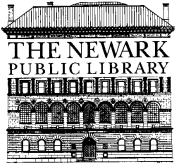


Historic Menus Collection 1962-2008 (bulk: 1970-1979)



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Extent: 1.17 lin. ft. (1 flat box and 1 oversized folder)

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Abstract: A collection of over 70 menus annotated by the donor from various restaurants in New York City, New Jersey, Florida, Montreal, San Francisco and other locales.

Provenance: Gift, in part, of Thomas Murray, April 2008.

Restrictions on Access

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Scope and Content

Thomas C. Murray began collecting menus of the restaurants he visited in the 1960s. He visited restaurants of a variety of cuisines including standard American fare, but also Italian, German, French, Spanish and even Swedish and Hungarian. Some of the restaurants he tried were in New York City, but he also made trips to many other places including San Francisco, Los Angeles, New Jersey, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and even London, Ireland and Istanbul. He also dined in South Florida, particularly Miami Beach and Palm Beach.

Not only did he obtain copies of menus from these restaurants, but he also annotated them with the date he attended the restaurant (most of the visits were in the 1970s), some mention of who joined him (co-workers, friends, etc.), the occasion if any (an aunt's birthday, etc.), and sometimes even a markings of what he ordered. Many times, he had other people sign the menu with him. In some instances these signatures are of friends or colleagues wishing him well at a congratulatory dinner, but often the signatures are of a restaurant owner or staff. In most cases if the restaurant or city was not readily identifiable, Murray also wrote this on the menu.

The remaining menus in the collection were culled from miscellaneous incomplete and uncataloged collections of menus in the Newark Public Library over the past 50 years. This portion of the collection is open and future menus may be added.

Series Descriptions

This collection is organized into three series grouped by the donor and also by size.

Series I. Menus collected by Thomas Murray, 1968-2002 (bulk, 1970-1979).

Consists of annotated and dated menus collected solely by Thomas Murray from restaurants in New York, San Francisco, New Jersey, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Montreal and other cities.

Series II. Miscellaneous menus, 1965-2000

Consists of menus collected by the Newark Public Library but were formerly uncataloged or part of other, smaller institutional collections.

Series III. Oversized menus, 1962-1972.

Consists of several menus collected by Thomas Murray and another collected by the Newark Public Library and formerly part of the Picture Collection.

Access Points

The entries below represent persons, organizations, topics, forms, and occupations documented in this collection.

Subject Names:

Murray, Thomas C.

Subject Topics:

Restaurants--California--San Francisco
Restaurants--Florida--Miami Beach
Restaurants--Florida--Palm Beach
Restaurants--New Jersey
Restaurants--New York (State)--New York
Restaurants--Pennsylvania--Philadelphia
Restaurants--Quebec (Province)--Montreal
Restaurants--Washington, D.C.

Document Types:

Menus—1960-2010

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Container List

Series I. Thomas Murray Menus

Item	Title	Cuisine	Date
1	Petite Marmite (Palm Beach, Fla.)	American and Italian	1973
2	Casa Delmonte (New York?)	Italian	1970

3	Texas Lone Star (London)	Cocktail list	ca. 1970-1990
4	Old Hook Inn (Emerson, N.J.)	Wine list	1978
5	The Deer Head's Inn (Elizabethtown, N.Y.)	German	ca. 1965-1990
6	Portofino (West Orange, N.J.)	Italian	1978
7	Spanish Tavern (Newark, N.J.)	Spanish	1973
8	Henry Sampler's Filet Mignon (New York)	American steak and seafood	1972
9	El Faro 72 (New York)	Spanish	1973
10	Lou Vaccaro's	Italian	1970
11	Lisbon Lounge (JFK Airport, New York)	American	1970
12	Doherty's (Palm Beach)	American	1973
13	Chiji's (Tampa, Fla.)	Tex-Mex	1984
14	Le Traianon (San Francisco)	French	1971
15	Top of the Mark Luncheon (San Francisco)	American	1971
16	O'Lun Ney's (New York)	Irish	1977
17	The Garden Luncheon (New Hope, Penn.)	American	1985
18	[Unknown Restaurant]	American seafood	1968
19	Our House Tavern (Freehold, N.J.)	American	1983
20	United States Senate Restaurant (Washington, D.C.)	American	1974
21	Great Southern Hotel Restaurant (Galway, Ireland)	Continental(?)	1972
22	The Irish Pavilion (New York)	Irish	1971
23	The Cattleman Enterprise (New York)	Southwestern American	ca.1968-1970
24	Les Pyrenees Restaurant (New York)	French	ca. 1970-1990
25	London Terrace Pub (New York)	American	1989
26	Restaurant a la Catalogne (Montreal)	French Canadian	1970
27	Diogenes (New York)	Greek	1978
28	O'Lunney's (New York)	American and Irish	ca. 1973-1976
29	Original Vesuvio (Lyndhurst, N.J.)	Italian	1971
30	The Penthouse (Philadelphia)	Continental and American	1973
31	Caffe Espresso La Bella Ferrara (New York)	Italian Cafe	1979
32	Vincent's Clam Bar (New York)	American and Italian seafood	1979
33	Tadich Grill (San Francisco)	American and seafood	1986
34	Top of the Park (New York)	Continental and American	1979
35	La Galleria (Scheveningen, Netherlands)	Italian	2002
36	El Parador de Jose Luis (Montreal)	French Canadian	1972
37	Stockholm Restaurant (New York)	Swedish and Italian	1971
38	Italia (Pavillion Italien Al'Expo '67, Montreal)	Italian	1967
39	Charlie Brown (N.J.?)	American	ca. 1973-1976
40	Fraunces Tavern (New York)	American	1975
41	Gigi (Miami Beach, Fla.)	French	1970
42	Watergate Terrace (Washington, D.C.)	Continental	ca. 1977-1978
43	Chez Francois (Washington, D.C.)	French	1970
44	Desjardines (Montreal)	French Canadian and seafood	1970
45	Nando's (Palm Beach, Fla.)	Italian and American	1975
46	Pagano's Casa Vecchia (Philadelphia)	Italian and American	1971
47	Joe Monahan's	American	1971
48	Breakers (Rockaway Beach, N.Y.)	American and seafood	1971
49	Grotta D'Oro (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	Italian	1971
50	Seamen's Inne (Mystic, Conn.)	Seafood	1970
51	EMKE (New York)	Hungarian	1977
52	Market Bar and Dining Rooms (World Trade Center, New York)	Seafood	1976
53	Lawson Pub (Oceanside, N.Y.)	American	1975
54	El Jerez Restaurant (New York)	Spanish and Mexican	1979
55	The Cloister (Buffalo, N.Y.)	Seafood	1974
56	Claude St.-Jean Restaurant (Montreal?)	French	1974
57	Jury's Copper Grill (Dublin, Ireland?)	Continental and Irish	1972
58	Molly Malone's Pub	Irish	ca. 1968-1980
59	Mrs. J's Sacred Cow (New York)	French and seafood	1975
60	Henry's (Los Angeles)	Continental and Italian	1975
61	Astis (Miami Beach, Fla.)	Italian	1973
62	The Pub (Clifton, N.J.)	Continental	1970
63	Donaghy's Carriage Inn (Larchmont, N.Y.)	German and Continental	1976
64	Donaghy Steak House (Bronx, N.Y.?)	Irish and Continental	1980

65	The Library (New York)	Continental and American	1979
66	Gallagher's (New York)	American	1976
67	Moorings (Toronto)	Seafood	1972
68	Castagnola (San Francisco)	Seafood	1971
69	Sonny's Italian Restaurant (Miami Beach, Fla.)	Italian	1970
70	Du Midi (New York)	French	1971

Series II. Miscellaneous Menus

Item	Title	Cuisine	Date
71	Hotel Metropol (Belgrade)	Slavic	ca. 1960-1980
72	Pera Palas Orient Express Bar (Istanbul, Turkey)	Beverage and snack menu	ca. 1970-2000
73	Lufthansa	Flight dinner/breakfast menu	ca. 1985-2008

Series III. Oversized Menus

Item	Title	Cuisine	Date
74	Chesler's (Palm Beach, Fla.)	Continental	1972
75	The Playbill (New York)	American	1962
76	Maurice's (Palm Beach, Fla.)	Italian	1970