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The material in this collection is in English.

Abstract

The collection contains three papers in relation to Benne Candy. A menu and order form from Charleston, South Carolina, also a brief historical description of the candy from Savannah, Georgia.

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Miriam B. Wilson, owner of the 'Colonial Belle Kitchen,' traveled from Ohio to Charleston, South Carolina, and in the 1920's opened the kitchen downtown. In 1938 she opened the Old Slave Mart Museum, and moved her store into the museum. The kitchen sold confectionary treats and advertised that the treats were made using enslaved peoples' recipes, such as the Benne Candy.

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Yuhl, S. E. 2013. Hidden in Plain Sight: Centering the Domestic Slave Trade in American Public History. The Journal of Southern History, 79(3), 593-624. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/23795089>. Accessed July 7, 2025.

Scope and Content

The collection contains three papers in relation to Benne Candy. The menu and blank order form are from the 'Colonial Belle Kitchen,' in Charleston, South Carolina, where Miss Wilson sold the Benne Candy. The third item is from the 'Savannah Benne Candy Company,' located in Savannah, Georgia, and includes a short description of the origin of Benne Candy.

Keywords

History of Food and Drink

African Americans -- History

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