

# “HISTORIC LAKE CHAMPLAIN – VIEW FROM HOTEL CHAMPLAIN” OVERVIEW OF THE OBJECT

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Glens Falls, NY.

**Creator:** C. Graham (artist)/H.C. Brown (publisher), N.Y.C.

**Title:** “Historic Lake Champlain – View from Hotel Champlain”

**Dates:** 1899 (copyright date)

**Quantity:** 1 print

**Identification:** Art & Artifacts: Art

## HISTORICAL/BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Hotel Champlain is a historic hotel building located in Plattsburgh, New York. It served as William McKinley's "Summer White House". It is now the site of Clinton Community College.

An itinerant, self-taught sketch artist for *Harper & Brothers*, Charles Graham was born in Rock Island, Illinois, and his drawings were in nearly every issue of *Harper's* from 1880 to 1992. His most favored subject was town views.

Before working for *Harper's*, Graham was a painter of theater backdrops in Chicago and then hired out as a topographer for the Northern Pacific Railroad survey. He was present when the transcontinental railroad was completed in 1883, and covered the subject of railroads extensively for *Harper's*. (Wikipedia)

## INDEX TERMS

**Topics:** Art prints

**Places:** Lake Champlain  
Hotel Champlain, Plattsburgh, NY

**Important People:** Charles S. Graham

**Form/Genre:** Realia

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT**

This is a print of a watercolor of the lake from the terrace and staircase of the hotel. Two columns flank the top of the staircase, with a large urn filled with flowering plants atop each column. There is a pine forest at the edge of the lake, and a few people near the lake. There are islands in the distance, and one offshore with a house on it. Mountains can be seen in the far distance on the other side of the lake.