 6

Apr 13

No Apr 20 issue

Apr 27 - front sheet missing

May 4

May 11

May 18

May 25 - front sheet missing

Jun 1

Jun 8

Jun 15

Jun 22 - front sheet missing

1862

Jan 11 - front sheet only

1863

Jan 17 front sheet only

1872

Apr 27 Includes Nast cartoons on Tammany Ring and NY reform

1898

Jan 29

Feb 19

Apr 16

Jun 25

Aug 20

1900

Feb 3

Mar 24

Apr 21

Oct 6

1901

Apr 20