

“Rockwell House, Glens Falls”

OVERVIEW OF THE OBJECT

Repository: Crandall Public Library.
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Glens Falls, NY.

Creator: K. Fitzgerald

Title: “Rockwell House, Glens Falls”

Dates: 1986

Quantity: 1 framed drawing

Identification: Art & Artifacts

HISTORICAL/BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

The Rockwell House, later the Hotel Rockwell, was the largest and most elegant hotel in Glens Falls for many years. It opened, facing Bank Square, on February 22, 1872 on a site which had been used for a succession of hotels continuously since 1802. The name changed about 1920, and many changes to the façade occurred over the following decades. The name changed once more, to the Hotel Towers, in 1949, a year before the building burned on Feb. 22, 1950, exactly 78 years after it first opened. The site is now the entrance of Hudson Avenue into the Centennial Circle.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT:

The pencil drawing is 25.5 x 27 cm (10 x 10.75 inches). It is double-matted and framed. Exterior dimensions of the frame are 43.5 x 47 cm (17 x 18.5 inches).

The view of the Rockwell House is from the front, in the middle of Bank Square. Most of the façade is shown, with three cars parked in front of it. There is a figure by the center car who might be a uniformed chauffeur. On the porch are four figures, one single and a group of three. The drawing was done in 1986, but appears to present the Rockwell House as it looked in the 1920s.

The cars all look to be Model T Fords: the center car perhaps a 1923, and the right-hand one a 1920 or 1924.

The drawing is signed "K. Fitzgerald", written vertically in the lower right side of the façade.