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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Paul Ma Papers
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1469
Date:	1976-2000
Extent:	0.3 Cubic feet (1 box)
Creator:	Ma, Paul Ma, Linda
Language:	English
Summary:	The collection documents Paul Ma's work as a chef and his efforts to popularize Chinese food in America.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Collection donated to the Archives Center by Paul and Linda Ma, 2018.

Processing Information

Collection processed by Vanessa Broussard Simmons, archivist, 2018.

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Content Description

The collection documents Paul Ma's work as a chef and his efforts to popularize Chinese food in America. Included in the collection are notes on food, recipes, letters, a photograph album, menus, brochures relating to courses Ma gave on Chinese cuisine, financial documents, examples of "double bookkeeping" (in Chinese and in English) used by Chinese restaurants.

Arrangement

Collection is arranged into one series by chronological order.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Bookkeeping
- Cooking, Chinese
- Cooks
- Food industry and trade

Types of Materials:

- Brochures
- Color prints (photographs)
- Letters (correspondence)
- Menus
- Notes
- Photograph albums
- Recipes

Names:

- Ma, Linda

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Photographs, 1976-2000 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 2	Ma's Original Store, 1979
Box 1, Folder 3	Paul Ma's Chinese Cooking School, 1982
Box 1, Folder 4	Correspondence, 1982-1987
Box 1, Folder 5	Paul Ma's China Kitchen, 1987-1989, undated
Box 1, Folder 6	Swandong Restaurant and Cooking School, 1988-1997, undated
Box 1, Folder 7	Receipts, 1989
Box 1, Folder 8	Receipts Book and Notes for Sauces, 1991, undated
Box 1, Folder 9	Materials Relating to the Peekskill Area Health Center, 1998
Box 1, Folder 10	The Mandarin's Feast 2 Recipes, undated
Box 1, Folder 11	Recipe Book, undated