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Stowe's Green Mountain Inn Keeps Photo Spread of former President Gerald Ford's Visit to the Inn

Inn has original magazine from 1940 which includes photos of a young Ford in Stowe.

Stowe, VT—December 27, 2006—One of Vermont's most historic hotels is buzzing about a former president that visited when he was a young law student in 1940. Long before Gerald Ford was our nation's 38th president, he was featured in Look magazine, a copy of which still hangs on the walls of Stowe's Green Mountain Inn.

The five-page spread, titled "A New York girl and her Yale boy friend spend a hilarious holiday on skis," is framed on the walls of the Green Mountain Inn near the entrance to the Whip Bar & Grill restaurant. The Inn also has an original copy of the magazine, kept under lock and key by management.

"The Inn and its owners are very proud that President Ford was here," said Innkeeper Patti Clark. "It's always fun to talk about the famous people that have stayed here, and he's tops on our list."

Over the years, the Inn has hosted many famous visitors including Lowell Thomas, who made regular broadcasts from the Inn. President Gerald Ford stayed at the Inn as a student on a modeling assignment for Look Magazine. And President Chester A. Arthur actually acted in a theatrical production at the Inn. In addition, Tipper Gore and her children have stayed at the Inn, as well as Hollywood actors, Ben Affleck and Matt Damon.

The Inn was first built as a private dwelling house in 1833, but was soon turned into a hotel called the Mansfield House and later the Brick Hotel. In 1982 the Inn was purchased by Marvin Gameroff, a Canadian visitor to Stowe who fell in love with the property. The Inn was transferred to the Gameroff Trust, the present owner, and a massive restoration project was completed in 1983 to honor the 150th birthday of the building. The wallpaper, stenciling and draperies in all of the Inn rooms are authentic early American reproductions. The lovely 18th century country furniture was manufactured especially for the Green Mountain Inn.

The Green Mountain Inn is one of Vermont's most historic hotels. The main building and adjacent Depot building are listed as number 13 and 14 on the National Register of Historic Places. Stowe's original inn retains much of its antique charm offering 104 rooms, suites and townhouses. Guests enjoy two acclaimed restaurants, the Whip Bar & Grill and the Main Street Dining Room, specialty shops, a year-round heated outdoor pool, afternoon tea and cookies, health club facility, massage services and much more.