

Archival Collection Finding Aid

TITLE: Richard J.S. Gutman Diner Collection

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2019.72

CREATOR: Gutman, Richard

INCLUSIVE DATES: Circa 1890-2019

QUANTITY: 33.75 cubic ft. (45 boxes) and 12MB (1 data file)

LANGUAGE: The materials are primarily in English.

ABSTRACT: Often referred to as The Diner Man, Richard J. S. Gutman

contributed his expertise and insight to virtually every published media piece on diners from the 1970s into the 2010s. His collection

reflects the nearly 150-year-old history of the diner business

including their design, construction and operation, and consists of photographs, menus, drawings, periodicals, clippings and articles, ephemera, business records, trade catalogs and product literature, artwork, and film and sound recordings among other materials. A related book collection and many three-dimensional artifacts were

also acquired along with the archival materials.

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS: This is an **UNPROCESSED COLLECTION** and has not yet been

prepared for routine service. Researchers interested in access to unprocessed collections should contact Benson Ford Research Center

staff to discuss collection availability.

ALTERNATE FORMS: Digitized material from the collection can be found online at:

https://www.thehenryford.org/collections-and-research/digital-

collections/

RELATED MATERIAL: Related material held by The Henry Ford:

- Zinn's Diner Collection. Accession 2002.121.

- Wason Manufacturing Company Records. Accession 85.79.

- Lamy's Diner, 1946. Object ID 84.43.1.

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