

Guide to the Sinclair House Registers, 1879-1913

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:

Sinclair House Ledgers, 1879-1913

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Sinclair House

Language:

The materials in this collection are in English

Extent:

21 ledgers

Abstract:

Registers of the Sinclair House of Bethlehem, NH, documenting visitors and their hometowns for the years 1879 to 1913.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The Sinclair House Registers were purchased in July 2014.

Processing Information:

This collection was processed by Sarah Galligan in October 2014. The finding aid was written by Sarah Galligan in October 2014. This finding aid follows the standards set-forth by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

Access Restrictions:

Available for research.

Location:

The collection is housed at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, New Hampshire.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

Some of the registers are in fragile condition and should be handled with care.

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information/ Administrative Information:

The Sinclair House was originally owned and built by John H. Sinclair in 1857. In 1870, he sold the hotel to J.A. Durgin and D.W. Ranlet. Ranlet sold his share to A.B. Richardson, who then sold his share to Warren Fox to form the ownership company of Durgin and Fox. Durgin and Fox owned the hotel until 1888 when Fox sold his interests to Daniel W. Harrington and William McAufflie to form Durgin and Company. Under Durgin and Company, the hotel reached a guest capacity of 300 in 1901. Durgin and Company lasted until 1908, when the ownership transferred to the Sinclair Hotel Company with Harrington as President and McAuliffe as Treasurer. The Sinclair House passed through several other owners including Thomas P. Conley in the 1920s until it closed in 1974. A fire destroyed the vacant building on October 24, 1978.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The Sinclair House Registers, 1879-1913, document the visitors to the Sinclair House Hotel located in Bethlehem, NH. The Sinclair House was typically open from June of the year until September or October, when it would close for the season. Most of the registers contain advertisements and document the name of the visitors and their origin. Each of the pages with

advertisements is the same. The range of registers with advertisements is complete from 1901 to 1913 except for the year 1910, which is not represented. There are also inside registers documenting 1896-1898, 1898-1900, and 1901-1903. The inside registers are more detailed and often list charges incurred by visitors. One ledger lists departures for August 1903 to October 1911.

Arrangement:

The Sinclair House Registers are arranged chronologically by type.

Contents List

Register with advertisements, May – June 1879, May – June 1880

Register with advertisements, June – September 1884 (includes some loose pages from September 1898)

Register with advertisements, June – September 1885

Register with advertisements, June – September 1889

Register with advertisements, June – September 1901

Register with advertisements, June – October 1901

Register with advertisements, June – October 1902

Register with advertisements, June – October 1903

Register with advertisements, June – October 1904

Register with advertisements, June – September 1905

Register with advertisements, June – September 1906

Register with advertisements, June – October 1907

Register with advertisements, June – October 1908

Register with advertisements, June – September 1909

Register with advertisements, June – October 1911

Register with advertisements, June – October 1912

Register with advertisements, June – October 1913

Register with advertisements with no entries, undated

Inside register, June 1896 – October 1898

Inside register, June 1898 – September 1900

Inside register, July 1901 – September 1903

Departures register, August 1903 – October 1911

Subject Terms

Organizations:

Sinclair House

Subjects:

Hotels

Registers

Tourism

Locations:

Bethlehem, NH

White Mountains, NH