

1875 Chicago Directory

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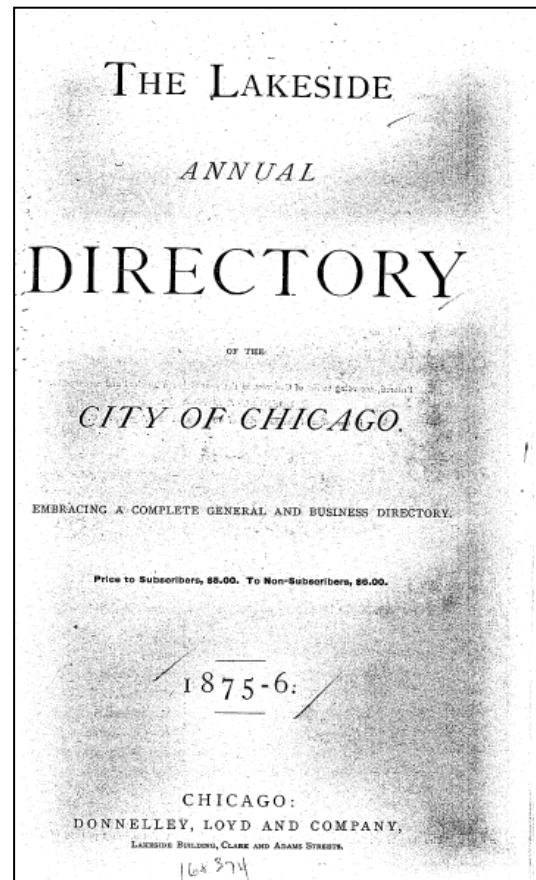
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A list of abbreviations used in this directory is shown below.

Abbreviations.		
agt.....agent	dep.....deputy	nat.....national
al.....alley	dept.....department	ne.....northeast
asst.....assistant	dist.....district	nr.....near
av.....avenue	E. or e.....east	ns.....northside
bds.....boards	Epis.....Episcopal	nw.....northwest
bet.....between	es.....east side	opp.....opposite
bkpr.....bookkeeper	exch.....exchange	opr.....operator
bldg.....building	forwd.....forwarding	pk.....park
blk.....block	furng.....furnishing	pl.....place
blksmith.....blacksmith	gen.....general	p.o.....post office
capt.....captain	int. rev.....internal revenue	prect.....precinct
carp.....carpenter	ins.....insurance	pres.....president
cash.....cashier	insp.....inspector	prim.....primary
ch.....church	inst.....instrument	prin.....principal
clk.....clerk	lab.....laborer	print.....printing
co.....company	Luth.....Lutheran	prod.....produce
coml.....commercial	mkr.....maker	prop.....proprietor
com. mer.....commission merchant	mfg.....manufacturing	prov.....provisions
comr.....commissioner	mfr.....manufacturer	pub.....publisher
Cong.....Congregational	mufy.....manufactory	r.....residence
cor.....corner	mut.....mutual	rd.....road
ct.....court	N. or n.....north	real est.....real estate
		rec.....receiving
		Rev.....Reverend
		roll.....rolling
		S. or s.....south
		schl.....school
		se.....southeast
		sec.....secretary
		sq.....square
		ss.....southside
		st.....street
		stk. yds.....stock yards
		supt.....superintendent
		sw.....southwest
		tel.....telegraph
		trans.....transportation
		trav. agt. traveling agent
		treas.....treasurer
		vet. surg.....veterinary surgeon
		v. pres.....vice president
		W. or w.....west
		ws.....westside
		whol.....wholesale
		wid.....widow
		wks.....works

The following information, taken from page 17, "To Our Patrons" contains some interesting information about the collection of information for this directory.

The most noteworthy feature of the past year, from a directory standpoint, was the exceptional number of changed locations, particularly in the residence districts.

Several causes combined to produce this result, the chief being the erection of a very large number of desirable new buildings, generally provided with "modern improvements," and therefore very tempting to persons not fully satisfied with their old surroundings.

No little annoyance has been caused by recent changes in the house-numbers of several districts. The reform appears to have been in progress for some time, and prosecuted spasmodically, with little regard to "completing one thing before beginning another." Hence, in many instances while one portion of a street has new numbers, the other retains the old. Again, in other cases, the new numbers have been placed since the canvass was completed. All this occasions confusion, and duplication of numbers, which might have been avoided by a more energetic prosecution of the work. We have taken the utmost pains to secure correctness, and comparatively few errors will be found.

The steady yearly increase in size of our Directory, compels us to adopt a more condensed style of giving names and addresses, restricting each individual to one line of space, whenever practicable. We have also rigidly excluded the large class forming what is known as "the floating population," *i.e.*, persons holding a residence of only a few weeks or months duration. The opening of navigation, and activity of various interests depending upon it, draws hither a very considerable immigration, which remains only during the summer months, and is subject to daily changes during its temporary stay. Hence the classification of an element so variable and transitory, would be of but little value at the time of publishing, and almost useless a month later. It has been customary in Western cities