

NNHS NEWS LETTER

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HONORING OUR VETERANS



Museum News

Not just on Veterans Day but be aware of them often, it's because of them that we have our Freedom. Let's never forget to honor them for their sacrifices and dedication to fighting for our country.

I wish I could list all our local veterans, there are so many from Revolutionary War to those who are defending our country this very day. Take a walk through our cemeteries and stop at each flag that's been placed beside a Veteran and read their name "out loud" and say thank you.. There are many in our town today that still are carrying the scars they received, physically and mentally. Take time and thank them....if you see someone wearing a jacket, or hat, or pin that denotes they have served...thank them right then.

Below are just three of our hometown men that lost their lives defending their country. They represent all those who have gone on and those who are still here with us.

Time to close the museum until next summer. Terry has taken down the flag and soon the shutters will be closed.

Gloria and Gail are buttoning down the artifacts, papers etc inside the museum.

The swinging poster display will be on display in the business meeting room of the municipal building during the winter months.



WE WILL NOT FORGET THEM



Pvt, First Class

PRESTON MOREHOUSE

The first of 5 men from the Northville area that lost their lives in World War 2.



LT. WILLIAM "BILL"
FOOTE

Bill was killed (1962) when the Royal Navy "Buccaneer" he was piloting, crashed in the sea off the coast of Lossiemouth, Scotland.



2ND Lt. HARRY V MOSHER

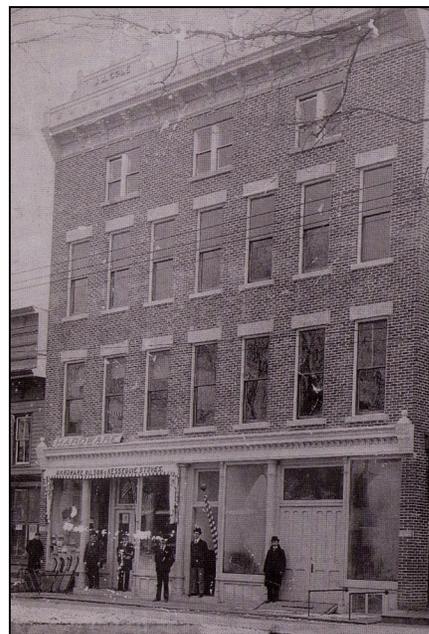
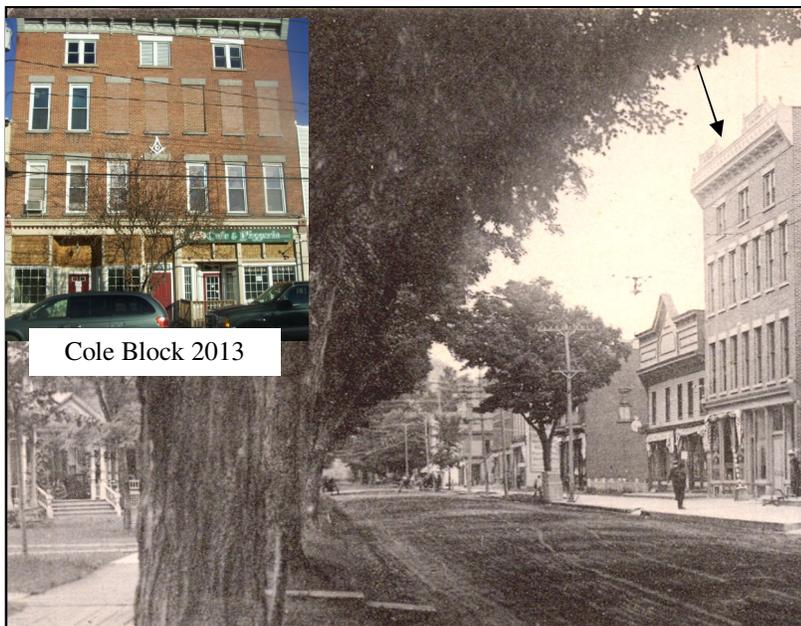
Killed in a Viet Cong attack
February 1, 1968

Age 24

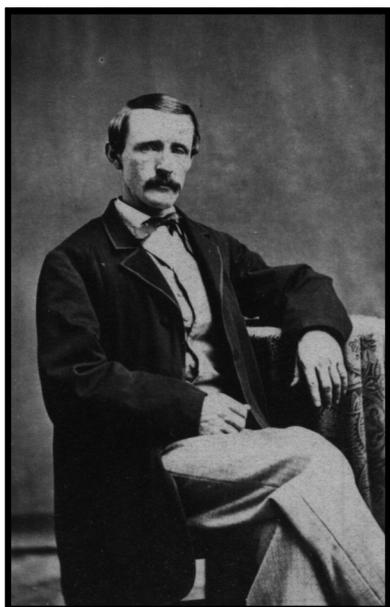
JAMES A. COLE BLOCK

1885

Another one of our historical buildings on Main Street

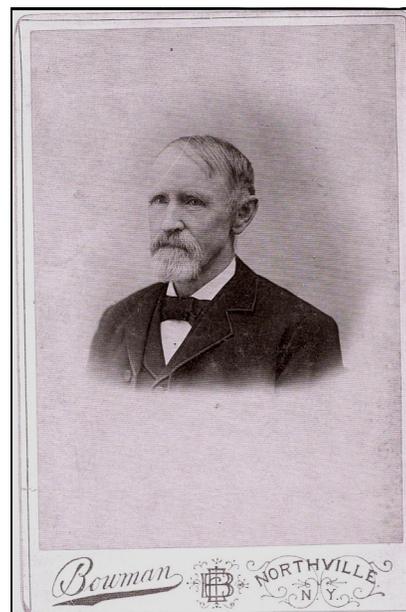


James A Cole built this brick building in 1895 as an investment, renting it out to local businesses. Over the years many different business have occupied the Cole Block as it has been called. Today it is still in use and there has hardly ever been a time that it hasn't been occupied.



James Albro Cole
1833 - 1910

Born in Lansingburg, NY, worked there as a clerk in a mercantile business and later some farming before he came to Northville in 1860. His father graduated from Union College in 1826 as an M.D. and returned to Lansingburg to practice, and then later on to NYC. James married Emeline Nancy Smith, daughter of William Smith. They had 3 children; John, Etta and Carrie. Etta married Edgar Palmer and Carrie married Walter Russell.

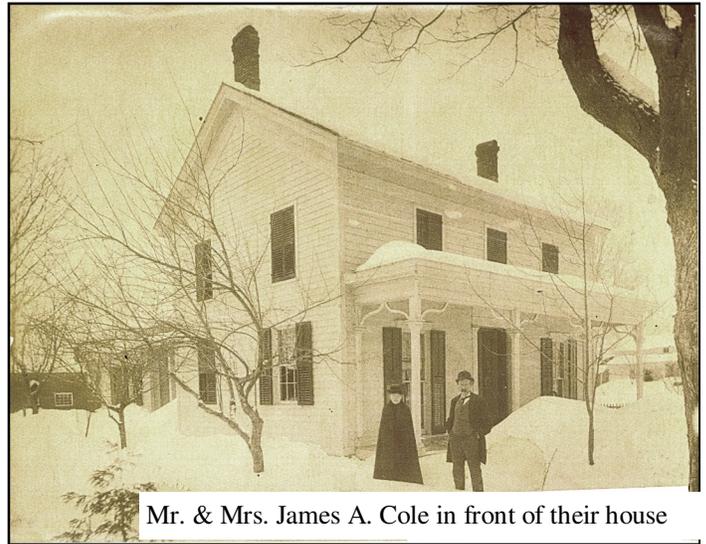


According to his obituary and the "History of Fulton County" by Frothingham, James was one of the pioneer lumbermen of the northern country having for years been senior member of the lumbering firm of Cole and Rooney Company. In 1880, Mr. Cole became the inventor of a brass binding for oil cloth. He secured a patent and manufactured the binding at Northville for many years until he disposed of his rights to Ray Hubbell, who then conducted the business.



James A Cole and Family

Standing: L to R Edgar Palmer, A.Grant Palmer, Irene Cole, John A Cole **Seated:** Walter Russell, Esther Cole Palmer, James A Cole, Carrie Cole, Sepha Cook Cole



Mr. & Mrs. James A. Cole in front of their house

James was the second owner of a car (a Reo) in Northville. Ray Hubbell owned the first one.

With Olaf Johnson, he developed the automatic transmission, but the patent was lost to a large auto maker.

He was involved in the operation of a stage to take hunters north. He raised hunting dogs for this purpose also. Note picture on pg 4

He owned and operated the Northville Granite Co on the cor. Of Washington and First Streets. Brought granite from Hope, & Maple Grove. Many gravestones in our cemeteries were made there.(Picture on pg 4)



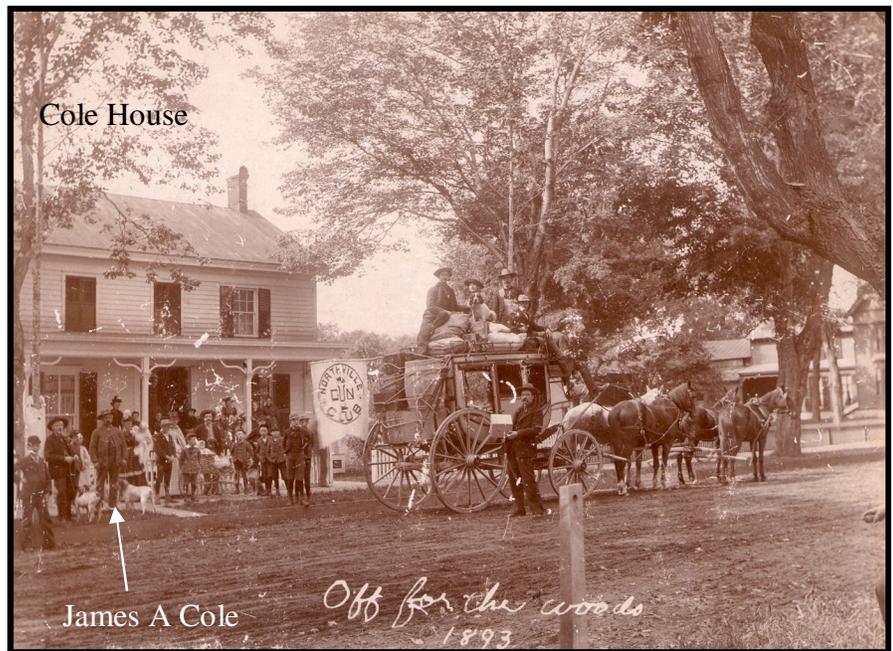
Cole House in 2013
241 South Main Street



Resseguie and Wilson Hardware was one of the first businesses in the Cole Block. Wilson sold his half of the business to Partridge.

THESE ARE SOME
ENTERPRISES THAT
OCCUPIED THE COLE BLOCK
(All 3 floors were used)

- *Resseguie and Wilson
 - *Resseguie and Partridge
 - *Broadalbin Electric & Power Co.
 - *James Van Ness Law Office
 - *Isaac Bowman Photo Studio
(note James Cole's picture on pg 2)
 - *Frank Chequer's Barber Shop
 - *Baptist Church met there after their church burned and a new one built.
 - *A & P Store managed by E.M. Alter
 - *Village and Town Offices
 - *Community Medical Center
(Dr Larry Gruet) see picture
 - *Fire Department & an eight-foot square iron cage with 4 bunks served as the village lockup (Jail)
 - *Junquera's Laundromat
 - *The Candy Shop
 - *William Bass Law Office
 - *Improved Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.) see picture
- Currently**
- *Village Café Pizzeria
 - *Wellness in Motion
(Physical Therapy) Dr. Hannah Halloran
 - *Fish House Lodge No. 298 (Masons)
(There may be others that are not included here)



The Cole Block is now owned by the Fish House Lodge No. 298.



Fish House Lodge No. 298

Masonic Temple

162-182 South Main St.

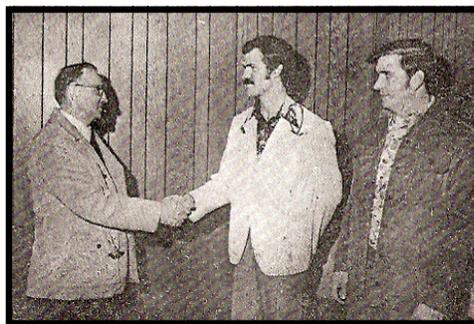
PO Box 136

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Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays

(Except July and August)

Dr. Gruet's office was on the first floor in the Cole Building on the north side.



Dr. Larry Gruet of Northville is welcomed by Town of Northampton supervisor Donald Wood and Mayor Dennis Poulin of Northville

(1976)

Larry Gruet was a local young man, graduating from NCS in 1965. His desire was to attend college to become a doctor.

For some years, a local doctor, Dr Clem Gritsavage had hopes for a clinic in Northville.

Larry was a recipient of a Fulton County Medical Scholarship. The village offered to set up an office if Dr Gruet would have his practice in Northville. A combined community effort of both men and women donated their services to prepare an office, giving funds and equipment and time. Dr. Gruet served his community from 1976 until he retired in 2009.

Thank you Larry!