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Guide to Collection

Almanacs
Name of the Collection

114
Collection Number

1820--1976
Date Range

2'/2	102/102	BW/June 29, 2011
Linear Feet/Boxes	***Number of Folders/Items***	***Processed by/Date***

Description

Almanacs are almost as much a sure thing as death and taxes, especially for the farmer who is so dependent on weather predictions for the best time to plant crops and harvest them. Naperville farmers were no exception as this collection extends from 1820 to 1976. Besides the weather forecasts by region, almanacs provided tips on crop planting, calendars of phases of the moon, sunrises and sunsets, tide measurements, recipes using farm produce, and home made health remedies. Although the Old Farmer's Almanac, begun in 1892, was a major favorite, this collection holds twenty-seven other competing titles including two German titles. Several almanacs were published by drug companies to promote their products. Almanacs have ads that address the worries of the average consumer of the time, and offer entertainment in the form of poetry, puzzles and patriotic facts. Almanacs addressed the basic needs of the agricultural economy and their annual delivery was always welcomed by the Naperville community.

Inventory

Box 1
*The Vermont Almanack, 1820
*The Farmers' Almanack, 1824
*The New - York Almanack, 1828
*Almanac, 1828--1829
*Farmers' Almanac, 1830--1836
*Farmers' Almanac, 1838--1841
*Farmers' Almanac, 1842
*The Western Patriot and Canton Almanac, 1843
*Farmers' Almanac, 1844
*Farmers' Almanac, 1845
*Thriftlicher Volkskalender (German), 1853
*Thriftlicher Volkskalender (German), 1854
*Thriftlicher Volkslander (German), 1856
*Thriftlicher Volkslander (German), 1857

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*Thriftlicher Volkslander (German), 1858
*The Illustrated Family Christian Almanac, 1859
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1860
*Wells' Great Western Annual Visitor, 1860
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1861
*The Tribune Almanac, 1861
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1863
*Jayne's Medical Almanac, 1865
*R.R. R. Dr. Radway's Almanac, 1869
*Agricultural Almanac, 1873
*Agricultural Almanac, 1876
*Radway's Almanac and Guide to Health, 1881
*Handbuch fur Farmer (German), 1881
*Brandreth Annual Calendar, 1883
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1884
*Old Farmer's Almanac, two copies, 1885
*Old Farmer's Almanac, two copies, 1886
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1887
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1889
*Hoofland's Almanac, 1890
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1891
*Old Farmer's Almanac, three copies, 1892
*Agricultural Almanac, two copies, 1893
*Old Farmer's Almanac, two copies, 1894
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1895
*August Flower and German Syrup Almanac, 1895
*Old Farmer's Almanac, two copies, 1896
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1897
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1898
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1899
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1902
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1903
*Old Farmer's Almanac, two copies, 1904
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1906
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1907
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1908
*Old Farmer's Almanac, three copies, 1909
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1910
*Ayer's American Almanac, 1910
*Old Farmer's Almanac, two copies, 1911
*Old Farmer's Almanac, three copies, 1912
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1914
*Dr. D. Jayne's Medical Almanac, 1914
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1915

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*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1916
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1917
*Old Farmer's Almanck, two copies, 1918

Box 2
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1919
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1920
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1921
*Ayer's American Almanac, 1922
*Farmers' Almanac, 1923
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1923
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1924
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1935
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1936
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1937
*Bell Telephone Almanac, 1949
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1954
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1955
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1956
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1959
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1960
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1961
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1962
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1963
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1964
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1965
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1966
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1967
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1968
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1969
*Old Farmer's Almanac, 1976