

McLean County Museum of History

Almanac Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1875-1995
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	

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

1. Ayer's American Almanac, 1879. Presented by J. M. Thompson, Arrowsmith.
2. Ayer's American Almanac, 1880.
3. Ayer's American Almanac, 1883. Presented by C.F. Shinkle, Ellsworth.
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

1. Chamberlain's Almanac and Reliable Weather Forecasts for Family Field and Garden, 1923. Presented by Harry G. Walter, Druggist, McLean.

Farmers' & Farmer's

1. Famers' Almanac, 1967. Compliments of Home Insurance Company, Freese & Jefferson, Inc., Bloomington.
2. Famers' Almanac, 1969. Compliments of Home Insurance Company, Freese & Jefferson, Inc., Bloomington.
3. Famers' Almanac, 1970. Compliments of Home Insurance Company, Freese & Jefferson, Inc., Bloomington.
4. Famers' Almanac, 1975. Compliments of Bloomington Federal Savings and Loan Association. Bloomington.
5. Farmers' Almanac, 1980. Compliments of Bloomington Federal.
6. Famers' Almanac, 1988. Compliments of Champion Federal.
7. Old Farmer's Almanac, 1995. Courtesy Pekin Insurance, Nord Insurance Agency, Saybrook, LeRoy.

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

1. Dr. D. Jayne's Medical Almanac and Guide to Health, 1887.
2. Dr. D. Jayne's Medical Almanac and Guide to Health, 1934.

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

1. Hazeltine's Pocket-Book Almanac, 1881. 2 copies. One presented by J.E. Espey, Blm.
2. Hazeltine's Pocket Book Almanac, 1888. By C.F. Shinkle, Ellsworth.
3. Hazeltine's Pocket-Book Almanacm1889.

Herbalist

4. Herbalist Almanac, 1934.

Rev. Irl R. Hicks

1. The Rev. Irl R. Hicks Almanac, Vol. 6. No. 2, October 1899.

Hostetter's

1. Hostetter's Illustrated United States Almanac, 1876. From R. W. Crothers, Delevan.
2. Hostetter's Illustrated United States Almanac, 1881.
3. Hostetter's Illustrated United States Almanac, 1883. From N. Patterson, M.D. Ellsworth.
4. Hostetter's Illustrated United States Almanac, 1884. From C. F. Shinkle, 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.
8. Hostetter's Illustrated United States Almanac, 1900. I. Dunn & Co, Blm.
9. Hostetter's Illustrated United States Almanac, 1901.
10. Hostetter's Illustrated United States Almanac, 1902.
11. Hostetter's Illustrated United States Almanac, 1903.
12. Hostetter's Illustrated United States Almanac, 1904.

Illinois State

1. Illinois State Almanac and Household Guide, 1886. Published by Wells, Richardson & Co at Burlington, Vt.

Ladies Birthday

1. Ladies Birthday Almanac, 1899.
2. Ladies Birthday Almanac, 1904.
3. Ladies Birthday Almanac, 1906. From Moratz's Drug Store, Blm.

Lum and Abner's

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

Merchant's Gargling Oil

1. Merchant's Gargling Oil Almanac, 1883. From Geo. F. Lester, Arrowsmith.

Wm. Resor & Co.'s

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

Swamp-Root

1. Swamp-Root Almanac, 1920. From Harry G. Walter, McLean.
2. Swamp-Root Almanac, 1933.

Vinegar Bitters

1. Vinegar Bitters Almanac. Devoted to Temperance, health and economy. 1874.
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.
6. Wakefield's Western Farmers' Almanac and Account Book, 1888.
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.
11. Wakefield's Annual Almanac and Account Book Designed for Pocket Use, 1906-07.
12. Wakefield's Almanacs – one or more of unspecified date removed from collection by curator of exhibits.