

Kansas City Restaurant Menus (SC215)

Introduction

This collection contains two copies of *The Menu Guide of Kansas City* as well as a menu for the Golden Ox Restaurant.

Descriptive Summary

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Administrative Information

Related Collections: Additional restaurant information and menus may be found by searching the Missouri Valley Special Collections local history collections.

Historical Sketch

The Menu Guide of Kansas City, edited by Robert C. Mortimer, Charles C. Mortimer, and Eleanor Nelson, was published in 1976. The book shows menus for various Kansas City area restaurants and contains an index by specialty.

The Golden Ox Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge, located at 1600 Genessee Street on the first floor of the Livestock Exchange Building, was opened in May 1949, as a place for cattlemen doing business at the stockyards to eat. Jay Dillingham, President and Chairman of the Board of the Kansas City Stockyards Company, founded the restaurant. The rumored original home of the Kansas City strip steak, the Golden Ox became very popular during the 1950s and opened branches in Denver, Colorado, and Washington, D.C. The restaurant is noted for its western décor of interior paneled rooms, wooden tables, and upholstered chairs by customers and food critics. The steakhouse survived a flood in 1951 and the stockyards closing in 1991.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains two copies of *The Menu Guide of Kansas City* and a menu for the Golden Ox Restaurant.

Collection Inventory

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