

# NNHS NEWS LETTER

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This large wooden red, white and blue **Service Roll** was built by Dan Weaver, as Gerald Buyce recalls. It was displayed on the village green during WW 2.

After the war it was removed, painted over and used as an advertisement for Holleran's Market-Bakery. It was placed on the side of the bank between Skiff road and the Spillway (South Main Street)

## NORTHVILLE WW 2 SERVICE ROLL

**NNHS OCTOBER MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 5**  
Indoor picnic  
At 6 p.m. Bradt Bld.  
(Bring a dish to pass  
And your table service)

### PROGRAM

Sally and Bill Gagne will be sharing  
"Barbershop Stories" from their  
40 years experience in  
Bill's Barbershop

Come and bring your stories of your  
first haircut, perm, etc.

Bring a friend with you.



Bill's Barbershop on South Main Street

More about  
barbershops  
and beauty  
parlors in  
next month  
issue



Washburn's Barber Shop on North Main Street  
on the left side of what is now Poulin's Law Office or  
as some of you remember the Pilgrim Holiness Church

## MOSES FREDERICK GIFFORD

BORN 1866 DIED 1930

Married to Almyra Gardiner

### GIFFORD

A WELL KNOWN FAMILY NAME  
IN THE TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON

The Gifford's originally were from England. The first Gifford's arrived in Sandwich, Mass. some time between 1643 and 1647. They were well educated people who became involved in their new country. Moses F Gifford's line migrated from Mass. to Ulster County, NY, then to Pittston, NY and finally to Town of Northampton, NY where many families from this Gifford line settled here and became farmers, lumbermen, merchants, school teachers, athletes, and in many other pursuits.

THIS PICTURE OF MOSES F. GIFFORD WAS  
DONATED TO THE NNHS BY HIS GRANDSON  
RAYMOND GIFFORD OF NORTHVILLE, NY

(If you are interested in researching the Gifford genealogy, I have a huge genealogy file on them.

Call me at 863 2628 and I can set a time for you to look at it)



At first, most of the Giffords settled in Gifford's Valley, but have since branched out all over Fulton County as well as other parts of the U.S.

### Our Schoolhouse Historical Museum

2011 Season

The museum was open Wednesdays and Saturdays in July and August. It was also open a couple of Saturdays in June.. It will be open by request during Sept. and Oct. and Columbus Day weekend.

Regular Museum guides this summer were: Skip Thompson and Gail Cramer. Terry Warner, Gloria Fulmer and Marge Decker also helped out. There were 300+ signed visitors to the museum this summer. We figure about 1/4 of the visitors do not sign the book.

### FISH HOUSE

We must not forget that Fish House is where our history first began. Some folks may forget that Fish House is in our town.. A couple of years ago I realized that I wasn't doing justice to F. H., so when I found Joanne Blaauboer was very interested in the history of F.H. I asked her if she would be interested in being my deputy historian in charge of F.H. history. She was more than willing. She's doing a great job and has a website that I'm sure you will be interested in checking out.

<http://www.northamptonnyhistory.com>



Do you know where this is?\*



Do you know what Street this is?\*\*\*

\*The Spring on Seven Hills Road \*\*North First St. Abrams Garage  
Now a Adk furniture