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Guide to the

Schomburg menu collection

1893-2000

Sc MG 895

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Summary

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Date: 1893-2000

Size: 0.21 linear feet (1 box)

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Arrangement: Organized alphabetically.

Key Terms

Subjects

African American cooking
African Americans -- Social life and customs
Airlines -- Food service -- Africa
Dinners and dining -- African Americans
Food habits -- African Americans
Invitation cards
Menus -- African Americans
Menus -- United States
Restaurants -- United States

Geographic Names

Arizona -- Social life and customs
Ethiopia -- Social life and customs
Harlem (New York, N.Y.) -- Social life and customs
Liberia -- Social life and customs
New Orleans (La.) -- Social life and customs

Names

Cotton Club
Savoy Ballroom (Harlem, New York, N.Y.)
Small's Paradise (Nightclub : Harlem, New York, N.Y.)
Sylvia's Restaurant (Harlem, New York, N.Y.)

Container List

- Abilene Cafe
 - b. 1 f. 1 Calendar 1990 October-November
 - b. 1 f. 1 Menu
- b. 1 f. 1 Air Afrique
- Ashford & Simpson's Sugar Bar
- b. 1 f. 1 Art Guide
- b. 1 f. 1 Brunch and Dinner Menu
- b. 1 f. 1 Aunt Kizzy's Back Porch
- b. 1 f. 1 B. Smith's Restaurant
- b. 1 f. 1 BBQ in Harlem
- b. 1 f. 1 Café Largo
- b. 1 f. 1 Cafe Vegie
- b. 1 f. 1 Cafe Zanzibar
 - 2 souvenir photo holders
- b. 1 f. 1 Chefs Club 1984
- b. 1 f. 1 Club Baby Grand
 - Souvenir photo holder
- b. 1 f. 1 Club Ebony
 - Souvenir photo holder
- b. 1 f. 1 Club Sudan
 - Souvenir photo holder
- Cotton Club
 - b. 1 f. 1 Menu 1
 - b. 1 f. 1 Menu 2
 - b. 1 f. 1 Menu 3
- b. 1 f. 1 Cyril's of Los Angeles 1987
 - Invitation to Grand Opening
- b. 1 f. 1 Dainty Pastry Shop
- b. 1 f. 1 La Différence
- b. 1 f. 1 Dooky Chase's
- b. 1 f. 1 Down Beat Club
 - Souvenir photo holder
- b. 1 f. 2 Edisto Beach Cafe and Grill 2001
- b. 1 f. 2 Ethiopian Airlines
- b. 1 f. 2 Federal Palace Hotel 1977
- b. 1 f. 2 Frank's African Menu
- b. 1 f. 2 Frank's Famous Restaurant 1917
- b. 1 f. 3 Gancio Rosso
- b. 1 f. 3 Le Grenier Restaurant
- b. 1 f. 3 Harlem Soul Food
- b. 1 f. 3 Haynes and Gabby's International House Américan Bar and Restaurant

- b. 1 f. 3 Home Sweet Harlem Café
- b. 1 f. 3 Jack Dempsey's Broadway Bar and Cocktail Lounge
2 souvenir photo holders
- b. 1 f. 3 Jack's Nest
- b. 1 f. 3 The Jamaican
- b. 1 f. 3 Jimbo's Hamburger Palace
Joe Louis' Restaurant
- b. 1 f. 3 Luncheon Special Menu
- b. 1 f. 3 Souvenir Photo Holder
2 copies
- b. 1 f. 3 Joe Louis' Spring Hill Farm circa 1941
- b. 1 f. 3 Josephine's
- b. 1 f. 4 Lenox Ave Health Food Restaurant
- b. 1 f. 4 Little Harlem
- b. 1 f. 4 Lowe's Caribbean Restaurant Bakery
- b. 1 f. 4 Motown Cafe
- b. 1 f. 4 Nathalie's
- b. 1 f. 4 On the Park Cafe
- b. 1 f. 4 Onyx Club
Souvenir photo holder
- b. 1 f. 4 Palm Cafe
Souvenir photo holder
- b. 1 f. 4 Patricks
- b. 1 f. 4 Ponty Bistro
- b. 1 f. 4 Les Relais Aériens Francais
- b. 1 f. 4 Reynolds Metals Company Jamaica Luncheon
- b. 1 f. 4 Royal Air Maroc
- b. 1 f. 4 Royal Manor 1959 November 27
2 souvenir photo holders for The Ten Gentlemen present their 2nd Annual Dance
Savoy Ballroom
- b. 1 f. 5 Souvenir Photo Holder
3 copies
- b. 1 f. 5 Floor Plan
- b. 1 f. 5 Shalimar
Souvenir photo holder
- b. 1 f. 5 Singleton's Bar-BQ
2 copies
- b. 1 f. 5 Smalls Paradise
Souvenir photo holder
- b. 1 f. 5 The Sun And
- b. 1 f. 5 Sylvia's Restaurant
- b. 1 f. 5 Tondaleynos Cafe Restaurant
Souvenir photo holder

- b. 1 f. 5 The Tree Houses: Restaurant of the African Pavilion at the New York World's Fair 1964-1965
- b. 1 f. 5 Ubangi Club
- b. 1 f. 5 Vincent's Place
Wine list
- Banquets and Private Dinners
- b. 1 f. 6 Anniversary Dinner Given to the Members of the Blackbirds Company 1929
- b. 1 f. 6 Banquet to Celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Diocese of Nassau and the Bahamas including the Turks and Caicos Islands 1986 November 21
- b. 1 f. 6 Banquet in Honor of the Bishops and General Officers of the AME Zion Connecticut Council 1909 August 13
- b. 1 f. 6 Club 55 of New York Inc. Silver Anniversary Dinner 1958 May 31
American Minister in Monrovia, Liberia 1929
- b. 1 f. 6 Dinner by the American Minister and Mrs. Francis 1929 May 30
- b. 1 f. 6 Invitation 1929 May 30
- b. 1 f. 6 Dinner Given by President and Mrs. King to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor 1929 May 28
Fifth Annual Dinner of the John Peterson Association, Scholars of the Old 9th Class of Colored Grammar School No. 1 1893 March 17
- b. 1 f. 6 Menu
- b. 1 f. 6 Toasts
- b. 1 f. 6 Harlem Casino 1904 June 16
- b. 1 f. 6 Lincoln Dinner at the Waldorf Astoria 1905 February 13
- b. 1 f. 6 Marcus Garvey, YFJ
- b. 1 f. 6 Monsieur Gougeoy Sergent Major a la 7 Compie du 73 1901 July 11
- b. 1 f. 6 National Association of Negro Musicians Grand Ball 1957 August 23
- b. 1 f. 6 National Association of Negro Musicians Fortieth Anniversary Ball 1959 August 21
- b. 1 f. 6 The Reveille Club Seventh Annual Dinner 1939 June 17
- b. 1 f. 6 Testimonial Banquet to the Honorable P.B.S. Pinchback 1901 February 26
- b. 1 f. 6 Testimonial Dinner to the Honorable Charles W. Anderson
Fort Huachuca, Arizona, 10th Cavalry Christmas Dinners
- b. 1 f. 7 Troop A 1920 December 25
- b. 1 f. 7 Troop D 1920 December 25
- b. 1 f. 7 Troop E 1920 December 25
- b. 1 f. 7 Troop F 1920 December 25
- b. 1 f. 7 Troop G 1920 December 25
- b. 1 f. 7 Troop H 1920 December 25
- b. 1 f. 7 Machine Gun Troop 1920 December 25
- b. 1 f. 7 HDQRS Troop 1920 December 25