HOLLEARN MEAT AND GROCERY STORE
North Main Street where Rite Aid is today

Charles, wife Ruth, and son Daniel. Charles was born 1897 in Hope, NY. He died in 1969. They also had two daughters, Nancie and Nora.

Charles’s father was Daniel whose trade was a butcher. He passed the trade on to his son Charles. Daniel’s meat market was in the small building on the south side of the Northville bank. Another butcher in the village, Loren Crannell, was mentored by Dan who taught him the trade also. Loren eventually managed his own meat market and years later worked for Langrs and Mosher’s markets.

Charles and his wife Ruth moved to 322 South Main Street in 1931. The house was sold to Gerald and Paula Buyce in 1971.

In 1886 John A Willard and George E. Van Arnam were partners in a grocery business. Elwyn Mosher served as bookkeeper and Harry Van Arnam as proprietor. Laurent Beltzer had a tailor shop on the north side of the first floor. Other established businesses there before Hollearn’s: Vrooman and Rud barber shop, Barker and Waver electrical contractors, John Cook meat market in the basement, Morrisons Pool Room, and the Pilgrim Holiness Church began in the basement.

Charles Hollearn purchased the Willard Block in 1930. A bakery was conducted in the north side, first floor, by Daniel, son of Charles before the first floor was expanded for the grocery and meat business. At one time the Pocahontas Organization and the Improved Order of Red Men, met on the second floor. There had been a dance hall on the third floor. Charles sold it to Sakadolsky in 1963. Sakadolsky remodeled it and in 1969 he removed the two top floors.

In 1993 the building was demolished and the new Rite Aid Drugstore was built in it’s place.
John A Willard and Co before it was Hollearn’s Grocery

Ruth Hollearn and her mother May Shepard

Nancie Hollearn

Youngest daughter Nora Hollearn Estelle Missionary

Hollearn’s Grocery Store Delivery Truck

Hollearn Family Car
Northville’s First Wheeled Hose-cart.
Excerpt from a letter to Herb Corey former Northville historian
From Lizzie Moore Stoweitts who at the time lived in the house just north of the lower cemetery (house torn down a few years ago)

“You must have seen the first two wheeled horse cart the village had. Our mother was the first one to call it out. It was in the Spring and she had been cleaning and had a pile of trash collected in the back hall. She spoke to her husband, Frank, about it and told him she wanted him to burn it, but added ‘not today’ for the wind is blowing too hard. Boy-like, in his hurry, he didn’t hear the last words she said.

After a time, mother discovered the grass in the cemetery was a fire and was nearing John Cook’s newly-painted barn. She ran to the parsonage (Methodist) got the key to the church and tolled the bell until the Fire Co with the new hose-cart came.”

Gloversville Morning Herald
April 1, 1942
CASH NOT ENOUGH TO BUY TOOTH PASTE
The War Production Board yesterday prohibited retail merchants from selling toothpaste or shaving cream in tubes to any customer who fails to turn in some type of used collapsible tube for each new one purchased.

Under the terms of the trade-in provision, a WPB spokesman declared, retailers are liable to penalties prescribed under the second War Powers act—a maximum of $10,000 fine and a years imprisonment if sales of tube toothpaste or shaving cream are make in violation of the order.

It was understood that the used tubes eventually would be reprocessed and allocated back to the manufacturers. The metal saved will be used for guns and convert machines to war production.

Northville Post Office Delivery
Prince, an English setter belonging to Dr. Clarence Blake, used to go to the post office to retrieve Dr. Blake’s mail. He would go to the door and wait until someone would let him in. Then he would put his fore paws on the shelf by the window, wait for some one to put the mail in his mouth and then return home. (I wonder if the P.O. would accommodate this today?)

Do you have any old pictures in boxes that you have no idea who they might be? Please don’t throw them out. I would take them and maybe identify them. Historian: cramergm@roadrunner.com
THE QUILT COMES BACK HOME

July 1976
The third annual Adirondack Arts and Craft Show was held on the lawn of the former Veteran’s Memorial Home, North Main Street. The show was under the direction of Georgia Jacquard. It was estimated that between 2,500 and 3,000 viewed the 40 exhibits.

The pictorial Quilt with its many squares illustrating familiar places in the Town of Northampton and the Village of Northville attracted much attention.

The designs for the squares were drawn by Lyndon Ellis and appliquéd, knitted, embroidered according to the quilters wishes.

Included in the quilt were five churches, the firehouse, the bank, the Veterans Memorial Home, the old Free School on South Main Street, the oldest brick residence dating back to 1819, the old train station at Sacandaga Park, the Conservation Department, Mosher Building, the Northville Bridge, Osborne Bridge, and a pillow with the old Hubbell factory and chimney that housed the “Swifts” during the summer months.

Some of the Quilters were: Georgia Jacquard, Jean Loveday, Mary Olmstead, Mary Shufelt, Beverly McManus, Maxine Stuk, Janet Gardner Eschler, Doris Welch.

The quilt was used for a fund raiser. A ticket was drawn by the Priest from St Frances Catholic Church. A man from Johnstown won the quilt. A few years ago it was donated to the Northville Northampton Historical Society. It now hangs in the Municipal building Community room at 421 South Main Street.