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The booklets contain schedules of events, historical articles, descriptions of contemporary institutions and organizations, and many advertisements for local and area businesses. Helen Coulson Land wrote and compiled many of the articles, and contributed a reminiscent foreword to the booklet for 1975. The booklet for 1964 consists solely of photocopies of those pages that deal with Leasburg’s role in the Civil War.

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