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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Food Preservation and Home Canning Literature
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Source:	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Extractive Industries
Creator:	Green, Mary E. (Creator)
Extent:	2.5 Cubic feet (6 boxes and 1 map-folder)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Over a period of approximately 25 years, Dr. Mary Eloise Green of Ohio State University collected a wide variety of materials pertaining to food preservation and home canning techniques. She acquired associated pamphlets, manuals, and recipe booklets from companies as well as governmental agencies.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This collection was donated by Mary E. Green on October 1, 1976.

Provenance

Transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Work and Industry in 2006.

Separated Materials

The Division of Work and Industry holds artifacts related to this collection (Accession #322793) including canning jars and food preservation devices.

Related Materials

Researchers should also consult the Louisan E. Mamer Rural Electrification Administration Papers, 1927-2002 (AC #862).

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Biographical / Historical

Dr. Mary E. Green, a professor in the Food and Nutrition Division of the School of Economics at Ohio State University, studied and collected documentation and artifacts pertaining to the home preservation of food.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains printed materials on various aspects of food preservation, which includes canning, pickling, freezing, and other methods. Recipe books, instruction manuals, posters, brochures and pamphlets issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, by manufacturers of food products, and by manufacturers of canning and preserving products and devices; also newsletters published by bottle and jar collecting hobby groups. A large percentage of the publications in the collection were published during World War II, and relate to preserving food to ensure an adequate food supply during the war years.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into four series.

Series 1, Product Literature, 1880s-1970s

Series 2, Price Guides, 1970-1977

Series 3, General Publications, 1934-1980

Series 4, Posters, undated

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Canning and preserving
- Cookery, American
- Food conservation
- Food industry and trade
- Frozen foods
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Food supply advertising

Types of Materials:

- Brochures
- Manuals
- Newsletters
- Pamphlets
- Posters

Names:

- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Extractive Industries
- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry

Container Listing

Series 1: Product Literature, 1880s-1970s

Box 1, Folder 1	Ball Brothers Company (pamphlets), 1930s-1960s
Box 1, Folder 2	Ball Brothers Company (book, columns, pamphlets), 1970s and undated
Box 1, Folder 3	Bernardin (pamphlets), undated
Box 1, Folder 4	Canco: American Can Company (pamphlets, manuals, periodical), 1945-1959
Box 1, Folder 5	Container Corporation of America (pamphlet), undated
Box 1, Folder 6	Cornell Bulletin (periodicals), 1939-1954
Box 1, Folder 7	Corning Glass Works (pamphlet), 1956
Box 1, Folder 8	Diamond Crystal Salt Company (pamphlets), undated
Box 1, Folder 9	Dow Chemical Company (pamphlet, recipes), undated
Box 1, Folder 10	Florida Agricultural Extension Service (pamphlet), 1960
Box 1, Folder 11	General Foods Corporation (pamphlet), undated
Box 1, Folder 12	Georgia Experiment Station (periodical), 1946
Box 1, Folder 13	Glass Container Manufacturers Institute (pamphlets), undated
Box 1, Folder 14	Good Housekeeping Institute (pamphlet), undated
Box 1, Folder 15	Hazel-Atlas Glass Company (pamphlets), undated
Box 1, Folder 16	H.J. Heinz Company (book, pamphlet), 1943
Box 2, Folder 1	International Harvester Company (pamphlets, manual) 1949-1950
Box 2, Folder 2	Iowa State College Agricultural Extension Service (pamphlets), 1941-1949
Box 2, Folder 3	Karo, Corn Products Refining Company (pamphlets), undated
Box 2, Folder 4	Kerr Glass Manufacturing Corporation (pamphlets, recipes), 1940s

Box 2, Folder 5	Kerr Glass Manufacturing Corporation (pamphlets, manual), 1950s
Box 2, Folder 6	Kerr Glass Manufacturing Corporation (pamphlets, periodical, manual), 1970s and undated
Box 2, Folder 7	Libby, McNeill & Libby (pamphlets), 1950
Box 2, Folder 8	Michigan State College (periodicals), 1945
Box 2, Folder 9	National Cannery Association (periodicals, pamphlets), 1937-1960
Box 2, Folder 10	North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service (periodical), 1951
Box 2, Folder 11	Ohio State University (periodicals, pamphlets, manuals), 1938-1966
Box 2, Folder 12	Rutgers, the State University, College of Agriculture (periodicals), 1958
Box 2, Folder 13	Sears, Roebuck and Company (manual), 1946
Box 2, Folder 14	United States Department of the Interior (periodicals), 1943-1955
Box 3, Folder 1	United States Department of Agriculture (periodicals, pamphlets), 1880s-1930s
Box 3, Folder 2	United States Department of Agriculture (pamphlets, radio scripts, manuals, posters), 1940s
Box 3, Folder 3	United States Department of Agriculture (pamphlet, periodicals), 1940s
Box 3, Folder 4	United States Department of Agriculture (pamphlets, manual), 1950s
Box 3, Folder 5	United States Department of Agriculture (pamphlets, periodicals), 1960s
Box 3, Folder 6	University of California at Berkeley (pamphlet, periodical), 1946-1958
Box 3, Folder 7	University of Delaware (periodicals), 1927-1931
Box 3, Folder 8	University of Maryland (pamphlet), 1949
Box 3, Folder 9	University of Massachusetts (pamphlet), 1951
Box 3, Folder 10	University of Minnesota (pamphlet), 1951
Box 3, Folder 11	State College of Washington (pamphlet), 1951
Box 3, Folder 12	Wear-Ever (periodical), undated
Box 3, Folder 13	West Virginia University (periodicals), 1951

Box 3, Folder 14	University of Wisconsin (periodical), 1935
Box 3, Folder 15	Miscellaneous Product Literature (pamphlets, dust cover), undated and 1957-1958

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Series 2: Price Guides, 1970-1977

Box 4, Folder 1 The Red Book of Fruit Jars #1, 2 (manual), 1970-1973

Box 4, Folder 2 The Red Book of Fruit Jars #3 (manual), 1977

Box 4, Folder 3 Fruit Jar Manual and Price Guide (manual), 1973

Box 5, Folder 1 Canning Jars of Canada, A Colcasea's Record Book and Price Guide, undated

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Series 3: General Publications, 1934-1980

Box 4, Folder 4	General Articles (periodicals), 1969-1977
Box 4, Folder 5	General - Frozen Foods (pamphlets, periodicals), 1949-1967
Box 4, Folder 6	General - History (comic, pamphlet), undated
Box 4, Folder 7	General - Dehydration (pamphlets), 1943 and undated
Box 4, Folder 8	General - Manuals, 1972-1974
Box 4, Folder 9	General -Milk Bottles (books), 1970-1972
Box 4, Folder 10	General -Pontilled Fruit Jars (pamphlet), undated
Box 4, Folder 11	A Century of Antique Canadian Glass Fruit Jars (book), 1970
Box 5, Folder 1	Canadian Fruit Jar Collector (periodicals), 1973-1976
Box 5, Folder 2	From Great Aunt May's Cellar (book), 1967
Box 5, Folder 3	Fruit Jars: Canister to Kerr (book), 1971
Box 5, Folder 4	Fruit Jar Clearing House (periodical), 1971-1973
Box 5, Folder 5	Fruit Jar Forum (periodical), 1971-1973
Box 5, Folder 6	Fruit Jar News (periodical), 1975
Box 5, Folder 7	Fruit Jar News (periodical), 1976-1977
Box 5, Folder 8	Fruit Jar News (periodical), 1978-1979
Box 5, Folder 9	Fruit Jar Newsletter/News (periodical), 1973-1974
Box 5, Folder 10	Granny Kath's Kitchen(periodical), 1973-1975
Box 5, Folder 11	Granny Kath's Kitchen(periodical), 1975-1976
Box 6, Folder 1	Granny Kath's Kitchen(newsletter), 1977-1979
Box 6, Folder 2	Granny Kath's Kitchen(newsletter), 1979-1980
Box 6, Folder 3	Industrial Progress, U.S.A.(pamphlet), 1954

Box 6, Folder 4	Journal of Home Economics(periodical), 1934
Box 6, Folder 5	Sugar Information, Inc. (pamphlets), undated
Box 6, Folder 6	Western Collector (periodicals), 1969
Box 6, Folder 7	Westinghouse (pamphlet, periodicals), 1949
Box 6, Folder 8	Bottle Makers and Their Marks(book), 1971

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Series 4: Posters, undated

Map-folder 1	The Pressure Cooker Method of Home Canning, National Pressure Cooker Company, undated 30.75" x 17.25"
Map-folder 1	The "Inside Story" of a Modern Home Freezer (series of 10 units) 16.76" x 21.75", undated
Map-folder 1	Food Preservation: From Cave Man to Kitchen 26.75" x 39.75" , undated
Map-folder 1	Canned Food Buying Guide: Common Container Sizes, National Canners Association 24" x 37", undated
Map-folder 1	United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics, 1943 Notes: Set of 20 posters.

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