

POLK'S CHICAGO DIRECTORY 1923

CONTAINING AN ALPHABETICAL LIST OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL MEN AND WOMEN; CORPORATIONS AND COPARTNERSHIPS GIVING NAMES OF OFFICERS OR PARTNERS; PRIVATE CITIZENS WITH THEIR OCCUPATIONS, BUSINESS CONNECTIONS AND HOME ADDRESSES; A DIRECTORY OF ALL CHURCHES, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS, BENEVOLENT, LITERARY, RELIGIOUS, SECRET AND OTHER SOCIETIES, BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES, RAILROADS, A COMPENDIUM OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, OFFICERS OF STATE, COUNTY AND CITY GOVERNMENTS; A STREET AND AVENUE DIRECTORY; ALSO

A BUYERS GUIDE

AND A COMPLETE

CLASSIFIED BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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INTRODUCTION

The first Chicago City Directory published by R. L. Polk & Company is herewith presented. It is the 71st edition of the directory and the first issued since 1917.

Chicago received its charter March 4, 1837, when it covered an area of 4173 square miles and had a population of 4,180.

The first attempt at getting out anything in the way of a Chicago Directory was in September, 1839, when the Common Council ordered the revision and printing of the Laws and Ordinances of the city. This book contained a list of 276 business men of the city with the location of their places of business in addition to the Laws and Ordinances and four and one-half pages of advertising.

The following as to the 1839 Directory is taken from an article by Reuben H. Donnelley, which appeared in the Directory Journal, December, 1903:

"The Directory proper is contained on nine pages, set in Long Primer, Old Style type, and shows only 276 names. There were six churches. Locations were not given as precisely as now, as indicated by the following example:

"Abel, Sidney, postmaster, office, clark street

"Ogden, William B. Esq., kinzie street

"Page, Peter, mason, clark street, brick building above Randolph street

"Post, Dr., residence lake street, office dearborn street

"The printer's font of type was evidently very limited, and not 'sorted' for directory work, hence he did not have 'caps' enough for street names, etc., which were therefore put into 'lower case':

"Gray, John, Chicago hotel, wolf point

"Seymour, Jesse, sauganash hotel, market street

"Even this economy of material did not quite serve the purpose, and toward the end he was compelled to use italic and full-face caps in place of roman.

"No attempt was made at alphabetical arrangement beyond the first letter, thus the 'H's' commence with Hurd, while Hall does not appear until the nineteenth line, and the letter closes with Hayward.

"In the early days the directory man's life, as now, was full of troubles, as evidenced by the pathetic paragraph with which the publisher closes his modest volume:

"A number of omissions will probably be found in the foregoing Directory, in consequence the difficulty (sic) in procuring a suitable person to collect names and residences for it; but it is the intention of the publisher, as soon as circumstances will permit, to issue another edition enlarged and otherwise improved."

"There are but few copies of this Directory in existence, and in consideration of its great historical value, and to preserve it from oblivion, it was reprinted (as nearly as possible a facsimile) in the Chicago City Directory for 1875."

The first Directory of the city was carelessly canvassed for by James Wellington Norris, an attorney, during the latter part of 1843, and was issued in 1844. It contained about 1,100 names. Population at that time, about 8,000. The following is taken from the historical sketch given in the 1844 Directory:

"The credit of the city is now established upon a permanent foundation and cannot easily be shaken.

"Our common schools are worthy of special notice.

"We have also a medical college chartered by the legislature in 1837 and several schools sustained by private munificence.

"The Mechanics Institute and the Young Men's Association are prominent in importance. These institutions will be both useful and ornamental to the city.

"We have other societies designed to meet the intellectual wants of the community, among which may be mentioned the Chicago Lyceum—the oldest literary society in the place.

"Our theater—a very pretty one—has been in operation the past season, and met with some encouragement; but it must be confessed that, at present, the prospects of the drama are not flattering.

"In facilities for the accommodation of the traveling public Chicago has made progress. In early times our inns were miserable in the extreme. Now we have eighteen hotels and houses of public entertainment, many of them large and splendid establishments, not inferior to any in the West.

"An extensive staging business has grown up here, and may be referred to as an instance of enterprise and public spirit on the part of those engaged in it. The several lines of stages centering here for speed, safety and comfort are not excelled by any in the country.

"Ship building has been carried on here to some extent. A steam propeller, registering 270 tons, was built the past season, and a schooner of about 200 tons burden, to be called the Maria,

is now in process of construction by the same builder, and probably will be launched in the spring.

"We have four large, packing houses, and all of them have done a heavy business thus far. The pork packing is only just commencing, but will, it is thought, be extensive.

"Much might be said in commendation of our fire companies—all of which are highly efficient.

"Our military companies will speak for themselves.

"Considering the age of the city, and the fact that our population has been derived from almost every nation under heaven and speak so many different languages—the existing state of its society confers distinction upon Chicago.

"The most becoming respect is paid to the institutions and forms of public worship.

"The peace and good order of society is worthy of remark—brawls and affrays are extremely rare in the streets—and it may justly be said that a more peaceable and quiet population can nowhere be found."

In the statistical portion of the Directory a page is devoted to the tremendous growth of the post-office business. The post-office at that time was on the west side of Clark street, between Lake and Randolph streets, and William Stuart was postmaster. "A weekly mail from the East," says the book, "was received here on horseback in 1832—J. N. Bailey being postmaster. The next year it was received in a one-horse wagon, weekly—J. S. C. Hogan, postmaster. In 1833, a two-horse wagon was substituted. In 1834 a four-horse stage line was established, semi-weekly—tri-weekly in 1835. In 1837 there was a daily eastern mail—Sidney Abel, postmaster. There are now received and made up at this office forty-eight mails weekly, and the receipts of the office amount to about \$10,000." [The receipts of the Chicago post-office for Calendar year ending December 31st, 1922, were \$46,470,304.99.]

The Directory was then published in 1845-46 by J. Campbell & Co., compiled by J. Wellington Norris; 1846-47, Norris & Gardner; 1848-49, J. W. Norris and L. S. Taylor; 1849-50, O. P. Hathaway and J. H. Taylor; 1851, W. W. Danenhower; 1852-53, Udall & Hopkins; 1855 and 1854, Hall & Smith; 1854-55, Edward H. Hall & Co. (Classified Business Directory included for the first time in this issue); 1855-56, compiled by E. H. Hall and printed by Robert Ferguson; 1857, Case & Co., compiled by John Gager and printed by A. B. Case and Charles Scott; 1857, John Gager; 1858, compiled by Tanner, Halpin & Co. and published by D. B. Cooke & Co.; 1859, Smith & DuMoulin; 1859-60, compiled by R. V. Kennedy & Co., published by D. B. Cooke & Co.; 1860-61, compiled by T. M. Halpin & Co., published by D. B. Cooke & Co.; 1861-62, 1862-63, 1863-1864, Halpin & Bailey; 1864-65, T. M. Halpin & Co.; 1864-65 and 1865, John C. W. Bailey; 1865-66, T. M. Halpin; 1866, Edwards, Greenough & DeVed; 1866-67 and 1867, John C. W. Bailey; 1868, Edwards & Co.; 1869-70, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, Richard Edwards; 1874-75, "Lakeside City Directory of Chicago," Williams, Donnelley & Co., publishers and printers; 1877-1878, "Lakeside City Directory of Chicago," Donnelley, Loyd & Co., publishers; 1879, "Lakeside City Directory of Chicago," Donnelley, Gassette & Loyd, publishers; 1880, "Lakeside City Directory of Chicago," Chicago Directory Co., publishers

Since 1880 to 1917 the Chicago Directory was published by The Chicago Directory Co., from 1880 to 1887 under the management of Thomas H. Hutchinson, and after that date under the management of Reuben H. Donnelley. From 1880 to 1891 it was a two-column book. In 1892 it was changed to a three-column book, and in 1910 to a five-column book. The alphabetical section of this present volume is printed in six columns.

Following publication of the 1917 edition, Mr. Donnelley, having expanded and developed his business interests along other channels, found it necessary to utilize the services of the city directory staff in other departments. Due partly to this, but principally to conditions resulting from the World War, no directory was issued in 1918. However, need for a new edition was

soon manifest. Appreciating the impossibility of successfully publishing without an adequate force experienced in city directory work, Mr. Donnelley, not wishing to interfere with work in other departments of his organization, yet, having the interests of the city at heart, invited R. L. Polk & Company to take over the publication. After repeated efforts on his part, supplemented by the urgent solicitation of business and commercial organizations of the city, R. L. Polk & Company was induced to undertake the work.

Chicago is indebted to Mr. Donnelley for his untiring efforts in its behalf. We acknowledge with deepest gratitude the co-operation and assistance rendered by Mr. Donnelley and members of his organization.

Neither effort nor expense has been spared to make

the information as complete, accurate, and up-to-date as is humanly possible. All that fifty-three years of experience and a nation-wide organization could provide, have been given to the creation of this new edition.

Men occupying executive positions in the Polk organization in other cities were brought from all sections of the country to assist with the work. Never before was so large a force, experienced in making directories, brought together on any publication. It was this force that trained and handled the army of local men and women employed to gather the information and assist with the compilation. The gathering, compiling and printing of the information was a stupendous task and we hope the directory will meet with the approval of patrons.

POPULATION

There are 1,258,426 individual names listed in this edition of the directory. Of this number it is estimated 84,071 are names of people who, though in business or employed in Chicago, reside in the suburbs or outside the city limits; deducting this number leaves 1,174,355 names of people living within the city limits. Using the multiplier of two and one-half to allow for the names of married women, children, and young women unemployed and living at home, which were not included in the directory enumeration, gives Chicago a population of 2,935,887, which can be considered a conservative estimate. The U. S. Census of 1920 credited Chicago with a population of 2,701,705. While it is doubtful if in the interval which elapsed between the time the Government took the census and the taking of the information embraced in this directory the population increased 234,182, as these figures would indicate, it must be borne in mind the city directory canvass was handled by an organization composed of men thoroughly experienced, whose life work, day in and day out the year round, is to supervise the gathering of names.

For the purposes of the directory canvass, the city was divided into twelve districts. Offices were estab-

lished in these districts with capable superintendents in charge and each office had its own individual organization of salesmen, workers, enumerators, and examiners to handle the examination of the information as it was brought in each day. This served as a check on the enumerators, and insured both accuracy and thoroughness as every house, apartment, and place of business had to be accounted for. The canvass extended to every nook and corner within the city limits. Despite this, wishing to give Chicago the most complete directory possible, the publishers solicited the co-operation of employers to furnish lists of their employees showing their occupations and where they lived. These lists were copied and the information embodied in the compilation. While this, of course, resulted in an enormous duplication of names, and an additional cost of many thousands of dollars, it served as a double check, insuring the insertion of many names not brought in on the canvass, and the correctness of the occupations as given at the homes. Hotels and clubs furnished lists of their permanent guests, the names of many of whom it would have been impossible to secure through any other source. A careful compilation then eliminated any duplication of names for the same individuals.

Were the lines of type in the 3,124 pages between the covers of this directory attached end to end they would form a chain one hundred and one miles long.

Copies of this Chicago Directory will be placed in directory libraries maintained in all of the principal cities in the United States and Canada where they will serve to advertise Chicago and its business interests.

Directories of other cities are on file in the directory library in the office of the publishers, 538 South Clark Street, where they are accessible for reference and a cordial invitation is extended subscribers to make use of this library.

A supplementary edition of this directory is being reproduced in a souvenir volume entitled "Chicago, The Great Central Market," which will be distributed by and with the compliments of the publishers to U. S. Embassies, Consulates and Consular Agents throughout the world, as well as to commercial organizations and important civic bodies throughout the United States and Canada.

This special edition contains a story of Chicago edited by the Chicago Association of Commerce appearing on pages 13 to 153 inclusive, followed by a reproduction of the advertisements appearing in the Buyers'

Guide, pages 301 to 796, inclusive; following this the display insertions in the classified business section, pages 2832 to 3124, will be reproduced under the headings under which they are listed. Through this special edition advertisers and those who contracted for display insertions in this edition of the directory will derive the benefits of an international circulation in addition to the local and national circulation of the directory itself.

This souvenir volume is handsomely bound, and, in addition to the circulation given it by the publishers, copies will be sent out by the Industrial Department of the Chicago Association of Commerce to those seeking information regarding Chicago and its business interests.

In the publication of this edition of the directory it is hoped a foundation has been laid for the continued publication of a Chicago City Directory at such regular intervals as will best serve the need of great and growing Chicago of the future.

We highly appreciate and thank all, who, by their patronage have made this publication possible, as well as those who have contributed to the accuracy and completeness of the directory by their co-operation in furnishing the necessary information.

R. L. POLK & COMPANY.