

Source: Prince William County Businesses 1805-1955

Cannon House Hotel - Manassas, Va., Trustee's sale of Cannon House Hotel in the town of Manassas will take place on Saturday, Feb, 1 1890 at 12 noon. Property situate on Main Street and fronting on the Virginia Midland Railroad in the said town, also one fourth of an acre bounded by Main street on the east, and South street on the south and known as the "Cannon House Stable Lot." Terms of sale is cash sufficient to pay the expenses in the sum of twenty-six hundred dollars. 19 Jan 1890 M.G. - This Hotel has recently been fitted up in first-class style. It has been thoroughly renovated and refurnished throughout. It has livery stable attachment and is convenient to depot. It is the purpose of its present owner to furnish the best possible accommodations. Your patronage is solicited. Annie Davis proprietor, Manassas VA 28 Feb 1896 M.G. - The largest and finest hotel in Manassas, open to guest permanent and transient on both European and American plans. Rates \$1.50 and \$2.00 per day 21 May 1896 MJ. - Francis J. Cannon seem to be the original owner of the Cannon House dating back to around 1875. He is listed as the owner of a Manassas hotel in the 1880-1881 Virginia business directory. It is unclear when the Cannon House started because Francis operated an Ordinary and was also a Merchant in the area as early as 1852. There is also record of Bernard L. Cannon selling Spirits and merchandise in the area in 1849. W. S. Pickett was the proprietor from 1883 to about 1886. In the late 1880s and 1890's Charles Brawner was the operator of Cannon House Hotel and Saloon. C. E. Brawner is listed as the proprietor of the hotel in the 1893-1894 Virginia business directory. In the 1898-1899 Virginia business directory William Davis is listed as the owner-operator. The Cannon House Livery Stables is listed in the 1893-1894 business directory. The Cannon House Hotel was renamed "The Maine Hotel" in 1898 and burned before 1900.