

A History of The Inn

The Somerset Inn of Enosburg Falls located at 57 Depot Street is the last surviving hotel of it's era. It is located in the heart of Enosburg's historic railroad district and was known as The Quincy Hotel.

It was built in 1876 by Fernando Kimball jr. after his previous hotel, The Eagle, located on Main Street burned. He quickly rebuilt on Depot Street, just a short walk from the Missisquoi Valley Railroad Depot, to house out of town guests and the many traveling salesmen who came to the area.

Mr. Kimball operated the hotel until 1880 and then leased it to Burton Dickenson who manufactured Birch and Ginger beers and all types of soda and tonics. He was also the local telegraph operator and maintained offices in the hotel.

Mr. Kimball later sold the hotel in 1892 to H.H. and Charles Best who installed electric lighting, bathrooms, plumbing and enlarging the dining room. There was also a barber shop on the first floor where you can still see the rusty circle of the chair!

The hotel contained nine sleeping rooms on the second floor and a large hall on the third floor for meetings, dances, plays and gatherings. See flyer's enclosed.

In 1923 a fire destroyed the mansard roof, the third floor and it's Queen Anne porch. It was rebuilt with a third floor that contained nine sleeping rooms like the second as the guests were now renting on a monthly basis. The Opera House which was built in 1892, was now the social gathering place and a hall at The Quincy probably wasn't necessary. The full-length Colonial Revival style porch with Tuscan columns and porte-cochere was rebuilt and is still in existance today!

The hotel has gone through many owners over the years, but still remains a viable part of the community, where you can rent a room for the night, have lunch, a gourmet dinner, book a party or even get married! There are no pool tables, however!

In 1982 it was considered to be the oldest operating hotel in the state.