

# THE PROFILE HOUSE



One of the most famous grand resort hotels, the Profile House was built in 1853 in Franconia Notch. It was named for the Old Man of the Mountain, whose profile could be seen from the hotel. The Profile House expanded many times over the years. At its largest, it could hold 600 guests in the hotel and 350 horses in its stables! A railroad ran from Bethlehem right up to the hotel.

## Notice & Wonder

- Can you figure out how each of the items pictured here relates to the Profile House?



The hotel was very fancy and offered guests hot and cold running water and even electricity toward the end of the 19th century. The meals were big and offered guests many choices, with decorated menus. Many guests stayed at the Profile House for the entire summer and took day trips, called excursions, to see local sights. Tourists bought many souvenirs from their stay at the Profile House, and most of those souvenirs featured a picture of the Old Man that the hotel was named after.



The Profile House burned down in 1923.

