

Green Park Inn named Award of Excellence Winner!

West Baden Springs, Indiana – October 9, 2015, Historic Hotels of America 2015 Awards of Excellence winners were announced at West Baden Springs Hotel (1902) at French Lick Resort in West Baden Springs, Indiana on Thursday, October 8. Awards were presented before an audience of more than 200 owners, senior management, invited media, industry leaders, and representatives from the finest historic hotels across America. Honors were given in multiple categories ranging from Hotelier of the Year and Hotel Historian of the Year to Best Historic Resort, Historic Hotelier of the Year, and others. The Green Park Inn was awarded Best Small Historic Inn/Hotel (under 75 guest rooms)!

The Green Park Inn was opened in 1891 by a group of 3 businessmen from Lenoir, NC, including Civil War Veteran Major George Washington Findlay Harper on extensive acreage then known as "Green Park," and is the last of the Grand Manor hotels in the High South. Back then, and for many years, the hotel contained the only United States Post Office for the entire area. (A piece of this original post office remains with the hotel, in its "History Room," to this day.) In 2010, the Green Park Inn was purchased by New York hotel "affection-ados" Eugene and Steven Irace. Throughout the summer and early fall of 2010 the hotel underwent extensive infrastructure and systems repair and modernization, as well as having been entirely refurnished. Throughout the decades and generations this Grand Dame of the High Country has hosted such historic and memorable figures as Annie Oakley, J.D. Rockefeller, Eleanor Roosevelt, Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover, and Margaret Mitchell (who penned part of "Gone With the Wind" while a guest of the hotel) and somewhat less notable, though no less important guests as the

Smiths, and the Jones and so many more sojourners in search of a night's respite, or a superb and intriguing vacation destination.