

Hereford House Menu (SC210)

Introduction

This collection contains a menu from the Hereford House restaurant. The front of the menu is designed to resemble a cow's head, and is signed by actor George "Spanky" McFarland.

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Hereford House
Title: Hereford House Menu
Dates: n.d.
Size: 1.7 linear feet, 1 folder
Collection Number: SC210

Donor Information

Gift, 2012, Jennifer Huffman.

Citation Note

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Administrative Information

Related Collections: Additional materials regarding the Hereford House, including Vertical File - Restaurants #2, magazine articles, newspaper clippings, as well as a 1991 photograph, may be found in the Missouri Valley Special Collections local history collections.

Biographical/Historical Sketch

Jack C. Webb and Joe Marlo opened the Hereford House restaurant in October 1957 at 20th and Main streets in downtown Kansas City, Missouri. The steakhouse was named in part after the nearby American Hereford Association and soon became a popular eating destination. A fire almost destroyed the original building in 1966, but the restaurant remodeled and reopened a year later. Beginning in the 1990s, additional Hereford House locations opened within the greater Kansas City area.

On October 20, 2008, an explosion caused another massive fire at the 20th and Main Hereford House, forcing the building to close. It was demolished in 2010. Following the investigation into the explosion, one of the restaurant's co-owners and two others were convicted with conspiracy, arson, and mail fraud.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of one Hereford House menu, measuring 17 x 18.5 in. The front of the menu is designed to resemble a cow's head. The menu is signed by actor George McFarland, known for his role as "Spanky" in the *Our Gang* (also known as *The Little Rascals*) films.

Collection Inventory

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