

# Rainbow Restaurant

2156 North Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa.,  
1943

My mother, Helen Kelchner (1925-2014) collected menus from the lunch counters and restaurants where she ate while she lived in Philadelphia in the summer and fall of 1943.

She had graduated from High School the previous year and lived in Philadelphia while she took a short course to be certified as a mortuary technician at Eckels School of Embalming at Diamond and 17th streets. A letter from the period indicates that she lived at 2013 N. 15th St., about three blocks from the school.

Old letters also suggest that she studied at Eckels in order to take a job at her future father-in-law's Kelchner Funeral Home, in Berwick, Pa.

Her menu collection included two different versions of the menu from the Rainbow Restaurant on Broad Street, about two blocks from the Eckels school.

Help-wanted ads in the Philadelphia Inquirer suggest the Rainbow was in operation from 1940 to 1955 at 2156 N. Broad St., then, from 1956 to 1959 at 1133 South Broad St.

Today there is a Temple Rainbow Restaurant is at 2156 N. Broad.



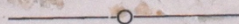
We Serve Our Coffee  
with Pure Cream



**RAINBOW RESTAURANT**

Serving Foods with Appetite Appeal

*Potts Ice Cream*



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## COLD PLATTERS

Cold Roast Pork .....	50c.	Chicken Salad .....	45c.
Cold Roast Beef .....	50c.	Shrimp Salad .....	45c.
Cold Sliced Tongue .....	50c.	Crab Meat Salad .....	45c.
Cold Baked Ham .....	60c.	Tuna Fish Salad .....	50c.
Cold Sliced Chicken .....	75c.	Hard Boiled Egg Salad .....	55c.
Cold Sliced Turkey .....	75c.	Combination Salad .....	35c.
Combination Cold Cuts .....	55c.	Lettuce and Tomato .....	30c.

## DESSERTS

Rice Pudding .....	10c.	Fruit Cup .....	10c.
Tapioca Pudding .....	10c.	Pie, per Cut .....	10c.
Bread Pudding .....	10c.	Ice Cream .....	5c. — 10c.
Chocola Pudding .....	10c.	Fruit Jell-O .....	10c.

## FRUIT IN SEASON

Grapefruit .....	10c.	Stewed Prunes .....	10c.
Pineapple Juice .....	10c.	Cantalope .....	15c.
Tomato Juice .....	10c.	Honey Dew .....	15c. <sup>20</sup>
Orange Juice .....	10c.	Watermelon .....	10c.
Sliced Orange .....	15c.	Sliced Bananas .....	10c.
Sliced Peaches .....	15c.	Strawberries .....	10c.

## CEREALS TOAST AND CAKES

Oatmeal .....	10c.	Milk Toast .....	20c.
Cream of Wheat .....	10c.	French Toast .....	25c.
Cereals .....	10c.	Hot Cakes .....	20c.
2 slices Dry or Buttered Toast .....	5c.	Hot Cakes and Sausage .....	40c.
Cinnamon Toast .....	10c.	Hot Cakes and Ham .....	40c.

## SINGLE DECKER SANDWICHES


(Sandwiches on Toast, Included Lettuce)

Bacon Sandwich .....	2 c.	Lettuce and Tomato .....	
Ham .....	15c.	Toasted Cheese .....	
Cheese .....	15c.	Virginia Ham .....	
Fried Egg .....	15c.	Fresh Ham .....	
Liverwurst .....	15c.	Roast Beef .....	
Salmon .....	20c.	Oyster .....	20c.
Hard Boiled Egg .....	15c.	Western Egg .....	20c.
Hamburger .....	20c.	Cream Cheese .....	15c.
Sliced Chicken .....	35c.	Swiss Cheese .....	15c.
Salami .....	15c.	Sardine Sandwich .....	20c.
Bacon and Egg .....	25c.	Ham and Cheese Sandwich .....	
Ham and Egg Sandwich .....	25c.	Single Decker .....	20c.
Tuna Fish .....	20c.		

## DOUBLE DECKER

(Sandwiches on Toast Include Lettuce)

Cream Cheese, Stuffed Olives .....	25c.	Bacon and Cheese .....	30c.
Ham and Cheese .....	30c.	Lettuce, Tomato, Green .....	
Salmon and Hard Boiled Egg .....	25c.	Pepper .....	25c.
Chicken Salad and Bacon .....	35c.	Club Sandwich .....	45c.
Cream Cheese and Jelly .....	25c.	Tuna Fish Salad and Bacon .....	35c.
		Rainbow Special .....	25c.



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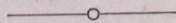
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**MENU**

2156 North Broad Street

Philadelphia, Pa.



**We Serve**

**Delicious Toasted Sandwiches**



## STEAKS AND CHOPS

Chops, Potatoes .....	60c.
Broiled Jumbo Lamb Chops on Toast, Potatoes .....	60c.
Beef Tenderloin, Potatoes, .....	<del>85c.</del> 1.00
Broiled Prime Sirloin Steak, French Fried Potatoes, .....	<del>80c.</del> 95

## ENTREES

Breaded Pork Chops, Potatoes .....	40c.
Hamburger Steak, Potatoes .....	<del>35c.</del> X0
Breaded Veal Chop, Potatoes, Sweet Peas, Cole Slaw .....	40c.
Minced Ham and Scrambled Eggs, Potatoes .....	40c.
Chicken Croquette, Mashed Potatoes, Cole Slaw .....	30c.
Creamed Chipped Beef on Toast, Mashed Potatoes, Cole Slaw .....	30c.
Broiled Pork Tenderloin, Cole Slaw Potatoes .....	60c.
Breaded Veal Cutlets, Cole Slaw and Potatoes .....	50c.
Creamed Chicken on Toast, Cole Slaw and Potatoes .....	40c.

## VEGETABLES AND POTATOES

Green Peas .....	10c.	Mashed .....	10c.
String Beans .....	10c.	French Fried .....	10c.
Spinach .....	10c.	Home Fried .....	10c.
Stewed Tomatoes .....	10c.	Julienne .....	15c.
Lima Beans .....	10c.	Lyonnaise .....	10c.
Baked Beans .....	10c.	Hash Brown .....	10c.
Creamed Mushrooms .....		Spaghetti .....	10c.
on Toast .....	40c.		

## EGGS AND OMELETTES

Fried Eggs .....	25c.	Plain Omelette .....	30c.
Boiled Eggs .....	25c.	Ham Omelette .....	40c.
Poached Eggs .....	25c.	Cheese Omelette .....	40c.
Scramble Eggs .....	25c.	Spanish Omelette .....	40c.
Ham or Bacon and Eggs .....	45c.	Onion Omelette .....	40c.
Order Fried Ham .....	50c.	Tomato Omelette .....	40c.
Order Fried Bacon .....	50c.	Western Omelette .....	40c.

## SEA FOOD IN SEASON

Fried Deviled Crab, Potatoes, Cole Slaw .....	45c.
Three Fried Oysters, Potatoes, Cole Slaw .....	<del>40c.</del> 45
Fried Steak Fish, Potatoes, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw .....	35c.
Fried Filet of Sole, Tartar Sauce, Potatoes .....	35c.
Fried Scallop, Tartar Sauce and Potatoes .....	45c.
Deviled Crab (to take out).....	15c.
Small Clam Stew .....	35c.
Large Clam Stew .....	45c.
Clam Cocktail .....	25c.
One Dozen Steamed Clams, .....	
Drawn Butter .....	25c.
Small Oyster Stew .....	<del>35c.</del> 40
Large Oyster Stew .....	45c.
Half Dozen Fried Oysters .....	60c.
One Dozen (to take out) .....	65c.

(With Crackers only)

## HOT SANDWICHES

Hot Turkey .....	50c.	Hot Chicken .....	45c.
Hot Roast Pork .....	35c.	Hot Roast Beef .....	35c.
Hot Hamburg .....	30c.	Hot Roast Lamb .....	35c.