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MUSEUM NEWS

Closed for the season. It can still be opened by appointment during the months of September and October. Call 863 2628.

632 visitors signed the guest book. 13 different states were represented and several countries.

SERFIS GLOVE SHOP Brothers: Charles and Herman

The Serfis Glove business began in Gloversville around 1922. In 1937 they made plans to move to Northville and buy the old Union School building on South Main Street. In the picture below is Charles and his son, Theron and Herman.



Charles, Theron, Herman
In front of the old Union School
After it was converted to a Glove Shop

SERFIS CONCERN PROVES STORY IN THE HERALD

1937
Glove Manufacturers Will
Move to Northville on
Jan. 1; To Use School

Officials in the Serfis Glove company, 118 South Main street, yesterday confirmed the story carried by The Morning Herald on November 19, it would move to Northville about January 1. Through arrangements completed with the Northville Board of Education and the Chamber of Commerce there, the firm has secured a long term lease on the old Northville High school building.

Various alterations to the building are being made by Bert E. [unclear] son, Northville contractor. Plumbing and heating contract was awarded to Allen & Palmer and the electrical work to H. L. Barker of Northville. The contractors were hired by the glove concern under an agreement reached with the village officials.

The larger part of the company production has been handled in Northville for some time. The company started business here 15 years ago in the old Kathan garage on South Main street. The firm at that time consisted of William S. Richmond and Herman Serfis. Then Mr. Serfis' brother, Charles Serfis, entered the partnership and the plant moved to 146 Spring street. Later the firm moved to 7 West Pine street, then purchased an interest in the old Littauer building, 118 South Main street.

TOWN BASKETBALL TEAM 1943 - 44
Sponsored by Serfis Glove Co.



Back Row: Bob Russell, Gerald "Windy" Mills, Walter Harrington, Joe Martuscello, Herman Serfis
Seated: Bud Darling, Jay Skiff, Doug Parker, Harold Blowers, John Harris



Remember this building? It was located on North Main Street next to Hollearn's market. It was demolished in late '50's by Sakadosky's to expand his grocery store (the old Hollearn store) The F. J. & G. R.R. Passenger and Freight Station was located on the south side of the building. There was a waiting room for passengers waiting to take the bus south to Mayfield, Gloversville and Johnstown. I often rode the bus home on old route 30, for 10 cents. I could stand out in front of my house and the bus would stop and pick me up and drop me off on the corner of third street so I could attend a basketball game.



The Wine and Liquor Store was run and owned by at least 5 different merchants. Marcel Duheme , Osborne, Oscar Grosse, Frank Mish, and Jim Ruetling.

Ed and Candy Izzo operated a restaurant on the north side of the liquor store, later operated by Jay Skiff. Izzos lived in an apartment on the second floor when he ran the restaurant.

ED and CANDY
 HOMETOWN COFFEE SHOP
 Main Street Call 219-J
 NORTHVILLE, N. Y.

Northville Liquor Store
 Northville, N. Y.
 Dial WA 5-2585
 "Let us keep you in good spirits"
 Jim Ruetling

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