



Hotel Oregon Room Names

The lodging rooms here celebrate a colorful and worthy cast of characters who have a notable association with the hotel or the surrounding community.

Second Floor

201 *The White Twins* Pete and Walter White, grandsons of the Hotel's original proprietor, lived in this room during the 1920s.

202 *The Jake Blair Band* Jake and Matt Seymour launched their band here at the Hotel in 2000.

203 *Ollie Ruffner White* The wife of the Hotel's original proprietor, she was petite and strong spirited.

204 *Thomas White* He opened and ran the hotel from 1905-32. He and his wife lived in this room.

205 *The Ladies Parlor* In the early days, this room was a space for women to congregate, as opposed to the bar downstairs, where men gathered.

206 *Harry White* Son of the Hotel's first proprietor, Harry ran the restaurant until the early '30s. This was Harry's room during those early days.

Third Floor

301 *Phil Bladine* Longtime newspaperman and McMinnville civic leader, he was instrumental in getting the now famous 1950 UFO story out to the world.

302 *Harry & Patty Devlin* He was an FBI agent staying at the Hotel. She was the proprietor's niece. They met at the Hotel, fell in love and married.

303 *Leona* A steamship that provided short-lived service between Portland and McMinnville.

304 *Melissa Somers* She ran the hotel's front desk, soda fountain, bus depot and Western Union for 15 years.

305 *Rosie Wadersky* The Hotel's backbone and chamber maid from the '40s to the '60s.

306 *Heck Harper* Oregon's singing TV cowboy, he and his country-western band played the Hotel's lounge several times in the '50s.

307 *The Hannas* They were the lively couple who ran the Hotel's Paragon Room in the '50s.

308 *Ti Soyoto* A Japanese cook who worked and lived at the Hotel in the '20s.

309 *Patsy Gearin Bates* She waited tables at the Hotel restaurant in the summer of '42.

310 *Joe Houston* The great Texas sax man and an architect of rock 'n' roll, Joe has made the Hotel a regular stop on his tours since 2001.

311 *Bruce Maccabee* The 1950 McMinnville UFO case expert, he spoke at the first UFO Fest.

312 *Joyce & Ava Widness* Hairdressing sisters who ran a beauty shop in the Hotel for decades.

313 Maxine Brooks As a young girl she took ballet lessons at the Hotel.

314 Helen Sutton Putnam While a student at Linfield in the '30s, she worked here as a chamber maid.

315 Dick Donnelly He managed the Hotel during the booming WWII years.

316 Bea Cuffel A waitress in the Hotel's coffee shop, she later ran a gift shop in the building.

317 Bill Powell Longtime, respected McMinnville reporter who covered the 1950 UFO case.

318 Lois Deever The Hotel clerk extraordinaire of the 1940s.

Fourth Floor

401 Wayne the Singing Chef The Hotel's cook who came out to entertain in the lounge in the '50s.

402 William Newby McMinnville's founder and greatest early-day booster.

403 Nic Nicolai, Jr. Eldest son of the Hotel proprietor, he lived here and set up a HAM radio in this room.

404 Tom Nicolai Son of the Hotel proprietor, Tom grew up living and playing on this floor.

405 Arnold 'Nic' Nicolai He took over the Hotel's management in '45 and built an apartment on the 4th floor for his family.

406 Sally Nicolai Wife of the Hotel proprietor, she helped run the place into the 1970s.

407 The Amazing Louis la Bonte Because of an amazing feat, he became the area's first white settler.

408 Miss Olivia Ireland A Portland dance teacher, she gave ballet lessons at the Hotel in the '20s.

409 Jim Lockett This esteemed local educator and historian helped us with the lodging room-naming process in 2003.

410 Dr. James McBride An early settler and organizer of Linfield College.

411 Alan Yankee Local musician/composer whose career highlights include gigs with jazz great Stan Kenton, magician Harry Blackstone, Jr., and rock icon Roger Daltry.

412 Nick Peirano Namesake and creative force of Nick's Cafe, the landmark local eatery.

413 Abigail Scott Duniway Women's Rights Advocate who grew up in nearby LaFayette.

414 The Coaches' Room A tribute to a quartet of coaching legends from Linfield College.

415 Pacific Crest Construction The talented outfit that resuscitated the old Hotel in 1999.

416 The UFO Room A commemoration of McMinnville's 1950 UFO sighting and photos.

417 Richard Day-Reynolds Local blues king who continues to play memorable gigs at the Hotel.

418 Wine Pioneers' Room A celebration of the area's first wine makers.