

**Guide to the *Nieuw Amsterdam* Menus
MS0417**

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DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

Repository: The Mariners' Museum Library

Title: *Nieuw Amsterdam* Menus

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Language(s): English

Creator(s):

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection consists of seven menus from the Holland America Line's R.M.S. *Nieuw Amsterdam*, dating from March 1953 to August 1954. Each of the menus depicts songbirds by Westra. An additional printed cover without the menu is included in the collection.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Restrictions

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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL SKETCH

Built by Rotterdam Drydock Company, Rotterdam in 1938, *R.M.S. Nieuw Amsterdam* was the flagship of the Holland America Line. Her length overall was 231.20m x 213.36m with a breadth mld of 26.82m and max draught of 9.62m. She contained Parsons geared turbines and her service speed was 20.5 knots. "When war broke out in September 1939 the liner was in New York. She remained on that side of the Atlantic until, following the invasion of the Netherlands, she was chartered to the British Ministry of

Transport, and fitted out as a troop transport, being placed under Cunard-White Star management. In 1946, she was handed back to her owners and returned to Holland to be overhauled and refitted by her builders. October 1947 found the *Nieuw Amsterdam* once again on the Holland America Line's New York service. In 1956, a major modernization of the passenger accommodation was carried out, and it was during this overhaul that the hull color was changed to grey. In 1967, she was reboilered. But the pattern of ocean travel was changing and from 1971 onwards she was used only for cruising. The end came in 1974 when she was sold to shipbreakers in Taiwan, and scrapped at Kaohsiung." (Bowen)

SERIES DESCRIPTION

This collection is organized into a single series.

FILE GUIDE

BOX 1

Folder 1 7 Menus from March 1953 to August 1954. 1 blank menu

MATERIALS REMOVED

None

SOURCES CONSULTED

Bowen, John. "Nieuw Amsterdam (1938): Holland America Line" *Model Shipwright* No. 67, March 1989 p34

SUBJECTS

Holland Amerika Lijn
Nieuw Amsterdam (Steamship : 1938)
Menus