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New Owners See Promise In Historic Quincy Hotel

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ENOSBURG FALLS — The Quincy, believed to be the longest continuously operating hotel in the Vermont, has new owners.

Built in 1877 to accommodate the railroad traffic in Enosburg, the hotel and restaurant are now owned by Jim Page and his sister, Marta Page of Essex.

The Pages have made some major changes in the business in the few short months they have owned it. "We've added a menu with noon specials and serve sandwiches all evening," Ms. Page said. "We have also renovated the kitchen and dining room."

In addition, they are providing more varied entertainment. "We plan to have bands Thursday through Saturday all summer," said Page.

It is not uncommon to walk into the packed bar of the hotel on a Friday and see a variety of age groups and types of people. "That's what we like about Enosburg," Ms. Page said. "The atmosphere is so friendly and everyone has been very nice to us."

Nineteen rooms on the second and third floors of the Quincy are rented out, some by the month to local workers and others by the day to tourists. "We've have a pair of sisters who close up their

home in Montgomery and come here for the winter," Page said.

Page discovered the hotel when he went to Enosburg to buy a pizza oven. "We were in the market for a business and we liked it here," he said.

"I came up and took one look at a sign over the bar that said, 'No minors, no guns and no knives allowed in this bar,' and my spirit of adventure was aroused," Ms. Page said. "We moved up here on Monday night and were open Tuesday morning."

Page, 27, and his 29-year-old sister have had their share of problems since taking over the hotel. They have had a grease fire, a broken-down boiler and a malfunctioning shower that soaked some patrons in the bar downstairs. "Those are some of the things you have to expect when owning a business," Page said.

Over the past 100 years, the music has changed and the drinks have fancier names, but the basic purpose of the building has not changed.

The hotel was built by F.C. Kimball, who owned it for two years. Being on the railroad line, it was a convenient place for travelers and performers from the nearby Opera House to get dinner and a room for the night.

Since that time, the hotel has had 13 owners.