

A timeline of the property with a chronology of owners and operators since 1819.

December 1819

Oneida Sheriff John B. Rease sold the land to John Stewart for \$1000.

November 1824

Othniel Williams purchased 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres of land from John Stewart.

1825-1832

The building was under the construction Othniel Williams, a former Waterville lawyer and Clinton resident. Williams died shortly after the residence was completed in 1832, leaving it to his son Othniel Samuel Williams, a nineteen-year-old Hamilton College student.

Othniel Samuel Williams married Delia Strong Avery, eighteen-year-old daughter of Hamilton College chemistry professor Charles Avery and his wife Delia Avery. Williams and Avery had three children, one of whom, Mary Delia, married Chicago businessman and Hamilton College alumnus Henry E. C. Daniels. Their daughter, Harriet McD. Daniels, was the last Williams family member to reside in the home, although cousins spent summers there. Elliot Strong Williams was the only son.

June 1938

William H. Newton, a Utica lawyer who resided at 111 Arlington Place, purchased the home from the estate of Delia A. Williams.

August 1941

Adain Newell, who formerly ran a restaurant and barroom on Kirkland Avenue at the railroad crossing, purchased the estate and operated it as Hotel Ades. Newell owned the place from 1941-1945.

October 1945

A group of Hamilton College alumni and Clinton businessmen, among them Mrs. Winton Tolles, James Doyle, Harold C. Ford, Mrs. Ralph Leuthi, William H. Areson Jr, William J. Hameline, Henry Harding, Miss Emily Smyth, O. Gregory Burns, and Edward Stanely, purchased the property from Adain Newell as the Kirkland Properties.

April 12, 1946

The property was opened as the Alexander Hamilton Inn, a high-end dining spot, under the management of Edwin L. Van Allen, a Cornell University graduate.

December 1946

George and Martha Traub took over management. In January 1947 they formed a new company West Park Row Corporation. Traub was president, Edward Stanley was vice-president, and Mrs. Traub was secretary and treasurer.

January 1951

West Park Row Corporation (the Traub company) purchased the property. George Traub was a Cornell University Hotel School graduate. He died in July 1965 after a fall from the Inn's roof.

1957

The Carriage House, on the right rear of the property, was torn down and reconstructed at the Farmers' Museum in Cooperstown, adjacent to Bump Tavern, where it remain today.

May 1957

Herbert C. Hansen, former Hamilton College alumni director, purchased the Inn from Mrs. Martha Traub for \$225,000. The agreement called for a long-term mortgage of \$175,000. Mrs. Traub managed it briefly under Hansen.

1973

David R. White, Richard G. Compson, and Roy Clark, all of Clinton, purchased the Inn from Herbert C. Hansen. Schuyler Sweet and William MacCartney were also in the ownership group. Peter Bliss managed the property.

December 12, 1977

Fire caused major damage to the first and second floors of the building.

September 1978

Robert Hazleton and Richard Scarmado purchased the property. After extensive renovations, it opened as the Clinton House Restaurant. Previously, they had operated the Clinton House Restaurant in the Grand Union Shopping Center on Meadow Street since 1970. A liquor store, restaurant area, and a new CVS has been added since then.

March 1982

Richard Scarmardo sold his share in the property to Robert Hazleton.

July 1986

Daryl Chesebro and family purchased the Inn and ran it as the Clinton Country Inn.

1990

James Metz acquired the property. He remodeled and reopened it as the Alexander Hamilton Inn. Metz had previously bought several businesses in the town and village of Hamilton, New York, including restaurants, the airport, and a retail store.

June 1994

Emanuel and Barbara Ferro of Craig Road, Clinton, purchased the property from the Bank of Utica, which had been asking \$680,000 for it. Mrs. Ferro's son Larry Beardsley was the general manager. He made the drastic change in menu to Mexican cuisine.

May 1998

Emmanuel and Barbara Ferro closed the Inn, and the Bank of Utica foreclosed on the mortgage, which amounted to \$680,000.

February 2005

Patrick S. O'Connor, a restaurateur, filed for bankruptcy on the property known as the Alexander Hamilton Inn.

January 31, 2007

The Alexander Hamilton Inn closed for good. The Bank of Utica took custody of the building and other assets.

September 17, 2007

Hamilton College alumni purchased the property. Three Hamilton College professors— Robert Paquette, James Bradfield, and Douglas Ambrose— inspired by Alexander Hamilton's life and work, reestablished the property as The Alexander Hamilton Institute for the Study of Western Civilization (AHI), a non-profit. It is unaffiliated with Hamilton College.

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