

## MG 5 Park Hotel fonds

### Scope and Content

Fonds consists of administrative and operational records created and used by the Park Hotel during its operations from 1947 to 2001.

Records include night audit journals (1954), reservation books (1947-1959), breakfast menus for the Park Hotel Coffee Shop (1958 -ca. 1960), room notices (1964), postcards (1964), and dancers regulations (2000) of the Park Hotel.

### Date of Records

1947-1964, 2000

### Physical Description

29 cm of textual records

15 photographs : postcard

### Restrictions on Access

No restrictions indicated

### Creator Information

**Authority Name** Park Hotel

**Authority History** The Park Hotel was first constructed in 1902 as the Alexandra Hotel by Frederick Krause. Red Deer boomed in those early days and the Alexandra Hotel was extensively renovated and enlarged in 1911. The outbreak of the First World War and the onset of prohibition proved to be a disaster for the business and the hotel was forced to close.

The business was purchased in 1924 by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McBride who renamed it the McBride Hotel. It was to be operated as a family hotel, without a bar, and with halls and rooms available for banquets, whist parties and teas.

In January 1926, the hotel was sold to Henry Busby who renamed it the Auditorium. The hotel became the bus terminal for Greyhound, Sorenson and Cardinal Bus lines.

In 1947, the Auditorium was remodeled and renamed the Park Hotel, under the ownership of the Calgary Brewing and Malting Company. Extensive renovations occurred in 1952. In 1964, following the passage of new provincial legislation prohibiting breweries from owning beer outlets, the hotel was sold by the Calgary Brewing and Malting Company to T and M Hotels Ltd. There was a brief name change to the Western Inn in 1982 with country entertainment as the feature. The name changed back to the Park Hotel in 1985, when exotic dancing was offered as entertainment. The hotel business closed in 2001 and the building was converted into a half way house by the John Howard Society

### Notes

**Finding Aids**

File list is available

**Language of Material**

English

**Accruals**

No further accruals expected

**Accession Numbers**

2001-128

Accession	Box	File	Title	Date range	Extent	Restrictions	Description
2001-128	1	3	Reservation book	1947	2.0		names of patrons
2001-128	1	4	Reservation book	1949	3.0		names of patrons
2001-128	1	5	Reservation book	1951	3.0		names of patrons
2001-128	1	6	Reservation book	1952	3.0		names of patrons
2001-128	1	7	Reservation book	1957	3.0		names of patrons
2001-128	2	8	Reservation book	1959	3.0		names of patrons
2001-128	2	9	Daily menus book	1958	3.0		hand written list for each day of the year
2001-128	2	10	Breakfast menus	[ca. 1960]	0.5		
2001-128	2	11	Hotel book and directory	1946	4.0		publication
2001-128	2	12	Room notices	[1964]	0.1		
2001-128	2	13	Photographs	[1964]	15 postcards		all duplicates
2001-128	2	14	Dancers regulations and rules	[2000]	0.1		
2001-128	3	1	Night Audit Journal	March 1954 - July 1954	2.0		list daily room, bar, restaurant charge transactions
2001-128	3	2	Night Audit Journal	July 1954 - December 1954	2.0		list daily room, bar, restaurant charge transactions