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PEOPLE

THE PEOPLE WHO KEPT THE GLOVE SHOPS GOING

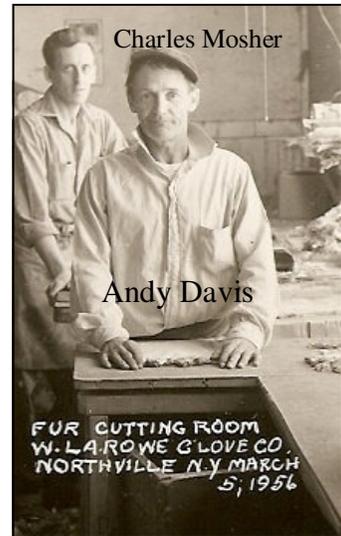
We hear, read and have seen a lot about the Glove Shops in Northville. There is a display about our Glove Shops in our NNHS museum on South Main Street. What about the **people** who supported their families and worked hard each day, cutting out the leather, sewing the gloves, turning them etcetcetc. Most every family had someone working in the glove factories. Some women sewed on gloves in their homes so that they could be home with their children. It was hard work and the pay wasn't the best. This month we will honor those who worked so diligently in the Glove Shops and at home.



Augusta Satterlee, Augusta Davis, Myrtle Fountain,
Esther Van Nostrand, Eva Davenport, Agnes Jacquard,
Helen Wood, Eva Bauer, Charlotte Fowler, Doris Bradt

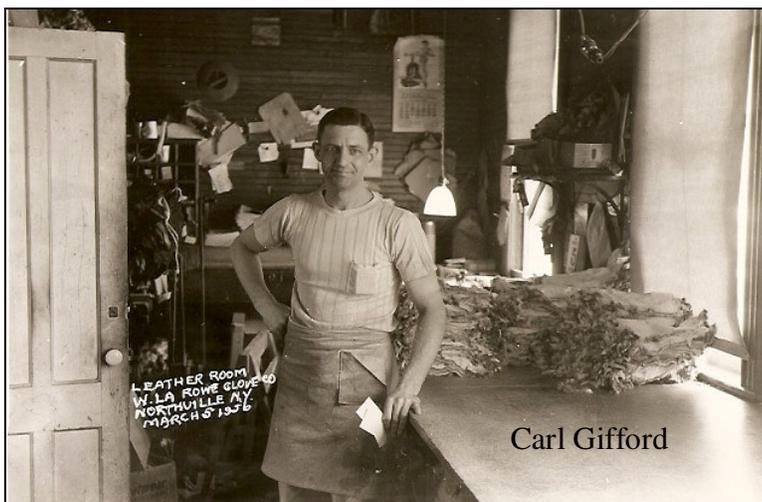
Museum News

Skip Thompson and Gloria Fulmer report that there were at least 150 visitors to the museum during the woodworkers show which was held next door to the museum, in mid July. Much interest was shown and some expressed that they would like to come back again

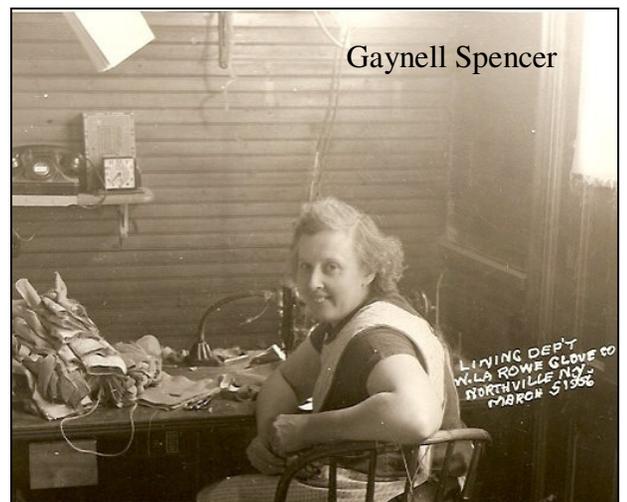


Charles Mosher

Andy Davis



Carl Gifford



Gaynell Spencer



Anna Lobdell, Madge Buyce, Esther Van Nostrand,
Leona Gardineir, Betty Davis, ?, Joyce Graham



Betty Weaver Palmateer



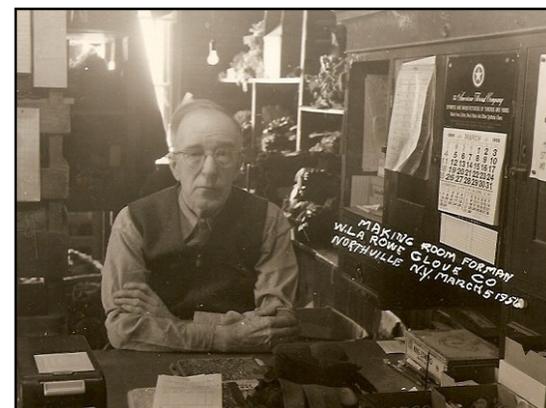
Harold Sweet, Gordon Blowers and Clarence Catanzaro



Celia Smith, Wenona Eddy,
Iona Garson, Alta Edwards Winn,
Myrtle Earley
Mary Louise Frye, Winne Eddy,
Leona Stevens, Linda Wheeler,



From front: May Cramer Olmstead, Cassie Burdette., Bessie Knowles
(standing), Helen Fisher, Doris Bradt, Charlotte Fowler, Hugh
Knowles (standing), Eva Bauer



Hugh Knowles



Lillian Davis, Helen Cramer, Gertrude Gifford,
Charlotte Fowler, Verna Parker Rhoda Lado

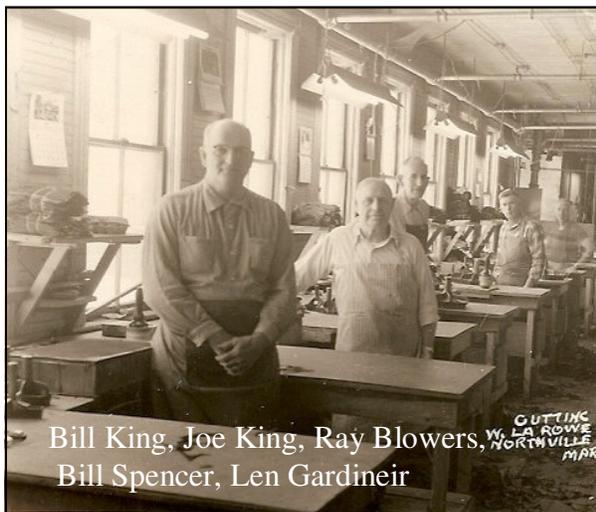


MARVEL GLOVE SHOP

Back Row L to R. Gussie Davis, Bill Gaingell (Boss), Marie Culver, Edith Culver in front of Bill, Mary Gifford, Hazel Darling

Standing to the left: Cassie Burdette, Grace Morris

Seated: Nellie Morrison and Hilda Fuller



Bill King, Joe King, Ray Blowers, Bill Spencer, Len Gardineir



Leona Groff, Catherine Claire, Merritt Gifford, Betty Carino, Minnie Adams

PEOPLE OF NORTHVILLE



Walker LaRowe

Walker LaRowe was a very visible person in our village. He gave of himself, time, energy and talents to the community. It was Walker that was first aware of the Swift's entering the Hubble Chimney and made the community aware of them. He was owner and operator of the LaRowe Glove Company for 50 years and an area sportman. Mr. LaRowe owned trotting horses which competed at area racing courses. He was instrumental in creating an antique auto show sponsored by the Northville Rotary Club. He was former president of the Northville Central School Board of Education. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, an elder and trustee and was the Sunday School Superintendent and choir director for many years. He built the large brick house on Third Street (next to the soccer field) for his family. These were a few of his involvements in the community. He passed away January 1972 at age 77.



LaRowe's Glove Shop
Corner of Center and Second Streets



Affectionately called
"Squawker Walker"
He had his own band and
radio program.

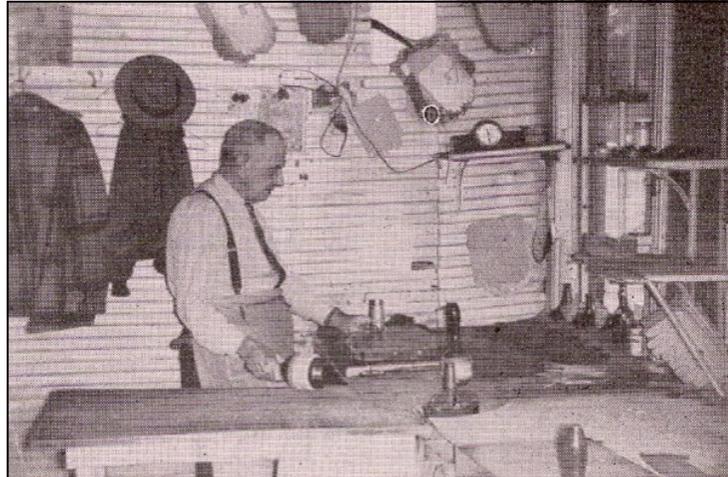
Our radio station in Northville was WENT, when the strong, southern Adirondack, radio signal went north. In the 1940s, "Northville" was on the air every Monday night. Walker LaRowe, "Squawker Walker," was Master of Ceremonies and the "Pals of the Saddle". Northville residents appeared on the show and the WENT station in Gloversville welcomed the studio audience.

From the Leader Herald by Don Williams

THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS ARE THE HARDEST

“Genial Jim” Harris

1876 - 1955



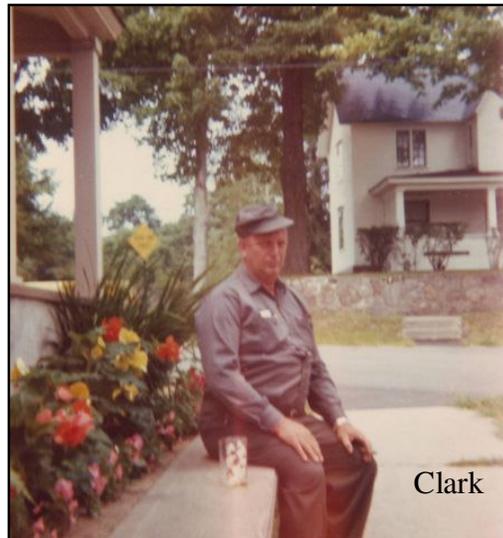
NORTHVILLE, Fulton County, N. Y. (where we manufacture our gloves) is a small community of 1200 souls nestling in the Adirondack Foothills of central New York State. Our main factory is located inside the village limits and was erected in 1900 by Wilson and Heath.

This little article has to do with “Genial Jim” Harris, pictured above, at his cutting block in our factory. He is now completing 50 continuous YEARS of cutting leather gloves in the same factory. He appeared here in our booth ten years ago, in 1940, celebrating the completion of 40 years of working in the same building. He was born on June 21, 1876, in Hope Valley about two miles from Northville. He has lived around Northville all his life. His first job was as a carpenter’s helper but in 1894, at the age of 18, he entered a local glove factory as a layer off (finisher) of gloves. He learned the glove cutting trade nights by cutting full leather gloves with shears. It is interesting to note that his first job as a regular cutter was obtained by a conversation he had in the Northville Cemetery with Mr. Wilson, of Wilson & Heath, which concern had just erected a new factory. He went to work next day cutting full leather gloves with dies. He worked 10 hours a day, 6 days a week except Saturday 9 hours. He received 27c a dozen pairs for which he now receives \$1.38. Leather palms were cut for 15c per dozen. He has worked in the same factory ever since and in the same stall for 35 years. His employers were Wilson & Heath 1900-1914, Christie & Wilkins 1914-1929 and LaRowe Glove Co. 1929-1951. He still cuts his regular allotment of gloves but says “The first 50 years are the hardest.”

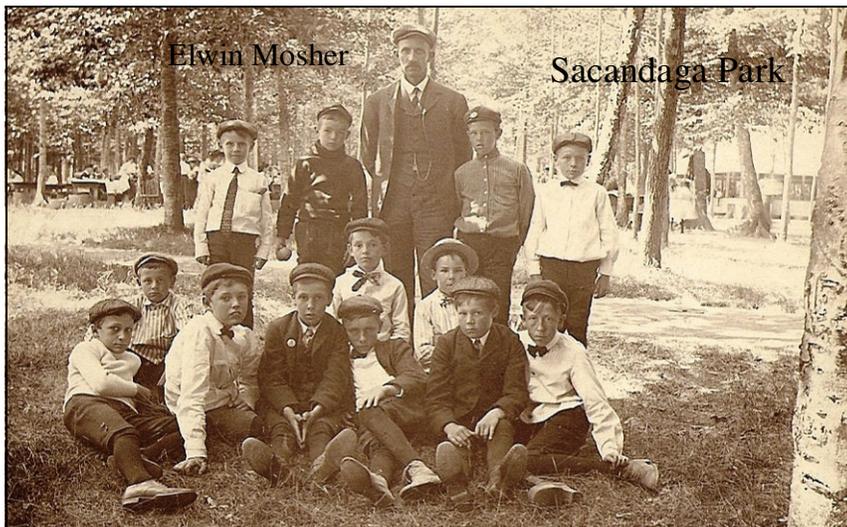
More Local PEOPLE we must not forget.
They all have helped make Northville/Northampton what it is .



Helen Olmstead. Did you ever learn to knit from her, she taught many young girls how. **Anne Mahar** taught piano lessons in her home to many young folk in town .



Clark Palmateer was Town of Northampton Superintendent of Highways for 26 years from 1948 until his death. He was the father of Randy Palmateer, and husband of Betty Weaver Palmateer



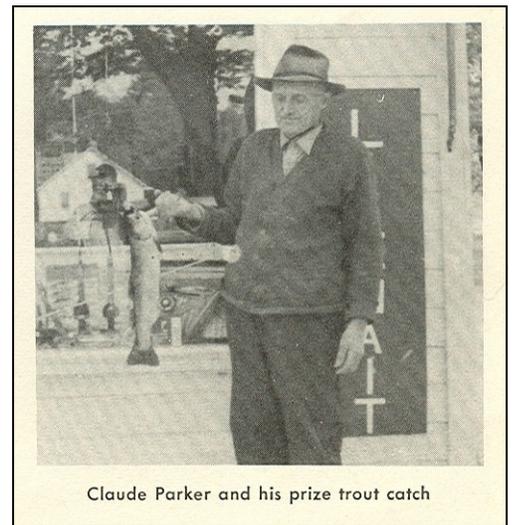
Back Row: Franklin Mosher, Franklin Wright, Dewitt Chambers, Clayton Foote. Left to Right: Clarence Resseguie, Walter Weaver, Topliff, Harry Bugler, Eli Van Brocklin, Kenneth Kerr, ?, Eugene Lado, Roy Van Heusen



At Mosher's Grocery Store



Back Row: Eva Davenport and Robert Mosher
Front Row: Martha Meter (Franklin), Sara Mosher (Sheehan)
Linda Sweet (Weaver) and Josephine Sweet (Catanzaro)



Claude Parker, retired installer-repairman in the Northville exchange, caught a 22", 3 lb. rainbow trout in one of Claude's secret fishing haunts early this summer. Claude just has the knack and tells no one his methods.

(Doug Parker's father)