

# NNHS NEWS LETTER

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## REMEMBER WHEN

The new Grand Union Grocery store, now Tops was divided into 3 different sections when it was first built. Grand Union, Norge Village and Village Fair.



## VILLAGE FAIR AND NORGE VILLAGE



Mayor Milt Groff cutting the ribbon at the opening of the new Grand Union 1961. Manager: back row on far left, Loren Bentley

## MUSEUM NEWS

Opening  
For  
The  
Season  
July 1

Come in and visit the NNHS Schoolhouse Museum. We have quite a few new displays.

Bring your summer guests and share with them the history of our quaint, historic village.

Well informed Museum Guides are always present to answer your questions.

This building was built on the property of the old Tower Hotel (aka: Kathan Hotel, Avalon, Flewelings, Anibal House, and Tuniecliff's.

Loren Bentley was the Grand Union's first manager (1961). Remember when they offered Triple S Blue Stamps which you saved to redeem for merchandize.

The Norge Village was a Laundromat owned and ran by Michael Geraghty.

The Village Fair, a gift shop, managed by Ted Simons, was on the north side of the Laundromat.

## Town of Northampton Timeline

1741 The Northampton Patent is granted by the British Royal Crown on October 17, 1741, to Jacob Mase and several others

1754 French and Indian War 1754 -1763

1762 Sir Wil. Johnson moves from Amsterdam to Johnson Hall in Johnstown. Sir Will. Johnson builds "fish house" as his camp

1771 Between 1762 and 1771, the Shews move to Fish House and Shew has a son Godfrey, March 9, 1771

1774 Sir William Johnson dies on July 11, 1774, at his home during an Indian conference

1777 Declaration of Independence July 4, 1776

1778 The British raid on June 2, 1778, taking Godfrey Shew and his sons. Sir William Johnson's "fish house" was burned during the raid by orders of Sir Wil. Johnson's son John

1779 Godfrey Shew and his sons return to Fish House, 1779

1784 Godfrey Shew builds his second home after released from capture, 1784

1783 Revolutionary War ends

1788 Samuel Olmstead becomes first settler in the Village of Northville

1789 George Washington becomes President

1799 The Town of Northampton was established February 1st. The first school is established.

1805 John Fay builds the largest house in Fish House, later known as the Fish House Hotel

1809 The first brick building was built in Fish House by John Fay as a store

1815 David Marvin from Conn. builds on the site of Sir Wil. Johnson's "fish house"

1817 Construction begins on Erie Canal in New York

1818 The Fish House covered bridge is built by Daniel Stewart

1849 The plank road is built from Amsterdam to Fish House.

1840 John Paterson builds a 253- foot- long covered bridge across the Sacandaga

1850 New York was first in lumber production, surpassing agriculture

1863 Lincoln issues Emancipation Proclamation, freeing slaves; two years later, he is assassinated.

1869 Union Pacific RR meets Central Pacific RR

1870 The population of Northville grows to 800

1875 Resseguie and Newton cleared the land for what will be the FJ &G rail tracks

1879 Thomas Edison invents the improved incandescent light bulb

1880 The FJ&G Railroad Company buys the 16 miles of track to Sacandaga Park

1884 The FJ&G Railroad Company develops a camp and recreational area near the Northville RR Station

1888 The railroad becomes aware that Sacandaga Park is growing in popularity so it bulgs the Adirondack Inn

Knitting factory opens on Division & 2nd Street. Village gets water system	1891
Northville Fire Department formed	1892
Northville is electrified	1893
July 25 the Northville Bank opens its doors	1895
First telephone service in Northville	1897
A fire destroys 111 cottages in Sacandaga Park on May 8	1898
The automobile arrives in Northville, and families can travel as they please	1904
Sacandaga Park has 90,000 visitors	1912
Spring runoff causes a disastrous flood from Northville to Albany	1913
World War I, 1914 - 1918	1914
President Harding is an overnight guest at Heeswijk; Women are given the right to vote and alcohol is prohibited. The logging industry ends in Northampton	1920
The first construction contract is let to start the preparation of the reservoir, and Lindbergh crosses the Atlantic nonstop	1927
The railroad receives \$1,727,696 settlement, and the stock market crashes on Wall Street	1929
The Conklingville Dam is dedicated and the water rises to create the reservoir	1930
Franklin D. Roosevelt becomes president	1933
The cottages of Osborn Road burned	1939

The High Rock Lodge burns down	1951
The Rustic Theater burns down	1955
Grand Union chain grocery store opens in the Village of Northville	1961
Gov. Nelson Rockefeller signs into law a bill that renames the reservoir the Great Sacandaga Lake	1968
Adirondack Inn burns down	1975

*Time Line was transcribed from the 2009 Cultural Resources Reconnaissance Survey of the Town of Northampton. Research done by the Town of Northampton Landmark Commission and prepared by Andrea Becker*



New Historical Sign for the Dime Store.



Back issues of the NNHS newsletter can be found on the Northville Public Library website. Click on genealogy.

Follow up on last month's article about the Engraving/Inscriptions on the front of the auditorium wing of the NCS building.

Last month's newsletter told about the engraving on the auditorium wing. There was also an engraving on the side of the old gym wing. In 1980 it was removed when the gymnasium was renovated into offices and class rooms. Thanks to Laura Ginter, the stone engraving was not destroyed..

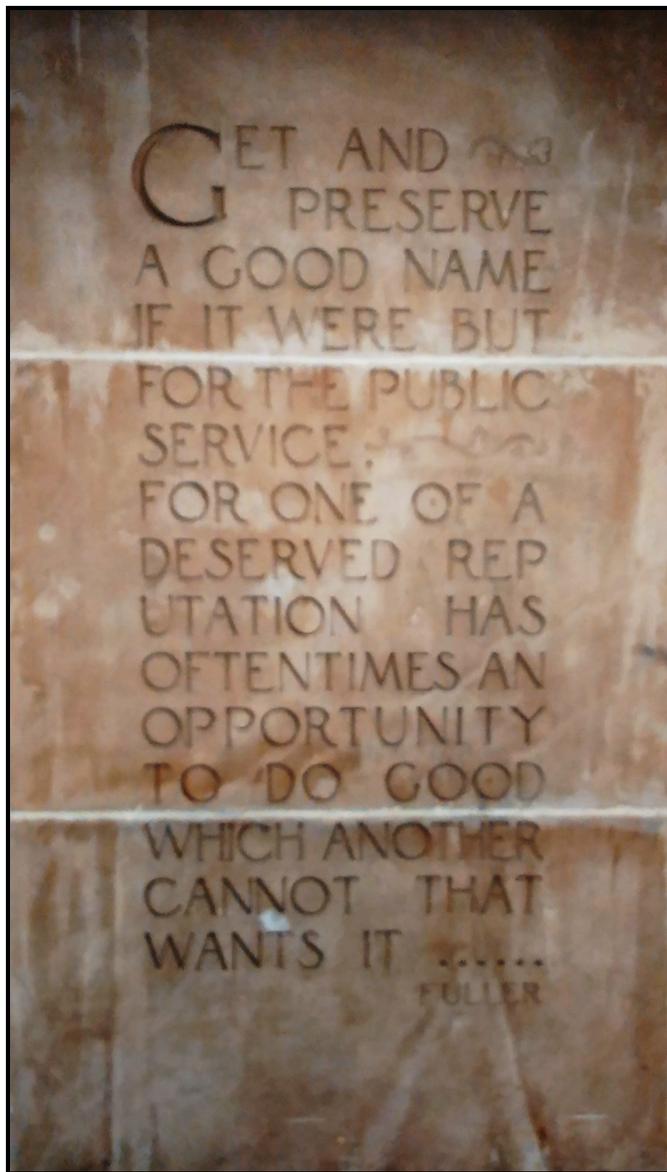
*. You might remember that, before the old gym was renovated into classrooms, there was a complimentary stone engraved on the front of the building to match the one that you cited that remains on the face of the school auditorium. At the time of the reconstruction, a doorway was to be placed at the exact site of the stone engraving on the gym building. The original plan was to break up the stone and haul it away. I didn't want to see that happen, so I asked that it be reversed to create the second floor end wall on the inside of the building. It remains there to this day, reminding students to "keep and preserve a good name, for lack of which a good man can do nothing." - George Washington Stop over and see it on the wall. It is worth the visit.*

*Laura Ginter*



The old gymnasium wing

The door and steps were built in the opening where the engraving was located.



The old engraving that is now at the end of the second story hallway of the old gymnasium.

