

Crosby Inn Registers

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Summary Information:

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Biographical/Historical Information:

The Crosby Inn was built in 1888-89 on the site of the home of former Maine Governor William G. Crosby. From Williamson's history, we learn "In October, 1887, Colonel Richard Chenery, Calvin Hervey, Israel Wood Parker, Alden Darwin Chase, Albion H. Bradbury, Nathan Foster Houston, James Thomas Pottle, A. Cutter Sibley, and Seth Llewellyn Milliken were incorporated under the name of 'The Belfast Hotel Company.' The sum of \$21,650 having been subscribed by thirty-two stockholders, all of Belfast; the Crosby lot, in the rear of the Custom House, was purchased for \$6500 as a site, and the erection of a house, to be called 'The Crosby Inn," immediately commenced. The house was opened June 1, 1889 " It was destroyed by fire in 1896. A portion of the original Governor Crosby's mansion, which was built in 1803, was used as an annex of the Crosby Inn. This annex was the only part of the inn which was saved from the fire. It was later purchased and restored, as near as possible to the original Gov. Crosby home, by his daughter, Anne Crosby Chenery.

Scope and Contents:

This collection contains 5 registers covering a period of 2 years from June 1889 to June 1891. Most of the guests were from Maine communities, Boston or New York City, with a good number of Connecticut, New Hampshire, and other Massachusetts and New York cities and towns are represented. Visitors from Chicago, Philadelphia, Providence, Cleveland, Jersey and even California signed these registers.

Arrangement:
Chronological

Finding Aid:

Vol. I	1 Jun 1889 – 12 Sep 1889
Vol. II	13 Sep 1889 – 14 Mar 1890
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Vol. IV	3 Aug 1890 – 6 Dec 1890
Vol. V	7 Dec 1890 – 2 Jun 1891