

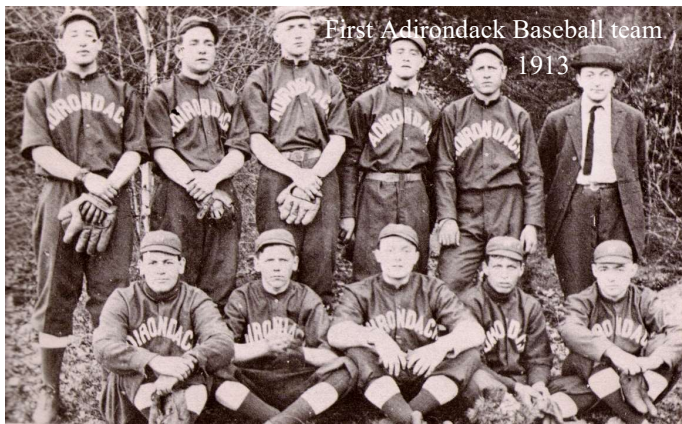
# NNHS NEWS LETTER

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## OLD BASEBALL FIELD Prospect Hill

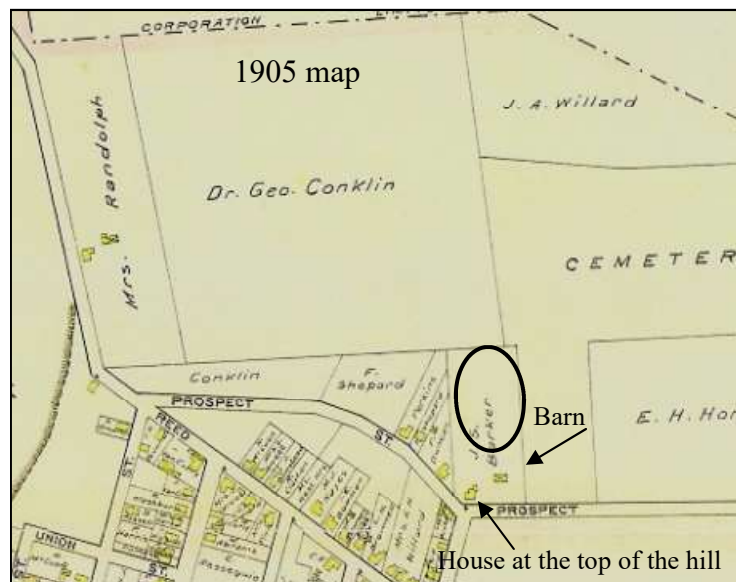
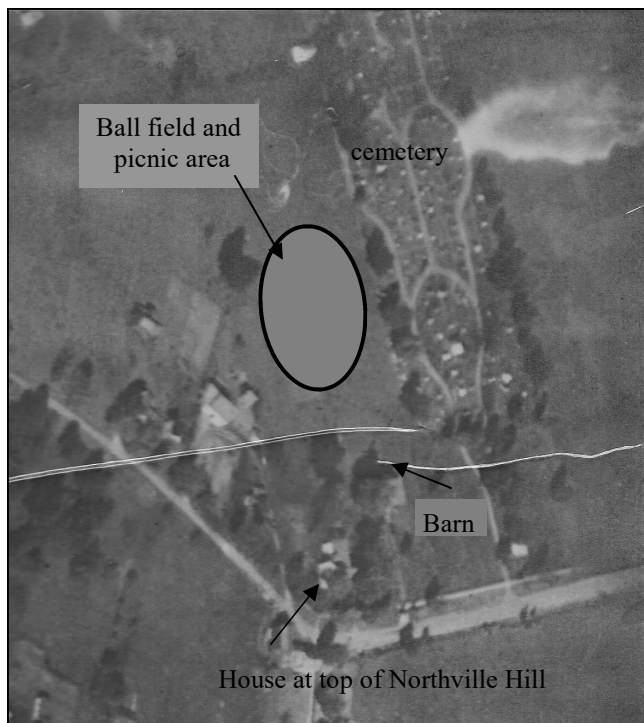


First Adirondack Baseball team  
1913

**Northville** 1926

NORTHVILLE, June 20.—The first game of baseball played by the Adirondacks was played yesterday on the Prospect Hill diamond, when they had as their opponents, a team from the Y. M. C. A. of Johnstown. The attendance was not as large as it should have been as the game was not advertised to a very great extent. The home team outclassed the visitors. Reynolds, a new pitcher who has joined the team this year, was in the box for the home team and the first six innings he pitched not a visitor reached first base. He struck out twelve opponents. Meshler who followed gave two bases on the next inning and he then retired as it was not his day to work in the box; when he retired George A. Van Arnam took up the task, and it was in this inning that the visitors received their only count, after that only one man reached second base. The game was too one-sided to be interesting. The final score was 15 to 1.

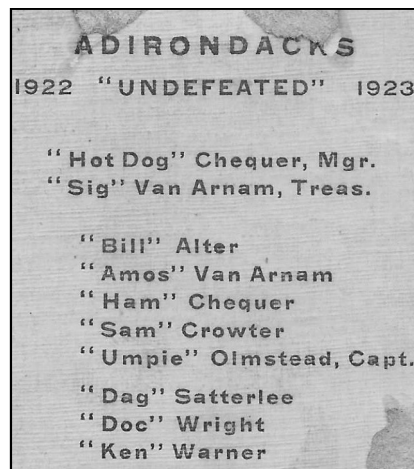
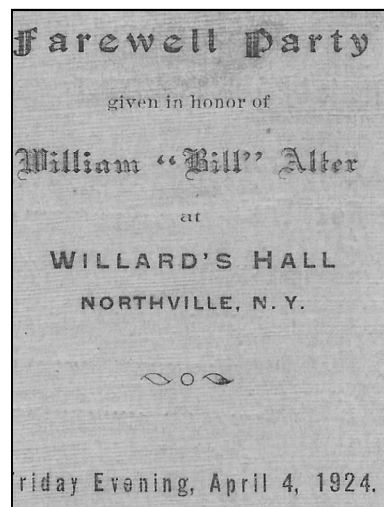




These two maps show approximately where the baseball field was located. Compare them with the picture on the first page.

Program		
12 M. to 1—	BAND CONCERT on Village Lawn	
1 to 2—	BASKET PICNIC on Prospect Hill. "Let's make this a real one."	
2 to 3:30—	SPORTS, Prospect Hill.	
	Prize	Presented by
1. 50-yd. dash for boys under 10 yrs.....	Eversharp Pencil.....	R. R. Seidl
2. 50-yd. bag race, boys from 10-15.....	Baseball.....	A. L. Palmer
3. 80-yd. dash for girls.....	Electric Curler.....	Broadalbin E. L. & P. Co.
4. 50-yd. 3-legged race, open.....	Flashlight to each.....	Robert Grosso and Allen & Palmer
5. Baseball throwing contest for girls.....	Box Candy.....	W. R. Smith
6. Baseball throwing contest for boys.....	Safety Razor.....	R. B. Cruikshank
7. 100-yd. dash, open.....	Watch.....	F. N. Wright
8. Running broad jump, open.....	Brownie Camera.....	Kested & Bowman
9. 50-yd. dash for boys, 10-15 yrs.....	6 tickets to movies.....	A. Grant Palmer
10. Tug of war.....	50 Cinco Cigars.....	Neil Morrison
3:30—	BASEBALL GAME— Broadalbin Bafflers vs. Amsterdam Polsains	

*When the school district was looking for property to build a new school building in the early 1930's. This area where the ball field was located, was one of the places they considered to build the new school. As we know they chose the present site of NCS on Third Street.*



Willard Hall was the large room above the 5 and 10 cent store.

## SNOW REMOVAL IN NORTHVILLE



Watson 'Wockie' Arnold's snow blower. It appears to be made of a barrel, with the front re-shaped and small skids added, and the rear re-shaped into a discharge chute. It looks like a strut was welded across the front to support a bearing for the impeller shaft which probably was driven by a V-belt from the motor shaft. It looks like a simple and effective machine and certainly the first one in the Northville area

LPC



Chan Rockwell using a commercial and more modern snow blower



Town of Northville plow about 1950  
Clarence VanVranken as driver



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Now to get down to figures beg to state that our minimum rental on these comedies is \$5.00 per day and we haven't taken a booking in this state at less than this price. In this case we realize the fact that you have got to have something good and at a reasonable figure and for that reason we are going to make you a special proposition as follows; if you can run the same comedy three days, and a different one each week we will make the price \$10.00 for the three days. This would be our very lowest figure and we trust that you may be able to book them at this price as we are positive that you would find them very satisfactory and we feel that we would at the same time be getting a little extra publicity for BILLY-WEST which is just what we are after at the present time.

We may be able to give you considerable advertising novelties from time to time that would help you considerably in drawing a few extra dimes to your box office and we are confident that at the above price you would find this your best buy for the summer season.

If you can advise us as to your dates we will make every effort to book you comedies that will go over big and prove very satisfactory to every one of your patrons.

Trusting that we may have the pleasure of serving you during your season, we beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

GARDINER SYNDICATE

*R. R. Gardiner* MGR.

TRG:fm.

The Sacandaga Rustic Theater was a popular entertainment venue at Sacandaga Park.

Customers came from NYC, Amsterdam and other places along the F J & G RR route. Many or most arrived by train.

Some well know actors and actresses Were hired to perform at the theater. Some names you will recognize are: Al Jolson, Betsy Palmer, W.C. Fields, Eddie Cantor, J.W. Gorman Minstrels.

The letter to F. J. & G Railroad company from **Gardiner Syndicate** indicates that they were inquiring about providing an entertainment program/comedy act for the Rustic Theater in 1918.

"Show days came to an abrupt and early close this summer when tragedy in the nature of a fire estimated at \$100,000 staged an unscheduled performance yesterday afternoon. Books and money kept in the business office were destroyed as was 6 valuable paintings and scenery and equipment. The fire broke out shortly after the afternoon matinee"

The Leader Herald  
1954



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