

# Willis Johnson

In 1884, Willis Johnson patented an improved [egg beater](#). This mechanical mixer not only made beating eggs a breeze, but it also made combining other ingredients much faster and less labor intensive.

African American, Willis Johnson of Cincinnati, Ohio, patented an improved mechanical egg beater (U.S. pat# 292,821) on February 5, 1884.

In fact, what Willis Johnson had really invented was an early mixing machine and not just an egg beater. He had designed his egg beater and mixer for eggs, batter, and other baker's ingredients. It was a double acting machine with two chambers. Batter could be beaten in one section and eggs could be beaten in another section, or one section could be cleaned while the other section could continue beating.

