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Arkansas Burger Company collection, Arkansas State Archives, Little Rock, Arkansas.
**Historical Note**

The Arkansas Burger Company, a popular restaurant located in Little Rock, opened its doors in 2000. Faulkner County native Dan Spencer owned and operated the restaurant until 2017, when he retired at age 78. Spencer graduated from Arkansas Teacher’s College, now University of Central Arkansas, in 1962 and became youth director at the Little Rock Boys and Girls Club for five years. He married Jeanne Spencer in 1968 and moved to Dallas, where he was an administrator at University of Texas Southwestern Medical School for 25 years. The couple returned to Little Rock in 1994. Spencer aspired to open a hamburger restaurant for many years, researching the topic thoroughly before opening Arkansas Burger Company in 2000. Spencer found a building located on 7410 Cantrell Road, Little Rock, to remodel into the restaurant. During the remodeling, Spencer spent off-days searching local thrift stores and flea markets for Arkansas-related memorabilia to display on the walls of the restaurant. This eclectic mix of posters and art now comprises the Arkansas Burger Company Collection.

**Scope and Contents**

This collection contains mostly visual materials that adorned the walls of Arkansas Burger Company, many of which are posters, photographs and promotional materials of sports or tourist attractions throughout Arkansas.

**Administrative Information**

**Publication Information**

Arkansas State Archives 12/18/2017

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Related Materials

Separated Materials

This collection also contains 120 artifacts that are stored with the ASA Three-Dimensional Object Collection:

A2017.0078.2 - Burlap rice sack for "Quick a 'n' Easy Riceland Enriched Rice," 100 lbs.
A2017.0078.3 - Burlap rice sack for "Quick a 'n' Easy Riceland Enriched Rice," 50 lbs.
A2017.0078.4 - Burlap rice sack for "Quick a 'n' Easy Riceland Enriched Rice," 25 lbs.
A2017.0078.5 - Felt pennant for the 'Rice Birds,' the mascot for Stuttgart High School.
A2017.0078.6 - Felt pennant for "Little Rock, Ark. State Capitol" with image of the Capitol.
A2017.0078.7 - Felt pennant for "PINE BLUFF, ARK.; COTTON IS KING."
A2017.0078.8 - Small red silk flag sign for the Rotary club in Little Rock, Arkansas.
A2017.0078.11 - Automobile license plate issued in Arkansas in 1963, No. "63 1-11168."
A2017.0078.16 - Automobile license plate issued in Arkansas, No. "CD-46635 MC RAE."
A2017.0078.18 - Automobile license plate: "ARKANSAS HOME OF MISS AMERICA."
A2017.0078.19 - Automobile license plate: "ARKANSAS HIGH RAZORBACKS."
A2017.0078.20 - Automobile license plate for Arkansas State University Indians.
A2017.0078.21 - Automobile license plate: ARKANSAS SHERIFFS' YOUTH RANCHES.
A2017.0078.22 - Automobile license plate: "SCIMITAR LITTLE ROCK ARK."
A2017.0078.23 - Automobile license plate: "ARKANSAS FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS"
A2017.0078.24 - Automobile license plate: "AMERICAN LEGION POST 47 ARKANSAS."
A2017.0078.25 - Automobile license plate: "ARKANSAS TRAVELER."
A2017.0078.26 - Automobile license plate: "ARKANSAS DAR."
A2017.0078.26 - Automobile license plate: "1962 NO. LITTLE ROCK PLEDGED TO PROGRESS ARK."
A2017.0078.27 - Automobile license plate: "1972 NORTH LITTLE ROCK PLEDGED TO PROGRESS ARK."
A2017.0078.28 - Automobile license plate: "CONWAY CITY OF COLLEGES."
A2017.0078.29 - Automobile license plate: "TUCKERMAN, ARKANSAS WE HELPED THE BLIND."
A2017.0078.31 - Sign for Washington Stoves sold by Newbern Bros. in Conway, Arkansas.
A2017.0078.32 - Metal sign for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.
A2017.0078.33 - Lighted plastic sign for Agee Milk Company from Fort Smith.
A2017.0078.34 - Lighted large round plastic clock for Coleman Milk Ice Cream.
A2017.0078.36 - Mattel Chatty Cathy Arkansas Razorback Cheerleader doll with pull string.
A2017.0078.37 - Mattel Chatty Cathy Arkansas Razorback Cheerleader doll with pull string.
A2017.0078.41 - Glass milk bottle for Hickerson Dairy in Batesville, Arkansas.
A2017.0078.42 - Board game called "Your Home Town Game" for Hot Springs, Arkansas.
A2017.0078.43 - Folding wood yardstick for the United Savings Association in Fort Smith.
A2017.0078.49 - Street sign for no street parking on during football games.
A2017.0078.50 - Artwork with five wooden regions of Arkansas to form complete state.
A2017.0078.51 - Poster of "ARKANSAS TRAVELERS 2006 HOME SCHEDULE."
A2017.0078.52 - One Arkansas Razorbacks baseball with Smokey the Bear on back.
A2017.0078.53 - Metal ice pick with wooden handle advertising Conway Ice Company.
A2017.0078.54 - Metal can with label advertising Big Smith Brand Tomatoes, Fayetteville.
A2017.0078.55 - One empty can of Razorback Beer.
A2017.0078.56 - One coaster: "ARKANSAS D.A.R. 1961, COMPLIMENTS ACME BRICK CO."
A2017.0078.57 - One white ceramic clock with Razorback from University of Arkansas.
A2017.0078.64 - Small souvenir toy porcelain teacup with gold rim and the word "Arkansas."
A2017.0078.65 - Tall slender drinking glass advertising Arkansas "THE WONDER STATE."
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A2017.0078.67 - Short slender drinking glass advertising Crater of Diamonds.
A2017.0078.68 - Arkansas ceramic plaque/ashtray that reads "ARKANSAS BURGER CO."
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A2017.0078.70 - Rectangular black glass ashtray advertising the Malvern Minerals Company.
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A2017.0078.72 - Round metal coaster advertising Arkansas "The Wonder State."
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A2017.0078.74 - Metal thermometer that advertises Fort Smith Refrigeration Company.
A2017.0078.75 - Ceramic souvenir plate advertising Arkansas with images of tourist sites.
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A2017.0078.84 - Ceramic souvenir plate advertising Arkansas with images of tourist sites.
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A2017.0078.86 - Ceramic souvenir plate advertising Arkansas "Vacation Land."
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A2017.0078.90 - Ceramic souvenir plate advertising Hot Springs, Arkansas.
A2017.0078.91 - Ceramic souvenir plate advertising Ozark National Scenic Riverways.
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A2017.0078.94 - Ceramic souvenir plate advertising Cherokee Village, Arkansas.
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A2017.0078.98 - Ceramic souvenir plate for Asbury Methodist Church in Little Rock.
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A2017.0078.102 - Plate for Lonoke Chapter No. 421, Order of the Easter Star of Arkansas.
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A2017.0078.113 - Small plate in the shape of an artist palette advertising Arkansas.
A2017.0078.114 - Small ceramic pan advertising Crater of Diamonds State Park.
A2017.0078.115 - Small dish in the shape of Arkansas advertising Batesville, Arkansas.
A2017.0078.118 - Metal souvenir tray advertising Arkansas "The Land of Opportunity."
A2017.0078.119 - Metal souvenir tray advertising Arkansas with a map and apple blossoms.
A2017.0078.120 - Plastic sign for the Busch Blue Room, Ray Winder Field, signed by Bill Valentine.
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Vinyl record, "Arkansas Tech Junior High Music Camp 1980 Session 1" 1980

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Vinyl record, "Hogwild" by Tom Cook, All Star Records [two copies] 1983

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50th Anniversary U of A football 1954 SWC Champions poster 2004

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