

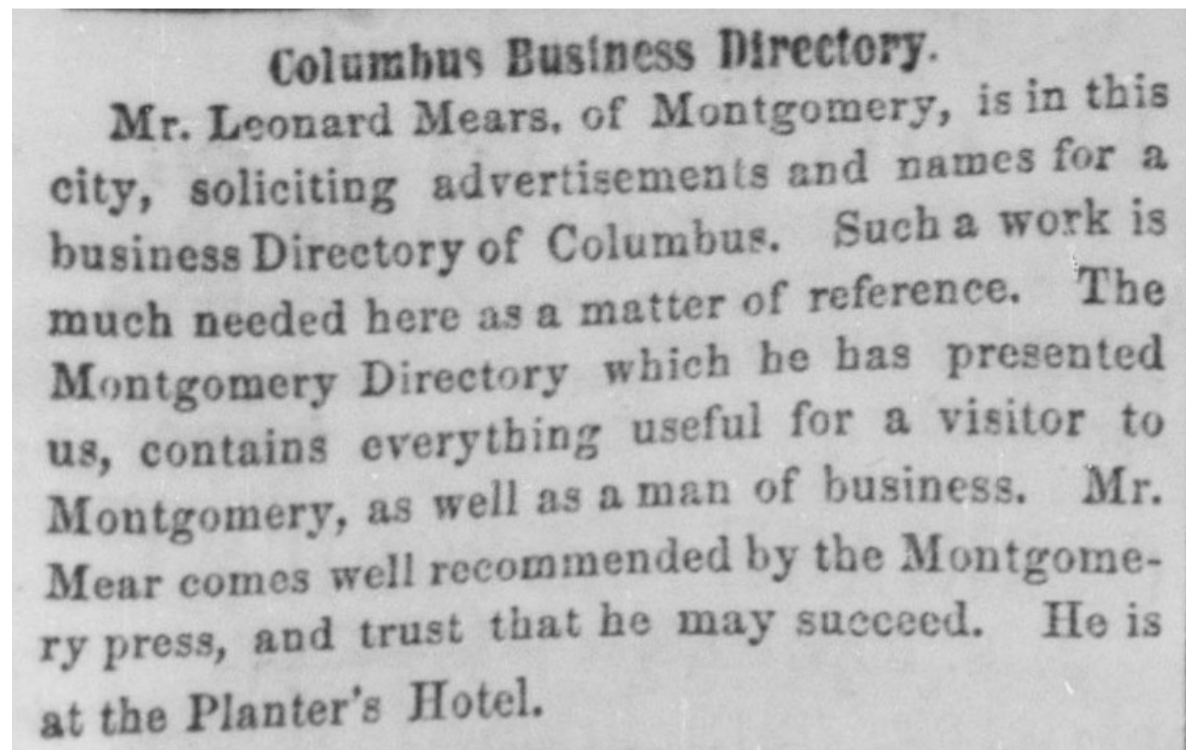
Today in Columbus History: On June 11, 1859, *The Columbus Daily Times* mentions the possibility of a Columbus city directory – being put together by a man named Leonard Mears. The newspaper editors were very hopeful that such a reference work would be published – and it was! The *Columbus Directory of 1859-60* was compiled by Leonard Mears and Company and published in Columbus by Sun Book and Job Printing Office in 1859. The first city directory in the U.S. was published in Philadelphia in 1785. Other cities followed suit. It wasn't until 1859 that Columbus got its first city directory. Fortunately, it was recently digitized by the Digital Library of Georgia. In addition to that directory, the DLG has digitized eight other 19th century Columbus directories and 6 early 20th century ones (1900 – 1912). These are great resources for genealogists and local historians! Have a look! [dlg.usg.edu/collection/chat\\_ccd](http://dlg.usg.edu/collection/chat_ccd)

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*Our snippets of Columbus history are usually based on a few days-worth of searching through the most popular sources for Muscogee County history. Meant to inspire readers to explore more about Columbus history, they are not exhaustive dissertations on the topic and may contain mistakes. If you have corrections or additional information, feel free to share them with the group.*

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**Columbus Business Directory.**  
Mr. Leonard Mears, of Montgomery, is in this city, soliciting advertisements and names for a business Directory of Columbus. Such a work is much needed here as a matter of reference. The Montgomery Directory which he has presented us, contains everything useful for a visitor to Montgomery, as well as a man of business. Mr. Mear comes well recommended by the Montgomery press, and trust that he may succeed. He is at the Planter's Hotel.

THE  
Columbus Directory,

FOR  
1859-'60.

CONTAINING THE  
NAMES OF THE INHABITANTS,  
A  
BUSINESS DIRECTORY,  
STREET DIRECTORY,

AND AN  
APPENDIX  
OF MUCH USEFUL INFORMATION.

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COMPILED BY MEARS & CO.

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COLUMBUS:  
SIX BOOK AND JOB PRINTING OFFICE  
1859

Blane, Charley, boat builder, h. Jackson n. Fulton.

Bleier, Theodore, tinsmith, Front bet. Crawford and Thomas, h. Troup bet. Few and Fulton.

Blun & Frank, (Elias Blun and Isaac Frank,) dry goods, 38 Broad.

Blun, Elias, (Blun & Frank,) dry goods, 38 Broad, h. Crawford bet. Broad and Oglethorpe.

Blun, Solomon, clerk, 38 Broad, h. Crawford bet. Broad and Oglethorpe.

Blyer, Charles, tinner, h. Troup bet. Few and Baldwin.

Blythe, G. W., gunsmith, 46 Broad, h. Baldwin n. Jackson.

Bombush, Joseph, confectioner, h. Oglethorpe n. Bryan.

Bonfory, Samuel, overseer, h. Eagle Tenement. [and Crawford.

Booher, Charles, book-keeper, 111 Broad, h. Oglethorpe bet. St. Clair

Booher, D. L., grocer, 111 Broad, h. Oglethorpe bet. St. Clair and Crawford.

Borris, J. G., jr., mechanic, h. McIntosh n. Crawford.

Bostick, A. B., sup. M. R. R., h. Forsyth n. Baldwin.

Boswell, John J., (Billing & Boswell,) physician, h. Troup bet. St. Clair and Randolph.

Bound, F. W., clerk, 140 Broad, bds. Planters' Hotel.

Bourdine, Wm., machinist, Front cor. Few.

Bowers, L. F., bank agent, bds. Perry House. [House.

Bowers, L. G., see'y Palace Mills, Front n. Randolph, bds. Perry