

Gray, Virginia G., Cookery Collection

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circa 1830-1970s, and undated

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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

MS 00131

Unit ID

/repositories/2/resources/1493

Unit Date

circa 1830-1970s, and undated

Language

English

Creator

Gray, Virginia G.

Extent

0.75 Linear feet 1 full and half Hollinger box (legal-size)

Extent

circa 114 items.

Repository

Special Collections Research Center

Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information:

Acc. 1972.18: 39 items, received March-April 1972, Gift of the estate of Virginia G. Gray; Acc. 1999.32: ca. 75 items, received 30 June 1999, Gift of Sally Gray.

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Biographical Information:

Virginia G. Gray collected recipes, books and manuscripts on cookery.

Scope and Contents

Box 1, folders 1-2 consists of manuscript recipes, mainly from the 19 century, and an indexed recipe manuscript volume "Mrs. Garrow family recipe book," 1830-1845. Included are recipes for relishes, jellies, puddings, and cakes; as well as recipes for soap and home remedies (with has several hand-drawn illustrations throughout the volume).

Box 1, folders 3-10 and box 2 are an addition to the original collection and include correspondence of Sally Gray (daughter of Virginia G. Gray), the article, "Holiday Hints," edited by Virginia G. Gray, "Colonial Cookery," compiled by Virginia G. Gray and her manuscript, "An American Colonial Cookery, 1607-1800," as well as photocopies of pages from various cookbooks; original 19th and 20th century recipes, and typescripts of recipes.

Additionally, there are photocopies of 2 published books: Marie Kimball's "The Martha Washington Cookbook;" and Ann Marshall's "Martha Washington's Rules for cooking."

Keywords

Books
Correspondence
Manuscripts (document genre)
Recipes
Cookery, American
Cookery, American--History--19th century
Cookery--Southern States
Medicine--Formulae, receipts, prescriptions
Gray, Sally

Custodial History

Acc. 1972.18 was formerly catalogued as Mss. Sm Coll Gray (Box 1, folders 1-2). The addition to the collection, was cataloged as Acc. 1999.32 (Box 2, folders 3-10 and Box 2).

Description of Subordinate Components

Box 1

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/255878

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Recipes, correspondence, manuscript

Folder 1: Manuscript recipes (19th century)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/621153

Unit Date circa 1830s-1900

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Folder 2: "Mrs. Garrow family recipe book"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/621154

Unit Date circa 1830-1845

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Folder 3: Original 19th and 20th century recipes

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/621155

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Folder 4: Correspondence, recipes and printed matter regarding cookbooks and cooking

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/621156

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Correspondence between Sally Gray and Jane Snyder, recipes and research notes on the history of cook book publications in the United States.

Folder 5: Printed material regarding cooking and typescript recipe compilation

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/621157

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Folder 6: Article and recipe compilations by Virginia G. Gray

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/621158

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Folder 7: Manuscript of Virginia Gray's "An American Colonial Cookery, 1607-1800"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/621159

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Typed and edited manuscript for Virginia G. Gray's "An American Colonial Cookery, 1607-1800"

Folder 8: Partial drafts, notes and recipes for Virginia G. Gray's "An American Colonial Cookery, 1607-1800"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/621160

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Folder 9: "The Martha Washington Cookbook," by Marie Kimball [photocopy]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/621161

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Folder 10: "Martha Washington's Rules for Cooking," edited Ann Parks Marshall [photocopy]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/621162

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Box 2

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/255880

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Contains recipes, and photocopies of Marie Kimball's "The Martha Washington Cookbook" (folders 1-3) and of "Martha Washington's Rules for cooking" (folders 4-6. Folders 7-10 include recipes and photocopied book chapters.

Folder 1: Recipes and notes

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/621163

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Consists of a mix of recipes (handwritten, typescript, photocopied from books) and note.

Folder 2: Recipes (typescripts and copied from publications)

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Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Folder 3: Recipes (typescripts, and copied from publications)

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Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)