

TITLE: Arizona Menu Collection

DATE RANGE: 1906-1998

CALL NUMBER: PP-MS 254

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.5 linear feet (2 boxes)

PROVENANCE: Bulk donated by Sheldon Knapp

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A large portion of the collection is the production of Sheldon Knapp, owner of the Phoenix City Grille. On the first anniversary of his restaurant in 1998, he staged a contest or the “Oldest Restaurant Menus.” Other menus were added after the contest was over, as Knapp continued his pursuit of collecting historic Arizona menus.

While the majority of menus date between the 1940s to 1960s, the earliest dates from 1906 and later menus from the 1980s, with menus coming in from all over Arizona and beyond.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

No Series. Arranged alphabetically by restaurant name, the collection documents not only the historic menus but also the correspondence regarding the contest. Also included are original photos of the contest top two winners with their winning menus, as well as the proprietor and judges of the contest.

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
1	1	Correspondence	1998
	1a	Restaurants: “A”	1906-1980s
	2	Restaurants: “B”	1906-1980s
	3	Restaurants: “C”	1906-1980s
	4	Restaurants: “D”	1906-1980s

	5	Restaurants: “E”	1906-1980s
	6	Restaurants: “F”	1906-1980s
	7	Restaurants: “G”	1906-1980s
	8	Restaurants: “H”	1906-1980s
	9	Restaurants: “J”	1906-1980s
	10	Restaurants: “L”	1906-1980s
	11	Restaurants: “M”	1906-1980s
	12	Restaurants: “N”	1906-1980s
	13	Restaurants: “O”	1906-1980s
	14	Restaurants: “P”	1906-1980s
	15	Restaurants: “Q”	1906-1980s
	16	Restaurants: “R”	1906-1980s
	17	Restaurants: “S”	1906-1980s
	18	Restaurants: “T”	1906-1980s
	19	Restaurants: “V”	1906-1980s
	20	Restaurants: “W”	1906-1980s
	21	Restaurants: “Y”	1906-1980s
	22	Restaurants: Numerical	1906-1980s
	23	Restaurants: Out-of-State	1906-1980s
2	1	Oversized: Various	1906-1980s