Guide to the Hotels, Inns, and Restaurants Collection

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COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The Finger Lakes region of New York State is famous for its natural beauty. Tompkins County is particularly renowned for Cayuga Lake, waterfalls and gorges, and its state parks. For more than a century this area has been the location of numerous hotels and inns that have met the needs of visitors, as well as a wide variety of restaurants that are frequented by tourists and local residents alike.

This collection, ranging from the mid-1800s to the early 2000s, includes pamphlets and brochures describing the accommodations offered at a number of prominent hotels in the area, such as Taughannock House, the Ithaca Hotel, the Leonardo Hotel, and O'Malley's Hotel. In addition, there are brochures from bed and breakfasts, inns, and taverns.

A large portion of this collection includes menus from restaurants that feature a variety of cuisines, ranging from well-known eateries like CTB Appetizers, Groover's, the Hot Truck, Ithaca Bakery, Ling Ling, Short Stop, and Simeon's, to lesser known establishments like The Fruit Palace, The Goodie Shop, The Laurell Shop, and The Wisteria Garden.

Of particular interest is a leather-bound hotel registry from Taughannock House (spelled "Tuckahanoc House") with entries dating from 1850-1865.

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