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Title Fifth Avenue Hotel. Records.

Approximate inclusive dates 1859 - 1890

Date of receipt Unknown

Received from Miss Frank E. Buttolph

Volume on arrival Unknown

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 9 RC

Condition Dirty, covered with "red rot;" bindings crumbling.

Restrictions None

Description See attached sheets

Special Formats ☐ Photographs ☐ Maps ☐ Audio Tapes ☐ Films ☐ Graphics  
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Hotels - New York City; Hotels - Finances;

Food Prices.

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## FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL. RECORDS.

The Fifth Avenue Hotel, located at Fifth Avenue and Twenty-Third Street, was built by Amos R. Eno in 1859. Eno, a daring capitalist, wanted to give New York the most splendid hotel in the world. Built in white marble, the six story hotel offered "more than one hundred suites of apartments, each combining the luxury and convenience of parlor, chamber, dressing and bathroom." The Fifth Avenue also introduced another widely discussed feature: "a perpendicular railway intersecting each story." Guests and visitors found the elevator a pleasant novelty.

The Fifth Avenue Hotel Collection consists of volumes of ledgers and journals, 1859 - 1891, kept by the chef and/or kitchen staff of the hotel. These volumes give detailed accounts of all daily kitchen expenses. The ledgers which are in chronological order are very dirty and have bindings that are deteriorating. There are many misc. volumes having to do with kitchen related services in the hotel. Among these books are liquor expense ledgers, lists and addresses of vendors, payments of items broken or damaged by employees and bank deposits and payments.

Fifth Avenue Hotel

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10 vols.

Records of the Fifth Avenue Hotel of New York City,  
1859-1890. Store ledgers, for the period Aug. 1859 - Dec.  
1861, Feb. 1863 - Mar. 1864, recording daily purchases of  
provisions for the kitchen, pastry room, vegetable room,  
servant's room, dining room, and bar room (w/ daily guest  
totals from Feb. 1860) [3 vols.]; cash books recording pur-  
chases of provisions for the period Aug. 1867 - Mar. 1872,  
Aug. 1884 - Jun. 1885, Oct. 1887 - Jul. 1888, Apr. 1889 -  
Jan. 1890 [7 vols.]. Listing available.

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# FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL

## Box Listing

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### Market Books

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|---|-----------|
| 1 | 1859-1874 |
| 2 | 1875-1889 |

### Store Room volumes

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|---|-----------|
| 3 | 1859-1867 |
| 4 | 1867-1876 |
| 5 | 1876-1884 |
| 6 | 1885-1888 |
| 7 | 1888-1891 |

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| 8-11 | <u>Miscellaneous volumes</u> |
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Vol. No.

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|-----|--|--------|----------------|
| 1.  | Store Ledger No. 1,<br>1 Aug. 1859 -<br>1 Nov. 1860  | 1 vol. | (10½"X1½"X15") |
| 2.  | Store Ledger No. 2,<br>1 Nov. 1860 -<br>16 Dec. 1861 | 1 vol. | (10½"X1½"X15") |
| 3.  | Store Ledger No. 4,<br>6 Feb. 1863 -<br>31 Mar. 1864 | 1 vol. | (10½"X1½"X15") |
| 4.  | Cash Book,<br>29 Aug. 1867 -<br>30 Sept 1868         | 1 vol. | (9"X1"X1¾")    |
| 5.  | Cash Book,<br>1 Oct. 1868 -<br>25 Nov. 1869          | 1 vol. | (8½"X1"X1¾")   |
| 6.  | Cash Book,<br>26 Nov. 1869 -<br>31 Dec. 1870         | 1 vol. | (8½"X1"X1¾")   |
| 7.  | Cash Book,<br>1 Jan. 1871 -<br>12 Mar. 1872          | 1 vol. | (8½"X1½"X1¾")  |
| 8.  | Cash Book,<br>26 Aug. 1884 -<br>29 Jun. 1885         | 1 vol. | (9"X1¼"X1¾")   |
| 9.  | Cash Book,<br>29 Oct. 1887 -<br>28 Jul. 1888         | 1 vol. | (9"X1"X1¾")    |
| 10. | Cash Book,<br>26 Apr. 1889 -<br>22 Jan. 1890         | 1 vol. | (8½"X1¼"X1¾")  |