Recipe for: Aunt Blanche Carrot Cake

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Story
Many years ago, more than 50, a letter from my Grandmother-in-law arrived with an unsolicited recipe: "Aunt Blanche Carrot Cake." She had a sister named Blanche and a daughter named Blanche, so I'm not sure which one this recipe came from. The actual recipe is not so different from other carrot cakes, but her instructions and comments are delightful and are great memories of her. She wrote it just like she talked. Her cake does not include crushed pineapple or coconut like others do, but has more carrots and the option of adding dates. A few notes: Where she says a 6% package of cream cheese, I'm sure she meant 6 oz. In places her writing is hard to decipher. For example, Well, we sure ate it in the icing recipe. Whenever we have a Mathias reunion, I always bring this cake.