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The Dunlop Family in Sacandaga Park

Joseph K. Dunlop was born in Brooklyn, NY, the son of Scotsman, George Dunlop and his wife Mary. In 1888 Joseph had a photo studio in Gloversville NY and in 1891, on the mid-way in Sacandaga Park. He also operated a barber shop in the park. Many of his photos were made into the many post cards that are collector's items today.

Joseph's grandson, Bradley Smith has compiled a book about his grandfather's life as a photographer. I recommend that you purchase it for more information about Joseph's career. You can view the book at the NNHS museum or at the Northville Public Library.



MUSEUM

So far this summer we have received quite a few visitors to the museum. Come in and see our new addition and new displays.

Joseph Dunlop, crayon artist and photographer, has returned from Sacandaga Park and is making pictures at his studio on West Fulton street, near the rink. Mr. Dunlop was employed for some years as a crayon artist for the government.

The Gloversville Daily Leader
1894



Emma Dunlop, daughter Mabel D. Smith, Platt Smith and baby Betty

Joseph and Emma were involved in the community of Sacandaga Park, owning and renting cottages as well as Joseph's photo studio and Emma's souvenir shop on the Midway.



Some items that were in Emma's shop. The basket was made by Emma. These items can be seen in the museum.



Cottage for Rent
inquire Dunlop Store Near Midway

Sacandaga Park N.Y.,
July 5, 1900
Received of Jos. Dunlop
Nine Dollars (\$9.00) for one
year's interest on land
contract for lot.
Sacandaga Land Co.
W. Seymour Priest
By W. Seymour

Remembrance of Sacandaga Park

By Emma Dunlap

Over 50 years ago (about 1890), I saw Sacandaga park for the first. Methodists were holding camp meeting. In 1887, Frances Willard spoke to a large crowd. There was only cabins here, no cottages across McKinley Ave. or across the highway.



1862 - 1945

The P. O. was in a store across from Bloodgood's store. No hotel, just boarding house and grocery store. The Hotel built later and that building was built up on the corner of McKinley and the R.R. road.

There was no lights except lamps, posts here and there with lamps. The cottages had to fill them (*lamps*) and trim them. Later the R.R. Co. built an electric power plant up by the Northville Bridge, so every one could have electricity. There was no water except wells and water pumped in from the river into a reservoir and run through pipes around the ground so we could go get a pail when needed.

There were no toilets except a row built down on the hill near Mrs. McFero's cottage, what used to be called back houses. In the morning there would be a procession going down to the headquarters with their little green slop bucket. Later a public toilet was built over by the picnic ground.

In 1898 there was a fire destroying hundreds of virgin pine and 109 cottages. After this, better cottages were put up. The railroad began to run Sunday excursion trains bringing large crowds. They built a band stand over across the track among flowers and ferns, and seats for people to sit on and listen to the band. Then the mid-way, toboggan coaster and other amusements. After 40 years the Power Co. bought the water front and busses replaced the R. R.

The above copied just as Emma wrote it.

Feed back from the June NNHS Newsletter

I loved seeing and learning about Northville's 'Yesterdays' ...plus the features and folks in Olaf's, Gramma Lula's, and my Dad's eras. Remembering the years when I grew up, Northville was a 'just right' town to be in! (Every haircut I had as a child, was a 'Page Cut' at (Arnold's) shop on Main Street.

He always called my sister and I, 'Fifi'. Looking forward to having time in Northville ... and of course time at your 'Museum', in August.

Wishing you a just right summer day! :) Barbara B

I am smiling-----Northville has been a happening place for so many years! How I remember Caroga Lake amusement park! My grandfather Walter Russell would take our whole gang of his grandchildren there when we were in town for reunions, vacations. He would buy rolls and rolls of tickets and hand each of us an equal amount to do what we wanted. He would stand back and watch with delight as we ran from ride to ride. And there was always ice cream afterward. He loved ice cream. He was such a super star in my life ! He whispered to me that I was his "favorite" but not to tell. Robin G

I enjoyed your inclusion of the piece on Arnold Whitman in this month's newsletter. I remember waiting for a haircut in his shop above Cruikshank's (sp?) Hardware one summer afternoon when a rain storm came up suddenly. His wife Ruth came upstairs breathlessly and announced, " Arnold I ducked in here and didn't get wet!". To which he responded, for the benefit of those waiting, "Those drops must have been pretty far apart Babe - heh,heh,heh." (she was a plump lady). In later years I got my hair cut by Eddie Richter (whose shop was in his house next to the Serfis home). There was no such local humor in Eddie's shop . Jim A

I just wanted to say....My parents met at Sherman's in 1948. They always told me that was the place to be back then. My dad was from G'ville and my mother was from Amsterdam. Sherman's was still a fun place to go when I was a teen in the 60's. Jackie S

I remember that my friend, Marie Cunningham, went to Arnold Whitman to have her hair cut in a "pixie" and instructed him how to do it because none of the beauty shops seemed to understand how to do it. He also bred collies and we bought one that we loved. Patsy S

LAURA BILLINGTON ANIBAL

was born on January 31, 1869, in Amsterdam, New York. She married Lee S. Anibal on November 28, 1890, in her hometown. She died on September 23, 1955, in Northville, New York, at the age of 86, and was buried there.



The above mannequin depicts Laura Anibal in the wedding dress that she made. This is displayed in the NNHS museum. The mannequin had a very modern look on her face, which did not fit the era of Laura. Linda Finch, a local artist, re-painted the face and added a nice touch with the vintage hat.



BEFORE



AFTER

Several years ago Peter Shew who lives in Ohio, donated numerous items and pictures to the NNHS. Mr. Shew is a 4th generation of the Godfrey Shew family from Fish House. Amongst those items was this dress which was hand-made by Laura Billington Anibal for her wedding. (1890)

Laura and her husband Levi "Lee" Anibal had two daughters. Mabel and Mildred. Mabel was elected Commander of Sacandaga Post 1076, American Legion, the first women commander of a mixed post in New York State. Mildred, Mabel, Laura, and Lee, lived in a beautiful house on South, Main Street in Northville. Mildred was Peter Shew's mother. She was married to Alfred Adler Shew.



Laura



Lee Anibal,

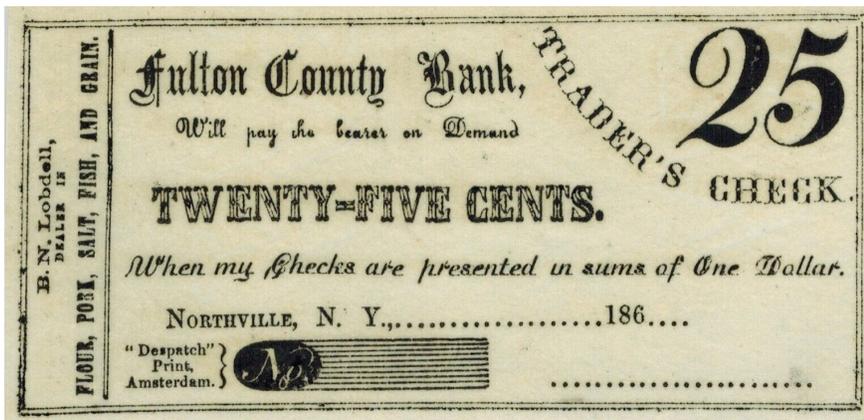


Laura and Lee Anibal's House today



Picture is taken on the shore of the Sacandaga Reservoir (Great Sacandaga Lake) circa 1930s. In the original picture the Northville Blue Bridge can be seen in the upper right hand corner of this picture. Does anyone reading this know anything about this airplane or Amsterdam Fish and Game League? It's likely they are stocking the reservoir. Written on the picture, "The first club to stock isolated lakes in the Adirondacks". Please inform the editor of any information you might have.

Picture courteous of D. Pincombe



As historian and editor of this newsletter, I didn't know anything about the history of this Trader's Check. I emailed a former NCS classmate to see if he could help me. His father was a Banker at the first bank in Northville, and he was a banker before his retirement. He found the Trader's Check very interesting, so preceded to research it.

To begin, you'll note the document has a date line that reads 186_. There was no bank in Northville until the Northville Bank was chartered in 1895. The Fulton County Bank was chartered in 1852, and was the first bank in Gloversville. My resource is the Historical directory of the Banks of the State of New York by William H. Dillistin, published by the New York State Bankers Association in 1946. Mr. Dillistin was the General auditor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Consequently, I conclude that the Northville, NY line on the document refers to the place of business of B.N. Lobdell dealer in grain, pork, etc. and not the bank where they would be honored. Interestingly, the August 3, 1869 U. S. Census of Northville shows Bradley N. Lobdell, 28 years of age, operating a grain store in the village. Therefore, I surmise that these traders checks were given out by Mr. Lobdell to customers as a discount or form of exchange which could be turned into cash only by presenting them in Gloversville where he had an account and relationship with The Fulton County Bank. If they were a discount, like today's coupons they were certainly a good value since a dollar in 1860 was equivalent of \$26.90 today. So 25 cents then would be equivalent to \$6.72 today. Jim O. A.

B.N. Lobdell was born in Benson, NY, June 26, 1832. He married Sabrina Miller. They had 3 children.