

**Title:** Hotel Pfister

**Call Number:** Mss-1059

**Inclusive Dates:** 1836 – ongoing

**Quantity:** 001.0 cu. ft.

**Location:** LM, Sh. 030

**Historical Note:** Hotel Pfister opened in 1893. Materials in this collection have been acquired from several sources over the years. Most of the items deal with the Hotel itself or its advertising. Some of the material deals with the City of Milwaukee. There is also a collection of newspaper clippings about the Hotel and Ray Smith, who took over as manager of the Hotel in 1911.

**Administrative Note:** The collection was processed on Jan. 22, 1991 by Janet K. Geronime. Material was added to the collection on July 16, 1996 and was processed by Steve Daily. In February 2003, material was added to the collection and was processed by Kevin Abing.

Folder Heading	Box #	Folder #
<b>Brochures, sketches, magazine</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Sketches: "Builders of Milwaukee" (early Milwaukee scenes and buildings) 1836-1874</li><li>- Brochures: The Pfister Club, n.d.</li><li>- <i>Hotel Pfister: Milwaukee</i> promotional magazine 1893</li><li>- Conference and Banquet Center, n.d.</li><li>- Cigar Department, n.d.</li><li>- Gallery of 19th Century paintings, 1953 (3 copies)</li><li>- Hotel Pfister Souvenir (rededication 1978)</li><li>- A Pfister Restoration 1989</li><li>- 100th Anniversary brochure (2 copies)</li><li>- Hotel Pfister informational brochure (2 copies)</li><li>- Pfister Pfun Packages brochure, n.d.</li><li>- Hotel Pfister drink list, n.d.</li><li>- History of Hotel Pfister, n.d.</li><li>- Milwaukee points of interest booklet.</li><li>- Services and area around Hotel brochure</li><li>- Convention promotional booklet 1938</li><li>- Magazine: <i>The Pfister Hotel &amp; Tower</i>: vol. 3 no. 1 Winter 1982, vol. 3 no. 3 Summer 1982</li><li>- Article: "Pfister Centennial Celebration Re-news Era of Elegance" <i>Lakeside Lites</i> Jan/Feb 1994</li><li>- Vince Lombardi Award of Excellence Dinner Ball, March 1999</li></ul>	1	1
<b>Clippings</b>	1	2

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Guest book contains newspaper clippings about the Hotel and Ray Smith, 1911, 1913-1914</li> <li>- News clippings on Hotel in Milwaukee Journal Dec. 10, 1953</li> <li>- Newspaper photo of banquet for William H. Taft, 1907</li> <li>- “Celebrating a Century of Elegance” Milwaukee Journal May 2, 1993</li> <li>- General Business Information and Summary</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Honeymoon trip 1919</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Time cards: Chicago North Shore &amp; Milwaukee Railroad (Kenosha and Chicago)</li> <li>- Brochures: Describing Milwaukee. Class A Hotels. Hotel Pfister.</li> <li>- Guide: <i>A Street Railway Guide to Milwaukee</i> The Milwaukee Electric Railway &amp; Light Co.</li> </ul>	1	3
<p><b>Art, Holidays. Miscellaneous</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pfister Art collection booklet</li> <li>- Pfister Art collection brochure</li> <li>- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Art Collection greeting cards</li> <li>- Room folder with menus, stationary, and information. 1978</li> <li>- “Holiday Traditions” 1996, 1997, 1998</li> <li>- “Season’s Greetings” 1993</li> <li>- Movie ads</li> <li>- Souvenir</li> <li>- Matchbook</li> <li>- Stationery</li> <li>- “Who’s Who” among registers</li> <li>- “Thank you” letters</li> <li>- Amenities and directions</li> <li>- Flyer requesting artifacts for 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</li> <li>- Announcement opening of Blu 2000</li> <li>- Holiday Traditions and New Beginnings 2000</li> <li>- Correspondence, Christopher Lorenz, Crown Room manager.</li> </ul>	1	4
<p><b>Menus and Invitations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 6/22/1893 – banquet for Foreign &amp; American journalists by Milwaukee Press Club (2)</li> <li>- 6/13/1895 – banquet of U.S. Brewers Association</li> <li>- 9/30/1896 – menu ?</li> <li>- 10/16/1899 – banquet for President McKinley (2 invitations, 2 menus and list of those who attended)</li> <li>- 4/21/1900 – Citizens’ Business League Banquet</li> <li>- 3/4/1902 – H.R.H. Prince Henry of Prussia (invitation &amp; 3 menus)</li> </ul>	1	5
<p><b>Menus and Invitations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4/26/1908 – menu</li> <li>- 2/22/1906 – Citizens’ Business League Banquet (2)</li> </ul>	1	6

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<p><b>Menus and Invitations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5/6/1909 – banquet for Count von Bernstorff (invitation &amp; menu)</li> <li>- 9/22/1909 – banquet for Commercial Commissioners from Japan (2 menus)</li> <li>- 5/28/1910 – dinner for Wisconsin Society Sons of the American Revolution (menu)</li> <li>- 9/8/1910 – 25th anniversary of the 1st Reunion of the Old Boys’ of the Milwaukee University and the Seventh Ward High School (menu)</li> <li>- 9/23/1913 – 28th anniversary of the 1st Reunion of the Old Boys’ of the Milwaukee University and the Seventh Ward High School (menu)</li> <li>- 2/18/1914 – Rotary Club Banquet (menu &amp; gift list)</li> <li>- 8/6/1914 – banquet for North Western Hotel Men’s Association (2 menus)</li> <li>- 4/26/1915 – Rotary Club Ladies’ Souvenir Dinner (menu)</li> <li>- 8/9/1916 – menu ?</li> <li>- 8/31/1916 – luncheon menu</li> <li>- 6/5/1918 – banquet of the Holstein Friesian Association of American (menu)</li> <li>- 11/24/1919 – Wisconsin Colleges Associated (menu)</li> <li>- 7/19/1927 – dinner honoring Lt. Maitland and Lt. Hegenberger</li> <li>- 8/20/1927 – dinner honoring Charles A. Lindbergh</li> </ul>	1	7
<p><b>Menus and Invitations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5/13/1928 – dinner honoring Baron von Huenefeld Captain Koehl and Major Fitzmaurice (2 menus)</li> <li>- 7/27/1931 – dinner in honor of Wiley Post &amp; Harold Gatty (menu)</li> <li>- 6/18/1930 – National Editorial Association (menu)</li> <li>- 8/21/1938 – dinner for Douglas “Wrong Way” Corrigan (2 menus)</li> <li>- 3/7/1942 – banquet for Most Reverend William Patrick O’Connor, D.D. (menu)</li> <li>- 7/28/43 – menu</li> <li>- 11/25/1944 – silver wedding anniversary of Stella &amp; LeRoy Segalls (menu)</li> <li>- 12/13/1944 – dinner party for Ben Dean (menu)</li> <li>- 4/11/1946 – luncheon for Most Reverend Albert Gregory Meyer, S.T.D., S.S.L. (menu)</li> <li>- 6/17/1946 – Milwaukee Centurama 1946 Dinner (4 menus)</li> </ul>	1	8
<p><b>Menus and Invitations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 11/26/1946 – golden anniversary banquet of the Wisconsin State Hotel Association (2 menus)</li> </ul>	1	9

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5/8/1947 – 2 menus</li> <li>- 8/19/1950 – invitation, beverage list and program with menus (2 of each) for the golden anniversary of the Northwestern Hotel Association</li> <li>- 9/24/1953 – banquet for Most Reverend Albert Gregory Meyer, S.T.D., S.S.C. (menu)</li> <li>- 11/23/1954 – 58th banquet of the Wisconsin State Hotel Association (menu)</li> <li>- n.d. – Hotel Pfister wine list</li> <li>- 8/5/1955 – 10 Year Club picnic</li> <li>- 8/27/1956 – 10 Year Club picnic</li> <li>- n.d. – Picnic invitation</li> <li>- n.d. – Wisconsin Committee for Music Appreciation</li> <li>- n.d. – Drink list</li> <li>- n.d. – “The Heritage of the Past, The Choice of the Future” vol. 2, cigar department</li> <li>- n.d. – The English Room Lunch menu</li> <li>- n.d. – The English Room business card</li> <li>- n.d. – The English Room brochure</li> </ul>		
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