

ELLA VAN NORDEN WILSON'S COOKBOOK-SCRAPBOOK

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library.
Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs,
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Ella Van Norden Wilson
- Title:** Ella Van Norden Wilson's Cookbook-Scrapbook
- Dates:** 1900-1960
- Abstract:** "Ella began the collection of recipes and household tips around 1900 in New York City, continued it in Olmstedville, and gave it to her daughter, Dorothy Wilson Berggren (1909-1999)."
- Quantity:** 2 folders
- Identification:** Archives & Manuscripts: Personal and Family Collections

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

"Ella Van Norden (1878-1960) was born in New Brighton, England. She came with her mother to New York City, her father's birthplace, in 1895 and worked as a dressmaker. At 28 years of age she was diagnosed with a serious illness and came to board in Olmsteadville where she met Harry Vernon Wilson and they were married in 1908." (Introductory note written by a member of Ella's family). Ella's book is now owned by her grandson, Adirondack musician Dan Berggren.

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

This is a xerographic copy of a notebook into which recipes were handwritten or clippings were pasted or pinned. Inside the front cover is written in pencil: "Mis L.E. Van Norden. Cook Book. 408 West 115 St. New York." The book is 8 ¼ x 6 ¾ inches with lined pages. Covers are red cardboard with brown cloth binding. Ella numbered the pages (112). In addition to the clipping pasted or pinned onto the pages, there were a number of loose clippings in the back of the book. In some cases clippings covered either written recipes or other clippings. Where it was possible to do so, pages were photocopied twice once with the top clipping in place and once with that clipping folded out of the way or unpinned. The book was photocopied with the book opened flat.

There are also typewritten copies of two poems by Ella Van Norden Wilson: "The Little Lane" and "Good Old Snow Fence"

INDEX TERMS

Topics: Recipes
Household hints

Places: New Brighton, England
New York City
Olmstedville, NY

Important People: Ella Van Norden Wilson
Dorothy Wilson Berggren
Dan Berggren

Form/Genre: Notebook (xerographic copy).

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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