

GRANDMA BUSHEY RECIPE BOOK

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library.
Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs,
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Unknown
- Title:** Grandma Bushey Recipe Book Collection
- Dates:** c. 1898 - 1968
- Abstract:** This collection contains one recipe book—*The Household Searchlight Recipe Book*—printed in 1935. Inside the book are clippings of various recipes from magazines in the 1960s. There are also several hand-written recipes in the back of the book. The inside front cover contains the inscription “Grandma Bushey”. Also found inside the book is a 3 page hand-written speech for schoolchildren about the meaning of Memorial Day, which was written c. 1898. The owner(s) of the book and its contents are unknown. The provenance is also unknown.
- Quantity:** 1 box (1 book)
- Identification Number:** Archives & Manuscripts: Personal and Family Collections

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

This collection consists of one recipe book, with various clippings and materials found within. The book, *The Household Searchlight Recipe Book*, was printed in 1935. It contains information on various methods of cooking, measurements, and temperature considerations. According to the foreword, the book was meant to help solve “the problems of homemaking common to every woman who finds herself responsible for the management of a home and the care of children.” On the inside of the front cover is the hand-written name “Grandma Bushey”. The book is organized into food categories, with tabs on the right-hand side of the page throughout.

The clippings, found inside the back cover of the book, are mostly from the 1960s. The hand-written recipes include: oatmeal-filled cookies, blueberry cake, Aunt Mary's mincemeat, and Mrs. De Luc's pork cake, as well as a large number of pickle/canning recipes, like fisted pickles, tomato relish, mustard pickles, Heinz sweet pickles, and saccharine pickles. One of the clippings was taken from the *Dairymen's League News* from March 6, 1968, which suggests that the owner(s) may have been farmers. The number of pickling recipes may also suggest this.

A three page hand-written speech from c. 1898 was also found inside the front cover of the book. The speech appears to be written by a man who witnessed the Civil War. The unidentified man wrote about the meaning of Memorial Day and the horrors of war. The speech was apparently written for schoolchildren. The first line reads, "[memories] of my Grandfather from 1861 to 1865 – a little over 37 years ago..."

INDEX TERMS

Topics: Cooking—Pickling / Canning

Important People: Bushey

Form/Genre: Recipe book

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

Series 1
Box 1:

Migliario, Ida, et al. *The Household Searchlight Recipe Book*. (8th ed.) Topeka: The Household Magazine, 1935.

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