

**McLean County Museum of History**

**Hester Adams Kuerth Cookbook Collection**

**Collection Information**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 box
COLLECTION DATES:	1912-59
PROVENANCE:	Gift of Hester Kuerth's daughter Joan Kuerth Widmer in October 2011. The books are from Hester's kitchen.
RESTRICTIONS:	None
REPRODUCTION RIGHTS:	Permission to reproduce or publish material in this collection must be obtained in writing from the McLean County Museum of History
ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	None

**Brief History**

Hester Adams Kuerth (1891-1982) was a fifty-year member of the McLean County Home Extension. She was also a member of the Gridley American Legion Auxiliary and First United Church of Gridley.

**Scope Note**

These cookbooks were from Hester Adams Kuerth's kitchen. They include two World War I era cookbooks, and many from the 1940s-50s.

## Folder Inventory

### Folder 1: 1912-1935 & Obituary

- 1.1. Obituary, Hester A. Kurth, *Pantagraph*, August 1, 1982, p. 4.
- 1.2. *Reliable Recipes* (Calumet Baking Powder Co., Chicago, 1912)
- 1.3. *Excellent Recipes for Baking Raised Breads* (The Fleischmann Company, 1917)
- 1.4. *Official Recipe Book – Containing All Demonstrations Given During Patriotic Food Show* (Illinois State Council of Defense, Chicago, 1918)
- 1.5. *F. W. McNess' Cookbook* (Furst-McNess Company, Freeport, IL 1935)

### Folder 2: 1937-1946

- 2.1. *The New Art of Modern Cooking* (General Electric Institute, Cleveland, Ohio, 1937)
- 2.2. *A Guide To Royal Success in Baking* (Royal Baking Powder, 1940)
- 2.3. *Enriched Bread – What Leading Authorities Say About It* (American Institute of Baking, New York, 1941)
- 2.4. *Bananas .... How to serve them* (Fruit Dispatch Company, New York, 1942.)
- 2.5. *Recipes for Today* (General Foods Corporation, New York, 1943)
- 2.6. *Watkins Almanac Home Book* (J. R. Watkins Co., 1944)
- 2.7. *Mirro-Matic Pressure Pan Recipes* (Aluminum Goods Mfg. Co. Manitowoc, Wisconsin, 1945)
- 2.8. *Borden's Eagle Brand Magic Recipes* (The Borden Co., 1946)

### Folder 3: 1946-1959

- 3.1. *Trail Blazers Almanac and Pioneer Guide Book* (1946)
- 3.2. *An Invitation to Better Living from Deepfreeze* (Deepfreeze Home Freezers, 1948)
- 3.3. *1890 Recipes – but He Didn't Mention Love* (Louis Milani Foods, Inc., 1950 – 1952)
- 3.4. *Counting Your Calories by Geraldine Acker* (University of Illinois Extension Service, 1958)
- 3.5. *Rawleigh's Good Health Guide – 1959 Almanac Cook Book – 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Issue* (W. T. Rawleigh Company, Freeport, IL, 1959)

### Folder 4: Undated

- 4.1. *Medley of Meat Recipes* (American Meat Institute, Chicago, IL)
- 4.2. *Reliable Recipes – 22<sup>nd</sup> Edition* (Calumet Baking Powder Co., Chicago, IL)
- 4.3. *Suburban Cookie Book* (American Legion Auxiliary Ben Roth Post, Chenoa, IL)
- 4.4. *Town Crier Baking Guide* (Midland Flour Milling Co., Kansas City, MO)
- 4.5. *The Little Treasure Chest* (Distributed by Albert Grusy, Meadows, IL)