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Abstract

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Creator

Osborn, Milton A. (Milton Ackerman), 1844-1890

Creator

Osborn, Marion (Shipley), b. abt. 1842

Extent

0.1 Cubic Feet 1 folder

Repository

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Collection is open for research.

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Biographical Note

Milton A. Osborn was born about 1844 in Baltimore, MD. At the age of 14, he relocated to New York City and began serving on ships. During the Civil War, Osborn was the captain of the steamer *Jupiter*, which ran Confederate blockades. Some time after the war, he married Marion Shipley (born abt. 1842) and they owned a farm in Harrisonville, MD. Osborn spent eight years as a conductor on the Pennsylvania, Wilmington, and Baltimore Railroad. According to his obituary, he also built a hotel and spent time in the guano trade in Buenos Aires. He died in November 1890.

The notebook includes the signature of "Willie Osborn," but the relationship between Willie, Milton, and Marion is unknown. The "Jennie Shipley" reference in the notebook is likely Marion's sister (recorded on the 1870 census as J. Sarah Shipley).

Scope and Content

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The majority of the book contains recipes for a variety of baked goods: cakes, pies, and puddings. However, it also includes recipes for pickling, homemade wine, and preserves, and home remedies. Other pages include partial journal entries, one referencing Jennie Shipley (a likely relation to Marion Shipley Osborn); a drawing of a house; and some signatures of Willie Osborn. In addition, there are 320 books numbered 91 to 411, which may have made up the Osborn's home library. Titles include both fiction and non-fiction.

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Traditional medicine

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Notebook

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