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# Summary

Main entry: Baum, Joseph H. (Joseph Harold), 1920-1998

**Title:** Joe Baum papers, 1934-1998 (bulk 1970-1995)

Size: 62 linear feet (158 boxes)

Source: Donated by Charles, Hilary and Edward Baum, the children of Joe

and Ruth Baum, 2005

**Abstract:** Joe Baum (1920-1998) was the celebrated restaurateur responsible for

some of New York City's most well-known restaurants during the period of the 1950s-1990s. The collection spans his career from his years with Restaurant Associates, through the creation of the varied dining facilities of the World Trade Center (including Windows on the World), and his revival of the historic Rainbow Room in Rockefeller Center. Materials in the collection include business correspondence, memoranda, and reports; publicity materials, menus, photographs, and scrapbooks documenting the work of Baum and his associates in the creation and operation of his signature restaurants, as well as copies of Baum's speeches, appointment books, awards, and letters of thanks received

from friends and members of the public.

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# **Biographical note**

Joe Baum (1920-1998) was a celebrated restaurateur responsible for some of New York City's most well-known restaurants during the period of the 1950s-1990s. Born in 1920 in Saratoga Springs, New York to a family in the hotel business, Baum graduated from the Cornell University School of Hotel Administration in 1943. He served for three years as a supply officer aboard the *U.S.S. Lindsey* during World War II. After his discharge he held various positions in the hospitality industry (including work with designer Norman Bel Geddes and developer William Zeckendorf) before joining Restaurant Associates, a New York-based restaurant consulting and management company in 1953.

During his years with Restaurant Associates, Baum collaborated with noted architects and designers in the creation of innovative theme-oriented fine dining restaurants such as the Four Seasons (in the modernist Seagram Building), the Forum of the Twelve Caesars, and La Fonda del Sol, as well as the populist eateries such as Charley O's, Mamma Leone's, and Zum Zum.

Following six years as president of Restaurant Associates, Baum left the company and established his own consulting firm, Joseph H. Baum Company in 1970 (from 1987, the Joseph H. Baum and Michael Whiteman Company). Major projects developed by the firm included creation and management of the restaurant complex at the World Trade Center, including the Windows on the World restaurant on the 107<sup>th</sup> floor, and the 25 million-dollar reconstruction and revival of the historic Rainbow Room and associated eateries of the Rainbow Complex at the top of Rockefeller Center. Baum also created his own signature fine dining establishment, Aurora, in 1985.

Baum was the recipient of numerous awards for his achievements including induction into the Culinary Institute of America's Hall of Fame in 1995.

#### Scope and content note

The Joe Baum Papers, 1934-1998, document Baum's career as a restaurateur, businessman, and New York celebrity, from his years with Restaurant Associates, through the creation of the varied dining facilities of the World Trade Center (including Windows on the World), and his revival of the historic Rainbow Room in Rockefeller Center. Materials in the collection include business correspondence, memoranda and reports; publicity materials, menus, photographs, and scrapbooks documenting the work of Baum and his associates in the creation and operation of his restaurants, as well as copies of Baum's speeches, appointment books, awards, and letters of thanks received from friends and members of the public.

Over two-thirds of the collection consists of files on the Rainbow Room and Rainbow Complex. The files include press clippings and copies of documents on the creation of the Rainbow Room in 1934 and its development through the years, as well as documentation of Baum's restoration and reopening of the restaurant in 1987. The files include copies of the extensive press coverage the revival received, publicity materials created to promote the restaurants and clubs in the Rainbow Complex, and records of the design of menus, invitations, restaurant décor, apparel, and souvenirs. Records, including photographs, document the dozens of special public and private events held at the Rainbow Room, the performers who appeared at the Rainbow & Stars cabaret, and the restaurant staff.

Video recordings in the collection document Baum's public appearances and interviews during the late 1980s and 1990s.

# **Arrangement note**

The Joe Baum Papers are organized in the following series:

Series I. Joe Baum personal files, 1960-1997

Series II. Restaurant Associates, Inc., 1960-1995.

Series III. Joseph H. Baum and Michael Whiteman Company, 1970s-1990s

Series IV. Rainbow Complex, 1930s-1990s

Series VI. Video recordings, 1989-1998

# Series descriptions and container list

# Series I. Joe Baum personal files, 1960-1997, and undated

# I.A. Appointment books, 1971-1995

		I.A. Appoille
Box	<u>Vol</u>	• •
1	1-3	1971-1973
2	1-3	1974-1976
3	1-3	1977-1979
4	1-3	1980-1982
5	1-3	1983-1984
6	1-3	1984-1985
7	1-3	1986-1988
8	1-3	1989-1991
9	1-3	1992-1994
10	1-3	1995

# I.B. Awards, 1970s-1995, n.d.

Baum received numerous awards for his achievements in the restaurant industry and for his humanitarian efforts. The files contain press coverage of accolades given to Baum, award certificates, correspondence, memoranda, menus, and notes.

Box 11	Fol 1 2 3-4 5-9 10	1970s 1980s 1986 Silver Plate Award, 1987 Platinum Circle Award, 1987 Aurora, 1986-1987
12	1 2 3 4-6 7 8 9 10	Ivy Award, 1988 New York Landmark Conservancy, 1988 Pioneer of the Year, 1989 Samuel Bronfman Memorial Award, 1989 1989-1990 1990s National Restaurant Association, 1990 Good Scout Award, 1991 Rainbow Room, 1991-1992
13	1 2	Culinary Institute of America, 1992 Municipal Art Society, 1993
40	1	DiRoNA Award, 1993-1994
13	3 4 5 6-7	American Institute of Architects, 1994 James Beard Award, 1994 Culinary Institute of America Hall of Fame, 1995 Mentions, 1990s

# I.C. Biographical material, 1984-1989

This subseries chiefly contains information about reunions of shipmates who served with Baum aboard the USS Lindsey in the Pacific theater during World War II and a small amount of material concerning the Baum family, including an invitation to the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Joe and Ruth Baum.

<u>Box</u> 14	<u>Fol</u> 1-2 3	USS Lindsey veterans club mailings, 1984-1989 Baum family, 1980s-1994
		I.D. Correspondence, 1977-1997, and undated Letters to Baum from friends, admirers, patrons of his restaurants, and colleagues. Letters include thanks to Baum for the excellent service and hospitality received at the Rainbow Room, responses to publicity for the restaurant, congratulations on awards received, professional memberships, and some discussion of business matters.
14	4 5 6 7 8	1977-1980 1983-1987 1988 1988-1989 1990
15	1-2 3-4 5-7 8	1990 1991 1992 1993
16	1 2-3 4 5 6 7 8-9	1993 1994 1995 (75th birthday) 1995-1997, n.d. American Institute of Wine and Food, 1995 B-F, 1978-1989 Food and beverage individuals, 1977-1987
17	1 2 3 4 5 6	Gordon, Elizabeth, 1989-1991 G-M, 1980s Memberships American Institute of Wine and Food, 1987-1991 Confrérie de la Chaîne, 1987-1989 International Food Service, 1987-1990 International Gold & Silver Plate Society, 1988 Other memberships
		I.E. Speeches, anecdotes, and quotes, 1960-1996  The files contain copies of Baum's speeches delivered over three decades. They provide examples of his strong opinions on the restaurant and hospitality industry. The files contain his remarks as published as well as working notes for speeches.
	7 8-10	Anecdotes, Interviews and Quotes by Baum, 1960-1995 Anecdotes and interviews, 1980s, n.d. Quotes by Baum, 1960-1989
18	1-2 3	Quotes by Baum, 1990-1995, n.d. Baum on employees and restaurants, ca. 1980

Speeches, 1960-1996, n.d.

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<u>Box</u> 18	Fol 4 5 6 7-8	1960-1964 1964-1965 1968-1973 Alfredo Viazzi, 1976
19	1-2 3-4 5-8 9	Before the International Society of Food Service Consultants, 1976 Perspective of the People, 1977 Recollections for the Future, 1977 Recollections for Tomorrow, 1977
20	1-4 5 6-8	1977-1979 1979-1980 International Congress on Interior Environment, 1980
21	1-5 6-8	Threat to Pleasure, 1981 Impact, 1982
22	1-4 5 6 6-9	Liquors and Wines, 1982 James Beard, 1985 Pillsbury Press Seminar, 1985 Let There Be Light, 1986
23	1 2 3-5 6-7 8 9-10	Lifetime Achievement Award, 1986 Before U.N. Ambassadors' wives, 1986 View From the Vineyards, 1986 Curt Strand Dinner, 1986 Food and Wine Seminar, Aspen, Colo., 1987 1988-1989 A View to the Future, 1990
24	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	1991-1992 CIA Graduation, 1992 Julia Child, 1993 Washington panel discussion, 1993 La Confrérie des Chevaliers, 1994 James Beard Celebration, 1994 1994-1996 Bringing the Light, n.d. Undated
25	1-5 6 7-9	Fragments of speeches, ca. 1980-1986 Notes, ca. 1980, n.d. Sam Aaron Roast, 1980 Undated
26	1-9	Undated

# Series II. Restaurant Associates, Inc., 1960-1995

The files contain press coverage of Restaurant Associates and its restaurants, advertisements and publicity material, some annual reports, and a corporate plan as well as menus and photographs. The files are arranged alphabetically.

Box 27	Fol 1 2-5 6 7	Annual reports, 1962-1967 Articles, 1960-1993, n.d Astor Plaza project
	8	Corporate plan, 1970 Restaurant lists, 1960s
28	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Restaurants American Festival Cafe Bear Mountain Inn Bethesda Fountain Cafe Brasserie Cafe on the Terrace Charlie Brown's Charley O's 540 Park Forum of the Twelve Caesars Manual, 1961 Articles, 1960s-1980s
30	2	Menu, 1968 May 27
28 40	11-12 3	Four Seasons Articles, 1960-1995 Menus (Original)
28	13 14 15 16 17 18 19	Menus (Photocopies) Photographs Frères Troisgros Ground Floor Cafe Hawaiian Room Hungry Charley's John Peel
29	1	La Fonda Del Sol Articles
40	4	Menus
29	2-3	Photographs, 1960s
40	5	LaGuardia Terrace
29	4 5	Ma Bell's (Photographs) Mamma Leone's
40	5	Mamma Leone's
29	6	Newarker
40	6	Newarker
29	7 8 9	Paul Revere's Peacock Alley Promenade Cafe (photographs)

# Joe Baum Papers Series descriptions and box list Series II. Restaurant Associates

<u>Box</u> 29	Fol 10 11 12	R general S general St. Regis Hotel
40	7	St. Regis Hotel Spats
29	13 14	Tavern on the Green Top of the Fair
40	8	Top of the Fair
29	15 16 17 18 19	Tower Suite Trattoria TWA 21 Zum Zum

# Series III. Joseph H. Baum and Michael Whiteman Company, 1970s-1990s

This series concerns projects undertaken by the Joseph H. Baum and Michael Whiteman Company (and its predecessor, the Joseph H. Baum Company) with the exception of files concerning the Rainbow Complex at Rockefeller Center which can be found in Series IV.

#### III.A. World Trade Center, 1970s-1990s

The World Trade Center, a complex of seven buildings including the iconic twin towers, was operated by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Baum was hired as a consultant when the Port Authority put out a call for bids to create and manage food service operations for the buildings. Inhilco, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hilton International, was selected. Baum served as President of Inhilco during the planning stages and early operating years. He and his associated developed a complex of 35 restaurants in eleven locations. The dining establishments included The Big Kitchen (an early food court), Cellar-in-the-Sky (a wine bar), the Hors d'Oeuvrerie, and Windows on the World, renowned for its views of Manhattan from the top floor of the North Tower. After the 1993 bombing at the WTC, Baum and Whiteman renovated the restaurants for the 1996 reopening.

The files contain correspondence, planning documents, proposals, publicity materials, menus, photographs, and press coverage of the restaurants.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	The Club
30	1-2 3 4 5 6	Form letters to members, 1976-1990, n.d. Promotional material Concourse, 1979 Inhilco, 1970s Management, 1971-1979, n.d.
41	1	Menus, 1970s-1990s Big Kitchen, ca. 1977
30	7 8-9	Cellar-In-The Sky, 1977, 1996 The Club, ca. 1980
41	2 3 5-6	The Club, 1996 The Corner. Good Food on the Square, ca. 1977 Hors d'Oeuvrerie, ca. 1978
30	10 11-12	Market Bar & Dining Rooms, 1981 Windows on the World General, 1980s-1990s
41	4 5 6	Greatest Bar on Earth, 1996 Hors d'Oeuvrerie, ca. 1978 Restaurant
31	1 2-3	Notes on proposal by the Joseph Baum Company to operate the food service facilities at the World Trade Center, 1971 Mar 8 Photographs and clipped images Eat and Drink, ca. 1978
	4 5	Kitchens Observation Deck

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u> 5	
<u>Box</u> 31	5	Skydive
		Staff
		Restaurant promotions
	6	Big Kitchen, c1978
	7	Cellar in the Sky
	8	Club
	9	Corner
	10	General, 1986-1987
	11	Hors d'Oeuvrerie
	12-14	Market Bar and Dining Rooms, 1978-1979
32	1	Market Square, 1976-1977
	2	Observation Deck, n.d.
		Skydive, ca. 1978
		Publicity for World Trade Center and Windows on the World
	3-8	1970-1978
33	1	1979-1994
	2	Baum's associates
	3	Special Projects, 1995 (includes Rainbow Room)
		Windows on the World
	4-5	Correspondence, 1978-1980
	6	General information, 1990s
	7	Promotional material, 1990s
	8	Wines, 1976-1983, n.d.

# III.B. Other restaurants, 1980-1990s

These files offer an overview of the company operations under the presidency of Baum and his partner Michael Whiteman and contain information on some of the restaurants the firm developed. The files contain advertisements, press articles, blueprints, brochures, correspondence, memoranda, menus, photographs, and promotional materials.

Of particular note are the four boxes of files on Baum's signature restaurant, Aurora. Baum opened Aurora in January 1986 on East 49th Street to great publicity. Despite its having received rave reviews, the restaurant closed after five years of operation.

40	9-10 9	American Restaurant 1980-1982 Menu
33	11 12	Aurora Advertisements, ca. 1988 Congratulations, 1986-1990
34	1-4 5 6 7 8	Fabrics Management Memoranda from Dennis Sweeney, 1988-1990 Spreadsheets, floor plans, staffing charts Policies, procedures, staff training Menus 1986 (drafts)
35	1-3 4 5	1987-1990 (drafts) Wines Photographs Prints
<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	

35	6 7-8	Slides and transparencies Press coverage 1985-1986
36	1-3 5-8 9	1987-1991, n.d. Promotions 1986-1989 Memoranda from Roger W. Martin, 1989-1990
37	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15	Battery Park, 1988 Bloomingdale's, 1987 Blue Ribbon, 1984 Cafe Greco, 1987 Caribou Club, 1989 Crown Center, 1982, 1984 Crystal Pavilion, 1984 Crystal Pavilion - oversize Heartland, 1982, 1984 Hudson River Club, 1988 IDCNY, 1986 Nico Ristorante, 1989 Piazza Nove, n.d. Princeton Club, 1989 Publicity, 1989-1991 Pump Room, 1986-1987, 1990
38	1 2 3 4 5 6 7-8 9 10	Quayside 1981-1982 Menus Photographs Rangoon Racquet Club, 1988 Restaurant Marketing Group, 1989-1990 Roster of clients, 1980s Sardi's 1983-1984, 1988, 1990 Menus Photographs, 1983 Sesame Place, 1980, 1989

# Series IV. Rainbow Complex, 1930s-1990s

This series documents Baum's \$25 million renovation of the Rainbow Complex, a suite of dining, dancing, entertainment, and club facilities on the 64<sup>th</sup> and 65th floors of 30 Rockefeller Plaza, the tallest building in Rockefeller Center. The centerpiece was the celebrated Rainbow Room, a two-story high Art Deco-style restaurant/nightclub that had opened in 1934 to great acclaim. Other venues included, at various times, the Rainbow Grill, Rainbow Promenade, Rainbow Suites, Rainbow Pavilion, Rainbow & Stars, and the Rockefeller Center Club.

The files include information on the development and operation of the Rainbow Complex both before and after its reopening in 1987. Baum's staff assembled a "Rainbow Archive" of historical information on the construction of Rockefeller Center and the Rainbow Room and continued to maintain files until 1998.

After Baum's death, and until its close in 2009, the complex was operated under management of Cipriani family.

The series is arranged into thirteen subseries:

- Entertainment, 1934-1990
- Events, 1936, 1987-1998
- Food and Drink, 1930s-1990s
- Menus, 1934-1990s
- Photographs, 1930s-1990s
- Public relations and publicity, 1930s-1990s
- Rainbow & Stars, 1987-1997
- Rainbow Operations, 1930s-1990s
- Reviews / letters, 1943, 1987-1996
- Rockefeller Center Club, 1930s-1990s
- Rockefeller Center, 1960s-1990s
- Staff and employees, 1930s-1990s
- Trends, 1930s-1990s

#### IV.A Entertainment, 1934-1990s

The files provide a comprehensive overview of the many entertainers who appeared in the Rainbow Room, Rainbow Grill, and Rainbow & Stars over the years. The files chiefly contain announcements, articles and press releases for the bands, dancers, performers, and singers, with an occasional letter from the entertainer or copy of a souvenir program. Of note are the "Celebrity Guest Log" recording the celebrity's name, event attended, date, and source of information, and the "Entertainers Book," a handwritten notebook containing the names of entertainers who appeared at the Rainbow Room or Rainbow Grill from 1935 to 1979.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
43	1-12	Bands, A-Z
44	1	Celebrity Guest Log, 1989

<u>Box</u> 44	Fol 2-5 6 7 8 9-10	Entertainers Book, 1934-1979, notes Entertainment contract fees, 1987-1989 Guest celebrities, 1930s-1990s Guests (general), 1938, 1980s-1990s Musical revues A-C
45	1 6 7-8	G-V Performers List of Performers A-Bennett
46	1-10	Bennett-D
47	1-10	E-J
48	1-10	K -McGovern
49	1-9	McGuire Sisters-Rockettes
50	1-11	Rochi-Z

# IV.B. Events, 1936, 1987-1998

This subseries is arranged into two sections, Holidays and Private/Rainbow-sponsored events

The files presented here document the special events held in the Rainbow complex. Most of the files date from the 1980s-1990s, however, there are some historical clippings about events held during the 1930s. The events ranged from intimate affairs to the elaborate high-profile events. Some of the events were open to the public; others were by invitation only. Favorite events that the public enjoyed were the holiday celebrations for Easter, Mother's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. Celebrity-studded parties were held for film, theatre, and museum openings. The Rainbow Room also held events that were specific to the Rainbow Room, such as celebrations of particular foods and wines.

See also: Subseries IV.D. Menus, 1934-1990s

### IV.B.1 Holidays, 1936-1998

The files document celebratory events open to the general public. Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, New Year's, Thanksgiving and St. Valentine's Day events were often lavishly staged by Carrie Robbins Designage. Included are press clippings, correspondence, reviews, ephemera, financial information, memoranda, draft menus, menus, notes, promotional materials, photographs, postcards, press releases, recipes, and sketches.

		Christmas
51	1-8	1989-1992
52	1-6	1993-1997
		Easter
	7-8	1988-1991
53	1-8	1992-1996
54	1-5	1996-1998
	6	Father's Day, 1984
		Halloween, 1990
	7-8	Holiday book, 1994-1995

<u>Box</u> 54	<u>Fol</u> 9	Holiday cards, ca. 1995
55	1 2-3 4	Holiday cards/memorabilia, ca. 1995 Holidays (general), 1990, 1997 July 4th, ca. 1995 Mother's Day 1988-1995
	5-8	1900-1993
56	1-3	1996-1998 New Year's Eve
	4-7	1936, 1987-1990
57	1-8	1991-1992
58	1-9	1993-1994
59	1-10	1994-1997
	11	St. Patrick's Day, 1990
		Thanksgiving
60	1-8	1988-1994
61	1-2	1995-1997
	3-9	Valentine's Day
160		Holidays scrapbook

# IV.B.2 Private events / Rainbow Room-sponsored events, 1930s, 1960s-1998

The files document private personal and corporate parties as well as special public events that originated in the Rainbow Complex. Special food and drink were often prepared for these events and elaborate menus and invitations were created.

The files contain press clippings, budgets, correspondence, ephemera, invitations, memorabilia, memoranda, menus, notes, photographs, posters, and press releases.

Box 62	Fol 1 2-4 5-8 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	Academy Awards Night-New York Gala, 1995 Advertising, 1988-1991 American Cocktail Dinner, 1995 American Museum of Natural History 1997 1997-1998 Cocktail menus Ephemera American Theatre Wing, 1996 Anniversaries, 1960s-1990s Art World, 1980s-1990s Associations, 1970-1990s
63	1 2 3-4 5 6 7	Ballroom Week, 1989-1990 Bar/bat mitzvahs, 1990 Beaujolais Nouveau, 1994 Big Band Tribute, 1984 Birthdays, 1930s, 1970s-1990s Bloody Mary Sundays, 1997 Broadway cross-promotions How to Succeed in Business, 1995

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Box 63	Fol 9 10 11 12-13	Victor/Victoria, 1995 Cabaret Convention, 1994 The Cake Bible, 1988 Charities 1930s, 1970-1990s
64	1 2-4 5 6 7-9 10 11	Chicago, The Musical, 1995 The Cigar (release of book), 1996 City Hall, the movie, 1996 Citymeals-on-Wheels, 1994-1995 Classic Cocktail Dinner, 1997 Concierge Ball, 1990-1998 Corporations, 1980s-1990s Crystal Apple Awards, 1997
65	1-6 7 8-10	Culinary Institute of America honors Baum, 1995 Cunard, 1997 Daytime Emmy Awards 1994-1996
66	1-2	1997-1998
75	6-7	Declined fundraisers, 1992
66	3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Diamond Brady Club, 1995  Dream, the Johnny Mercer Musical, 1996  Education, 1939, 1970s-1990s  Engagements, 1988  Entertainment, 1980s  Events, 1980s-1990s  Fashion World, 1970s-1990s
75	8	Feast with Famous Faces 3, 1995
66	10 11	Film, 1980s Financial event, 1990s Fleet Week, 1990s Food and beverage events, 1988
67	1 2 3-4	Food and beverage events, 1989-1992 Fortnights Promotional material, ca. 1993 Italian Fortnight, 1993
159		Italian Fortnight I and II scrapbooks, 1972, 1974
67	5 6 7-8 9	Fresh Start, 1995 Government, 1980s-1990s Grammy Week, 1990-1992 Great Food Almanac, 1994 Herlihy, Ed, tribute, 1994 High Society Night, 1998
68	1 2-4 5 6 7 8 9 10	High Society Night, 1998 James Beard Foundation, 1990-1995 Joys of Summer, 1995 Law firms, 1990s Macy's, 1989-1991 Magnificent Martini (release of book), 1995 Manhattan Association of Cabarets, 1997 Medical, 1990s

<u>Box</u> 68	Fol 11 12 13 14	Millennium celebration, 1999 Music, 1980s-1990s New York Convention Visitor's Bureau, 1993-1994 New York Democratic Convention, '92
69	1-3 4 5 6 7-8 9	New York Film Critics Circle Awards, 1994-1998 New York 92 Dine Out New York 94 Restaurant Industry New Orleans Jazz Festival, 1973 New York World's Fair Celebration Correspondence, 1989 Ephemera 1939, 1989
70	1-2 3 4-7	Menus, 1939-1940 (copies) Participants/vendors Newman's Own Culinary Oscars, 1991-1997
71	1 2 3 4 5 6	Night and the Music, 1995 Opening of the Rainbow Room, 1934 Parties, 1990s Paul Bocuse event, 1992 Le Plaisir des Dames, 1994 Pow Wow, 1997 Promotional material, 1990s Radio/TV shows 1980s-1990s 1990s Rainbow Room 50th anniversary, 1984 Rainbow Room 60th anniversary, 1994
72	1-5 6 7 8	Rainbow Room reopening, 1987 Rainbow Responds at Rainbow, 1992 Rainbow Room and <i>Crazy For You</i> , 1994 Rainbow Room and 1560 AM, 1994
73	1-2 3 4 5 6 7-9 10	Rainbow staff party, 1990 Real Estate-Religion Restaurant Day, 1981 Restaurant Week, 1990 Return of the Martini, 1988 Rockettes, 1990 Royal Academy of Arts, 1990
74	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Share Our Strength, 1996 Sport Events, 1990s Summer Festival 1995 1996-1997 Taste of America, 1984 Television, 1930s,1980s Travel industry, 1990s United Nations 1947, 1995 U.S. Open, 1990s
75	1 2-4 5	Weddings, 1930s, 1980s-1990s Winemakers Dinners, 1995 Winter Holiday Dinner, 1995

# IV. C. Food and Drink, 1930s, 1980s-1990s

The files contain press clippings, correspondence, memoranda, menus, press releases, and recipes.

<u>Вох</u> 75	<u>Fol</u> 9	Beverages, 1990s
76	1 2 3-5 6 7 8	Correspondence, 1991-1992 Desserts, 1980s-1990s Drinks, 1930s, 1980s-1990s Food and drink purchases, 1988 General overview, 1930s-1980s Kitchens, 1930s, 1980s
77	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Kitchens, 1980s-1990s Recipes, 1970s-1980s Recipes by Chef Arnauld Briand, 1995 Report on Rainbow Room, 1987 Reviews, 1980s Wine dinner series, 1997-1998 Wine suggestions, 1988-1990 Wines, 1930s, 1980s
78	1-2	Wines, 1980s

# IV.D. Menus, 1934-1990s

This subseries contains a sampling of the Rainbow Complex menus over the decades including ethnic theme menus used during the British, Greek, Italian, and Spanish Fortnight events.

Other menus include the New Orleans Jazz Festival 1973 menu, a Braille menu, and the menu designed for the celebration of the Rainbow Room's 50th anniversary. The collection also includes several historical menus from 1934 (opening year), 1937 and 1942.

see also: Subseries IV.B. Events

<u>Box</u> 78	Fol 3 4-7	Rainbow catered events, n.d. Rainbow Complex, 1990s
79	1-2 3	Rainbow Complex, 1990s Rainbow Grill
84		Rainbow Grill
79	3 4-5 6-7 8	Rainbow Patio Rainbow Promenade Bar and Cafe, 1990s Rainbow and Stars, 1990s Unidentified
82	1 2	Rainbow Room First menu, 1934 1937
80	1	1930s (Photocopies)
82	3	1942
80	2	1940s-1950s (Photocopies)
82		1970s (Several menus are autographed by politicians and celebrities)

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<u>Box</u> 80	Fol 3 4 5 6	1990s (Photocopies) Brunches, 1980s-190s Buffet Pavilion, 1988 Dinners, 1990s Fall, 1997 Luncheons, n.d. Menu planning, 1996 Pre-theatre dinner, n.d.
81	1	Spring, 1997 Steps of Service, 1997 Summer, 1997
	2 3-4 5	Sunday brunch, 1996 Supper, 1997-1998 Fortnights, 1970s-1980s Italian Fortnight Fortnight of Spain
83		British Fortnight Fortnight of Greece
81	6	New Orleans Jazz Festival scrapbook Clippings, 1973
84		Decorations and Menus, 1973
81	7 8 9	Vincenzo Buonassisi, 1977 Rainbow Room 50th anniversary, 1984 Sponsored events
83-84		Rainbow Grill, Promenade Bar, and Rainbow and Stars (includes Braille menu)
		IV.E. Photographs, 1930s-1990s
91	1 2 3-6 7 8-12	Photographic prints, 1930s-1980s Advertisements Bartenders (no original photographs) Bands/Musicians Baum, Charles Baum, Joseph ca.1940-1990s
92	1 2 3 4 5 6	1990s Awards/Honors Baum's associates Beaujolais luncheon (contact sheet only) Cartoons and drawings Celebrities at fashion shoots Celebrities at the Rainbow Room
93	7-10 1-2 3 4 5-11	A-L M-Z Chefs Confrérie Bocuse dinner (contact sheets), n.d. Culinary Institute dinner, 1995
94	1 2-6 7	Dance style events Dancers Drama Desk Awards, n.d.

Box Fol 94 8 9-11 12-13	Events, 1970s Food, 1990s Fortnights
95 1 2-3 4-5 6 7 8 9-12	Gift shop, 65th floor, ca. 1987 Grammys, 1992 Kitchen staff Miscellaneous performers Musical reviews New York Film Critics, 1991, 1993 New York World's Fair 1939-1940 celebration, 1989
96 1 2 3 4-5 6 7 8 9-12 13	Pegasus Suite Rainbow Complex Entrance and doorways Management Restaurant staff Rainbow Grill, 1930s-1990s Ladies/Men Rooms Rainbow Grill, 1930s-1990s Rainbow Room 1930s-1980s Opening day, 1987
97 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9-10	1990s Christmas, 1990s Construction, 1987 Event, n.d. New Year's Eve, 1994-1995 Recreations Rainbow Room sign Various views, ca. 1989 Rainbow & Stars, ca. 1989 Rene, Andre, 1989, n.d.
98 1-2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13	Restaurant Day, 1996-1997 Retail items for sale Rockefeller Center Celebrity events Construction, 1930s Exterior, 1989, n.d. Holidays Interiors, 1987 Management Management event, 1987 Radio City Roofs and roof-top views, 1930s-1990s Skating rink
99 1 2 3 4-5	Rockefeller Center Club Events, 1980s-1990s Peggy Noonan, ca. 1989 (includes negatives), Rockefeller family Rockettes, n.d. Singers
6-14 100 1-3	A-Man Mar-W

Box 100	Fol 4 5 6-7 8 9 10 11 12 13	65th floor, Pavilion Smith, Chef Michael Staff party, 1990 Sutter Home wine Table tops and settings Tribute to Chef Albert Kumin UN 50th International Cocktail, 1995 Log book of photography shoots, 1988-1990 Memoranda and notes, 1987-1990
102	1	Photographers' information, ca. 1997
	٦	Negatives and transparencies, 1960s, 1980s-1990s  There is no one-to-one correspondence between the negatives and ransparencies and the photographic prints listed above.
	2 3 4	Baum's associates Baum, Joseph and David Emil Celebrities: John Travolta Champagne cocktails Cocktail: Manhattan Dancing DeGroff, Dale
	5 6 7	Food, 1994,1997 Fre brochure (Sutter Home) Hotelier of the Year
	8 9 9-11	Malouf, Waldy New York World's Fair (1939-1940) celebration, 1989 Promenade Bar Rainbow Room, 1960s, 1990s Rainbow staff
	12 13 14 15	Rainbow Stars, 1980s-190s Rockettes, 1990s View From the Vineyards, 1991 Wilkinson, Andrew
	S	Slides, 1980s-1990s
103	1 2 3 4 5 6 7-8 9 10 11 12-13 14	Art and architecture Big band Celebrities Champagne cocktails Chefs and kitchens Dancing Entertainers Events Feast for Sharing Malouf, Waldy New York World's Fair (1939-1940) celebration, 1989 Pegasus, 64th Floor Radio City suites
104	1-2 3 4 5	Rainbow Complex Various, ca. 1989 Entrance and doorways Management Views from windows Rainbow lounges, bars

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
		Rainbow Promenade
		Rainbow Room
104	7-8	ca. 1987
	9	1990s, n.d.
	10	Construction, 1987
	11	Food and desserts, 1997
	12	Holiday dinner, 1994
105	1	Holiday dinner, 1994
	2-3	Main courses, 1994
	4	New Year's Eve, 1994-1995
	5	New Year's Eve with Tommy Tune, 1994
	6	Orchestra
	7	Rainbow & Stars promotions
	8	Rainbow Suites
	9	Retail
		Restrooms
	10	Rockefeller Center, 1986
	11	Rockettes, 1990
	12	Short, Bobby
	13	Smith, Michael
	14	Tables of food
	15	Windows on the World
	16	Various

# IV.F. Public relations and publicity files, 1930s-1990s

The files include examples of advertising and promotional pieces, press kits, and publications created to publicize the Rainbow Room, Rainbow & Stars, and related venues as well as an extensive collection of clippings from newspapers, magazines, and trade journals in which Baum, his associates (including partners Michael Whiteman and David Emil, architect Hugh Hardy, designer Milton Glazer, and bartender Dale DeGroff), celebrity guests or performers, and the restaurants were mentioned. Included are copies of the official news release *Rainbow News* that promoted upcoming events in the Rainbow Room, Rainbow & Stars, the Promenade, and the Rockefeller Center Club.

<u>Box</u> 106	<u>Fol</u> 1 2	Advertising correspondence, 1987-1995 Advertisements 1980s-1990s
107	1-3	1990s
118		1980s-1990s (Oversize)
106	3 4 5-6 7-8 9 10	Holiday events, 1989-1992 Performers, 1930s-1990s Promenade, 1988 Rainbow Room, 1988-1991 Rainbow & Stars, 1980s-1990s Rainbow banquet suites, ca. 1989 Rockettes, 1990
115	10	Articles (alphabetical by title of publication) A
116	1-12	B-W

<u>Box</u> 151	Fol 4 5-7 8 9	Artifacts Artifacts include a credit card holder, wine list holder, cigarette box, coasters, matches, paper glasses, reproduction of a 1930s radio and trinkets from Hot Fun in the Summer Festival, 1995.  Baum, Charles Celebrities, 1990s Celebrity bartender events, 1990s Charities, 1987-1990s
108	1 2-3 4 5	Collateral material development Drafts and memoranda, 1990s Graphics, 1990s Mockups and postcards Corporations, 1980s Dance floor, 1930s DeGroff, Dale
	6 7 8 9	1996 1996-1997 1998 Education, 1975 Entertainment, 1980s Fashion, 1988
	11 12	General 1942, 1975-1996 1997-1998
109	1 2 3 4 5 6 7-9 10	Graphics, 1990s Grimes, William, 1998 (New York Times) Howard, Martin, 1998 (Executive Pastry Chef) International Press Listings, sampling of, 1980s-1990s Manhattan fashion shoot, 1996 Media coverage of events, 1970s-1990s Media - list of publications
110	1-5 6 7	New York Restaurant Day guide, 1996 New York Times testimonial ad Photo shoots, 1997-1998
111	1-2 2-7 8 1 2	Promenade Bar, 1980s-1990s Promotions, 1989-1998 Radio and television mentions, 1990s Rainbow Complex Off-site events, n.d. Press kit, 1996
112	3-5 6 7-9	Promotional material, ca. 1989 Rainbow Grill, 1930s-1980s Rainbow News, 1975-1979, 1984, 1990s Rainbow newsletter proposals 1980s
113	1-2 3 4 5 6	1980s-1990s Rainbow Room Bad press, 1990s Employees, 1990s Fact sheets, 1960s-1990s Highlights, 1930s, 1980s-1990s

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	Mentions
113	7 8 9-10	1970s-1980s 1980s-1990s 1990s
114	1 2	Milestones, 1934-1990s in Movies, 1980s Press coverage/Promotion
	3-5	1930s-1970s
84		1973
114	6-9	1980s
115	1-4 5-6 7 8 9	1990s Postcards, ca. 1990 Recommendations, 1995-1996 Reminiscences, 1934-1970s-1980s Restrooms, 1980s Scrapbooks, 1964-1990s Rainbow Complex 1964
163		1975
173		1994-1995
161-162		1995-1996
164		Rainbow Room 1987
165		1988 Jan-Apr
166		1988 May-Jul
167		1988 Aug-1989
168		1990-1994
169		Holidays, 1994-1995
159		Italian Fortnight II, 1974
170		New York World's Fair 50th anniversary celebration, 1989
171-172		Rainbow & Stars, 1989

#### IV. G. Rainbow & Stars, 1987-1997

The Rainbow & Stars cabaret and supper club opened in January 1989, as an intimate 90-seat cabaret club offering top-notch entertainment. Rainbow & Stars was created to offer an alternative to the heavily-booked and larger Rainbow Room which focused on dining and dancing. Tony Bennett was the star attraction on opening night.

The files contain information about the early publicity and planning of the club, its opening and the reviews it received, and the performers who appeared. Included are advertisements, articles, fact sheets, memoranda, press releases, promotional material, files on performers, and a list of songs sung most frequently.

The performers and shows represented include Karen Ackers, Ruth Brown, Rosemary Clooney, Vic Damone, Tony Danza, Mary Cleere Haran, Linda Lavin, Leonard Bernstein Revue, Lerner & Lowe Revue, Maureen McGovern, Anthony Newley, Freda Payne, Kenny Rankin, Cybill Shepherd, and 20th Century Pop, and Leslie Uggams.

<u>Box</u> 122	<u>Fol</u> 12-13	Advertisements binder, ca. 1990-1997
123	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8-9 10	Advertisements, 1990s Articles and mentions in press, 1990s Fact sheet, 1990 Final focus report, 1990 Possible acts, 1990s Pre-planning/opening, 1988-1990 Press releases/memos, 1989-1991 Promotional material, 1990s Roster of performers, 1989-1996
120	1-15	Performers/performances, 1991-1997 A-Haran
121	1-13	Harris-M
122	1-11	R-W
123	14	Songs sung most frequently, 1989-1997

### IV. H. Rainbow operations, 1930s-1990s

These topical files present an overview of the construction, design, and daily operations of the Rainbow Complex. The files contain clippings, correspondence, manuals, memoranda, notes, photographs, and reports.

Box	<u>Fol</u>	
124	1	American Express, 1997
	2	American Movie Classic in Concert, 1998
	3	Anecdotes, 1930, 1980s-1990s
	4-5	Art and design samples
	6-7	Art Program, 1987-1990
	8-9	B.E. Rock, 1984-1989
	10	Bel Geddes, Norman, 1988-1989
		Beverage Department
125	1	1990-1991
	2	DeGroff, Dale, 1990s
	3	Big Appleopoly, 1990

Box 125	Fol 4 5 6 7-8 9 10 11-12 13	Blueprints, ca. 1983 Bridge Studio, 1934 Brody Corp., 1960s-1990s Carrie Robbins Designage, Inc., c1988 Catering, 1991 Center restaurants, 1934 Chefs, 1980s Chihuly, Dale, 1995
126	1 2 3 4-7 8 9 10-11	Color organ, 1940s-1980s Compliments, 1930s,1980s Compliments from celebrities, 1980s Concierge Project, 1990-1991 Construction and design 1934, 1962-1975, 1987 Specifications, ca. 1987 D-M Corporation, 1970s Dance styles and events, 1930s-1980s
127	1 2 3-4 5 6	Entertainment correspondence, 1980s-1990s External newsletter, 1988 Film shoots, 1988-1990 Financial reports, 1990s Form letters, 1988 General correspondence 1983-1995
128	1 2 3-4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	1996-1997,n.d. Gift certificates, 1938, 1980s- Gift shops, 1934-1936, 1988 Gifts and cards lists, 1980s-1990s Glaser and Hardy, 1980s-1990s Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer Associates, 1990-1991 Holloware and related material, 1990 Income, 1980s-1990s Innovations of Baum, 1990s International Hotel/Motel Show, 1988,1991 Invitations passed on, 1980s
129	1-2 3 4 5-7 8 9	Irene Chalmers Books, Inc., 1990-1998 Jarlath Barsanti-Jacobs, 1991 Listings, 1997 Lounges, 1934 Maintenance and renovation, 1987-1989 Management of Rainbow Room (not Baum), 1980s-1990s Marko Associates, 1987-1988
130	1 2 3-4 5-7 8 9 10	Merry-Go-Round-Bar, 1934 Photography, 1980s-1990s Photography shoots Pocantico archives, 1934-1990s Policies, 1980s-1990s Private policy facilities, 1980s-1990s Punch list, 1988
131	1 2 3	Purchasing, ca. 1989 Rainbow band uniforms (CR Designage, Inc.), 1989 Rainbow Catering Dept. service staff manual, 1989

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	Painkau Caralay
131	4 5 6 7-8 9 10	Rainbow Complex Chronology for picture/art sources, 1989 General information, 1980s-1990s Hot Fun in the Summertime, 1995 Procedures for Lighting, 1989 Rainbow kitchen utility operations manual, 1990 Rainbow Promenade service training manual, 1990
132	1 2 3-8 9	Rainbow roofs, 1934 Rainbow Room    Account development, 1995    Reports, 1987-1994 Rainbow Room and Windows on the World proposal by CR Designage,
133	1-2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Rainbow Store program proposal by CR Designage, 1993-1995 Rainbow Uniform Dept. operation manual, 1988 Rainbow trademark, 1989 Re-Creations, 1970s-1980s Reservation information, c1991 Reservation training manuals, 1990s Reservations, Restaurant operations 1930s, 1940s 1980s
134	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13-14 15	1980s Catering, 1988 Tasting Committee, 1934 Reyburn, Alan, Managing Director, 1992-1995 Rockefeller Center management, 1991 Sale items, 1980s Sample carpet, 64th floor Signage, ca. 1990 Stationery Staff menu information, 1989-1990 Surveys, 1990s Talent and musical productions, 1988 Technology - Electronics, 1980s Technology - Lighting, 1980s Tours, 1980s-1990s
135	1 2 3	View From the Vineyards 1988-1991 Photographs, 1991 Where Magazine, 1990-1991

#### IV. I. Reviews / letters from guests, 1943, 1987-1996

These files represent a sampling of the many accolades as well as the complaints that were received from guests over the years. The majority of the letters are enthusiastic and congratulatory for Baum's thoughtfulness in arranging reservations, the behavior of the staff, and the fine dining enjoyed at the Rainbow Room. The responses from restaurant managers show how complaints were handled.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
135	4	1943, 1987-1988
	5-6	1988
	7	1989
	8	1990
	9	1991
136	1	1991
	2-4	1992
	5	1992-1994
	6	1995-1996
	7	Anniversaries, 1987-1990
		Banqueting Department
	8	1988-1990
137	1-2	Sponsored events, 1988-1992
	3	Birthdays, 1981-1991
	4	Guest tours, 1987-1991
	5-6	Donations / thank you notes, 1987-1994
	7-10	Music and entertainment, 1934-1990s
	11	Rainbow & Stars, 1989

# IV. J. Rockefeller Center Club, 1930s-1990s

The Rockefeller Center Club was founded by John D. Rockefeller in 1934 as a private club that would provide "attractive, quiet and comfortable luncheon quarters" for Rockefeller Center tenants. It also provided a use for the Rainbow Room during the day.

Special menus and entertainment were some of the attractions available on a regular basis. Special events included pre-dinner theatre dinner in the Rainbow Room and transportation to the musical *Guys and Dolls*, an evening for members only in Rainbow & Stars with Rosemary Clooney, guest speakers from various fields, and complimentary tastings.

One of the innovations Baum brought to the Club was the opening of the Evergreen Room, where a leaner cuisine and lighter fare were offered to address modern concerns about diet and health.

The files include photographs, information on the Club's programs during the 1990s, a training manual for staff, membership information and samples of brochures, by-laws, the *Overview* newsletter, photographs, and promotional material.

<u>Fol</u>	
1	Applications
2	Brochure, ca. 1989
	By-laws and house rules, 1977
3	Club service training manual, 1990
4-5	Ephemera
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<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	Fuente
138	7-14	Events 1992-1993
139	1-11	1993-1997
140	1-4 8 9 10-11 12 13	1998, n.d. Evergreen Room, 1987-1988 Floor plan, 65th Founders Table, 1936 General information, 1930s-1940s, 1980s Guests lists, 1980s Information book, ca. 1987 Kudos-Marketing
141	1-4 5-6 7-9	Membership, 1951, 1981-1997 Menus, 1940s-1998 Minutes 1982-1984
142	1 2 3-5 6 7 8 9 10	1985 Operations, 1980s-1990s Operations manual, 1995 Overview (newsletter) Correspondence, drafts, 1980s-1990s Issues Nos. 1-4, 1980s-1990s Issues Nos. 6-16 (incomplete), 1980s-1990s Photographs, 1980s-1990s Plans, 1990s Programs 1980s-1993
143	1 2-3 4 5 6	Dinners, 1990s Promotional material, 1990s Radio, 1991 Recipes, c1995 Reservation Dept., 1990s Services, 1990s Speakers Program, 1990s Wine Program, 1990

# IV. K. Rockefeller Center, 1930s-1990s

The files contain historical information on Rockefeller Center, chiefly news clippings and other printed material. Included are three editions of an early promotional publication, *The Story of Rockefeller Center*. This wartime publication has images depicting the services and sights of Rockefeller Center from the 1940s. There are also copies of the official magazine of Rockefeller Center, *Center*. These issues usually feature the Rainbow Room and some of the other restaurants of the complex.

Box	<u>Fol</u>	
143	7	General, 1930s, 1980s-1990s
	8	Holidays, 1960s-1980s
	9	Rockefeller family, 1930s-1980s
	10	Staff, 1930s, 1980s
		Printed material
	11	Clippings, 1930s, 1960s
144	1-2	Clippings, 1970s-1980s
	3-4	The Story of Rockefeller Center, ca. 1937, 1939, 1942
	5-7	Center magazine, 1987-1989

# IV. L. Staff and employees, 1930-1990s

Present here are files on the staff who worked at the Rainbow Room after Baum's renovation. Star individuals at the Rainbow Room included Dale DeGroff, the celebrity bartender and "Master Mixologist" who created elaborate cocktails made with fresh ingredients, and chefs Arnauld Briand, Waldy Malouf, Martin Howard, Karl Walrath, and Alain Oster.

The files include articles, advertisements, correspondence, employee training kit, job descriptions, memoranda, newsletters, publicity releases, photographs, and recipes.

		Bartenders
145	1-2	Dale DeGroff, 1994-1995
	3	General, 1988-1995
	4	Cellar Master John W. Fischer, n.d.
		Chefs
	5	Briand, Arnauld, 1994-1995
	6	Howard, Martin, 1997
	7-11	Malouf, Waldy, 1995-1997
	12	Oster, Alain, 1989
	13	Walrath, Kurt, 1995-1996
		General information
	1	1930s-1990s
146	2	1980s-1990s
	3	Emil, David, ca. 1997
	4	Employees orientation kit, 1990s
	5	Employee training for Rainbow Room, 1990s
	6	Former employees (articles), 1990s
	7	Job descriptions, 1989-1990
	8	Lewis, Alan. Memorial, 1991
	9	Manager Viktor E. Baker, 1990
	10	Meetings, 1988
	11	Rainbow Colors (employee newsletter) drafts/memos, 1990-1991
	12	Smoking regulations, 1980s-1990s

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147	1	Sommelier Steven Seltzer, 1996
	2-5	Staff (general), 1930s-1990s
		Strike at the Rainbow Room
	6	Articles, 1992
	7	Guidebook for Supervisors, 1992
	8	Memos, Staff newsletter, 1992
	9	Uniforms, 1990s

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# IV. M. Trends, 1930s-1990s

Present here are files kept on popular American trends through the decades. The Rainbow Room proved to be an outstanding venue to display the latest in dance, food and fashion. The dance files offer documentation about some of the dances that inspired the public at one time or another such as the "Big Apple," waltz, and tango. Other trends addressed in the files include fashion, food, music, nightlife, restaurant designs, as well as some files of trivia.

	10 11	Art and decoration, 1980s Catering, 1990s
148 1-5 6-7 8	6-7	Dance, 1930s-1990s Drinks, 1980s-1990s Fashion, 1930s-1980s Food/restaurants
	9	1980s
149	1 2 3 4-6 7-8	1980s-1990s Notes, n.d. Music, 1940s-1980s Night life, 1930s-1990s Restaurant design, 1950s, 1970s-1980s
150	1-5	Trivia/Anecdotes, 1930s-1990s

# Series VI. Video recordings

Video recordings in the collection document Baum's public appearances and interviews during the late 1980s and 1990s. They are unavailable for viewing until preservation copies have been produced.