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1789-1791: George Washington, now president, tours the states using his carriage, traveling on rocky rural roads and staying in local farmhouses²

1803: The Louisiana Purchase⁴ 1802: stagecoach routes allow travel between Boston, MA and Savannah, GA³

1830: first scheduled passenger rail service begins⁷

1869: Transcontinental Railroad meets in Utah¹¹

1896: Plessy v. Ferguson; separate but equal ruling¹⁹

1903: Wright Brothers make first powered flight²⁰

1908: Ford Model T is produced²³

assisted states in funding better highway construction increased funding and administration for highway construction

1921: Federal Highway Act²⁷

1925: Huff Daland Dusters founded, later re-branded to Delta Airlines²⁸

1929: Stock Market Crash³³

1929: Delta's first passenger flight³²

1933: the first Boeing 247 takes flight³⁷

1968: Assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.⁵⁸
1969: American Neil Armstrong walks on the moon⁶⁰

1970: Rail Passenger Service Act of 1970 establishes Amtrak⁶¹

2001: 9/11 Attacks in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania⁶⁷

2020: COVID-19 Pandemic⁷⁰

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1853-1854: New York World's Fair⁸

1872: Yellowstone National Park established¹²

1886: The Michelin Guide first published¹⁵

1890: Yosemite National Park established¹⁶

1932: Grand Hotel Film³⁶
1938: Route 66 completed³⁹

1954: Pina Colada created at Caribe Hilton by Ramon "Monchito" Marrero⁴⁸
1955: Disneyland opens in California⁵⁰

1964-65: New York World's Fair⁵⁶

1971: Disney World's Magic Kingdom opens in Florida⁶²

1829: Boston's Tremont Hotel is the first U.S. hotel with indoor plumbing⁵

1859: First steam powered hotel elevator at Fifth Avenue Hotel, NY⁹

1883: Sagamore Hotel on Lake George in NY becomes first in U.S. to provide electricity in all rooms¹³

1894: Netherland Hotel, NYC becomes first with in-room phones¹⁷

1927: first Hilton with cold running water and A/C in public spaces (Waco, TX)³⁰

1927: Boston's Park Plaza Hotel is first with in room radios³¹

1931: Waldorf Astoria offers en-suite bathrooms and 24-hour room service³⁵

1947: Roosevelt Hilton is the first with TVs in every room⁴¹

1948: Inter-Hilton Hotel Reservation System; the start of modern reservation systems⁴²

1955: Adolphus Hotel, Dallas is first to offer A/C in rooms⁵¹

1955: Hilton begins project to install A/C in every hotel⁵²

1955: HILCRON opens to take reservations for any Hilton via phone, teletype, or telegram⁵³

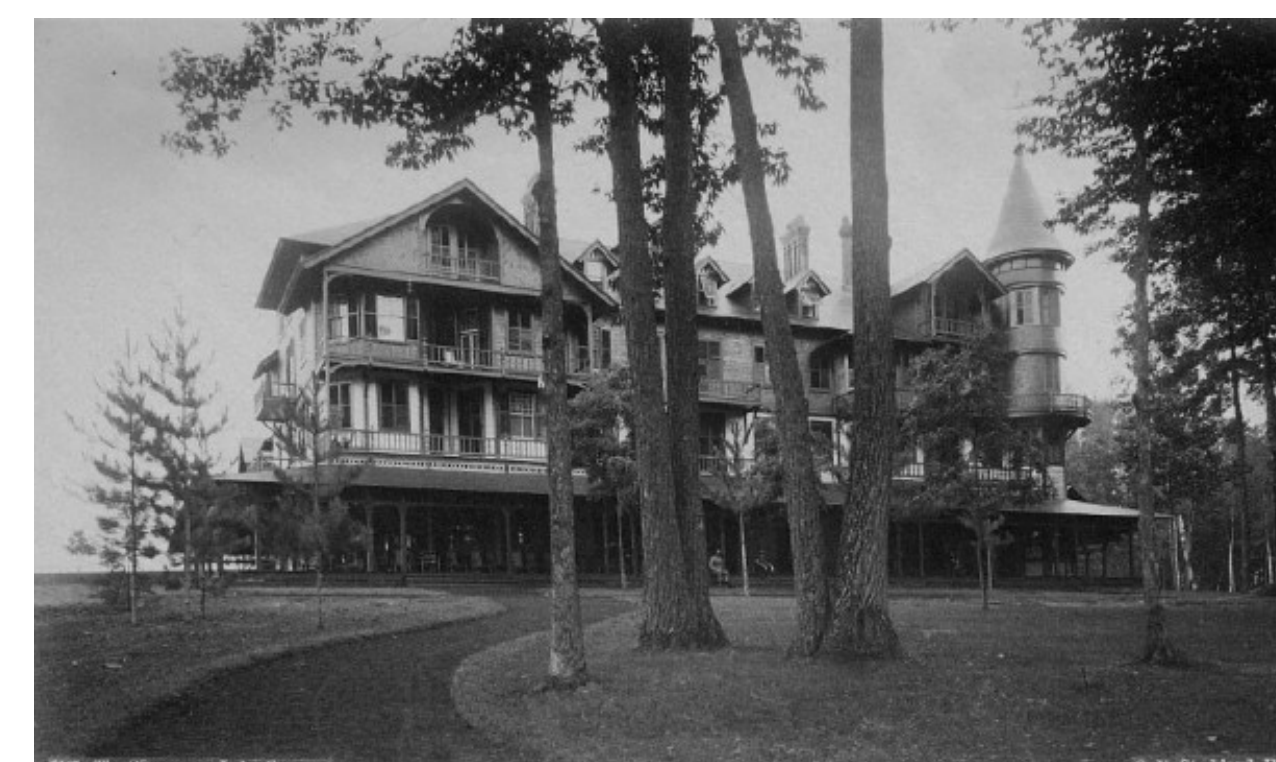
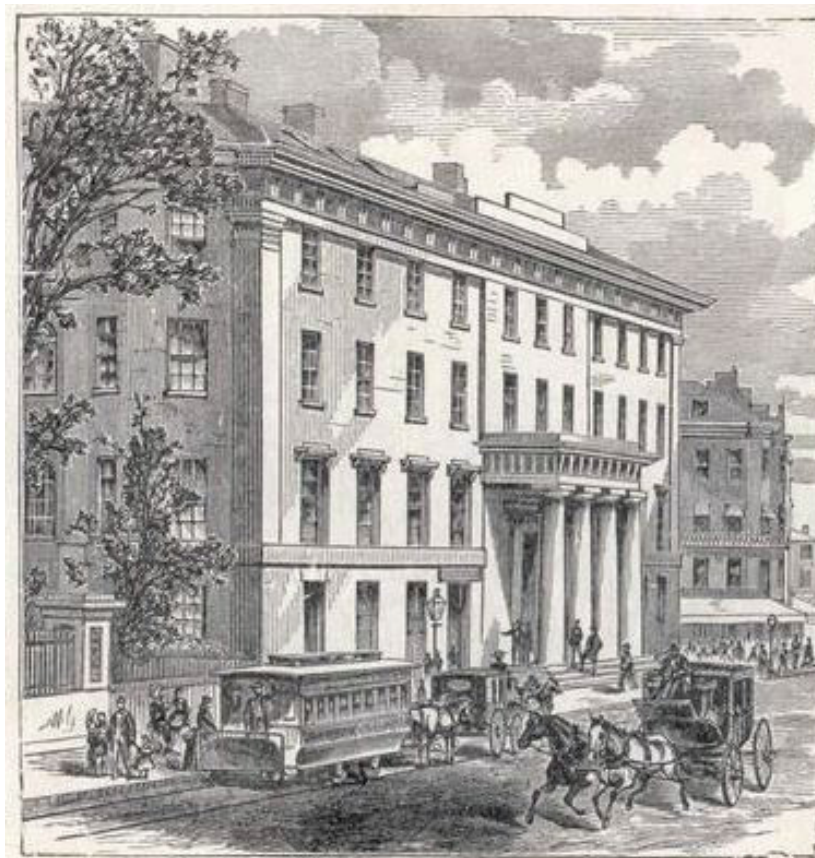
1963: First mini bar (Madison Hotel, Washington, D.C.)⁵⁵

1965: Holiday Inn's HOLIDEX: first electronic hotel reservation system⁵⁷

1995: www.hilton.com is launched⁶⁵

2014: Keyless Entry System introduced⁶⁹

1654: Green Dragon Tavern in Boston, MA dubbed by Historians as "Headquarters of the Revolution"¹



1907: Waldorf-Astoria allowed women into dining rooms without an escort²¹

1919: Conrad Hilton buys first hotel (The Mobley) in Cisco, TX²⁶

1925: First motel opens in San Luis Obispo, CA²⁹

1931: Waldorf-Astoria rebuilt on Park Ave and 50th St.; the largest hotel in the world³⁴

1949: Hilton Purchases the Waldorf-Astoria⁴³

1949: Caribe Hilton, PR; first international Hilton⁴⁴

1952: First Holiday Inn est. in Memphis, TN by Kemmons Wilson⁴⁶

1968: La Quinta, San Antonio TX⁵⁹

1981: Bill Kimpton buys the Bedford Hotel, San Francisco; the first to create a European-style or "boutique" hotel⁶³

1984: Morgans Hotel, NYC, founded by Ian Schrager and Steve Rubell⁶⁴

1999: Ace Seattle opens, the first of the brand⁶⁶

2008: Air BNB founded⁶⁸

2021: 284 Hilton Hotels exist in the U.S.⁷¹

2021: Texas passes House Bill 390, requiring human trafficking training for hotel staff⁷²

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