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NEW AUDIO ABOUT WHITE MOUNTAIN HOTEL ERA AVAILABLE

CONCORD, NH— Whether you are planning to spend time in the White Mountains this foliage season or prefer armchair travel, you should check out the latest in the Society's series of *Historical New Hampshire* audio journals. Designed for residents and visitors alike, *The Grand Resort Hotels and Tourism in the White Mountains* immerses listeners in the history and culture of the numerous large hotels that were bringing fame and prosperity to the White Mountain region by the late 1800s. The audio recording is available for purchase on CD or for downloading from the Society's Web site for free. Visit nhhistory.org to obtain the audio version in either format.

The recorded articles were originally presented as lectures at a Mount Washington Observatory symposium featuring the grand hotel era, held at the Mount Washington Hotel in Bretton Woods in 1994. They were made available in printed form the following year in a special issue of *Historical New Hampshire*, edited by symposium chair Bryant F. Tolles Jr. Now tourists en route to the mountains, as well as hotel guests in their rooms and local residents at home, can easily benefit from the research shared at the symposium and published by the Society to gain improved understanding of an important aspect of our state's heritage.

The first presentation provides an overview of the architecture, history, and personalities associated with the grand hotels, followed by an examination of the changes in transportation that affected the hotels' development. The final contribution takes a close look at hotel life and activities in the year 1900, from the perspective of both hotel owners and their guests.

Narrated by John Walters and produced by Cliff House Audio, *The Grand Resort Hotels* is made possible through support from the Robert and Dorothy Goldberg Charitable Foundation and from Carolyn and Bryant F. Tolles Jr.

The audio edition of *The Grand Resort Hotels* is part of an initiative by the New Hampshire Historical Society to share the contents of its journal *Historical New Hampshire* with a larger audience by producing it in a user-friendly audio format as well as in print. The Society's audio edition is intended to help make the latest discoveries and most interesting historical information accessible to everyone for whom listening is easier or more enjoyable than reading. Whether the challenge is vision loss, finding time to read, or a non-traditional learning style, having an audio option helps make the information in the Society's print journal more broadly accessible.

Founded in 1823, the New Hampshire Historical Society is the independent nonprofit that saves, preserves, and shares New Hampshire history. The Society has published the journal *Historical New Hampshire* since 1944. Each issue contains a variety of articles about a past that enriches and informs our lives today, as well as reviews of recent books of state and local interest. *Historical New Hampshire* is a benefit of membership in the New Hampshire Historical Society. To obtain *The Grand Resort Hotels* in any format or to become a member, visit online at nhhistory.org or call 603-228-6688.

Illustration: Audio CD, *The Grand Resort Hotels & Tourism in the White Mountains*, picturing the Crawford House, Crawford Notch, watercolor, by John Badger Bachelder (1825–94), c. 1858. New Hampshire Historical Society.

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