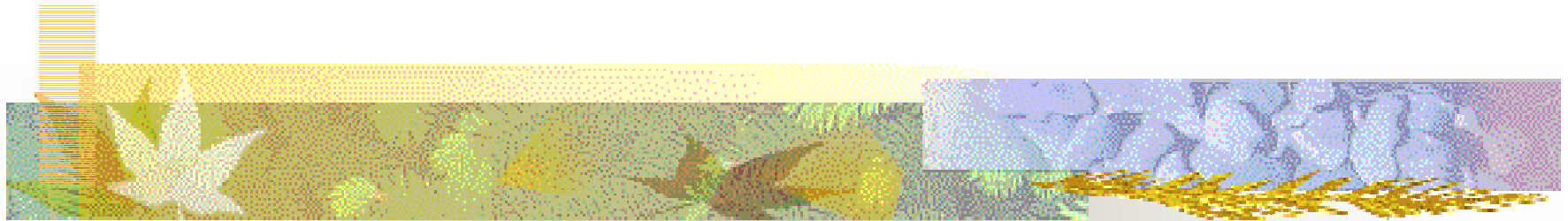


# Culinary History Collection at Virginia Tech



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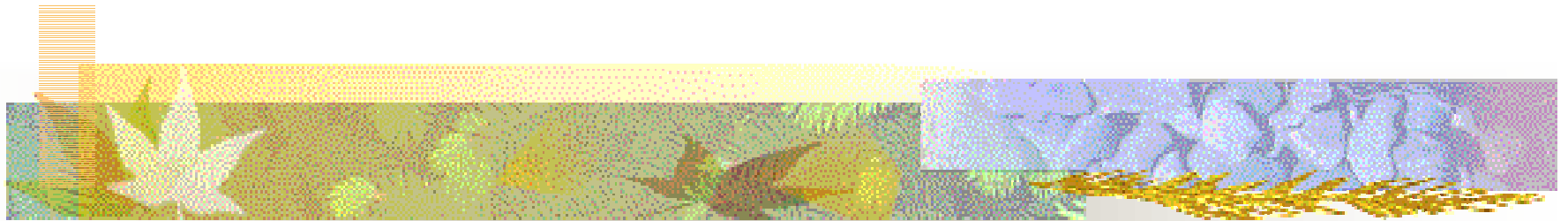
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# Our Recipe for Success



# Main Ingredients

- 2 foundation collections
- Support of one college
- Library support
- Alumni
- Faculty
- Friends



# Directions

- Combine all ingredients
- Stir gently to blend
- Nurture over the years



# The Beginning

- Cookbooks originally housed in Wallace Hall
- Wallace Hall renovations

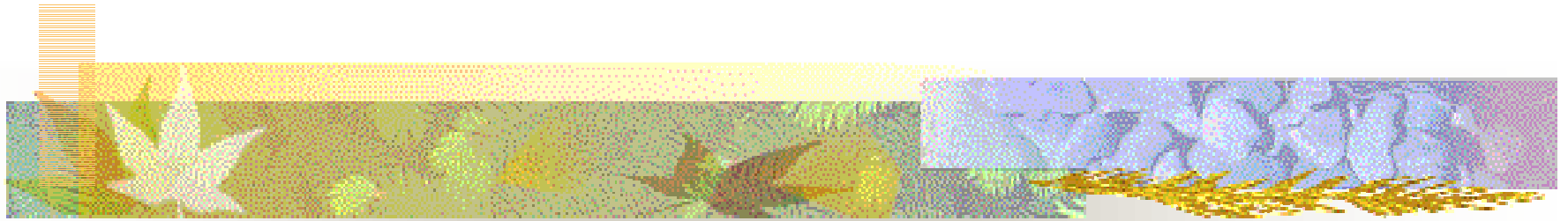




# Books, books and more books

- Represents two centuries of culinary arts
- Initial contact with library
- Collection inventoried and list sent to library
- Collection reviewed and location selected
  - Special Collections or Newman

# Naming the Collection



# Dora Greenlaw Peacock



- Faculty wife
- Noted for entertaining
- Enjoyed travel
- Collection donated to the Department of Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise after her death in 1983

# Laura Jane Harper



- Head of Human Nutrition Department
- Dean of the College of Home Economics 1960-1980
- Research interests included food habits and food culture



# The Word is Out!

- Collection development statement
  - Community cookbooks
  - Virginia food history
  - History of home economics
- Support existing collections
  - Local history
  - Civil War
  - Appalachian



# Spreading the Word

- Publicity
  - Brochures
  - *Virginia Culinary Thymes*
- Scholarships
  - Janet Cameron Scholarship
  - Jean Phillips Scholarship
- Fundraising
  - Chef's Challenge
- Hertzler Culinary History Prize



# Advisory Committee-Timeline

- College Alumni Organization votes to support collection (Spring 2000)
- Brochure to announce collection designed and distributed (March 2000)
- Organizational meeting (June 2000)
- By-laws adopted (November 2001)



# Advisory Committee - Purpose

- Expand collection
- Support preservation of the collection including digitizing selected materials
- Encourage use of collection in teaching and research
- Provide support for research by students or faculty

# *Virginia Culinary Thymes*



- Culinary heroes and heroines
  - Dora Greenlaw Peacock and Laura Jane Harper
  - Janet Lowe Cameron
  - Mary Randolph
- Culinary food history
  - Recipes
  - Book reviews
- Special features
- Announcements



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# Web information

- Peacock-Harper Culinary Collection and Culinary History Collection
  - <http://spec.lib.vt.edu/culinary/PHCulinary/>
- Digital images from the Culinary Collection
  - [http://imagebase.lib.vt.edu/browse.php?folio\\_ID=/culinary](http://imagebase.lib.vt.edu/browse.php?folio_ID=/culinary)

## Most accessed Culinary Collection images 2001/02



- Maude Wallace, Helen Ricks (?), Hallie Hughes, Janet Cameron, Catherine Perry, Mrs. Sietz (Hallie's sister) (130)



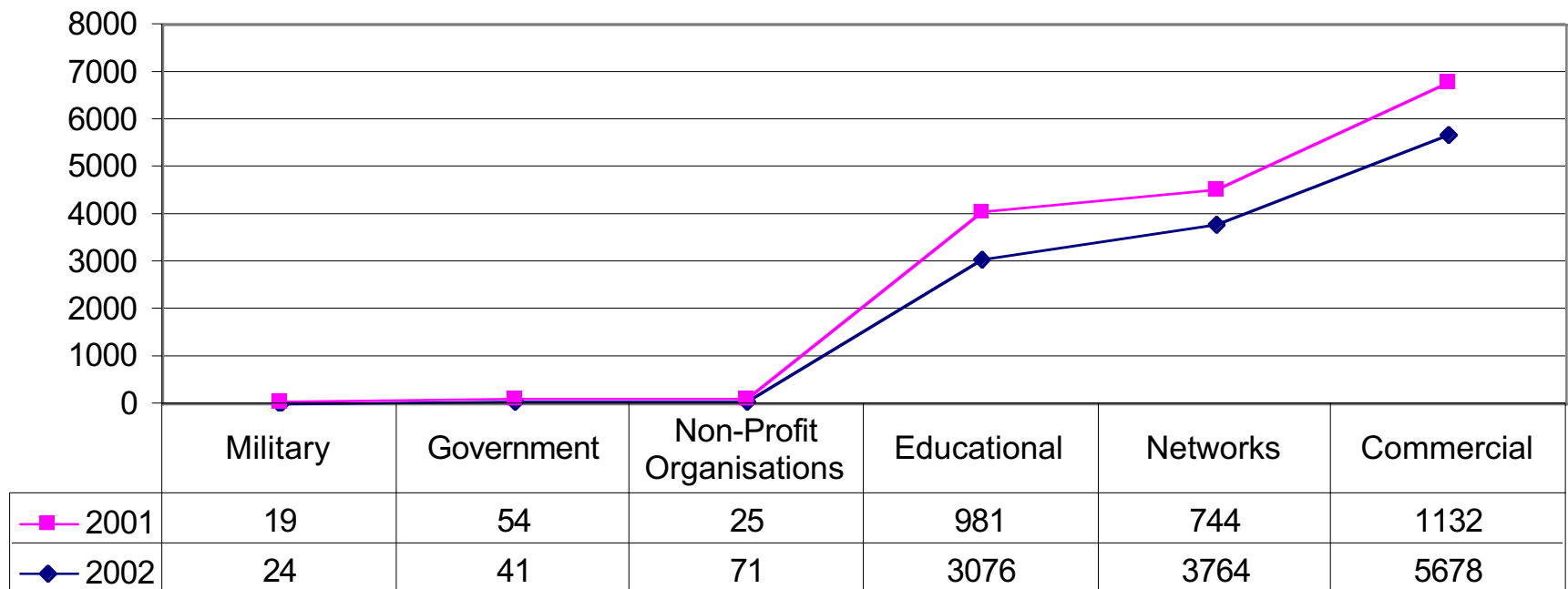
- Janet Cameron, Hallie Hughes, Mattie Pluckett, Helen Alverson at the Jorgeson Ryrie estate (124)



# Internet use of Culinary Collection

	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
Successful requests	16,416	3,960
Average successful requests per day	44	10
Distinct files requested	817	129
Distinct hosts served	3,736	1,290
Data transferred (Mb)	198	37.298
Average data transferred per day (Kb)	555.483	105.356

# Increased Interest from around the US in Culinary History Collections at Virginia Tech



# Increased international interested in Culinary Collections at Virginia Tech

