

***Lafayette City Directories***  
***Tippecanoe County Rural Directories***

Most **Lafayette** city directories contain: (1) an alphabetical list of people and businesses, with addresses, (2) a classified list of businesses and (3) advertising for businesses. (Similar to the white pages and yellow pages of a modern telephone book.) Nineteenth century and early twentieth century directories generally included text about, and a few pictures of the civic, educational, fraternal, governmental and religious organizations in the city. Early directories may include information about an individual's occupation and place of employment. Some city directories also provided information about surrounding **Tippecanoe County** towns, the county's rural residents and business directories of nearby towns. As Lafayette's population and the size of the directory grew, these features were reduced or dropped and new features, such as telephone numbers, and crisscross directories were added. A crisscross directory is organized first by street address, then by name of occupant. Separate **Tippecanoe County** rural directories were published on an irregular basis.

Users of Lafayette directories should give careful attention to the organization of each one as they do not follow a consistent pattern. One cannot assume that all residents or businesses for the geographic areas of coverage are together in one listing. While later directories integrate the personal and business listings for the cities of Lafayette and West Lafayette, listings for the surrounding towns and rural areas are generally separate. The criteria used for including businesses and individuals in areas outside of Lafayette and West Lafayette also vary.

***Abbreviations used in the tables below:***

Att = Attica, Fountain County	LO = land owners
Bus Dir = business directory	Log = Logansport, Cass County
Bus Men = business men	Per = Peru, Miami County
Cha = Chauncey, now West Lafayette	RR = rural routes
Cra = Crawfordsville, Montgomery County	Tax = rural taxpayers
Criss Cross = crisscross directory	Tipp. Co. = Tippecanoe County
Day = Dayton, Tippecanoe County	V = villages
Del = Delphi, Carroll County	W. Laf. = West Lafayette
Els = Elston, south suburb, now in Lafayette	Wil = Williamsport, Warren County
Fra = Frankfort, Clinton County	X = geographic area in directory
Laf.= Lafayette	
Lin = Linnwood, north suburb, now in Lafayette	

The following tables summarize the geographic coverage and contents of the directories (paper copies) available in the TCHA Library, Reading Room.

1858- 1910

<i>Date</i>	<i>Laf.</i>	<i>W. Laf.</i>	<i>Tipp. Co.</i>	<i>Criss Cross</i>	<i>Numerical phone</i>	<i>Other</i>
1858-59	X					
1860-61	X					
1862-63	X					
1865-66	X					
1867	X					
1869	X					
1871-72	X					Bus Dir: Cra, Del, Fra, Att
1871 & 1876	Bus Dir only					Bus Dir: Att, Log, Per, Wil
1872	Bus Men only					
1873-74	X					
1874	X					
1875-76	X					
1878-79	X					
1879-80	X , Lin	Cha				
1881	X, Lin	Cha				
1883-84	X, Lin, Els	Cha				
1885-86	X, Lin	Cha	X			
1889	X, Lin	X	X			
1891	X	X	X			
1893	X	X	X			
1894	X	X	X			
1896-97	X	X	LO, V			
1898	X	X	Bus Men, LO			
1901-02	X	X	LO, RR, V			
1903-04	X	X	LO, RR			
1907	X	X	X			
1909-10	X	X	LO, RR			

**1911-1950**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Laf.</i>	<i>W. Laf.</i>	<i>Tipp. Co.</i>	<i>Criss Cros s</i>	<i>Numerical phone</i>	<i>Other</i>
1911-12	X	X	X			
1913-14	X	X	X			
1915-16	X	X	X			
1918	X	X	X			
1920	X	X	X			
1921	X	X	X			
1922			X			
1923	X	X	X			
1924	X	X	X			
1926-27	X	X	Bus, RR			
1927			X, except Laf. & W. Laf.			
1927-28	X	X	X	X		
1929-30	X	X	X	X		
1931-32	X	X	X	X		Tax
1933	X	X	X	X		
1935	X	X	X	X		Tax
1937	X	X	X	X		Tax
1939	X	X	X			
1941	X	X		X	X	
1943	X	X		X	X	
1945	X	X		X	X	
1948	X	X		X	X	
1950	X	X		X	X	

**1951-1970**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Laf.</i>	<i>W. Laf.</i>	<i>Tipp. Co.</i>	<i>Criss Cross</i>	<i>Numerical phone</i>	<i>Other</i>
1953	X	X		X	X	
1954			RR			
1955	X	X		X	X	
1957	X	X		X	X	
1957			RR			
1958	X	X		X	X	
1959	X	X		X	X	
1960	X	X		X	X	
1961	X	X		X	X	
1961			RR			
1962	X	X		X	X	
1963	X	X		X	X	
1964	X	X		X	X	
1965	X	X		X	X	
1965			X	X	X	
1966	X	X		X	X	
1967	X	X		X	X	
1968	X	X		X	X	
1968			X			
1969	X	X			X	
1969			X			
1970	X	X			X	
1971	X	X		X	X	
1971	X	X		X	X	
1973	X	X		X	X	
1974	X	X		X	X	
1975	X	X		X	X	
1976			X			
1977	X	X		X	X	
1978	X	X		X	X	
1979	X	X		X	X	

1980-1998

<i>Date</i>	<i>Laf.</i>	<i>W. Laf.</i>	<i>Tipp. Co.</i>	<i>Criss Cross</i>	<i>Numerical phone</i>	<i>Other</i>
1980	X	X		X	X	
1981	X	X		X	X	
1982	X	X		X	X	
1983	X	X		X	X	
1984	X	X		X	X	
1985	X	X		X	X	
1986	X	X		X	X	
1987	X	X		X	X	
1988	X	X		X	X	
1989-90	X	X		X	X	
1991	X	X		X	X	
1992	X	X		X	X	
1993	X	X		X	X	
1994	X	X		X	X	
1996	X	X		X	X	
1997	X	X		X	X	
1998	X	X	X	X	X	

2000-2007

<i>Date</i>	<i>Laf.</i>	<i>W. Laf.</i>	<i>Tipp. Co.</i>	<i>Criss Cross</i>	<i>Numerical phone</i>	<i>Other</i>
2000	X	X		X	X	
2001	X	X		X	X	
2002	X	X		X	X	
2003	X	X		X	X	
2004	X	X		X	X	
2005	X	X		X	X	
2006	X	X		X	X	
2007	X	X		X	X	
	More need to bring up to date					