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Unit Date

1939-2018

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Abstract

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0.8 Cubic Feet 2 boxes

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Scope and Content

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Series I: Menus organizes the menus based on the country of origin. Within that, the menus are organized by the restaurant name. This information includes the restaurant and city. Some menus also include the year of the menu. The menus illustrate cuisine throughout Europe. Some of the menus come from restaurants that are hundreds of years old. There are also some menus from Egypt, Turkey, China, Japan, and South Korea. Many of the menus come from restaurants in the United States. The cover a wide range of cuisines, such as southern, Asian fusion, French, Italian, German, Thai, Vietnamese, historical, steakhouse, seafood, New American, fine dining, sandwiches and subs, and much more.

Series II: Papers includes additional documents. There is a piece of unidentified artwork and two blank folded cards. There are business cards for two Finnish restaurants in Helsinki. There is a small recipe pamphlet from King's Arm Tavern in Williamsburg, Virginia, United States. There is also a 1979 exchange rate paper from the Central Bank of Iceland that shows the rates for multiple monetary values.

Keywords

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Menus

Cookbooks

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Arrangement

The collection is around in two series, Menus and Papers. Series I: Menus is organized by the country of the restaurant, and each location includes a list of the menus with cities and dates, if applicable. Series II: Papers includes additional documents that are organized by document type. Everything is arranged in alphabetical order.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I: Menus

Austria

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language German.

Bibliography

Figlmüller (Vienna) Goldener Hecht Restaurant (Vienna) Panhans Grandhotel am Semmering bei Wien, Menükarte (Semmering-Kurort: 2000)

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Bibliography

Gösser Bierklinik (Vienna: 1979)

Canada

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Bibliography

Fauna (Ottawa, Ontario)

China

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language Chinese, English .

Bibliography

Two menus written in Chinese M on the Bund/M at the Fringe (Shanghai/Hong Kong)

Croatia

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language Croatian, English .

Bibliography

Cafe Restaurant, Palace Hotel Zagreb (Zagreb)

Czechoslovakia

box-folder 1 (box)

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Bibliography

Esplanade Praha (Prague: 1979) (2 items)

Denmark

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language Danish.

Bibliography

Konditoriet Tivoli (København) Restaurant Grøften Tivoli (København)

Egypt

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language Arabic, English .

Bibliography

Felfela Garden (Cairo)

Finland

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language Finnish.

Bibliography

Oulun Erätupa Kaksi Korppia (Oulu) (2 items) Ravintola Wanha Laamanni (Porvoo) Sallatunturin Tuvat: Ravintola Kiela (Salla) Sundmans Krog (Helsinki) Unknown Restaurant (2003) Viikinkiravintola Harald, Restaurant Harald (Helsinki)

France

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language French.

Bibliography

Restaurant Le Pré aux Clercs (Dijon)

Germany

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language German.

Bibliography

Auerbachs Keller Restaurant (Leipzig) Auerbachs Keller Restaurant (Leipzig) Heidelberger Studentenkuss (Heidelberg) Hofbräuhaus München (München: 2009) Hotel Elephant Weimar (Weimar) Interhotel Erfurter Hof (Erfurt) Zum Ritter: Romantik Hotel und Restaurant (Heidelberg)

Hungary

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Language Hungarian, German , English .

Bibliography

Apostolok (Budapest) (2 items) Gundel (Budapest: 1994)

Italy

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Language Italian.

Bibliography

Buca di Sant'Antonio (Lucca) Trattoria alla Madonna, Blue menu (Venice) Trattoria alla Madonna, Red menu (Venice) Trattoria al Vecio Pozzo (Venice)

Japan

box-folder 1 (box)

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Language Japanese, English .

Bibliography

Fortune Garden (Kyoto)

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Fortune Garden (Kyoto)

Poland

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Language Polish, Russian , English , German , French .

Bibliography

Kawiarnia Jama Michalika (Kraków)

Portugal

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Language Portuguese, English , French .

Bibliography

Casa do Alentejo (Lisbon) Churrasqueira O Abade (Lisbon) Cozinha Sobre Carris Hotel Real d'Óbidos (Óbidos) Leão d'Ouro (Lisbon) Pastelaria Orquídea (Amadora) Restaurante O Abade (Torre de Moncorvo) The Ritz Madeira (Funchal)

Slovenia

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Language Slovenian.

Bibliography

Pr'Skelet (Ljubljana)

South Korea

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Language Korean, English .

Bibliography

Hotel Hyundai (Ulsan)

Spain

box-folder 1 (box)

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Bibliography

Hostal Abat Cisneros (Barcelona) Hotel Gaudí (Barcelona) Norai (Son Servera, Majorca) Restaurante Botín (Madrid) (2 items) Robles (3 menus)

Sweden

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Bibliography

Grythyttans Gästgivaregård (Grythyttan: 1993) Restaurang Landet (Hägersten)

Turkey

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Language Turkish, English , Italian , German , French .

Bibliography

Konyali (Istanbul: 1998)

Ukraine

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 21 (folder)

Language Ukrainian, Russian , German , English , French .

United States

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 22 (folder)

Language English, Chinese , French , Czech , Vietnamese , Spanish; Castilian , Italian .

Bibliography

The Ahwahnee (Yosemite National Park, California) Antoine's Restaurant (New Orleans, Louisiana: 2018) Brasserie Les Halles (New York City, New York) The Cameo Room, The Martha Washington Inn (Abingdon, Virginia) Chez Panisse (Berkeley, California: 1991) (3 items) China First Restaurant (Palo Alto, California) Christiana Campbell's Tavern (Williamsburg, Virginia) The Courtyard Restaurant, the Catered Affair at the Boston Public Library (Boston, Massachusetts) Draper's, The Greenbrier America's Resort (White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia) The Fairway Grill, Meadowood Napa Valley (St. Helena, California: 1989) The French Laundry (Yountville, California: 2006) Gilded Unicorn (Spokane, Washington) Haussner's Restaurant (Baltimore, Maryland: 1996) (2 items) The Homestead, Sunday Breakfast Hotel Algonquin (New York City, New York) The Hotel Strasburg (Strasburg, Virginia) In-Fusion, The Greenbrier Resort (White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia) Inland Pacific Kitchen (Spokane, Washington: 2018) Jeanty at Jack's (San Francisco, California) Joe's Seafood Prime Steak & Stone Crab (Chicago, Illinois) Keens Steakhouse: All-American Thanksgiving Day Dinner (New York City, New York: 2009) Keens Steakhouse: All-American Thanksgiving Day Dinner (New York City, New York: 2010) Keens Steakhouse: Cocktails (New York City, New York) Keens Steakhouse: Thanksgiving (New York City, New York: 2011) King's Arms Tavern (Williamsburg, Virginia) King's Arms Tavern: Midday Fare (Williamsburg, Virginia) Land Thai Kitchen (New York City, New York) Le Bernardin (New York City, New York) Locke-Ober (Boston, Massachusetts: 1939) Log Haven of Millcreek Canyon (Salt Lake City, Utah) (2 items) Manka's Czech Restaurant (Iverness, California) Mayflower Cafe and Pastry Shop (Salt Lake City, Utah) Middleton Publick Tavern Lunch Menu (Annapolis, Maryland) Napoleon House (New Orleans, Louisiana: 2018) Nha Hang Pho Viet Huong Fine Vietnamese Cuisine (New York City, New York) Restaurant El Jibarito (San Juan, Puerto Rico) Roy's Poipu Bar & Grill (Koloa, Hawai'i, 2004) Smack Shack (Minneapolis, Minnesota) St. Honoré Boulangerie (Portland, Oregon) Submarine Galley (Cincinnati, Ohio) Tadich Grill (San Francisco, California: 2004) Tadich Grill (San Francisco, California: 2006) Trattoria L'incontro (New York City, New York) Union Oyster House (Boston, Massachusetts) Wild Ginger: Sushi: Asian Cuisine (New York City, New York) Columbia University Franz Liszt Conference Dinner (New York City, New York: 2011)

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Bibliography

Cafe G, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum (Boston, Massachusetts: 2012) Ghirardelli Chocolate Manufactory & Soda Fountain Grand Central Oyster Bar & Restaurant (New York City, New York: 2008) (2 items) Grand Central Oyster Bar & Restaurant (New York City, New York) Keens Steakhouse Keens Steakhouse: All-American Thanksgiving Day Dinner (New York City, New York: 2011) Locke-Ober (Boston, Massachusetts: 2012) Sazerac Alley (Fargo, North Dakota)

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Bibliography

Picasso

Series II: Papers

Artwork

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Business Cards

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Container 24 (folder)

Language Finnish.

Bibliography

Alexander Nevski Restaurant (Helsinki, Finland) Havis Amanda Restaurant (Helsinki, Finland)

Cards

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 25 (folder)

Exchange Rate

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 26 (folder)

Language Icelandic.

Bibliography

Gengisskráning (Exchange Rate), Central Bank of Iceland (1979)

Recipes

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 27 (folder)

Bibliography

Recipes from King's Arms Tavern (Williamsburg, Virginia, United States)