

# NNHS NEWS LETTER

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## VOTE VOTE VOTE

It's that time of year. As good citizens and history buffs we must use our privilege to express our desires for our country. I'm sure we'll all be at the polls on November 6th.



### MEMORIES OF PAST ELECTIONS IN NORTHVILLE

## VILLAGE ELECTION

The Citizen's Party of the Village of Northville respectfully presents the following candidates for the consideration of the electors at the village election to be held Tuesday, March 18, 1947 from 3:00 to 7:00 P. M.

For Mayor—Robert J. Morrison (30), graduate of Northville High School and Syracuse University, enlisted U. S. Army in 1941, served two and one-half years in European Theatre, now Major on Reserve List of U. S. Army Air Corps.

For Trustee for 2 years—Willard W. Weaver (27), graduate of Northville High School, enlisted in U. S. Army in 1941, participated in African and European invasions, rank of sergeant.

For Trustee for 2 years—Claude A. Lipe (29), graduate of Gloversville High School, enlisted in U. S. Army in January, 1942, served two and one-half years overseas, now Captain on Reserve List of U. S. Army Engineering Corps.

John V. Houghtaling for Police Justice.

All of the above candidates are now operating as successful business men of the Village of Northville.

Contrary to various rumors concerning veterans not being interested in tax rates, we wish to state that veterans are exempt from taxes, other than school taxes, only to the extent of property purchased with bonuses, mustering-out pay, pensions and Government insurance, which, in most cases amounts to but very small amounts.

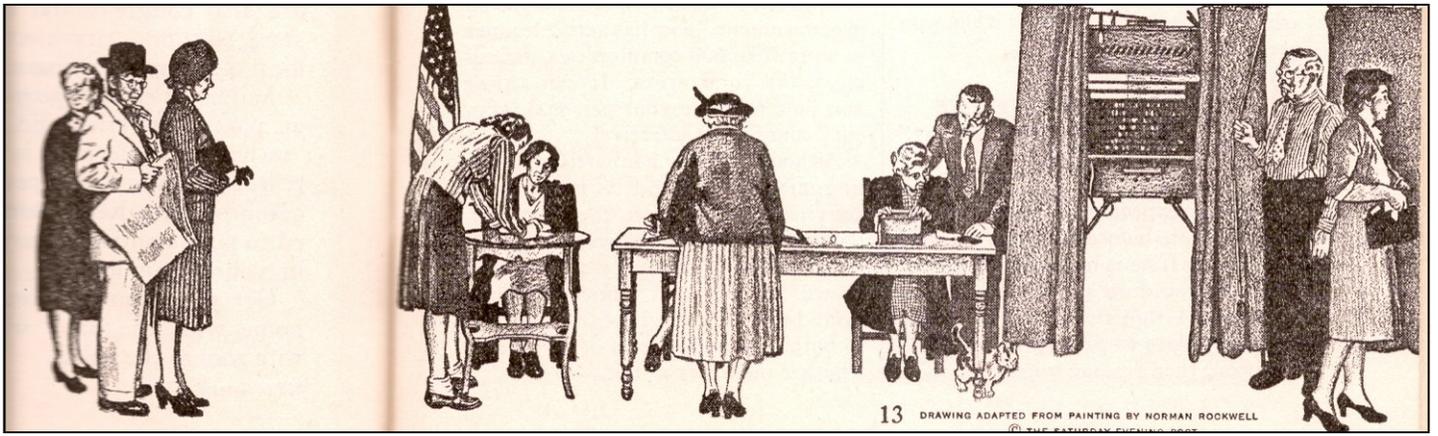
All of the above candidates, in the event of their election, promise a sound, progressive and economical administration.

When Northville was first organized we elected a President rather than a Mayor. The first president was Samuel B. Benton in 1873.

From early on people from the Town of Northampton have joined the efforts of our country by entering into the political scene.

1820: John Fay of Fish House was a Representative from his District in the National Congress.

1809 to 1889: These men served in the State Legislature. John Fay, Samuel Gilbert, Alexander St. John, Jacob Shew, Joseph Spier, Henry Cunningham, Nathaniel Wescot, Jacob Van Aram Clark Grinnell, Langdon Marvin, John Patterson, Darius Moore, Alfred N Haner, Wm A Smith, Wesley Gleason, Isaac Le Fevere, Joseph covell, Wm F Barker, L.L. Bouce and Lewis Brownell. At the turn of the century, Wm Harris and Scott Partridge were State Assemblymen from Northville.



## People's Party Renominates Mayor Lawton Over Brownell By 1 Vote

NORTHVILLE—Mayor Harry D. Lawton was nominated as candidate for mayor for another term by a margin of one vote over Burdette Brownell at the annual People's Party caucus held last night in the village hall. The contest, it was reported, came as a complete surprise to most of those attending the caucus.

Gustave Bergens, chairman of the caucus committee, opened the meeting. Supervisor Frank J. Langr was elected chairman. Dolores Bouchard was selected as secretary.

Mayor Lawton was immediately nominated as the party's candidate for mayor. The name of Brownell was placed in nomination and seconded. The vote was Mayor Lawton 12, Brownell 11.

F. Burton Stone was nominated as candidate for trustee by acclamation to succeed John Shufelt. Loren Weaver was nominated for trustee by acclamation to succeed Richard Cunningham. John V. Houghteling was nominated for the office of police justice by acclamation.

The chairman then appointed George Van Arnam, Ralph Shear and William P. Yates as the committee on vacancies. The committee to arrange for the caucus in 1952 includes George F. Fryer, Richard Cunningham and Glen E. Duncan.

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## PLEASE VOTE COMMON SENSE Village Election



Tuesday March 15th, 1994  
12:00 Noon - 9:00pm

MAYOR - Art Simmons - Registered Republican - Running Independent  
TRUSTEE - Mike Herdman - Registered Republican - Running Independent  
TRUSTEE - Frank Dempsey - Registered Blank - Running Independent

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## FRANK J. LANGR

QUALIFIED CANDIDATE FOR

## SUPERVISOR

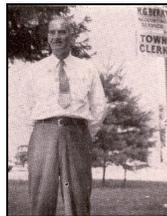
TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON

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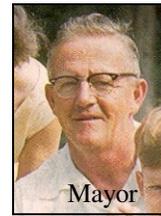
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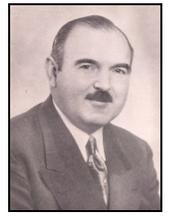
Gordon Berry  
Town Clerk



Milt Groff  
Mayor



Burdette "Burdy"  
Brownell  
Mayor



Frank Langr  
Supervisor

**A big THANK YOU to our Current Local Government**  
Our Mayor and the Village Board and our Supervisor and the Town Board for their time, interest, and caring for our Town and Village.

# ★ Steam-Boat on the Sacandaga ★

1848 to 1870's +

Not too many know that in 1848 a steam boat was built to transport lumber and passengers from Fish House to Hadley, NY. This steam boat has been mentioned in several books concerning the history of Saratoga County. The following article was found on the fultonhistory.com website. The article was written by a reporter from the Albany Evening Journal, December 5, 1848. I do not have information about when the steamboat was terminated. If anyone has this information, or a picture, let me know.

## A Steam-Boat in the Wilderness

Correspondence of the  
Albany Evening Journal

As a majority of your readers are undoubtedly ignorant that the people of this remote region are enjoying the benefits of steam navigation, I propose giving them a brief account of a Steamboat Excursion on the Sacandaga.

Last Tuesday, about nine o'clock a.m., the inhabitants of our quiet little village (Batchellerville) were saluted with the cry from the hill above, "The steamboat is coming—the steamboat is coming!" On ascending the hill to ascertain the cause of the hitherto unknown sound, and looking towards the south, a huge column of smoke was seen rising above the tops of the trees with which the flats on each side of the river are covered; and as it moved back and forward, as it described the various bends and turns in the river, it was evident that something was afloat. Immediately a general rush of men and boys was made for the "big gun", which was placed on the bank "in battle array,": a crowd having been deposited therein, to be delivered "on demand."

Having completed our arrangements, every eye was turned anxiously to the point, some eighty rods up the river, where the "grand entrée" was expected. Soon, above the tops of the trees and brush on the bank, were seen the stars and stripes majestically

floating, and an instant after, a *real live steamer*, and no mistake, came gracefully round the point, and made towards the shore, where we stood. The match was applied to the old gun, and as the report boomed along the river, and was echoed and re-echoed from an hundred hills, three hearty cheers were given by those on board, and responded to with a will by an hundred and fifty voices on shore. Bang, bang, thundered the gun, and hurra, hurra, shouted the humans, till the "noise and confusion" became a match for a militia muster or a political meeting.

But all things have an end, and as the little craft came alongside the "dock", and hove a line ashore, the noise gradually subsided, and curiosity to the "critter" was now the ruling passion. We found her a nice, trim built, ship-shape little vessel, about seventy feet long and fifteen feet breadth of beam, with an engine of probably forty or fifty horse-power, and drawing about thirty inches of water. She has been built this season, by a gentleman of Albany, and is intended to run from the Fish House to "Barber's Dam", at the head of the rapids in Hadley, a distance of nearly twenty five miles, principally for the purpose of towing the immense quantities of lumber, wood, etc with which the shores of our river are lined, to the Fish House, whence a plank road is now in progress of Construction, and will be completed next season, to intersect the canal and rail road in

Amsterdam. The proprietor of the boat is also now engaged in erecting an extensive tannery at the dam, which, when completed will furnish a large amount of the freight in hides, leather, bark, provisions, etc.

On going on board we found some thirty or forty citizens of the Fish House and vicinity and by the polite invitation of the gentlemanly captain several of our townsmen joined them, and the little boat swung from her moorings and stood down the river, passing under the bridge; she was put about and we started for the Fish House. On going into the cabin we found abundance of oysters, fruit, cakes, and "cold wittle" of which we were invited to partake. It was also rumored that there was a drop of *l'eau de vie* on board, but as that requires proof, I attribute the extra sparkle of the eye to the excitement natural to the occasion, and to the onion that one of the passengers had with him, which was freely circulated.

On arrival at Fish House, we were joined by about 40 ladies, and we again stood down the river about 3 miles, while the "passengers for Edinburgh" were landed and the boat returned. As she came about, and we were about to separate "three times three" were heartily given, and we each went our separate ways, all highly gratified with the trial trip of the "Experiment on the Sacandaga..

