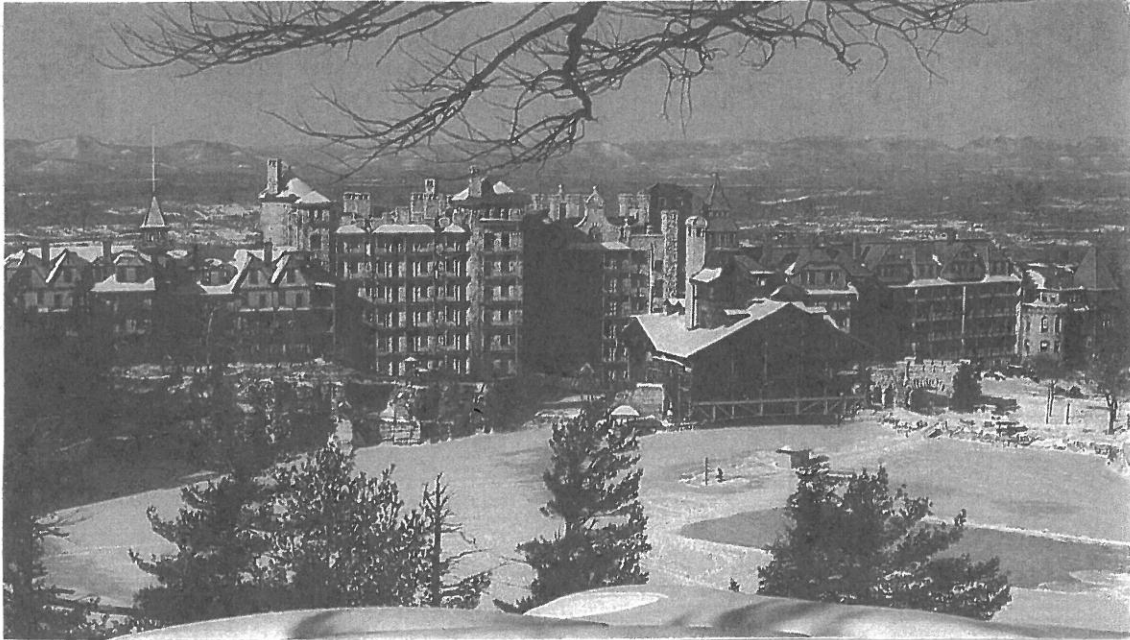


# Haunted Hotels of the Catskills



THE SPRAWLING GRAND HOTELS OF YESTERYEAR HOLD A CERTAIN FACINATION FOR MOST OF US, BUT THEY ARE MOSTLY GHOST HOTELS TODAY. DURING THE LAST CENTURY BOTH THE RICH AND MIDDLE CLASSES BOARDED STEAMSHIPS AND THE HUDSON RIVER RAIL ROAD AND HEADED FOR THE ELEGANT PALACES IN THE CATSKILLS. PERCHED HIGH ATOP THE CLIFFS OVERLOOKING THE RIVER AND GLACIAL LAKES, SOME OF THESE HOTELS HAD AS MANY AS EIGHT HUNDRED ROOMS.

THEY OFFERED EVERY MODERN CONVENIENCE, EXOTIC CUISINE PLUS OLD WORLD OPULENCE AND LUXURY. WHEN PROHIBITION HIT IN 1920, THE CATSKILLS BECAME A POPULAR PLAYGROUND FOR GANGSTERS AND BOOTLEGGERS. MEN LIKE AL CAPONE, LEGS DIAMOND, AND DUTCH SCHULTZ LOVED THE BIG HOTELS WHERE GAMBLING AND BOOZE WERE ALWAYS ON HAND. THEY SOON TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE SECLUDED WOODS AND LAKES AS A CONVENIENT PLACE TO DISPOSE OF BODIES.

IN THIS SLIDE PRESENTATION WE WILL REVIEW THE GREAT HOTELS AND LUXURY RESORTS OF THE PAST CENTURY AND VISIT THE HAUNTING RUINS THAT REMAIN TODAY.

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