

NNHS NEWS LETTER

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WALTER WEAVER SR.

1891 - 1987

"We knew him as Husband, Father, Grandfather and to some, Uncle Walt. He was also known as being "an old timer" as well, for all his endeavors," wrote Helen Olmstead. In 1975 Helen interviewed Walter and wrote the following article about him for the Leader Herald. The following is transcribed from Helen's article.

"Uncle Walt", as the children spoke of him knows all about log trucks and teams of horses for he grew up with them and they were very much a part of his life.

The genial ex-logger said laughingly, "I quit school at 14, sure that I knew enough by that time. He went to work as a driver of teams for Charles Lawton, who had 22 horses and ran an express service.

His pay at that time was \$3.00 a week plus his board. His day began when the alarm clock went off at 4 in the morning. His job was to feed the horses and have everything ready when the drivers came to work.

The Lawton property covered most of a block between Center and Washington Streets. Logs would be unloaded between First and Second Streets, and cross cut by hand into cord wood, selling for a large sum of \$1.50 per cord.

Another of Weaver's jobs was to draw wooden barrels to Amsterdam, which were made in one of the two cooper shops in Northville. He told of cold mornings starting out before dawn when three teams would set off together. To keep warm he would set a lantern

between his feet, and throw a horse blanket up over him. On the trip back he brought back a load of bricks from Troy.

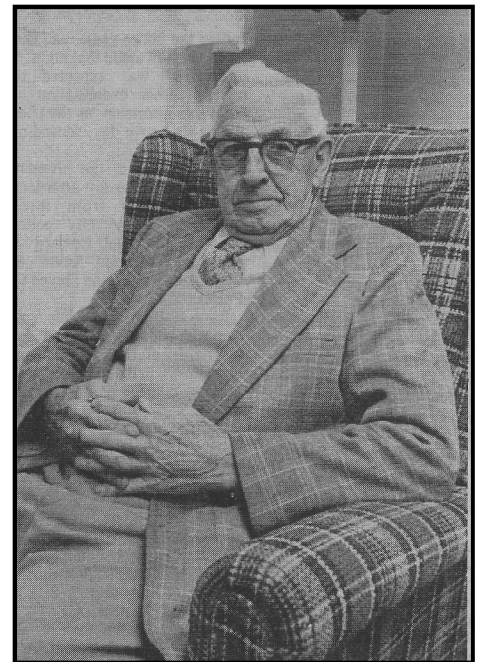
Another endeavor was his "peddling express", when he would go to the Northville hotels (9 of them) and pick up laundry to be taken to Gloversville.

Walt worked at the FJ&G RR Depot from 1910 to 1928. His work was in the office, 8 to 10 trains a day coming and going, plus the excursions which were especially big over the weekends. He recalls seeing 16 coaches on one train for the special days at Sacandaga Park.

He said another of his jobs was to take dinners, 15 to 20, piled on racks, from the Carpenter Hotel on Bridge Street, to Smith's beach, for the working men who were rescuing the logs from the flats on the Sacandaga River.

He remembered the first snow plow the village got from Newcomb. It was drawn by four horses and kept in the Lawton stables. He also remembered when the Sacandaga River froze, the villagers would stand on the Northville Bridge and watch the horses racing on the ice.

Over the years, he said, he watched the village change. He remembered back when it was thriving. 9 hotels, cooper shops, 7 grocery stores, 3 livery stables, 8 glove shops, 4 doctors, 3 lawyers and a school.



His family, besides his wife, consisted of a son Walter Jr., Ola Thompson, Betty Palmateer, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Grandson Skip Thompson is active in the NNHS and guide in the Northville Northampton Red School house museum.

MUSEUM
OPENING
SOON



Celebrating Memorial Day after the Parade at John A Willard's (now Inn At The Bridge)
and yes, they marched up Prospect Hill



Drum Corp leading the Memorial Day Parade up to Prospect Hill Cemetery. (Snare drummer is my great grandfather Frank Kested) The Boys Brigade is following, then the GAR (Grand Army of the Republic).

Note old cars at the top of the hill

MEMORIAL DAY AT PROSPECT HILL CEMETERY



Children lining up at the old school, to march in the Memorial Day Parade . Each received a flag to carry.



Prospect Hill Cemetery
9:30 A.M.

PROGRAM

Rev. Paul H. Wilson, Presiding

Selection High School Band

Remarks.....Mr. Robert Morrison, Mayor

Invocation.....Rev. Benedict Scarff

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address—
Robert L. Serfis

Address.....Rev. C. L. Schaertel
Gloversville, N. Y.

Benediction.....Rev. Alvin Young

Salute Firing Squad

Taps.....J. Herbert Gifford

The Star Spangled Banner—
Northville School Band

In case of rain,
at the Central School Auditorium

Community Memorial Service

Will Be Held in the
CENTRAL SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
at 8:00 P. M.
SUNDAY, MAY 25, 1947
Rev. Paul H. Wilson will speak

Circa 1945




OBSERVANCE OF
MEMORIAL DAY
in honor of
G. A. R. VETERANS, SPANISH WAR VETERANS,
EX-SERVICE MEN

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 1928

Village of Northville, N. Y.

The people in Northville still honor our veterans of war each year. I remember how excited I was to meet at the old schoolhouse/then Serfis' Glove shop to get a flag and then march up to the Prospect Hill Cemetery.

A Memorial Day Parade and ceremony now takes place at the South Main St. cemetery.



Picture at a NNHS Christmas Party 2014

DORIS KING WELCH

Charter Member
of the Northville Northampton Historical Society

On Monday, April 16, 2018, Doris King Welch of Northville passed away, surrounded by family, in the house her husband built for her,

Doris was a life-time resident of Northville and she loved the history of Northville. She graduated in NCS class of 1946, as a member the National Honor Society.

She had many stories of memorable events from her lifetime in Northville and about the history of Parkville. Doris attended every meeting of the NNHS that she was able to, and was Secretary and reported the societies meetings and events to the local newspapers.

The Historical Society members will miss Doris, her smile, her historical knowledge and her presence among us.

THIS BOOK IS NOW AVAILABLE
\$15. for soft cover, \$25. for hard cover
(Hard Cover must be ordered special)

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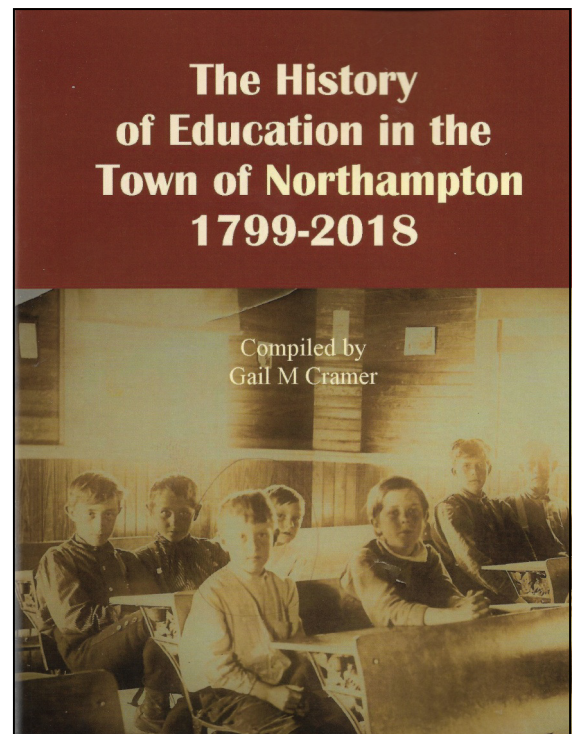
Northville Five and Dime

Red Barn

Town Clerks Office

Historians Office

Museum (in July/August)



CORRECTION FROM APRIL NEWSLETTER

Patsy Graff Suydam wrote a very interesting article about her memories at the Adirondack Inn. Unfortunately when it was transcribed from her written article a part was left out. "I met some interesting guests working in the dining room. There was a couple from Haiti, she was German and he was Haitian. . No one wanted to wait on them because they were a mixed couple but I was happy to. The couple I met from Haiti invited me to visit them in Haiti. I always regretted that I didn't take them up on it, as it would have been a real adventure."