

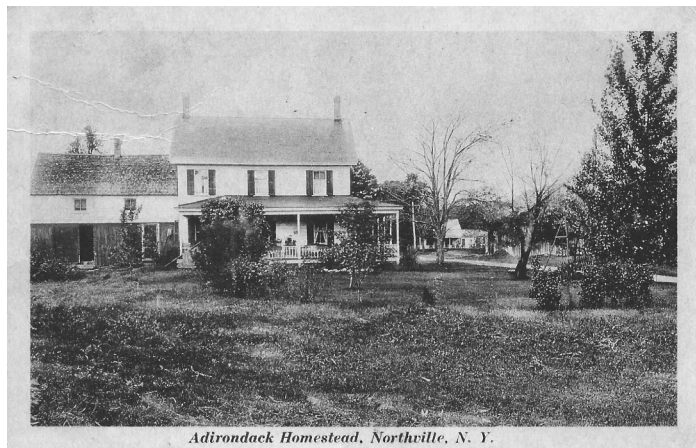
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ADIRONDACK HOMESTEAD



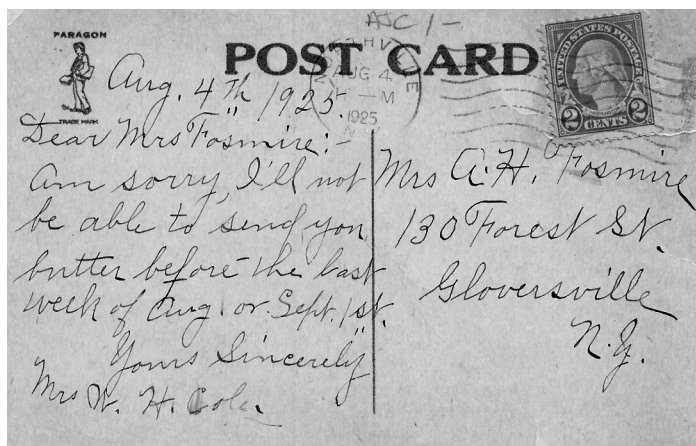
Adirondack Homestead, Northville, N. Y.

Located just north of the Fulton County and Hamilton County lines on route 30. River Road aka Lakeside drive.

The Homestead was a farm owned by William H Cole and his wife Minnie Proper Cole. The acreage was quite extensive. In 1901 a newspaper article stated that A. Palmer and John W Brown have been hauling hay from the Adirondack homestead during the past week.

I don't have an exact date that William and Minnie made plans to incorporate a Boarding House, Vacation Spot on their home/farm. I assume it was in the late 1800s. Their first rates that I found were \$7.00 to \$9.00 a week. In 1934 the rates were \$12 to \$14. a week.

advertisement



William H. Cole was born 1861 in Benson, NY. He died in 1937 and is buried in the Prospect Hill Cemetery in Northville. He was active in his community and served as Town Clerk of Benson for several terms from 1903 to 1926. His father, Timothy was born in Hope Falls. Timothy's father and mother came to Hope Falls from Sharon, Conn. William and Minnie didn't have any children.

Minnie Proper was born in 1872 in the Town of Northampton, NY, Her parents were Seymour and Martha Blowers. Minnie died at the Homestead in 1931 and is buried in Northville beside her husband. Note in the post card that she was selling butter to a Mrs. Fosmire in Gloversville. Obviously they must have had cows and made butter to sell and to use at the Homestead. Minnie was a school teacher in 1904.

ADIRONDACK HOMESTEAD, NORTHVILLE.
The Adirondack Homestead enjoys a fine location on the Sacandaga river at Northville. It makes no pretensions, but guarantees a vacation fraught with pleasure and benefit. Abundant, wholesome food is a feature, the table being supplied from the farm connected with the place. Homemade bread and pastry that you will like are among the good things enjoyed, and there is bathing, fishing, fine river for boating and many other advertisements for the pleasure of guests. The rates are very moderate, benefit is assured, there are accommodations for 30 guests, and many of these return year after year. Northville village is an attraction in itself, and trains will bring one to the charming place.. For rates, write W. H. Cole, Adirondack Homestead, Northville, N. Y

In 1934 and 1935 a Mrs. Harriet Cranker rented the Homestead and continued to operate the Homestead as a summer boarding house, a health camp, and vacation home. Mrs. Cole died in 1931 and Mr. Cole died in 1937. Mrs. Cranker bought the homestead and operated it for about 18 years. She died in 1952.

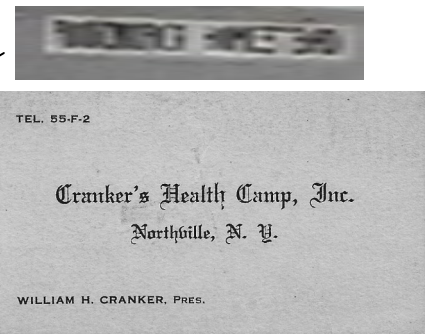


Benson Town Barn

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Apparently Mts. Cranker incorporated the Homestead into a Heath Camp as well as a Boarding/Vacation Camp. She apparently was in charge of the Homestead, the business card mentions that her husband William was the President of the corporation.

SUMMER BOARD

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THE Adirondack Homestead is situated on the banks of the Sacandaga Reservoir two and one half miles from Northville, N. Y. The Lake is 20 rods from the house and on the opposite side is a pine bluff. About one quarter of a mile from the rear of the house are beautiful pine, hemlock and maple forest and looming up above all this grandeur one will see the stately and silent sentinel, Deer Mountain.

At Adirondack Homestead you will find a quiet, healthy place, supplied with pure mountain spring water, fresh vegetables, berries, butter, eggs, milk, choice meats and home-made pastry.

One may enjoy an abundance of pleasure such as boating, bathing, fishing, hunting and a short drive to the Sacandaga Golf Course for golf.

If you want a place for rest, recreation and recuperation, after the grinding life of winter, come to my northern mountain home and enjoy its cool atmosphere laden with the fragrance of the hemlock and pine.

Summer life here is a thing apart from the noise and heat of the cities. You rest in the shady nooks, stroll along the lake, climb the mountains, or take an auto ride over the picturesque roads. You cannot help but exclaim: "This is God's own country."

Nearby places of interest include: Deer Mountain, ½ mile; Cathead Fire Station, 5 miles; Indian Slide, 1½ miles; Fort Johnson, 20 miles; Lake George, 38 miles; Sacandaga, 3 miles; Benson Mountains, 7 miles; motor trip around the Horn, 100 miles; on this trip you can see many beautiful lakes and mountains.

Good deer, bird and rabbit hunting. Black bass fishing in lake and trout in nearby streams.

A nice quiet place for convalescence. Food specially prepared if required. Vapor baths and massage for reducing.

Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and Catholic Churches at Northville.

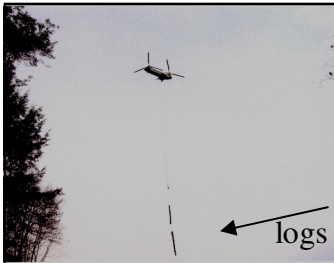
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COLE MOUNTAIN

I don't know if Cole Mountain was part of William and Minnie Cole's property or if their land bordered the foot of the mountain. Locals have always called it Cole Mountain and many local hunters have hunted on this mountain for many years.



Helicopter lumbering on Cole Mountain about 7 or 8 years ago. I watched them fly out numerous huge logs and then watched them set them down on the ground.

Some of the information about the Adirondack Homestead was found in the following newspapers: Gloversville Morning Herald, Troy Daily Times, Albany Evening Press, Schenectady Gazette, and Albany Knickerbocker

CIRCA 1940s/1950s

NORTHVILLE ORGANIZATIONS

Sacandaga Post No. 1076, American Legion, Meets 3rd Monday in Month at 8 o'clock, Legion Home, North Main Street

American Legion Auxiliary, Meets 2nd Monday in Month at 8 o'clock, North Main Street.

Fish House Lodge No. 298, F. & A. M., Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 8 o'clock, Masonic Temple, South Main Street.

Sacandaga Chapter No. 116, R. A. M., Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 8 o'clock, Masonic Temple, South Main Street.

Juanita Chapter No. 246, Order of Eastern Star, meets 1st and 3rd Friday at 8 o'clock, Masonic Temple, South Main Street.

Improved Order of Red Men, meets every Monday night at 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall, North Main Street.

Onolee Council No. 313, degree of Pocahontas, meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, No. 7226, meets 1st and 3rd Thursday at 8 o'clock, Bank Building.

Northville Firemen's Association, Inc., meets 1st Tuesday at 8 o'clock, Fire House, South Main St.

Northville Chamber of Commerce, Inc., meets last Monday of month at 8 o'clock, School Cafeteria, Third St.

Northville Parent-Teachers Ass'n, meets 2nd Tuesday at 8 o'clock, Northville Central School.

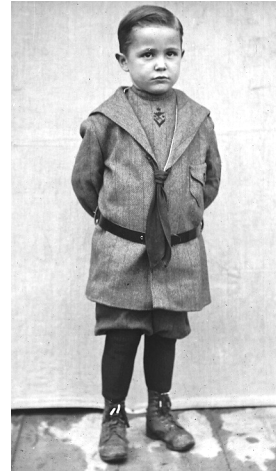
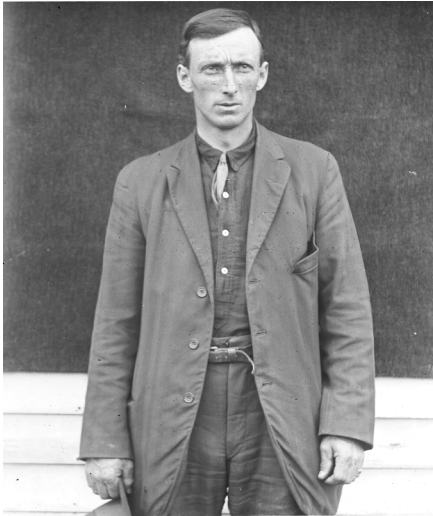
Northville Garden and Needlecraft Club, meets 4th Wednesday at 8 o'clock.



"Miss Jessie Blowers, daughter (about 10) of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Blowers, South Main Street, has the honor to be the first little lady to cross the new Northville Bridge, which is nearly completed across the new lake from the Sacandaga highway to Bridge Street. She was assisted across by some of the workmen. Several men from the vicinity have been across, among them druggist William L. Kested of Northville." 1930

UNIDENTIFIED PHOTOS OF LOCAL PEOPLE

If you can identify any of them email me the name so I can properly file them.
One of them might be your relative.



In front of the Northville funeral home

