



History of Fulton Lane Inn

In 1889, this three-story building with the elaborate façade of red brick and sandstone was built for the YWCA. Originally, the first floor was home to an indoor swimming pool while the second and third floors were full of rooms rented to members and their guests.

The three-story building of pressed brick, granite trim, and yellow brick façade was built in 1912 for a Civil War blockade runner turned tailor, John Rugheimer & Sons. A native of Germany, Rugheimer founded the business in 1864, after suffering an injury while blockade running for the confederacy barred him from sea duty.

After serving many years as apartments, the buildings underwent a complete renovation from 1992-1994. Modern baths and modern conveniences were added while maintaining the original historical features. In 2008, all of the buildings were connected by interior hallways to create the 45-room Fulton Lane Inn.