

Territorial Tallahassee Tea Cakes

Recipe from notebook circa 1852 belonging to Mary Simpson Brown Archer containing handwritten recipes for desserts, pickles, medicinal remedies, and other preparations. Mary was the daughter of Florida Governor Thomas Brown (1849-1853).

Brown constructed Brown's Inn in 1834, located on the west side of Adams St. between Pensacola and Lafayette streets. It was known as The City Hotel (1839) and The Adelphi (1840). Mary Archer, operated the establishment as the City Hotel from 1870 to about 1874, when it was taken over by Tallahassee merchant William P. Slusser. It later became the Morgan Hotel (named changed in September 1884) and was destroyed by fire in 1886.





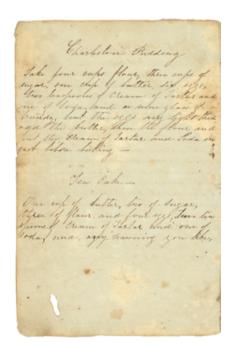
Tea Cake

One cup of butter, two of sugar, three of flour, and four eggs, two tea spoons of cream of Tartar and one of soda, and any seasoning you like.



City Hotel (1870-1874)

(Courtesy State Archives of Florida)





Beth McGrotha used Mary Archer's recipe to make this adorable Florida shaped tea cake. I love the little red dot indicating the Capital City! (Bekah Hair-Stewart)

