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DRUG STORES/PHARMACYS IN NORTHVILLE/NORTHAMPTON

PHARMACISTS

Henry Eglin
G.N. Brown
Fayette Carpenter
Anderson
Copeland
Skinner
William L. Kested
Franklin Wright Jr.
William O'berg
Livingston F. Losso
Herman A. Lewek
Rite Aid Pharmacy



Our drugstore in 2014
North Main St.



William L Kested's drugstore in the Wright Block where today the Colorful Collections Store is. Mr. Kested is standing to the left of the door. Mr. Bowman, a local photographer was a business partner with Kested.

NNHS MUSEUM NEWS

We finally got the old Sandford firetruck in the 4th of July parade. We're still looking for parts for the old budda engine, so the fire truck had to be towed in the parade.



David Jacquard was behind the wheel steering it, as was his grand daughter and Larry Cramer beside him. Many cheers went up as it made it's way down the parade route. David has the distinction of 55 years in the Northville fire department. Steve Collins was pulling it with his truck.



The next big event was the Woodsman craft fair in the Town Park. where our museum is located. We had nearly 400 people go through the museum on Saturday. Thanks Skip, Linda, Gloria and Gail for your fine work in sharing our history to all who toured the museum.

HISTORY OF THE DRUG STORES in Northville

Henry Eglin, father of Burdett Eglin (former cashier of the Northville Bank) was the first proprietor of a drugstore in the village. His pharmacy was a wood framed building that was located about where G. N Brown built his brick drugstore in 1878 on Main Street. Henry is listed in the 1869/70 Residents and Business directory of Northampton as a dealer in liquor, spices, coffee, tea, tobacco, cigars etc. The 1870 census listed his occupation as Druggist. Henry was from Edinburg where he was proprietor of a hotel before coming to Northville.

G.N. Brown bought the business from Eglin in 1872. He soon out grew the wood frame building , so built a 3 story brick building in 1878. The new railroad was bringing in more people to the area so he needed to accommodate more customers. Mr. Brown owned the corner lot on Center and South Main Street. It was a large lot. He built a house on the corner and moved the former drugstore next to his house. The building is still there and is a private residence.



**G.N. BROWN
DRUGSTORE**
Built in 1878

The third floor was removed after a fire in the building on the north side . The date of the building was in the peak which is hard to read in this picture.

Fayette Carpenter, a pharmacist and G.N. Brown's brother in law, became a partner in Brown's drugstore for awhile. They sold out to **Anderson and Copeland** (date unknown) I have yet to find out anything about these two men. Many Copeland's in Edinburg but no information to show a pharmacist living there. The Edinburg historian has also tried to find him for me.

It wasn't long before Anderson withdrew from the business and Copeland took on his brother in law, **Skinner** as a partner.

William L Kested (my grandfather) received his certificate of pharmacy in 1896. He was 21 years old. He opened his first drugstore the next year on the north side of the Wright Block. Roy Van Arnam was a business partner for a short time.



Inside Mr. Kested's drugstore 1897 to 1911



The Wright Block. Dr. Franklin N Wright had his doctor's offices on the second floor. (See NNHS November 2012 newsletter for the history of this building.)

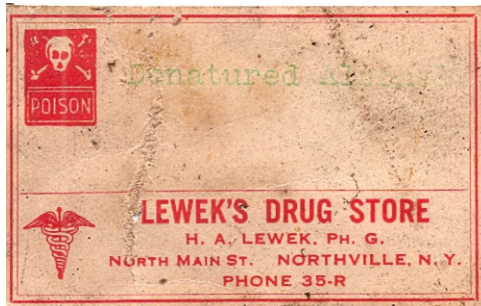
1911 Mr. Kested bought the G. N. Brown building and sold his drugstore business in the Wright Block. The 1925 census lists Franklin N Wright Jr operating a drugstore in Northville. I have no proof but it seems likely that he might have established his drugstore where Mr. Kested had been, especially since the building belonged to his father, Dr. Franklin Wright , Sr..

Drug Store History Continued

Mr. Kested retired in 1947 after more than 50 years as a pharmacist in Northville. He sold the building and business to **William Oberg** who operated the drugstore for about 3 years.

Mr. Oberg sold the business to **Livingston Losso** who had it for about 6 months before selling it to **Herman Lewek** in 1952.

The history of Mr. Lewek and his drugstore can be read in the NNHS June 2014 newsletter.



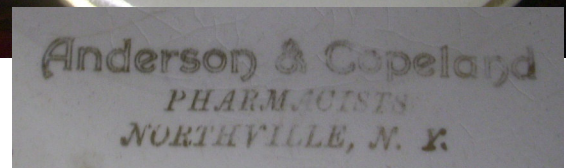
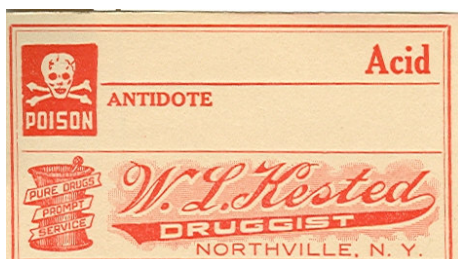
A new modern Rite Aid Drug store is now operating on North Main Street and the once historic drugstore now houses a Chinese restaurant.



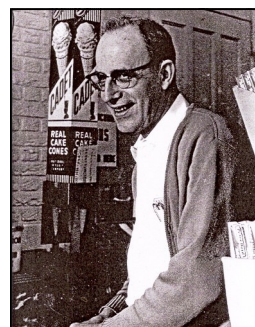
Mr. Hiram J. Allen was a clerk in this drugstore for 44 years



Inside the G. N. Brown building when Mr. Kested owned it. He is on the right side of the picture. Remember the soda fountain? How many remember his famous Lead Sundaes? I understand that Mr. Lewek continued serving Lead Sundaes when he had a soda fountain.



The first gas pump in Northville was located at the drugstore.
It was Sunoco Gas



Herman Lewek

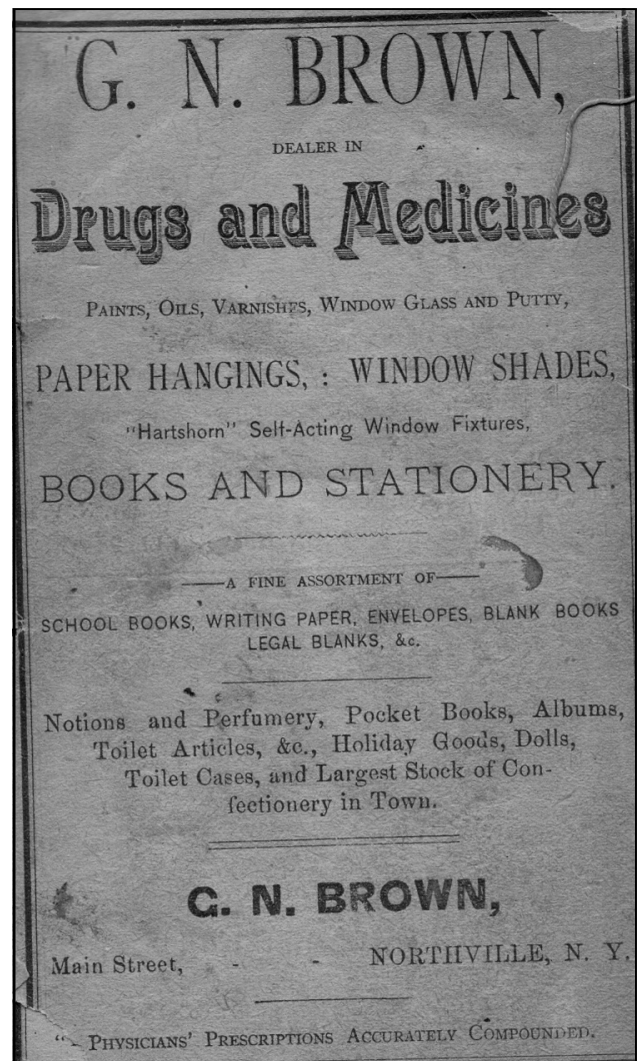




211 South Main Street. The wood frame drugstore that was moved in circa 1877 when the G. N. Brown brick building was built in it's place.



Display in the NNHS museum of Drugstore artifacts



1919 Mail Rig from P.O. to F.J. G. R. R. Station

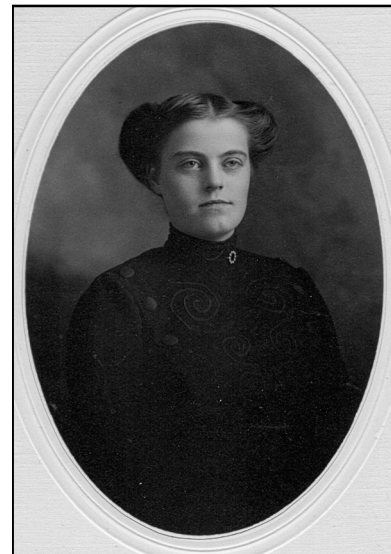
Folks We Won't Forget



WINTER UNIFORM for State Trooper Ed Blackmere as he snowshoes across Piseco Lake in February 1930. (Photo courtesy of Arthur W. Naylor, Mayfield)



Carl Swartz. Dr. Wright's Driver



Ruth Lawton Barker



Ruth and Ernie Gifford



Dr. Frank Meter and children
(local dentist in 30's and 40's)