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The Tack Room Collection
1974 - 2003

DESCRIPTION

This collection consists of publicity items, menus, reservation cards, and photographs associated with the last years of The Tack Room Restaurant. Decals and advertisements reflect the five-star restaurant status of the facility. The sample menus show food selections for both specific groups and special events for the periods 1987 to 1989. Photographs provide images of staff, special events, facilities, and awards. Of special note are two folders containing colored photographs of sample food dishes prepared by the restaurant.

2 Boxes, .75 linear ft.

HISTORICAL NOTE

Robinson Carr originally constructed the Tack Room Restaurant as a private home in 1940. In 1946 the property was sold to become a guest ranch called Rancho Del Rio. The property was remodeled to become The Tack Room Restaurant and opened for business in 1965. In 1973 The Tack Room became Arizona's first Mobil Travel Four Star Award winning restaurant and was later awarded the Southwest's first Mobil Travel Guide Five Star Award. In 1996 Drew Vactor was named Independent Restaurant Operator of the Year. On March 1, 2000 Drew Vactor retired after 26 years with the restaurant. The Tack Room closed on May 17, 2003.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Habitat for Humanity in 2007.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Dave Tackenberg in July 2007.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1

Folder 1 Restaurant History	
f.2 Business Licenses	1974 – 2003
f.3 Restaurant Advertising	
f.4 Associates' Manual	
f.5 Brass Plates – “Star of the Month”	
f.6 Stationary	
f.7 Drawing of Facility Sprinkler System	1974
f.8 Tack Room Labels	
f.9 Cards, Forms, and Reservation Form	
f.10 Menu Samples	
f.11 Sample Menu Folders	
f.12-14 Personal/Event Specific Menus	1987 – 1989
f.15 Photographs – Tack Room Boot	
f.16 Photographs – Facilities both Interior and Exterior	
f.17 Photographs – Kitchen and Cooks	
f.18 Photographs – People	
f.19 Photographs – Awards and Activities	
f.20-21 Photographs – Food Service Samples	
f.22 Photographs – Dining Room Setup and MISC	

Box 2

f.23-24 Menu Book Samples