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Logan Inn

A regal landmark in New Hope since the 18th century, the Logan Inn is known for its longevity, service, décor and a few ghosts

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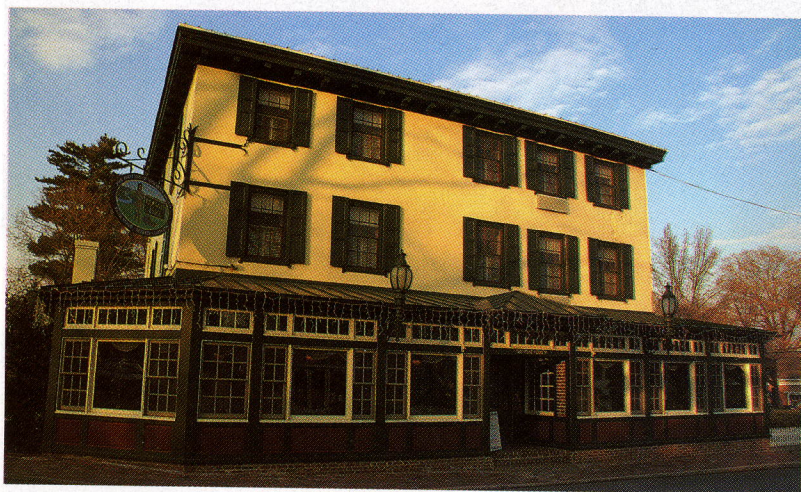
If you're up for a restful stay in a country inn replete with colonial charm, make the Logan Inn your destination du jour. You won't be disappointed. But you should know that others before you have stayed here—and a few have never left.

New Hope's Logan Inn was built in 1722 and established as a tavern in 1727 by New Hope's founder, John Wells. He was licensed in 1722 by Pennsylvania's General Assembly to keep a ferry and in 1727, a tavern. Named the Ferry Tavern, it became the Logan Inn once the ferry ceased operation.

It is the oldest continually run inn in the county, says General Manager Maggie Smith-Calderon, and among the five oldest in the United States. She points out a colorful metal cutout of an Indian atop a pole across Ferry Street. One account of its origin states it is Chief Wingohocking, a member of the Lenni Lenape, known for his kindness toward English settlers. He also developed a close friendship with James Logan, William Penn's secretary. As a tribute to that friendship, the Inn was named after him.

The Inn has seen three separate ownerships and two renovations. First owners Carl Lutz and Arthur Sanders sold the inn in 1987 to Steven R. Kates, Inc. During the first renovation in 1988, private baths were added to the guestrooms. When Kates died in 1991, Chief Logan Associates took over. They in turn sold it to current owners, Carl and Pam Asplundh, in 2000.

The Asplundhs owned Asplundh Tree Service and often dined at the Inn with their three young children. They loved the building and felt it needed "tender loving care." When they retired, they "couldn't help



Above, the general manager of the Logan Inn, Maggie Smith-Calderon, sits in the living room. Left, the Logan Inn is the oldest continually run inn in the county. Opposite top, one of the dining rooms that has a large colonial fireplace. Opposite bottom left, a room with a four-poster bed. Opposite bottom right, a cozy dining area.