



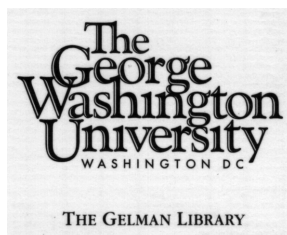
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**CITY DIRECTORIES OF THE  
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City directories are extremely useful to a wide variety of researchers since they often include, in addition to lists of names, personal information, such as addresses and occupations. In addition, they also usually include the names of city and county officers, the names and locations of churches, schools, benevolent and literary institutions, and information on local business firms and banks. Furthermore, advertisements for services and products are an eye-catching feature of many city directories. Such advertising can provide enormously important information for scholars of American popular culture.



**DIRECTORIES PUBLISHED PRIOR TO 1858**

Delano, Judah. The Washington Directory, Showing the Name, Occupation, and Residence, of Each Head of a Family and Person in Business: The Names of the Members of Congress, and Where They Board: Together with Other Useful Information. Washington, DC: William Duncan, 1822.

**Location: SPEC F 192.5 .A1 1822**

The Washington Directory: Showing the Names, Occupation and Residence of Each Head of a Family and Person in Business. Washington, DC: S.A. Elliot, 1827, 1830.

**Location: SPEC F 192.5 .A1**

A Full Directory, for Washington City, Georgetown, and Alexandria. Washington, DC: E.A. Cohen and Company, 1834.

**Location: SPEC F 192.5 .A1 1834**

Reintzel, Anthony. The Washington Directory, and Governmental Register for 1843. Washington, DC: J.T. Towers, 1843.

**Location: SPEC F 192.5 .A1 1843**

The Washington Directory, and National Register, for 1846: In Two Parts. Washington, DC; Gaither and Addison, 1846.

**Location: SPEC F 192.5 .A1 1846**

Waite, Edward. The Washington Directory, and Congressional and Executive Register, for 1850. Washington DC: E. Waite, 1850.

**Location: SPEC F 192.5 .A1 1850**

Hunter, Alfred. The Washington and Georgetown Directory, Strangers' Guidebook for Washington, and Congressional and Clerks' Register. Washington, DC: Kirkwood and McGill, 1853.

**Location: SPEC F 192.5 .A1 1853**

Ten Eyck's Washington and Georgetown Directory: With a Complete Congressional and Department Directory. Washington, DC: H. Polkinhorn, 1855.

**Location: SPEC F 192.4 .A2 1855**

**CITY DIRECTORIES FROM 1858 TO 1973**

The primary titles owned by the Special Collections Department for this time period are Boyd's Directory and Polk's Directory. The latter is a continuation of Boyd's, the full title of which was changed three times. It was entitled Boyd's Washington and Georgetown Directory, Boyd's Directory of Washington and Georgetown, and Boyd's Directory of the District of Columbia. In addition, the Department owns the portions of City Directories of the United States in microform published by Research Publications. The advantage of this resource is that it includes a directory for every year. This filming project, which seeks to preserve on microfilm all city directories of major cities in the United States, is now complete through 1935. For detailed descriptions of the contents of each reel see: City Directories of the United States, 1860-1901: Guide to the Microfilm Collection (SPEC REF E 154.5 .C57 1984); City Directories IV, Unit 5, San Francisco and Washington, D.C.: Temporary Guide to the Microfilm Collection (SPEC REF E 154.4 .C753 1983); City Directories IV, Unit 6, Washington D.C., Philadelphia and Cincinnati: Temporary Guide to the Microfilm Collection (SPEC REF E 154.5 .C574 1984).

Boyd's Directory of Washington and Georgetown. Washington, DC: Boyd and Waite. 1858, 1860, 1862, 1864-1879, 1881-1889, 1892-1894, 1897-1898, 1903-1909, 1911, 1916, 1921-1924, 1926-1930, 1932-1942

**Location: SPEC F 192.5 .A**

Boyd's Washington and Georgetown Directory. Washington, DC: Boyd and Waite. 1864-1866.

**Location: SPEC F 192.5 .A**

City Directories of the United States, 1902-1935: Washington, D.C.. New Haven, CT: Research Publications, 198-?

**Location: SPEC Microfilm 504 (27 reels)**

Dickson's National Capital Directory for 1888: Containing a New and Complete Street Directory, a Carefully Classified Business Directory, and a Revised and Corrected Congressional Directory. Washington, DC: W. Dickson.

**Location: SPEC F 192.5 .D42 1888**

District of Columbia Street Address Directory: By Street, Census Tract, Ward (1990 Census Tracts, 1992 Wards). Washington: Government of the District of Columbia, 1992.

**Location: F 192.5 .D56 1992**

Hutchinson's Washington and Georgetown Directory: Containing Also a Business Directory, Congressional and Department Directory, and an Appendix of Much Useful Information. Washington, DC: Hutchinson and Brother, 1863.

**Location: SPEC F 192.5 .A 1863**

Polk's Washington (District of Columbia) City Directory. Richmond, VA:  
R.L. Polk. 1948, 1954, 1956, 1960, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1970, 1973.  
**Location: SPEC F 192.5 .A**

United States City Directories, 1861-1881: Washington D.C.. New Haven, CT:  
Research Publications, 197-?  
**Location: SPEC Microfilm 502 (7 reels)**

United States City Directories, 1882-1901: Washington, D.C.. New Haven, CT:  
Research Publications, (197-?)  
**Location: SPEC Microfilm 503 (10 reels)**  
**SPECIALIZED DIRECTORIES**

The Blue Book of Washington, D.C.. Hyattsville, MD: Washington Services. 1944,  
1973-1990.  
**Location: SPEC F 192.5 .B7**

The Elite List: A compilation of Selected Names of Residents of Washington, D.C.,  
and Ladies Shopping Guide: Together with a list of the Members of the Most  
Prominent Clubs. . . Washington, D.C.: The Elite Publishing Company. 1889, 1894,  
1897-1898, 1903, 1906, 1908-1909, 1911, 1913, 1916.  
**Location: SPEC F 192.6 .E4**

Foxhall Village Citizens' Association. Directory and Social Register of Foxhall Village,  
Washington, D.C., 1929. Washington: Foxhall Village Citizens Association, 1929.  
**Location: F 202 .F692 D57 1929**

Foxhall Village Citizens' Association. Directory, Foxhall Village, Foxall, Colony Hill.  
Washington: The Association, 1932.  
**Location: F 202 .F692 D57 1929**

The Preferred List and Society Address Book, Washington and Vicinity. Washington, DC:  
George F. Kelly, 1920.  
**Location: SPEC F 192.6 .P9 1920**

The Social List of Washington and Social Precedence in Washington. Washington,  
DC: Carolyn Hagner Shaw. 1942-1943, 1945-1946, 1948, 1954, 1959-1960, 1961 (Executive  
and Congressional Supplement), 1962-1966, 1969-1974, 1975 (Executive  
and Congressional Supplement), 1976-1985, 1988-1989.  
**Location: F 192.6 .S3** (Latest edition in Reference, earlier editions in Special

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Toner, Joseph M. An Alphabetical List of the Names of All Persons Residing in Washington City and the District of Columbia, June 1, 1880, Aged 75 Years or More. Washington, DC: s.n., 1882.

**Location: SPEC F 193 .T66**

Toner, Joseph M. Medical Register for the District of Columbia, 1867: Embracing Notices of the Medical, Benevolent and Public Institutions of Washington.

Washington, DC: Blanchard and Mohun, 1867.

**Location: SPEC R 712 .A3 W34**

Washington: A Comprehensive Directory of the Area's Major Institutions and the People Who Run Them. Washington: Columbia Books, Inc., 1966, 1968, 1971, 1975, 1979, 1984-1993, 1995-2003.

**Location: F 192.5 .W3 (Latest Edition in REF)**

The Washington Society Directory. Washington, DC: Gray & Clarkson, 1886.

**Location: F 192.5 .D2 1886**

Winter Number, the Social Record, Washington: January, 1918, a Selected List of Representative Newcomers. Washington, DC: Social Record Bureau, 1918.

**Location: F 192.6 .W56 1918**