

Index to
The Arcade Journal

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About the *Arcade Journal* Index Indexed by Janice Helge

The *Arcade Journal* newspaper is owned by the Harold Washington Library, Special Collections Division. It was published in the town of Pullman from November 1889 until December 1892 by the Arcade Mercantile Association. The copies of this newspaper were bound into three large volumes and placed in the original Pullman Public Library in the Arcade Building.

When the Arcade Building was demolished in 1926, the Pullman Public Library moved to their new building at 11001 South Indiana Avenue. The bound newspaper books were part of the old Pullman Library collection moved into the new building and eventually incorporated into the Calumet Pioneer Historical Society collection. In 1982, The Chicago Public Library consolidated the local neighborhood history collections into the Special Collections room at the main library downtown. The catalog of the Calumet Region Community Collection can be viewed online at chipublic.org.

In 1990, when the Archival Specialist of Special Collections looked at the bound volumes of newspapers, he realized that they were in poor condition and sent them out to be microfilmed thus saving all the Pullman history contained in them.

The microfilm contains the complete run from the bound volumes as follows:

Vol. 1, Nos. 1-52: 1889 Nov 30 - 1890 Nov 22

Vol. 2, Nos. 1-57: 1890 Nov 29 - 1891 Dec 26

Vol. 3, Nos. 1-52: 1892 Jan 2 - 1892 Dec 24

The newspaper was published as the *Arcade Journal* through the April 16, 1892 issue and then published as the *Pullman Journal* beginning with the April 23, 1892 issue. Publication was weekly.

Index Tips

My main goal was to capture the names of persons appearing in the Local News (social news) for marriages, births, and deaths as well as addresses. A second goal was to extract interesting historical descriptions of businesses and/or events.

The index appears as Name, Date of Newspaper: Page Number. An example would be:

Corkery, Chas., 28 Dec 1889:4

The front page is indexed for any Pullman community related news items and advertisements. The local (social) news generally appears on page 4 along with local business advertisements. Page 5 is also used for more Pullman and Roseland business advertisements as well as local news on occasion. Page 8 is almost always a large ad for the Arcade Mercantile store. There are many small paragraphs of Arcade Mercantile store advertising included in the local (social) news column. Since this index will grow to a very large size, names *may* be included in the index only once per page so read the entire newspaper page carefully.

Page 8 of each issue is confusing in its placement on the microfilm. Although it mostly contained ads for the Arcade Mercantile Company, it has been indexed as appearing *before* the front page of the issue. If searching for a name on page 8, be sure to check both before and after a particular issue. There's a brief change in the film occurring June 13, 1891 until mid-July 1891 where page 8 is local news and advertisements as usually seen on page 4. Because mention and/or advertisements for the Arcade Mercantile Company appear multiple times on most of the pages, it hasn't been indexed except for a few instances.

The I.C. (Illinois Central) Railroad Timetable is found at the top of each of the local news columns on Page 4 except for a few months early in 1890.

An Official List of Unclaimed Matter in Postoffice at Pullman, Ill., [date given] appears on Page 4 under the I.C. Railroad Timetable in most issues. The names are included in the index although it is difficult to read them on the microfilm. There may be errors.

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