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Chicago, Food, and Restaurants: Histories and Guides

Bodman, Albert Holmes. The Hand Book of Chicago; or Strangers Guide to Points of Interest in and About the City, c. 1860. Tourist guide published for the 7th annual exhibition of the United States Agricultural Society, held in Chicago in mid-September 1859. Includes extensive advertisements for Chicago businesses (including food related ones) as well as hotel information and train schedules. Call #: Graff 336

Chicago by day and night: the pleasure seeker's guide to the Paris of America. Chicago: Thomson and Zimmerman, c. 1892. Guide to city entertainments, published just before the 1893 World's Fair. Illustrated, it includes chapters on the fair, where to stay, theatres, churches, shops, Turkish baths, parks, “perils and pitfalls,” and, of course, restaurants. Call #: G 8962 .1473. Republished in 2013 with annotations by editors Paul Durica and Bill Savage. Call #: Chicago Browsing F 548.5 .CS247 2013.


Chicago Food-Related Ephemera and Advertisements

Kinsley’s. Chicago: H.M.Kinsley, 1867. 80-some page printed menu for Kinsley’s, “Private Dinner and Supper Rooms for Families and Parties,” in Crosby’s Opera house at 65 Washington Street. Includes ads for Chicago businesses on every facing page and is bilingual French/English. Includes ten different ice cream options as well as six pages worth of desserts and five of wine offerings, in addition to fish, meats, vegetable dishes, soups and cold and warm side dishes. Call #: Vault Ruggles 208
Taylor Poore Papers, 1904-1994. Taylor Poore was a Chicago designer and artist. This collection includes clippings, correspondence, photographs, and examples of his design work. One example is an undated recipe packet for Libby's Foods, a canned food brand founded in Chicago in the 1860s. The packet includes brochures with recipes by topic, such as fruit juice recipes, salads, and thrifty menus. Call #: Wing Modern MS Poore

R.R. Donnelley and Sons Company. *Lemon pies or wash tubs*. Chicago: R.R. Donnelley & Sons Company, 1934-1938. Booklets advertising the printing and publishing services of Chicago company R.R. Donnelley & Sons, for companies in food and food equipment industries. They highlight both a range of products and a variety of printing and publishing services, such as letterpress, rotogravure printing, direct color photography, and binding. Call #: Wing oversize ZP 983 .L14992

*Chicago matchbooks*. Chicago, 1940-1980. Collection of forty-six matchbooks from Chicago and Chicago-area hotels, restaurants, bars, nightclubs, social clubs, drug stores, and liquor stores from the 1940s through the 1980s — including The Drake Hotel, The Congress Hotel, and The Pump Room. Call #: Case Wing NC 1889 .C45 1940

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Cookbooks and Recipes Related to Chicago and Chicagoans

Blatchford Family Papers, 1777-1987, Bulk 1839-1965. This collection of family papers of Newberry founding trustee Eliphalet Wickes Blatchford includes a family cookbook, which documents family recipes from the 1850s-1870s. Call #: Midwest MS Blatchford

Neill, E. *The every-day cook-book and encyclopedia of practical recipes*. Chicago: Regan Printing House, 1892. Published in Chicago, boasting of “ economical, reliable and excellent” recipes. Includes illustrations and cooking advice. The pastedown at the front of the volume also includes an undated adhered piece of paper that advertises “Wrigley’s Soap: Sold by Grocers Everywhere at 5 Cents per Bar.” Appears to be the original binding. Call #: Wing ZP 983 .R29692

Shuck, Edith G. and Dr. Herman N. Bundesen, eds. *The Chicago Daily News cook book: A practical guide on how to balance a diet, meet a budget and prepare a tasty meal for the average urban family*. Chicago: The Chicago Daily News, c. 1930. Described as “by the people and for the people.” Recipes selected from more than 20,000 recipes submitted to a *Chicago Daily News* contest. Emphasis was placed on practicality and it includes a section on the “kitchen scene” which discusses topics such as necessary equipment and measurements. Recipes are arranged by food type — all the way from frostings to sandwiches. The book also includes small illustrations. Call #: TX 715 .C534 1930

Edna Lucile Baum Papers, 1890-1981. This collection contains material relating to the Chicago dance teacher and author Edna Lucile Baum including an undated scrapbook of recipes. In addition to short poems and stories, she was planning to write a dancer's cookbook. Call #: Dance MS Baum

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