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Select Registry Collection of Boutique Properties Welcomes Iconic Jail Hill Inn

Former Illinois Jail Turned Bed & Breakfast Joins Prestigious Lodging Collection

CHARLESTON, S.C. – Select Registry (www.SelectRegistry.com), a diverse collection of independent, boutique properties, is pleased to welcome Jail Hill Inn of Galena, IL as one of its newest member. The 135-year old property and former jailhouse is an exceptional example of adaptive use and historic redevelopment.

“We are delighted to welcome Jail Hill Inn and its owner, Matthew Carroll, to Select Registry,” said Select Registry CEO Mark Jaronski. “We have such a diverse group of member properties, but many share an historic past and Jail Hill Inn may have one of the most unique, having served as a jailhouse for 100 years.”

Originally built in 1878 and open until 1977 as the Joe Daviess County Jail, the building sat empty and desolate for 26 years, until current owner Matthew Carroll purchased it with the dream of opening a bed and breakfast. With 45 windows, some nine feet tall; 14 foot tall, curved brick ceilings; original fourth-floor beams; and unique vaulted ceilings, the history and architectural detail in the building is significant. Renovation work began May 2015 and the inn welcomed its first guests on December 26, 2015. The Jail Hill Inn is currently comprised of six suites. The two second floor suites were once the living quarters for the sheriff or jailer and their family. The two third floor suite were each six jail cells and the fourth floor suite was used for female prisoners. Today, instead of being locked up, guests are welcomed with a glass of wine and cheese and are served a delicious three course breakfast each morning. In the short time of its second life as an inn, Jail Hill Inn and Carroll have received numerous awards including the Adaptive Use Award by Landmarks Illinois.

About Select Registry

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