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MRS. BEN CLEMENT HOUSEHOLD RECEIPTS BOOK

This small volume of handwritten household receipts includes: instructions for washing clothes; recipes for soap, various dyes, ink, blacking, tomato catsup, gingerbread pudding, pickles, blackberry wine, and sealing wax; remedies for various diseases; and instructions for knitting a soldiers' cap. The volume also includes an inventory of dishes. It appears the volume was written during the period 1862-1868.

MRS. BEN CLEMENT

The identity of Mrs. Ben CLEMENT is unknown at present, but she appears to be Rachel CLEMENT, wife of Benjamin CLEMENT, of Campbell County, Virginia. Rachel CLEMENT was born ca. 1810 and was still alive at the time of her sister's (sister-in-law?) death on 17 March 1887.

[1850 Census, Campbell County, VA, National Archives and Records Service (hereinafter NARS), M-432, Roll 938, p. 160, Dwelling 492, Family 492. Rachel CLEMENT, aged 40 years (b. ca. 1810); 1860 Census, Campbell County, VA, NARS, M-653, Roll 1338, p. 518, Dwelling 619, Family 656. Rachel CLEMENT, aged 51 years (b. ca. 1809); 1870 Census, Campbell County, VA, NARS, M-593, Roll 1638, p. 158, Dwelling 937, Family 1027. Rachael CLEMENT, aged 60 years (b. ca. 1810); 1880 Census, Campbell County, VA, NARS, T-9, Roll 1359, p. 170, Dwelling 231, Family 253, Rachel B. CLEMENT, aged 70 years (b. ca. 1810); "Death of Martha J. CLEMENT (?)," Death Register, Campbell County, VA, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Reel 6.]