

Documentation of CSV File

Our project added historical restaurants and important food-sites in North Carolina to the gazetteer.

Our columns include the following:

Name: the title of the establishment

Address: broken down into Street, City, State, and Zip Code

Year Founded: The year the restaurant began at this specific location

Description: A brief description of the historical significance and background of the restaurant

Cuisine: Type of food served at the restaurant

Foodway: The foodway the food belongs to including but not limited to:

- Appalachian (beans, strawberries, onions)
- Cajan
- Caribbean
- African/A.A (ex: soul food restaurants)
- Hispanic
- Jewish
- Lowcountry
- New Orleans?
- Lumbee
- Other

Is shutdown?: A Boolean response to if the restaurant is shut down (1) or still open (0)

Year Shutdown: The year the restaurant shutdown, if applicable

Source Link: Link to the historical source information about the restaurant

Website Link: Link to the restaurant's establishment, if applicable

Source (book): Information of historical source information if a book

Research Process Documentation

Sources Consulted

- *North Carolina's Historic Restaurants and their recipes*, by Dawn O'Brien, provided an excellent starting point for historic restaurants, although I had to cross-reference the book's information with present documentation online, since the book was published in 1983 and many of the establishments it lists are now closed or altered.
- Individual restaurant websites, which often include the establishment's history
- Online magazines/articles pertaining to local restaurants in the Raleigh/Chapel Hill area
- Vol. 7 of the *New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture* for information regarding the foodways that influenced Southern cuisine

Tools Used

- Google, for general research such as whether a restaurant remained open, and whether they have a website

- Wikidata Query Service
- Dr. Shaw's text mining tool

Sources that turned out to not be useful

- I looked into a book through UNC Libraries called *Coastal Carolina Cooking* by Nancy Davis and Kathy Hart (<https://library-biblioboard-com.libproxy.lib.unc.edu/viewer/6fed6c02-a45b-4f91-ab92-dfeb3323b412>) in hopes of finding foodways in eastern NC and found it to be a really interesting read in that it provided recipes and personal stories attached to them from general regions but lacked specific place names. I also had difficulty finding the exact year some restaurants closed, especially if they've been closed for a long time and/or the original building has been demolished. (Chandler)

Did not have time to finish

- Exploration of foods specific to region (For example, Sweet Potato festivals)
- Entering information for the foodway attribute due to the ambiguity of some types of cuisine (ex: Southern, American cuisine)
- Exploring all of the scattered information on past and present NC restaurants available in newspapers and books

Ideas for Future Work

- Exploration of Postcards with restaurants
- Decided to not use Taxonomy of places
- Extensively research foodways and their places of origins
- Historic grocery stores and markets

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