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Summary information

Repository:	University of Toronto Scarborough Library, Archives & Special Collections
Title:	Robert Bon Lee collection
ID:	015
Date:	[ca. 1949-1983] (date of creation)
Physical description:	14 menus
Language:	English
Language:	Chinese
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Robert Bon Lee was born on 7 April, 1939 in Toronto, Ontario. His father, Poy Gar Lee, was born in Guangdong province of China and his mother, May Hong, was a first-generation Chinese immigrant who grew up in Brockville, Ontario. Lee grew up in the Gerrard and Jarvis area and studied Metallurgy at Ryerson Institute of Technology. In the 1960s and 1970s he worked as a bartender and later restaurant manager at Nanking Restaurant until it closed in 1979. He had close relationships with many other Chinese restaurant owners and a genuine interest in Chinese cuisine. He later moved to Scarborough with his family.

Scope and content

Collection contains 14 Chinese and Polynesian menus from the Toronto area, collected from around the 1950s to 1970s.

Notes

Title notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Material was donated on behalf of Robert Bon Lee by his sister.

Restrictions on access

Open

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Item - Bali Hai Ports of Call	[between 1963 and 1975]		
	Item - Bali Hai [drink menu]	[between 1963 and 1975]		
	Item - Ben Lee	[ca. 1970]		
	Item - [Dong Qia]	[ca. 1970]		
	Item - Kwongchow Tavern	[ca. 1970]		
	Item - Lichee Garden luncheon menu	[between 1948-1983]		
	Item - Lichee Garden tid bit platter menu	[between 1948-1983]		
	Item - Lichee Garden	[between 1948-1983]		
	Item - Nanking Tavern and Restaurant	1949-1950		
	Item - Nanking Tavern and Restaurant	[ca. 1950]		
	Item - [Nanking Tavern and Restaurant]	[ca. 1950]		
	Item - Sai Woo	[ca. 1957]		
	Item - South Chinatown Restaurant	[between 1980-1999]		
	Item - [unidentified menus]	[ca. 1970]		