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Backward image was mistake

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Our photo, which is a tin type, was printed backward.

Exterior tin types are indeed a rarity. This one was probably taken around 1880. Photographers working in this media needed to control lighting conditions so most tin types were done in a studio.

Why this picture was done in reverse is anybody's guess, but most logically, it was a mistake.

We see here the Two Bridges Hotel as the

signage indicates. In the gable, a large numeral "2" appears with paintings of two bridges and the large word "Hotel."

On the side of the building, we also notice the words "Two Bridges Hotel" all in reverse.

A single door has the words "Bar Room" painted over it while the double door states over it "Hotel Entrance." A sign posted nearby advertises oysters.

The left half of the building in the photo was torn off many years ago. The higher larger part

remains today as a convenience store at the Bridges in Carlton operated by Sharon Narburgh.

A number of men are seen here posed with horse-drawn wagons while a dog is seated on the porch. A wooden pump appears at the end of the porch.

This building contained a large hall on the second floor and sleeping rooms in the part that is torn down.

A horse shed appears to the far left. This area in reserve now serves for gas pumps.