

A Guide to the Harrisonburg Menus, circa 1932-1942 SC 0362

Harrisonburg menus
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circa 1932-1942

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Abstract

Two menus for Dolly Madison Tea Room and The Valley Candy Kitchen, defunct Harrisonburg restaurants.

Creator

Dolly Madison Tea Room

Creator

The Valley Candy Kitchen (1932-1936)

source

Green Valley Auctions, Inc.

source

Bowman, Douglas, 1948-2023

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0.1 cubic feet 1 folder

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Biographical / Historical

Local caterer Edith A. Dovel (1884-1945) opened the Dolly Madison Tea Room in May 1938. The Tea Room was located at 270 S. Main Street in Harrisonburg. Madison College students frequented the Tea Room, using the space for class and club dinners and sorority parties. It was in operation until at least 1942, per newspaper advertisements, but was likely closed by 1945 due to Dovel's death.

Harrisonburg resident I.E. Dickenson (1884-1955) established The Valley Candy Kitchen, located at the corner of Newman Ave. and S. Main Street in the News-Record Building, in 1932 after he purchased the stock and goodwill of George's Candy Kitchen which operated at the same location. The Valley Candy Kitchen closed in 1936.

Scope and Contents

Two menus for Dolly Madison Tea Room and The Valley Candy Kitchen, defunct Harrisonburg restaurants. Both menus include food and drink options with corresponding prices.

Related Materials

Marie Coffman "Nutty" Whetzel Collection of Shenandoah Valley Menus, 1967-1991, SC 0289, Special Collections, Carrier Library, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA.

Keywords

Menus

Menus -- Virginia -- Harrisonburg -- 20th century

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Harrisonburg (Va.) -- History
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Madison College -- Students -- Social life and customs
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Appraisal

Two non-Harrisonburg/Shenandoah Valley items that were part of the acquired lot were not retained.

Provenance

From the estate of Doug Bowman, local collector of Harrisonburg memorabilia.

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Harrisonburg menus

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