

NNHS NEWS LETTER

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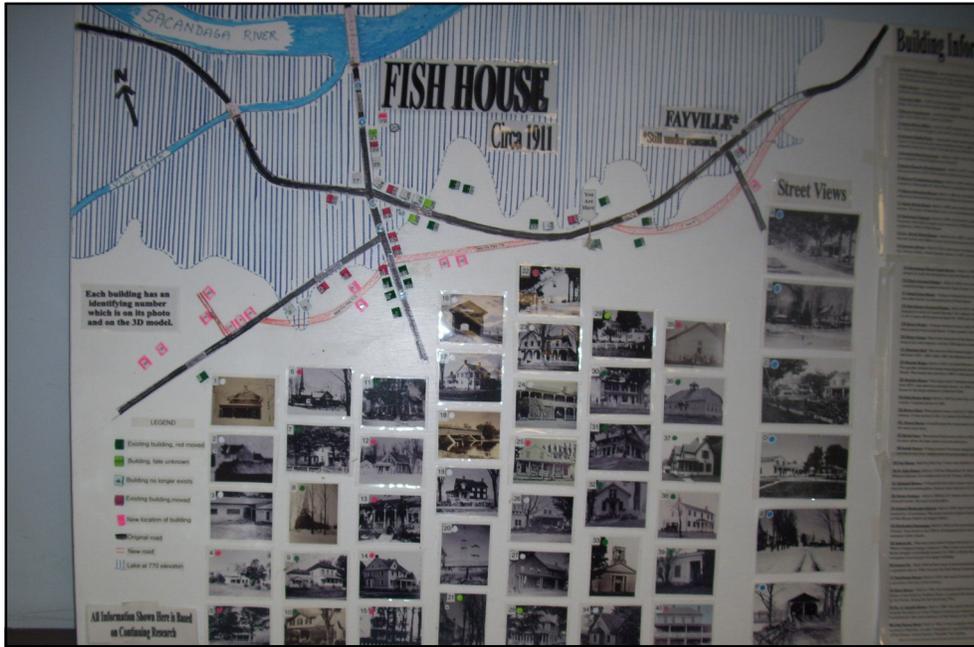


Excerpt from the November Secretary Report by Loretta Darling

Joanne Blaauboer, Deputy Historian of Fish House, was with us at our November meeting, to present some history of Fish House and a power point program of some of the houses that were included in the 2012 House Tour.

Fish House started in 1762 when Sir William Johnson built himself a fish house on the river bank. He came to Johnstown area in 1738. He had been given thousands of acres of

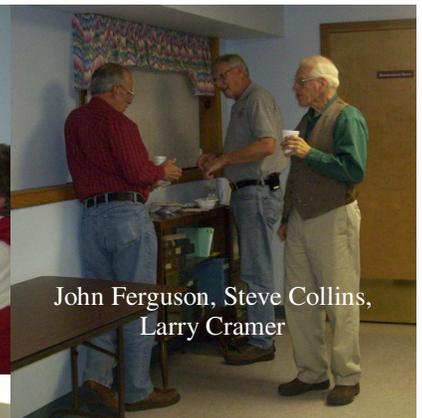
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Loretta Darling, Charlene Ellingwood
Patsy Graff Suydam, Sarah Yaddaw



Patsy, Charlene, Loretta



John Ferguson, Steve Collins,
Larry Cramer



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Gail Collins

John, Joanne Blaauboer, Terry Warner



in Fish House which he gave to Godfrey Shew, who built a home and farm there. During the Revolutionary War, Godfrey was captured and his place was burned. He built a new house in 1784, where a family occupies it today. The Fish House area was often flooded but it was great farmland.

The St John house was built in 1785. In 1804 John Fay built the Fish House Hotel, which was a most popular resort. Logging was an important industry and mills were built along Fayville Creek. In fact, Fish House had many factories and mills.

(see NorthamptonNYHistory.com)

Joanne brought a wooden map display that showed what Fish House looked like before the lake was put in. The bridges are shown and the roads, some of which are below lake level, and the location of the roads as they are today. The map showed the houses that were moved and the ones which were burned and what houses are there now and who lived in them

This was a very interesting and informative presentation. Thank you Joanne, please come again.

LHD

An Old Fashion School House Christmas Party

Wednesday December 12 th
4 P.M.
At Cramer's



Bring finger foods to share

Your **homework** is to review this past years NNHS newsletters, because after all, we must have a test/exam if we are celebrating at a **School House Christmas Party**.
(don't sweat it, it'll be easy)

Be thinking of what you remember about your experiences in school; teachers, favorite subjects etc

Please **RSVP** to cramergm@roadrunner.com
Or to 863 2628



Comment from one of our members on the "Doin's"

Re: the July 2012 NNHS Newsletter

As regards to the locations sites of the various "Doins" over the years, I remember one year in the late 1940's when it was held in the lot next to bank on North Main Street, between the bank and the FJ&G building. At that time it didn't require very much room as there were only about five game-booths at that time. There was always the penny toss, dart-throwing booth, ring booth, baseball throw, (remember those five or six warn out rag dolls you had to knock off the board?), and the hotdog/soda booth. I also remember the first year that it was held down by the old firehouse, next to the 'Henderson House', (now Stewarts' location), when they had a greased pole with a ten dollar bill tacked to the very top and the local village boys all did their best shimmy up to get it. I think Wilson Walker was the 'lucky one'!...; also the greased pig that was released and everyone trying to catch it. The prize for doing so was...the pig! Golly, what memories on times long gone bye... Danny Mead

Thanksgiving

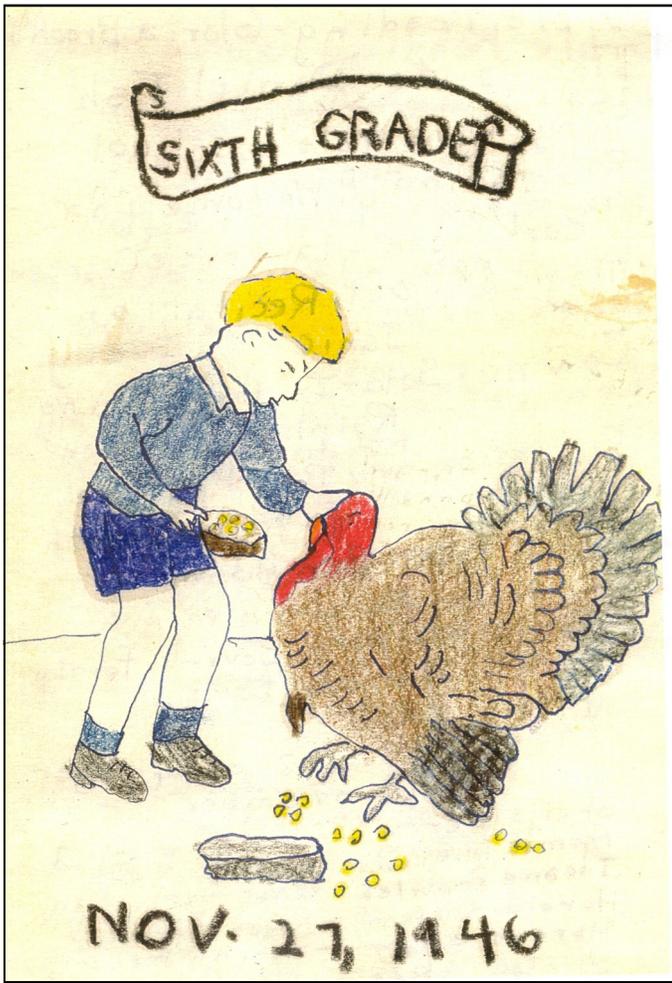
A TIME TO REFLECT ON OUR LIVES; ESPECIALLY ON OUR FAMILIES, OUR COUNTRY, OUR VALUES, THE EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, THE BEAUTY OF THE ADIRONDACKS, AND GOD'S BLESSINGS ON US. EACH OF US HAVE MANY OTHER THINGS TO BE THANKFUL FOR, AND WE MUST NOT FORGET TO BE THANKFUL JUST ON THANKSGIVING.



Our school here in Northville has always promoted drama as entertainment and for education. Here is a Thanksgiving program put on by the class of 1953, in 1946. (Note several of our historical society members)

There was always Bible reading, Saluting of the American Flag, Singing of the Alma Mater, Musical numbers, Recitations, and a Playlet (drama).

This handmade program was obviously made by the students. No computers to make a fancy cover and nice fonts, we never dreamed of such technology.

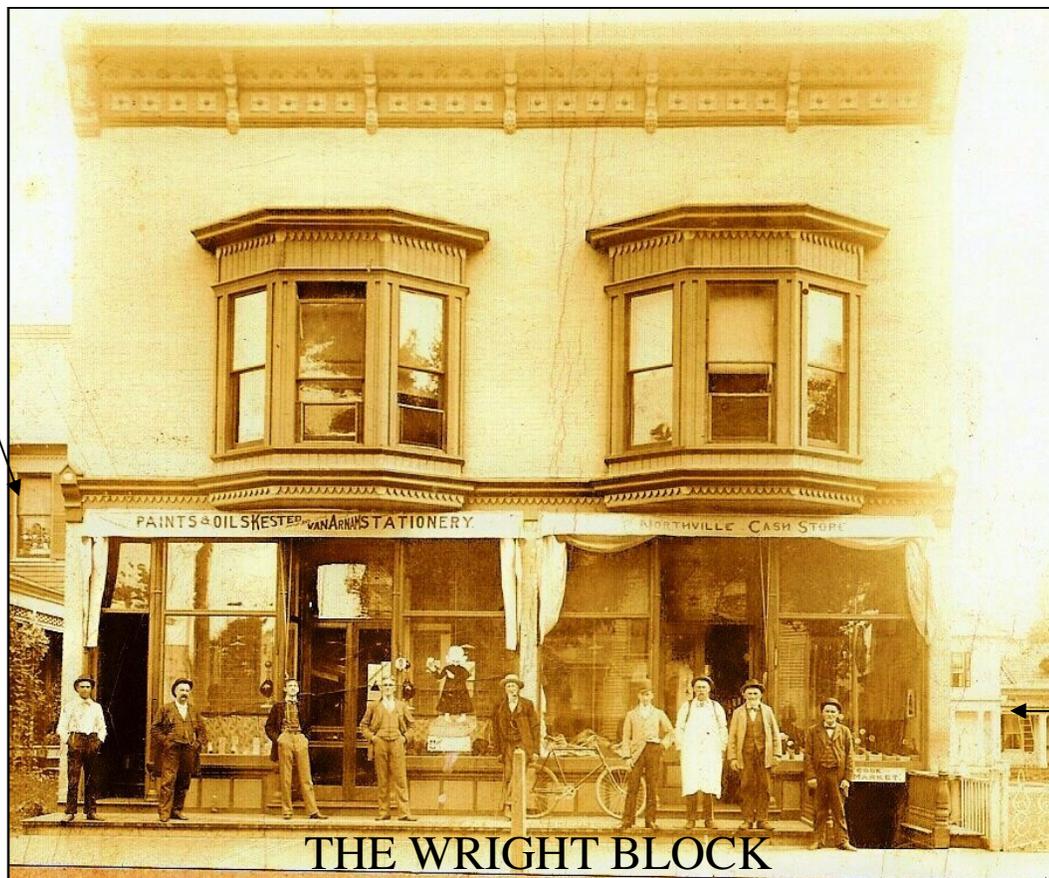


Bible Reading - Gloria Brooks
 Flag Salute - Daniel Fish
 Song "Alma Mater" - School
 Recitation - A Welcome to
 Book week - Lawrence Cramer
 Magic Carpet, Recitation -
 - Janice Van Every
 Cornet Solo - In the Gloom
 Ralph Younggreen
 Recitation - my Book Playmate
 Gail Crannell
 Ralph Younggreen
 Floyd Wadsworth
 A boy Ben Adam
 Reader with pan to mime
 Patricia Giblin - Beverly Fountain
 Sanford Davis
 Piano Solo
 - Joyce Springer
 Dull November
 Sheila Berry
 Thomas Andrews
 Ileana Knowles
 Harold Gifford
 Murene Shaw
 Shirley Abbey
 James Gifford
 Gail Crannell
 Ralph Younggreen
 Joyce Springer
 Marilyn Manzer
 Tracy Knowles

Recitation, Thanksgiving
 Larry
 Sixth Grade Chorus
 "The Harvest" O Give Them
 Cornet Solo The merry widow
 Recitation, Thanksgiving
 Gail Crannell
 Billy Weaver
 Thanksgivings - A Recitation
 - Nancy Storer
 Clarinet Trio - Thanksgiving
 Lorretta Warner - Shirley Abbey
 James Aston
 Pilgrim Our to earth Faith
 Characters
 Mrs - Marilyn Manzer
 Sir Miles Standish by James Aston
 John Alden - Donald Gardner
 Puritan Maidens
 Sheila Berry
 Shirley Abbey
 Beverly Fountain
 Sh - Thanksgiving
 Joyce Springer
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 Assembly

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS BUILDING?

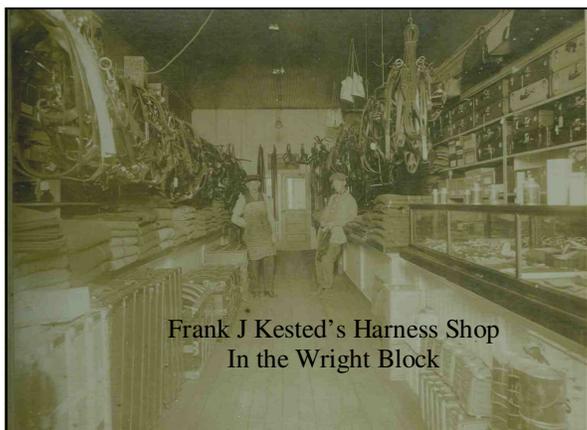
This house was moved to the corner of Division and First Street to make way for the Dime Store (1914)



(just to the right of the dime store)

Dr. Franklin N Wright built a similar building as this one, which burned down in 1890. Soon after the fire, he built this building to replace the other one. He had his office on the second floor. The first floor was partitioned into two separate stores. Many different establishments utilized this building over the years. Sadly the building is empty today, just waiting for the next business to move in.

In this picture you can see Kested and Van Arnam on the left side. Wm. L. Kested had his first drug store here. On the right side is the Northville Cash Store. Later it was Frank J. Kested's Harness Shop (see picture)



Frank J Kested's Harness Shop
In the Wright Block



Other businesses in this building were: Franklin N Wright, Jr. (drugstore), A & P Store, (E. M. Alter manager, Cohen Dry Goods (Wm. Lyke manager), The Sugar Bowl (Joe Tuccio proprietor), Department Store (Homer and Elaine Dodge) and Sacandaga Realtor.



Dr. Franklin N Wright

1852 - 1919

Dr. Wright was very active in the community having served as president and trustee of the village, health officer of the town of Northampton, and coroner for Fulton County. He was popularly known as "Doc" Wright.

Dr. Franklin N Wright's father, Dr. Norman Wright, preceded him as a physician in Northville. in 1868.

Dr. N. Wright
1808 - 1895

He was known as a herb and root specialist, and reportedly successful in the treatment of cancer.



Reminder
We will be voting
at the Christmas
Party on the
officers for 2013