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**Historical Note:** Born in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, on May 17, 1856, William Francis Hooker moved to Milwaukee with his parents at age eleven. There, Hooker discontinued his formal education, working various jobs throughout his teens. When 15, Hooker's mother died of tuberculosis. Feeling susceptible to the same fate, Hooker moved west. A pioneer in the Wyoming outback, Hooker became an expert bullwhacker. He ferried supplies to Fort Fetterman, occupied by General Custer. Despite forced evacuation of the cabin he built on La Bonie Creek (12 miles south of the future town of Douglas) by Sioux uprisings Spring 1875, Hooker remained in Wyoming territory several more years.

Hooker returned to Milwaukee, learned the printer's trade and traveled throughout the Northwest, working in various print shops. He took odd jobs as a harvester when printing work was unavailable, and returned to Milwaukee at regular intervals. Eventually, Hooker graduated from printer to editor of papers in Milwaukee, Chicago, New York, Ashland, WI and Pontiac, IL. For 15 years he edited the Erie railroad magazine in New York City. Hooker sidelined in politics, successfully campaigning Sherburn M. Becker for mayor in 1906. He served as tax commissioner during the mayor's political tenure.

Hooker died in December, 1938 at age 82, in Bartow, Florida, where he and his wife retired three years earlier.

**Scope and Content:** This collection contains a column Hooker wrote for *The Milwaukee Journal*. "Glimpses of an Earlier Milwaukee" recounts Hooker's boyhood and youth in Milwaukee, reminiscing about a variety of subjects including local personalities, businesses and fashion. Written in the 1920's and '30's, "Glimpses" nostalgically portrays Milwaukee life in the latter third of the nineteenth century.

**Administrative Note:** The collection was processed October 17, 2003 by Meagan Wilkie.

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Bading, Gerhard A.	1	2
Bate, Arthur	1	2
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Black, John T.	1	2
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Bostwick, John M.	1	2
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Burton, John F.	1	2
<b>C.</b>		
Caro, Sim	1	2
Carpenter, Matt H.	1	2
Carver, Jonathan	1	2
Cary, William J.	1	2
Chapin, Charles	1	2
Chipman, D.W.	1	2
Clement, George	1	2
Cody, Bill "Buffalo"	1	2
Coe, Ed	1	2
Connors, William	1	2
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Craig, A.H.	1	2
Crawford, John	1	2
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Davis, Ira M.	1	2
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Dunlop, Johnnie	1	2
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Elliott, Mrs. Eugene S.	1	2
End, Alois	1	2
Enderis, Dorothy	1	2
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<b>F.</b>		
Featherstonhaugh, George W.	1	2

Field, Eugene	1	2
Finch, Asahel	1	2
Fishbein, Joseph	1	2
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<b>G.</b>		
Gallagher, John	1	2
Gardner, Louis	1	2
Gilmore, Paul	1	2
Goss, Owen	1	2
Graf, John Sr.	1	2
<b>H.</b>		
Hadden, Eb	1	2
Harris, Charles K.	1	2
Harrison, Caleb	1	2
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Hotchkiss, D.J.	1	2
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Johnson, Harry M.	1	3
Joslyn, Alvin	1	3
Juneau, Solomon Laurent	1	3
<b>K.</b>		
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King, Charles	1	3
King, Rufus	1	3
Kipp, Charles	1	3
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<b>L.</b>	1	3
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Lalumiere, Father Stanislaus	1	3
Lee, J. E.	1	3
Legler, Henry E.	1	3
Leidig, Mr. & Mrs. Michael	1	3
Lippert, Henry	1	3

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Mahoney, George R.	1	3
Mallory, James	1	3
Martin, James B.	1	3
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McGill, Peter	1	3
Meisenheimer, Adam	1	3
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Morgan, James	1	3
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Ostrander, A. B.	1	4
<b>P.</b>		
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Peck, George W.	1	4
Peirce, Frank	1	4
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Piepenbrink, W. J.	1	4
Pierce, R. W.	1	4
Pier, Kate	1	4
Plankinton, John	1	4
Pomeroy, Fenny Cooper	1	4
Porth, George W.	1	4
Preusser, Christian and Gustav	1	4
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Randolph, Clayton C.	1	4
Read, Opie	1	4
Redd, Doc	1	4
Richards, Daniel H.	1	4
Richardson, George	1	4
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Roberts, Charles Price	1	4
Rogers, James Hickson	1	4
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Scott, George Washington	1	4
Senn, Dr. Nicholas	1	4
Sercomb, Parker	1	4
Shaughnessy, Thomas	1	4
Sherman, Arthur	1	4
Shute, Judge	1	4
Smith, Joe Paige	1	4
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Starr, Elisha	1	4
Stewart, Charles D.	1	4
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<b>U.</b>		
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Van Norman, George B.	1	4
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Boarding Homes	1	5
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