

# NNHS NEWS LETTER

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## NORTHVILLE'S BOTTLING WORKS

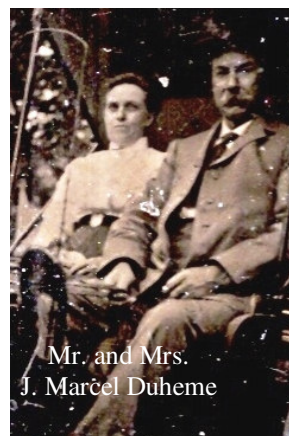
History tells us that Northville has had 5 bottling works businesses from the early 1900's until 1950



Young boy sitting in chair is Edward Duheme, son of J. Marcel Duheme.  
Ambrose Burgess driving horses (Leland B's father)

The first bottling works was owned and operated by Joseph Marcel Duheme. He did not use the name Joseph, so history mentions him as Marcel. "Marcel" was born in Quebec, Canada in 1848 and moved to this area around 1900 or before. Marcel was married to Violetta "Etta" Perry. They lived on the Sacandaga River above Parkville, just beyond Pinnacle Mountain. He died 1917.

The above picture is the Duheme Bottling and Liquor Store, which was located on the south side of the Willard Block on North Main Street. The Willard block was built in 1886. There were many different businesses that operated in this building, some of us will remember that Holleran's Market operated there and later on Sakadolsky's grocery store.



Mr. and Mrs.  
J. Marcel Duheme

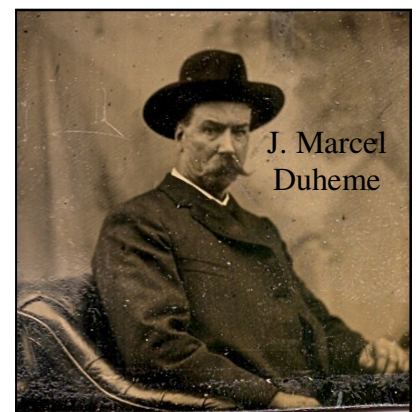
## MUSEUM NEWS

We had a very good summer with lots of visitors. I will give the count in the next issue of this paper.

Gloria and Gail are currently reorganizing some of the displays. We need more room so we are consolidating and changing some displays to different areas of the museum.

Many artifacts, pictures etc need to be relabeled from either being lost or faded.

Duheme sold the soda and liquor business to Reiger and Leonard, who sold it to George J Robinson who operated the soda business from 1916 to 1945. Robinson had moved the soda business to Mosher's Feed Store building on Bridge Street (now the NBT bank). Mr. Robinson also was in the trucking business, coal and fuel oil. He eventually moved his businesses to a new building next door.



J. Marcel  
Duheme



## George J Robinson

had been in the bottling business for 39 years when he sold it to Willard Weaver. Robinson developed a rubber gasket for a soft drink bottle stopper, which when was released made a "pop", thus the name "soda pop".

## "Zeke" Weaver

as he was known, the new owner, was a local man, having graduated from the Central school and lived practically all his life in the vicinity. He served in the U. S. Army from January 1941 to June 1945 and saw service in Africa, Sicily, England, France, Belgium and Germany. He held the Bronze Star Medal which he received for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the European theatre of operations. Weaver's Adirondack bottling works burned in 1950.



## John F Brownell

According to "Northampton Now and Then", Brownell had a soft drink bottling business on South First Street before WW I. It was in a large barn between Bridge Street and Center Street. The 1905 map shows a Brownell owning property on first street and a barn on the property.

I found this advertisement in the Fulton County Republican newspaper that indicates that he may have had a partner early on.

*The firm of L. & J. Brownell, engaged in selling, bottling and manufacturing soda waters, ale, beer, la«er beer, and other beverages, and having their place of business at Northville, Fulton County, State of New York :*

*On soda water bottles and bottle containing what are commonly called "soft drinks" the letters and words "L. & J. Brownell" In a form nearly that of a horse shoe, with the open side down, and tho letters and words "Northville, N Y." across the open Ride thereof, the word "Northville" above tho letters "N. Y." On beer, lager beer bottles, and on boxes, the letters and words, "L. & J. Brownell, Northville" in the form of an ellipse, and in the center of such ellipse and running the longer way thereof, the word "bottlers" we certify that the above is correct and true. Dated at Northville June, 1891. L. & J. BROWNELL*



In the last couple of months I've had two different Duheme families call/email me concerning their ancestors. They have met me at the museum where they shared with me their family history and pictures and I was able to show them some artifacts and information that we have on the Duheme's.



The J. Marcel Duheme House when it was down by the river



The house after it was moved and an addition build on the north side. It's location is on the old road from Northville to Wells, just past Smith Beach Road.



The Duheme barns before the house was moved. They had to tear down the barns but could move the house. They used the lumber from the barns to build new barns at the new location.



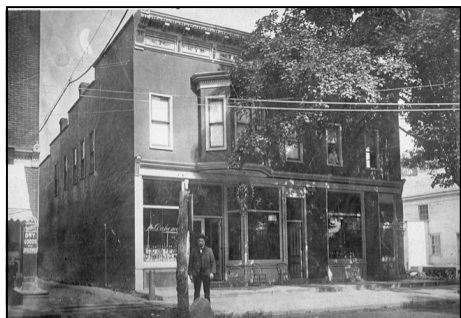
Florence and Ed Duheme, (brother and sister) and their niece visited the museum last week. They grew up in the Duheme family homestead, which had been moved from the river. just north of the Pinnacle to it's present location. They are holding Duheme bottles from the bottling works



Maybe you remember them from high school days



Joseph Marcel Duheme (a.k.a. Marcel) was born in Quebec, Canada moved to this area in the late 1800's. He was married to Etta Perry. They built their a house near the Sacandaga River, north of Parkville and the Pinnacle Mountain. The Pinnacle can be seen as you drive north out of Northville. Smith beach is at the base of the mountain. Joseph and Etta had 4 children. Their son Edward stayed on the farm. He married Florence Harris. They had a son Marcel, married to Laura Viola Wilson who were the parents of Florence and Edward in the above pictures. Marcel Harris Duheme lived on the farm until his death in 1980 Their son Edward remained on the farm and converted the property to Tree North, a Christmas tree farm. The tree farm, ceased operation in 1996 and the property was sold in 1997. Edward and family moved to Venezuela for several years. They returned to the area in 2002 and now reside in Scotia. His sister, Florence is retired and living in Schenectady.



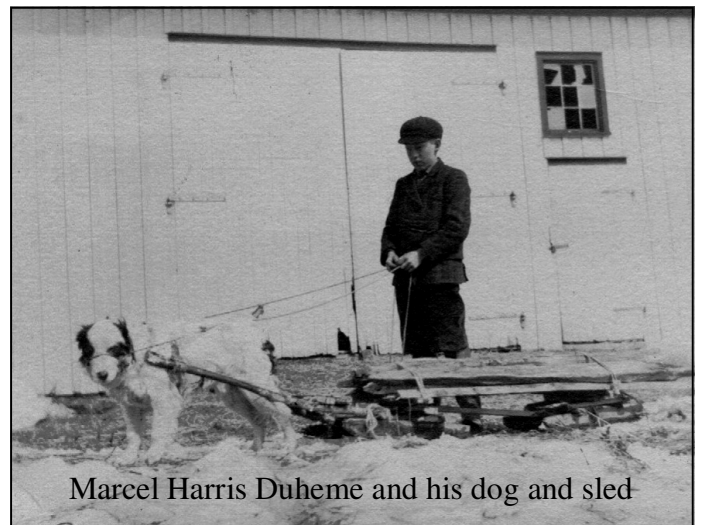
J. Marcel Duheme in front of his bottling works



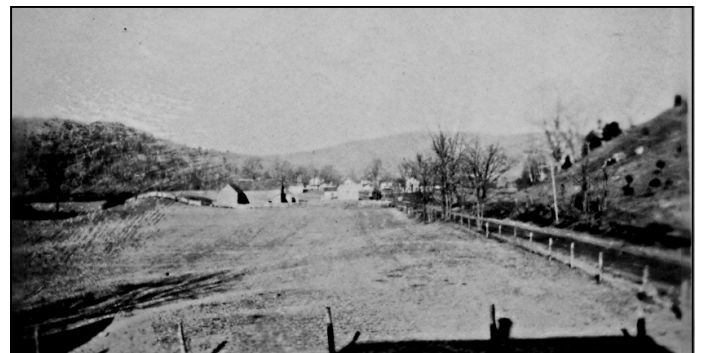
Wooden box that the bottles were shipped in to the bottling works



Florence Harris Duheme and son Marcel Harris Duheme



Marcel Harris Duheme and his dog and sled

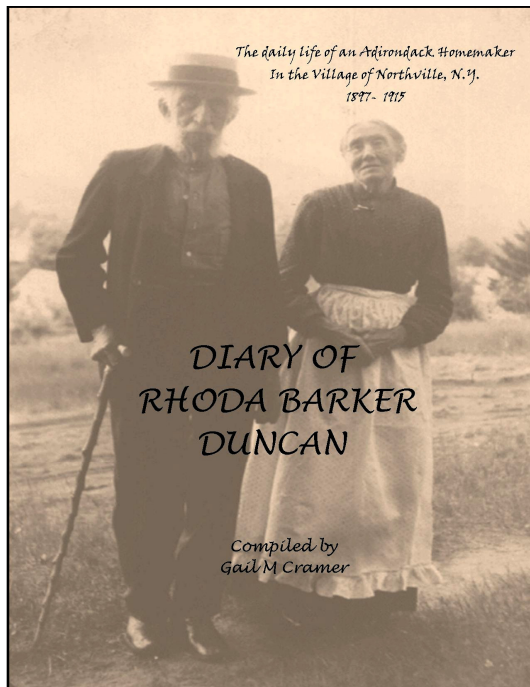


Looking north from the Duheme house along the river road



## ROONEY BLOCK

Built in 1875, this picture taken in 1882 . This building was lost to a fire. The first bank in Northville was built at this location in 1895. Thomas H. Rooney conducted a feed and flour store in this building. He also very successful in the lumber business. He was one of the first trustees in the village. He left the area around 1885 and went west.



Several folks have asked where they can buy this book. It is for sale in Northville at the following places. Donna's Red Barn , the NNHS museum, The Adirondack Country Store or from Gail Cramer.

## Mystery Picture



Paul Eddy sent me this picture. He found it in Marilyn Manzer Rhinehart's estate. Paul and I both think that the little girl in front is Marilyn. Can anyone identify anyone else in the picture? How about the era of the motor cycle? Please reply to "all" if you have any information.



## WHERE ARE THESE PLACES?

Ever heard of Carpenter's Corners or Sweet's Crossing, Fairchild's Corner, Chapman's Corners, Gifford's Corners, Gifford's Valley, Hardscrabble, Maple Grove, Johnnycake hollow?

All these and others are still identified by many of us old timers and we often refer to them when we speak of something happening at such and such a place. These places were usually named for the families that lived on that corner.

**Carpenter's Corners** is at the top of Gould Hill. Where is Gould Hill you say? Gould hill is the hill that is the extension of South Main Street. At the top of this hill on the corner of Ridge Road and Gould Hill is Carpenter's Corners.

**Fairchild's Corners** is beyond Carpenter's Corners, it's the big corner where Driscoll's large barn/business is. Corner of White Birch Road.

**Sweet's Crossing** is on route 30, near the entrance to route 152. This is where the F J & G R.R. went through before arriving at Sacandaga Park Station. The Sweet family farm was at that location.

**Chapman's Corners** is on the corner of Houseman Street and route 152.

**Gifford's Corners** is where the old Gifford's Corner school was. Today the school is a residence. The location is on route 152 where the stone pillars are that is the old entrance to Sacandaga Park

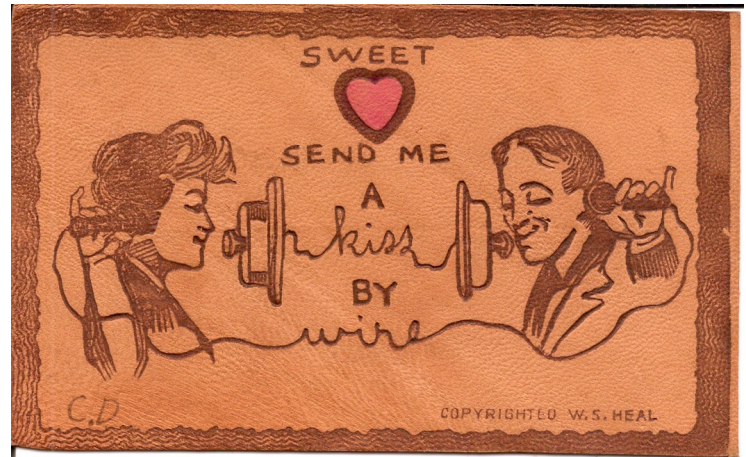
**Gifford's Valley** is small hamlet north of Northville. Turn left at the stone crusher off of route 30. The center of the hamlet is the first 4 corners you come to. The Gifford's Valley school was on that corner before it was moved into the village and is now our museum.

**Johnnycake Hollow**, is another old name for Gifford's valley. Tradition says the people there supplied 'Journey Cake' to local roadhouses.

**Hardscrabble** is a dirt road that goes north over a mountain. There are still a couple of residence and a few camps on this road. Located by going up Northville hill on route 143 past the old furniture factory toward **Maple Grove**.

## LEATHER COUNTRY

The leather business in Northville and Fulton County was a major industry for many years. Most of us know they mainly made gloves, but did you know that leather post cards were also made. We have a good display of them in our museum. Below is a picture of one of the cards that was mailed from Northville to someone in the village. Come and visit our museum and view an album of more of these cards.



The post date is 1907 and note no house number, post office box number or zip code !!!

## DID YOU KNOW?

That the village of Northville was incorporated in 1873? There was a President rather than a mayor as we have today. In 1926-27, the title was changed to Mayor. The first President was Samuel B. Benton. Trustees: Amos Van Arnham, Aaron Slocum and Thomas Rooney. Hiram J Resseguie, Treasurer, William Carpenter, Collector.