MUSIC WRITTEN ABOUT SACANDAGA  CIRCA 1900 - 1914

SACANDAGA
By Erkerson and Lansing

1st verse
If you’re not feeling good, Like a termite without wood,
Then you’d find SACANDAGA just sublime.
So chase those blues away, and as Mae West would say,
“Come up, and see me sometime”.

Chorus
The sun always shines, Thru the sweetly scented pines at SACANDAGA. The sky is always blue, Mother nature smiles at you, at SACANDAGA. Tiny little star, even Jupiter and Mars just shine for all they’re worth. Mister moon always seems to save some special beams, Ev’ry night for this heav’n on earth. It's a secret my friend, But you’ll find the rain-bow’s end at SACANDAGA. I’m telling you the truth, There’s a fountain of youth at SACANDAGA. If happy days are rare, and you're wrinkled with care—Then come to SACANDAGA, I implore. If you follow my advice, you’ll be nearer paradise, then you have ever been before.

Written in 1914. Arthur R Zita was from Albany. He wrote many orchestra pieces in the late 1800’s through early 1900’s.
A TYPICAL SCENE BEFORE THE AUTOMOBILE AND TRUCKS

Very possible the picture was taken in Gifford’s Valley

Those identified are: Ira Gifford, Russ King, Ernest Culver and George Conklin. Can you identify any of the others?

Thanksgiving

Northville Folks we will not forget

Another historical house to soon be demolished, to make room for the new and larger Stewart’s Store.

ALBERT AND SUZANNE SMITH’S HOUSE
(aka the Smith Brother’s home)

Albert moved to Northville with his parents, William A and Emily Smith in 1836 at the age of 3. Albert and Suzanne had 2 son’s, William and George and a daughter, Hattie. Suzanne was from Wells, NY, daughter of Truman and Harriet Whitman Brown. The Brothers never married and inherited the family home.

Albert J Smith first held public office in 1858 as clerk of the Town of Northampton. In 1886,’87,’88, he was on the board and served as chairman. He was a trustee of the village for several terms and a member of the board of education. In 1896 he received the appointment as postmaster from Pres. Cleveland. (continued on page 4)
PROGRESS?
NORTHVILLE, NY
Article sent to the editor, written 10/2014

("As I was contemplating driving to "the city" or "down the line", my thoughts went back to when I could get anything I wanted right here in town")

Once I could buy a new Plymouth at Rhodes’ Garage (Esler’s), a new Chevy on Reed Street, a new Ford on North Third Street (Van Arnam’s).

I could decide to get my groceries at the Oneida Market, or Langr’s, the old A & P, or Mosher’s where I could also buy hay, grain, & feed. There was also Schuyler’s feed store and groceries on Reed Street, as well as Maurice Fountain’s on the extension of Reed Street. Harry Lawton had a nice grocery store on Division and Third Street. Loren Crannell, as well as Gene Hodlin had stores. I must not forget Hollearn’s Market which was a very active store. (now where Rite Aid is). If you wanted your groceries delivered, call Langr’s, Mosher’s or Hollearn’s.

I could get new sneakers, shoes or boots at Sweet’s Store (now Klueg’s realty). Lykes Dept Store (Klippel’s), supplied me with jackets, shirts and almost all kinds of clothing apparel and shoes. Ordering special for me if necessary, 2 or 3 day service.

Need Gas? Tennant’s on Bridge Street, John Hotaling on Bridge Street, Skips Sinclair on Bridge St. Esso on Main Street, Texaco on North Main.

Burlingame’s on South Main (Gulf), Tydol on Reed Street Extension and Schuyler’s on Reed Street plus a free windshield wash.

Need to take a trip? How about Wadsworth or Jim Dening’s Taxi Service? Or the F J and G bus with connections to Johnstown, Amsterdam and Schenectady.

An ice cream soda or full serves pharmacy and general store at Kested’s Drugstore from 1897 to 1947. It was open until midnight 7 days a week or later in an emergency.

A school with men in suits and ladies in dresses. Churches that were quiet and dignified and singing "hymns". Am I just getting real old? Northville had everything. No need to cross the bridge.

There were two dentists in town, Dr Schwikl, and Dr. Metter above the drugstore. No insurance so you had to pay two dollars for a filling or three for an extraction, which I did.

There were usually at least three physicians in town. Dr. Grant, Dr Durand and Dr Gritsavage, Dr. Zullo, etc. Hours were daily 1 to 3 or 6:30 to 8:30. No appointment needed, sit down and wait your turn. Price about 4 or 5 dollars but they usually dispensed your medicine so you didn’t have to pay for a prescription. If you needed an ambulance, Yates and Corey would take you to NLH in their hearse for a small donation, if you had it.

Written by a local resident of over 80 years

Skiff Field was located where the Conservation Department building is on South Main Street and corner of Skiff Road. The field was part of Skiff’s Diary Farm.
Albert J. Smith

Smith, Albert J., a grocer of Northville, was born in Albany, July 30, 1833, and is a son of William A. and Emily (Brundige) Smith, both natives of Albany county. William A. Smith came to Northville in 1836 and engaged in the hotel business for some years and then embarked in the tanning business at Hope Falls, Hamilton county, under the firm of William A. Smith & Company, and continued in that until his death. He was a Democrat in early life and afterwards a Republican, and was representative of the district to the State Legislature. He has also held many other offices. He was a well known and honored citizen, and a member of the Baptist Church. Albert J. Smith was educated in his native village and also at Gilbertsville Academy, Otsego county. When his schooling was finished he engaged in the mercantile trade at Northville for some years, followed by nine years in the tanning business at Wells. He then returned to Northville and engaged in business as a general merchant, and has continued in trade ever since. He has been a Democrat in politics, and was a candidate on his ticket for member of Assembly. He was also supervisor three terms, chairman of the board, and has held several other offices. On February 14, 1858, he married Susannah Brown, of Wells, Hamilton county, a daughter of Truman and Harriet (Whitman) Brown, who were among the very early settlers of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have three children: George T., William A., and Hattie E., wife of James Moore. The two sons are in business with their father. Mr. Smith and wife are members of the M. E. (Methodist Episcopal) Church.

GREAT SACANDAGA LAKE
Previously known as Sacandaga Reservoir

While the Conklinville Dam was in the process of completion, there were many suggestions for naming of this new body of water. The Gloversville newspaper ran many articles and a contest for suggestions of an appropriate name. Below are a few of the hundreds of suggested names.

Memory Lake
Lake of the Woods
Conklinville Lake
Mountain View Lake
Sacred Lake
Roosevelt Lake
Sir Wm. Lake
Vlaie Lake
Tryon Lake
Lindy Lake
Lake Thayendaga
Lake Iroquois
Lack Kcadnorida
(Ladirondack spelled backwards)
Sacandaga Lake
Sacandaga Lake
Lake Saronda
Mosquito Lake
Sacarondack
Lake Adirondack
Empire Lake
Cran-May-Daga-Lin
Summer House Lake
Kennyetto Lake
Sacandaga Lake

Sacandaga Lake or Lake Sacandaga seemed to have been the most popular but because of the name Sacandaga Lake near Speculator, and that the name Sacandaga Reservoir had been used on much on the legal papers, deeds, etc. the HRRB decided against the name, Sacandaga Lake. In 1968 it was finally changed to Great Sacandaga Lake.

FYI
Additional information about the Smith Family from

History of Fulton County Embracing Early Discoveries; the Advance of Civilization; the Labors and Triumphs of Sir William Johnson; The Inception and Development of the Glove Industry; with Towns and Local Records; also Military Achievements of Fulton County Patriots" revised and edited by Washington Frothingham, Syracuse, NY, D. Mason & Co., Printers and Publishers, 1892