

NNHS NEWS LETTER

Northville Northampton Historical Society

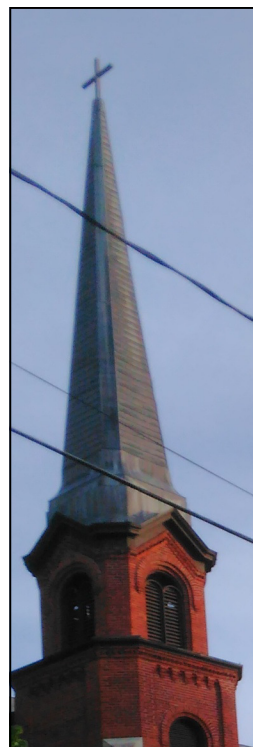
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Take a guess...what is it? Where was it? Right now it's in the NNHS Schoolhouse Museum.



United Methodist Church



MUSEUM

It's time to start thinking of opening up our museum. Cleaning has already begun and some new things are being added to our collection.

Looking forward to another good year. Be sure and come in and check out our new displays. We'll be open by appointment in June. Wednesday and Saturday's 10 am to 2 p.m. in July and August. September and October by appointment.

The ball finial on the Methodist Church, was removed from the steeple in 1970 when the steeple was repaired and strengthened with steel girders. There was some thought to remove the steeple above the bell tower but the Trustees felt it would ruin the architectural aspect of the building. The entire spire was sheathed with exterior plywood and then covered with 20 oz. Revere lead sheathed copper plates. At this time they replaced the ball finial with a 6 foot cross.

**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
of Northville, NY

The history of the Methodist Church in Northville is very interesting. It's beginning began in 1800 when the first formal class of the church was established with 20 members. In 1805 a meeting house was erected on what is now the corner of Bridge and Main Streets. This structure was used by both the Baptist and Methodist congregations for several years.

In 1821 the Methodist Church congregation greatly increased after intensive evangelistic services were held. As a result, it was decided to build their own sanctuary.

A piece of land was purchased from Michael Newton and a white clapboard structure was erected, measuring 60' by 34'. The entire cost was \$600. It was constructed on the corner of Washington and South Main Street. In 1871 it was moved behind where the new Methodist Church was to be built. After it was moved, it was used for many purposes over the years. In this building, on May 20, 1873 by a vote of 81 to 35, it was decided that Northville should become an incorporated village.



School Classes were held here when more room was needed for class rooms. It also was used as a tenement house until it became in great disrepair. It was torn down and parts of it were used to build a church on Fox Hill.

A booklet of the history of the Methodist Church was written in 1972 by Herbert Corey who was a member of the church from 1930 until his death. A copy of Mr. Corey's booklet can be read at the Northville Public Library, the NNHS historical museum, or at the Historian's Office in the Municipal building.



FIRST
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
COR. MAIN AND WASHINGTON STS.,
NORTHVILLE, N. Y.
W. W. CARR, Pastor, Residence So. Main St.

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SABBATH SERVICES.

PREACHING, - - 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 12 M. H. F. Fisher, Supt.
EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETING, - - 6:30 P. M.
CLASS MEETING, - - - - 12 M.
C. B. Resseguie, Leader.
JUNIOR EPWORTH LEAGUE, - - 3:30 P. M.
Mrs. Jennie Heath, Supt.

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The pastor will preach at Sacandaga Park at 3:30 P. M. Subject: "The Best Robe." Every body invited.

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The Epworth League Meeting will be held this evening at 6:30. Subject: The Call of the Disciples. Matt. 9: 9-13; Mark 1: 16-20; Luke 5: 1-11; John 1: 29-51. Mrs. Scott Partidge, Leader.

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Every one not attending church elsewhere, is cordially invited to worship with us.

The
NNHS
wishes to
thank the
Methodist
Church for
donating the
ball finial
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We are sure
it will be a
very interest-
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sation piece
of history in
our historical
museum.

SACANDAGA SWINGERS

was a square dance group which began in 1978. The first class being taught by Dotty Nyszczyc of Broadalbin at the NCS. We met in the old art room in the basement. It consisted of 8 to 12 couples.

Ward and Rudy Smith
Rev and Mrs. Paul Wilson
Carl and Lois Reese
Irv and Doris Plaskett
Milt and Virginia Groff
Peg and Ernie Mason
Doug and Marion Parker
Bill and Mary Effingham
Ralph and Amanda Travis
Art and June Collins
Ben and BJ Close
Charles and Barb Owens
Rusty and Linda Mosher
Mike and Sandy Herdman

In the beginning we were the Adirondack Angels later becoming the Sacandaga Swingers, as we established our own group under the leadership of Ward Smith. Doug Parker called on occasion and Rudy Smith called rounds. We became quite proficient and traveled to the Flaming Leaves Festival at Lake Placid, the Oquaga Lake Festival and nearby dances including; Ponderosa, Albany and others. We danced in many of our homes, clearing the furniture to make room.

There were many area clubs (I don't remember their names) that had dances at their schools. I remember Canajoharie for one. There were many special calls to learn. One caller, Frannie Heinz walked us through "peel a banana". What fun! Sometimes we met 2 or 3 nights a week. It was an active group until 1988.

Written by Linda Mosher

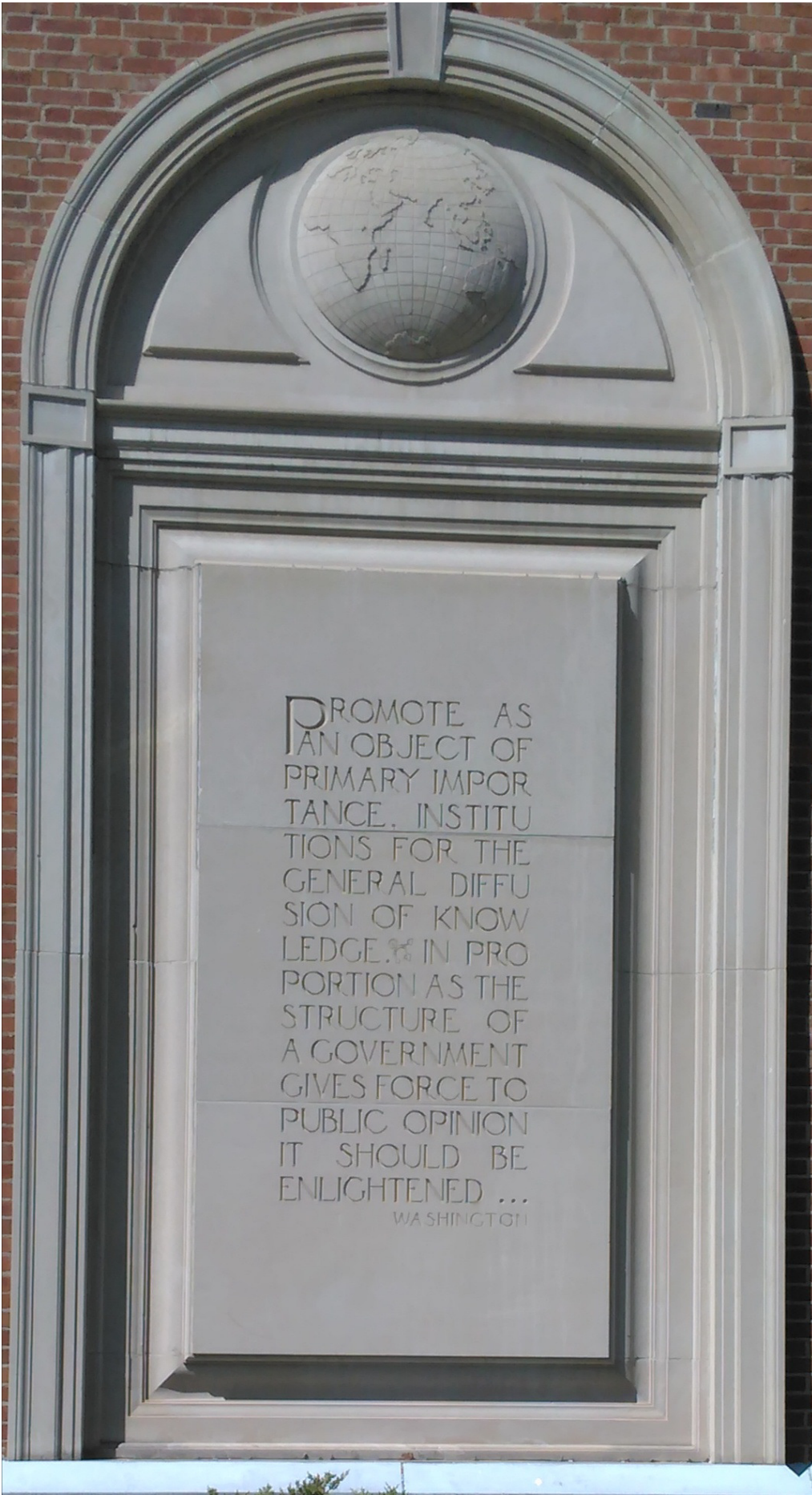


There is plastic over the quilt to prevent finger marks on the quilt



This quilt was made for Rudy and Ward Smith when they retired from the Sacandaga Swinger's Club. It depicts the history and fun times of the club they were so involved with from 1978 to 1988. The quilt now hangs in the community room in the Village Municipal Building.

Donated to the Historical Society by Rudy and Ward's daughter, Joy.



Do you recognize this? Have you ever stopped to read it? I'll have to admit I never did until a few years ago, and I went to this school from K-12.



PROMOTE AS AN OBJECT OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE, INSTITUTIONS FOR THE GENERAL DIFFUSION OF KNOWLEDGE. IN PROPORTION AS THE STRUCTURE OF A GOVERNMENT GIVES FORCE TO PUBLIC OPINION IT SHOULD BE ENLIGHTENED...
WASHINGTON



Corner Stone on the left hand corner of the auditorium wing