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Collection Summary

Repository: Manchester City Archives. Office of the City Clerk. City of Manchester, NH.

Creator: Various publishers (see collection description).

Title: City Directories

Collection Number: 9800.004

Accession Number: 2011.56

Dates: 1866-2016 (non-inclusive)

Volume: 146 bound directories of various dimensions

Languages: Collection materials are in English.

Access: Access to collection is open to the public. Please contact the archives for an appointment to view materials. Cite the collection number and directory year when making an appointment. Some items in extremely fragile condition may not be accessible.

Digital Note: Data from some directories is available online on the Non-City Records Collection Guide webpage.

Conservation Notes: Not applicable.

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Collection Description

The city directories are valuable resources that document various types of information about the City of Manchester. The directories provide lists of adult residents (usually male residents in earlier volumes), the individual's occupation/place of employment, and a home address. Women are sometimes listed in earlier volumes if they were employed and/or widowed.

Some volumes also offer street directories and house directories. Most feature business advertisements from local, regional, and national businesses. Rosters of government officials, including the Mayor and Aldermen, are usually included.

The collection is comprised of directories printed and published by a variety of companies, including *Sampson, Davenport & Company* of Boston, MA; *John B. Clarke* of Manchester, NH; *Sampson, Murdock & Company* of Boston, MA; and the *R.L. Polk Company* of Boston, MA.

There are directories for the following years: 1866; 1869; 1871; 1873; 1875; 1877; 1879-1884; 1886-1974; 1976-1978; 1980-1983; 1986; 1988; 1991-1994; 1997-1998; 2000-2016. There are also directories for Manchester's suburbs for the years 1965-1969; 1971; 1972; 1974; 1982.