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Guide to the

Augusta Foote Arnold family papers

1893-1903

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Summary

Creator: Arnold, Augusta Foote, 1844-1903

Title: Augusta Foote Arnold family papers

Date: 1893-1903

Size: .4 linear feet (1 box)

Source: Purchased from Carmen D. Valentino, Rare Books and Manuscripts, 2014

Abstract: The Augusta Foote Arnold family papers contain ledger books, typescripts and manuscripts relating to her three published books and a cookbook written by her daughter, Frances.

Access: Advance notice required.

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Creator History

Augusta Foote Arnold (1844-1903) was born in New York and married Francis Benjamin Arnold in 1869. They had three children, including a daughter, Frances A. Arnold (1874-1975). Augusta Foote Arnold was the author of three books: *The Century Cook Book* (1895), *The Sea-Beach at Ebb-Tide; A Guide to the Study of the Seaweeds and the Lower Animal Life Found Between Tide-marks* (1901) and *Luncheons, A Cook's Picture Book; A Supplement to the Century Cook Book* (1902). The cookbooks were written under the pseudonym Mary Ronald.

Scope and Content Note

The papers contain ledger books, typescripts and manuscripts relating to Augusta Foote Arnold's three published books and a cookbook written by her daughter, Frances A. Arnold. The papers span from 1893 to 1903. Augusta Foote Arnold wrote her two cookbooks under the pseudonym Mary Ronald.

One ledger contains handwritten entries describing Augusta Foote Arnold's writing of *The Century Cook Book* (1895), and later activities surrounding its publication (proofreading, financial agreements, sales, and royalties and how she invested them). It also contains a short list of her published articles, mostly on cooking (1896-1897) and sheets describing the illustrations used in the book.

The second ledger, inscribed *Account Book of the Sea Beach at Ebb-Tide Issued May 15, 1901*, describes in a few pages the work's history and production (start and completion dates, dates of first and last page proof readings, and date contract was signed), as well as financial matters, such as copies sold and expenses relating to the work.

Also included in the papers is a typescript of *Luncheons, A Cook's Picture Book; A Supplement to the Century Cook Book* (1902) with numerous corrections and changes.

The manuscript cookbook by Augusta's daughter, Frances A. Arnold, contains recipes for soups, meats, fish, desserts, etc., with the inscription *Frances Arnold Oct – 8 – 1893 – Bryn Mawr – Penn. Private*.

Key Terms

Occupations

Authors, American
Cooks

Subjects

Cooking, American
Luncheons

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Ledgers (account books)
Manuscripts (document genre)
Typescripts

Names

Arnold, Frances A., 1874-1975
Ronald, Mary, 1844-1903

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1-3 *Luncheons, A Cook's Picture Book; A Supplement to the Century Cook Book*
1902
- b. 1 f. 4 *The Century Cook Book* 1895-1903
- b. 1 f. 5 *Account Book of the Sea Beach at Ebb-Tide Issued May 15, 1901*
- b. 1 f. 6 Arnold, Frances A.--Manuscript Cookbook 1893