

THE PERRY HOTEL, STAFFORD'S
100 Lewis Street {corner of Bay & Lewis Streets}

PETOSKEY, EMMET COUNTY, MICHIGAN



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Historic lodging and Waterfront Dining since 1961

A Pioneer in Elegant Lodging



Vintage Postcard Image of the Perry

In 1899, just four years after Petoskey was incorporated as a city, **Dr. Norman J. Perry** built the hotel after giving up his **dental practice** (a patient had died following a multiple tooth extraction). He operated the **Perry** until 1919, when it was purchased by **Drs. John and George Reycraft**. They intended to convert the Hotel into a hospital, but Petoskey's city fathers felt there was such a demand for a year-round hotel that they convinced the brothers to build their hospital in another location.

The Doctors selected their nephew, **D. Herbert Reycraft**, as hotel manager. Under his direction the **Perry Hotel** became a lively center of attraction featuring a small orchestra during dinner and dances at least once a week. Its popularity demanded expansion, so the **Reycrafts** doubled the capacity to 300 guests when they added a four story, 46 room wing in 1926. **Herbert Reycraft** and his wife, **Hazel**, retired in 1961. The **Reycrafts** then sold the hotel to **John Davis**, at which time **Davis** made extensive improvements including the panoramic window which overlooks **Little Traverse Bay** from the dining room. Under his ownership, he changed the name to the **Perry-Davis Hotel** and operated the hotel until **Alan Gornick** purchased the hotel in the 1970s.

Stafford's Hospitality purchased the **Perry** in 1989. We have undertaken extensive interior and exterior restoration to this **historic landmark**. It is now listed on the **National Register of Historic Sites** as well as its State of Michigan counterpart. Of the 21 hotels in operation in 1900, the **Perry Hotel** is the only one still in operation today. **Extracted, The Perry Hotel, Petoskey, History of The Perry**

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The Perry Hotel Lobby, 1905
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The Perry Hotel's proximity to the rail stations made it convenient for travelers. The GR&I main station is on the far right and the pedestrian bridge in the foreground.

