EXHIBIT
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Cooking by the Book: From Flour Scoops to Water Pitchers
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The exhibit illustrates how the activities related to cookery have evolved over time. Focusing on the Western Reserve and related areas and the recent past, examples illustrate the tools, cookbooks, and items used in the preparation and serving of food. Some of the objects in the exhibit include an apple wood flour scoop ca. 1850, a fluted glass water pitcher ca. 1900, glass knife rest, child’s napkin ring ca. 1895, blue and white weft weave coverlet ca. 1845, wooden cheese box, Acme egg grading scale ca. 1924, copper arts and crafts coffee pot ca. 1900, wooden bowls ca. 1850, china plate, biscuit cutter, canning jar, boar bristle scraper and wooden vegetable slicers. Cookbooks include an Amish cookbook, a Blossom Music Center cookbook, a children’s cookbook, the Aunts’ Cook Book, 1937, with recipes from Cleveland’s Vail, Bradley, Borden, Jay, Bole and Norweb families and a cookbook from the Euclid Avenue Temple ca. 1910. Enjoy and appreciate the culinary past and the efforts by our forebears to feed and sustain their families.