Six new Historical Markers
in the Town of Northampton

The Great Sacandaga Lake Advisory Council commissioned 15 historical markers to commemorate places and landmarks lost when the reservoir was built. The Council supported by Brookfield Renewable Power, the company that holds the license to generate power at the hydroelectric plant located at the Conklingville Dam paid $16,000 for the signs to be made. Lauren Roberts, Saratoga County Historian, was instrumental in organizing the process of selecting areas for placement

This historical marker is located across from Vic's Tavern in the Sacandaga Park.

This location was the main entrance to the Park.

MUSEUM
We were happy to open our museum this year, after it was closed last year because of the Covid-19.

We were closed during the Woodsman Art and Craft Annual Show this year, which draws our biggest crowd, usually about 300 visits the museum during the show.

Our guides, Gloria, John, Linda and Skip, faithfully opened the museum Wednesdays and Saturday's in July and August. The museum will be open by request during the months of August and September. Call 518 863 2628 for an appointment.

Located at the big curve on Bunker Hill Road where Green's Cabin used to be

Located on County Road 152
just off State Highway 30

THE SPILLWAY
ALSO KNOWN AS THE HOGSBACK
SMALL DAM BUILT IN 1930 TO
CREATE NORTHVILLE LITTLE
LAKE AS PART OF THE NEWLY
CREATED SACANDAGA RESERVOIR
GSL ADVISORY COUNCIL 2019

SPORT ISLAND
FORMER ISLAND IN THE RIVER
HAD GRANDSTAND & BALLFIELD
CONNECTED TO SACANDAGA PARK
BY FOOT BRIDGE & MINI TRAIN
HELD LARGE SPORTING EVENTS
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OLD FISH HOUSE
THIS ROAD LED TO THE CENTER
OF FISH HOUSE WHERE 5 ROADS
CONVERGED AMID HOTELS HOMES
AND STORES. FLOODED BY THE
SACANDAGA RESERVOIR IN 1930
GSL ADVISORY COUNCIL 2019

This marker is located at the entrance of the Old Fish House Road which is near the Fish House Methodist Church.

Take a ride around our beautiful Great Sacandaga Lake and view each of these markers.

Robin and Skip Wilson did a fine job installing each of the historical signs.

...and Northville didn't forget !

BROOK'S STORE
ON PROSPECT HILL

Brook's store stood about one-third of the way up Prospect Hill. Some of the foundation remained until Donald Gifford graded the southeast part of his property. Solomon Brooks sold general merchandise there in the early 1900s. A carload of stoves with newly-designed warming ovens were shipped to Northville on the railroad.
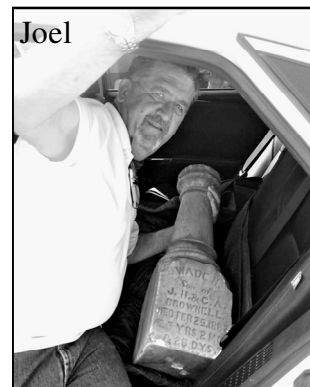
Using Brook's store as a base, peddlers driving mule teams sold the stoves throughout the area.

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UPDATE

Wade Brownell memorial stone has made it's first leg toward coming home. It's been transported from Nevada to Joel Crannell's in Leona Valley, California. . It should be arriving home mid-October.
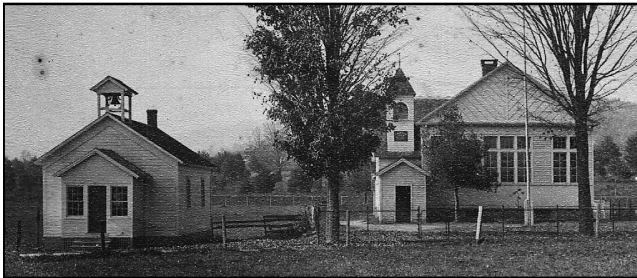
Stay tuned

Joel

Gifford's Valley and Gifford's Corners
Do you know the difference?

Gifford's Corners was the cross road on the southwest corner of Sacandaga Park, where the Mountain Road joins old route 30, now County Road 152. The first schoolhouse that was built there was built in 1824, it became too small, so another one was built, which is now a private home. One of the new historical markers has been placed on the corner

Gifford's Valley In about 1860 several families by the name of Gifford located in the valley. Gifford's Valley is nestled at the foot of two mountains, Big Gifford and Little Gifford. To reach Gifford's Valley drive north on state highway 30, past the Northville bridge exit, turn left at the second road. In less than a mile, you will come to a cross-road, which is the center of Gifford's Valley.

The name "Johnny Cake Hollow" is attached to the area because at one time it was a main road north and travelers often stopped in the valley and had a bite to eat at the locals. They were very likely served Johnny Cake aka Corn bread. Our family always has called this corn bread, Johnny Cake, as probably many others in the area do

The Little Red School House Museum in the village of Northville sat on the southeast corner of the crossroad. It was moved to the village in 1990.

Some of the early Gifford settler's were; Aaron, Merritt, Seneca, Sidney and Joseph. Probably all the Gifford families that live in the area now, are related to these early Gifford's.

Gifford's Valley
Crossroad today.

Gifford's Valley
Cemetery today.

Gifford's Valley School
On the south-east corner.