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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE READ HOUSE

While on the subject of special drinks, the oldest continuously operating hotel in the Southeast — our very own Read House — has teamed up with whiskey maker J.W. Kelly & Co., to showcase a special drink, the One Fifty Cocktail, in honor of the Read House's 150th anniversary. The drink is made from Kelly's 114.8-proof Cask Strength Whiskey, a spirit that was hand-selected at J.W. Kelly's rickhouse here in Chattanooga.

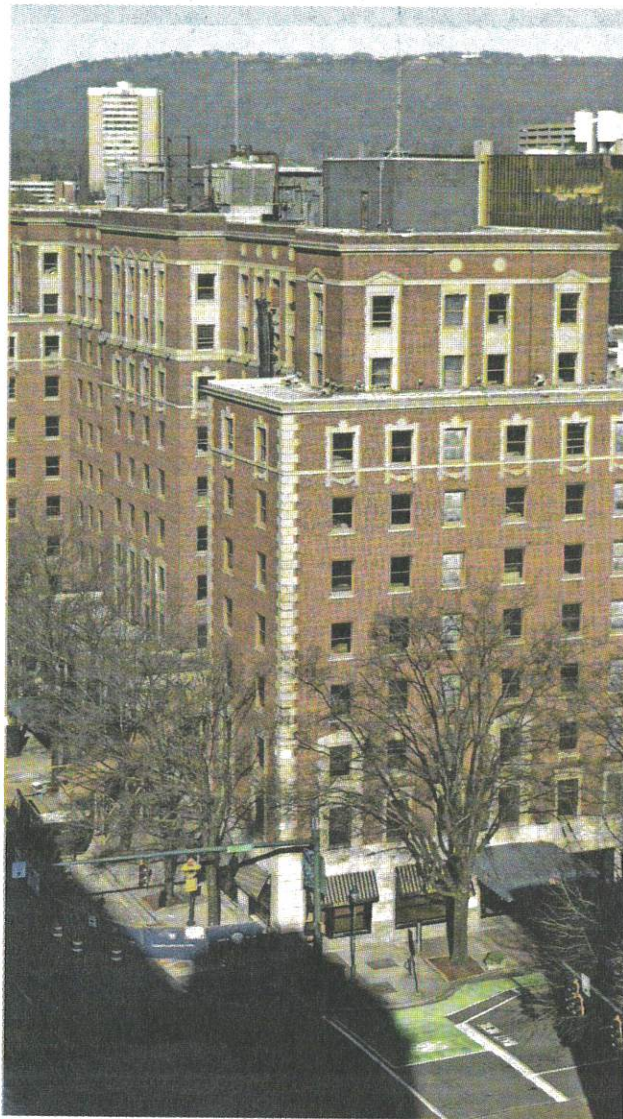
The cocktail combines the whiskey with orange Curacao, Campari, fresh lemon juice and absinthe bitters.

"J.W. Kelly's Distillery was once located across the street from the Read House, so it is fitting that we commemorate our 150th anniversary with a limited-edition single-barrel whiskey pick," says the hotel's general manager, Jim Bambrey.

In fact, back in the day — more than 100 years ago — J.W. Kelly owned the bar and billiards room at the Read House.

"We look forward to sipping this delicious whiskey with our guests, residents and whiskey fans," Bambrey says.

I consider myself a



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The Read House is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year as the longest continuously operated hotel in the Southeast.

member of the last two categories, so I look forward to sipping a One Fifty and raise a glass to the Read House. Happy

birthday to you, grande dame of Southern hotels! Contact Anne Braly at [abraly@timesfreepress.com](mailto:abraly@timesfreepress.com) or [annebraly.com](http://annebraly.com).

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