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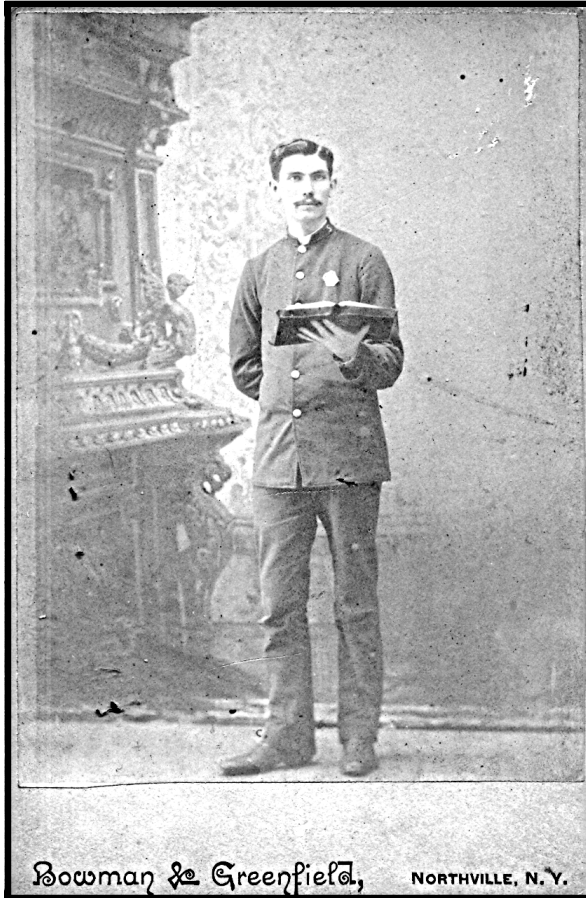


SALVATION ARMY

In Northville, NY



All of us are aware of the fine work that the Salvation Army does in our country, but did you realize that they had a Corp here in Northville?



The Salvation Army Officer in Northville
(Name unknown)

Not much is known about the activities of the Salvation Army while in Northville. The Salvation Army archives does have a record of them being here in 1885. It is known that they preached at the Methodist Church Campground in Sacandaga Park before the Methodists moved out. They also held services in the Rustic Theater.

They held nightly evangelistic meetings in the basement of one of the Churches in town, mostly attracting down and outers who had drinking problems and were also homeless. It's been said it was at the Presbyterian church but I don't have proof of that.

A Brief History of the Salvation Army

William Booth was the founder of the Salvation Army in 1852. William Booth embarked upon his ministerial career, desiring to win the lost multitudes of England to Christ. He walked the streets of London to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to the poor, the homeless, the hungry, and the destitute.

Booth abandoned the conventional concept of a church and a pulpit, instead taking his message to the people. Thieves, prostitutes, gamblers, and drunkards were among Booth's first converts to Christianity. To congregations who were desperately poor, he preached hope and salvation. His aim was to lead people to Christ and link them to a church for further spiritual guidance. Many were not accepted in the church so the Salvation Army is also a church for those who want to be part of a church family.

Many years later the S.A. has successfully helped millions as they also continued with the message of salvation thru Christ. Today they also help during disasters to feed and find shelter, soup kitchens, they provide shelter for abused women and children, there is a salvation army band (excellent by the way), they provide Christmas gifts for needy families, they provide counseling to help with learning how to manage and budget incomes, and provide summer camps for underprivileged children.

General Booth's death in 1912 was a great loss to The Salvation Army. However, he had laid a firm foundation' even his death could not deter the ministry's onward march. His eldest son, Bramwell Booth, succeeded him.



Most of the ministry of the Salvation Army in Northville was to preach salvation and share the gospel with the unchurched and down and outers. Occasionally they were confronted with harassment, fighting and disturbances. The following newspaper article was in the Northville column of the Gloversville newspaper. (some names have been omitted to protect descendants who may still live in the area) Date of the newspaper article is unknown, but was probably in the late 1880's since Frank Satterly's store was destroyed by fire in 1890.

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Another disturbance growing out of the Salvation Army troubles, was given a fine to a Mr. H. It appears as Mr. A, one of the gang at Frank Satterly's store, last Tuesday, had a few words and a blow was passed to Mr. A. Mr. A evidently desiring "revenge caused Mr. H's arrest. Deputy Sheriff Bacon took him before Judge Anibal and pleading guilty he was taxed \$3., which he paid and was discharged.

Sunday night....The Salvation Army disturbance resulted in the arrest of the gang that caused the trouble. (4 local men) On complaint of Joseph Stoddard the warrants were issued and Deputy Sheriff Charles G Bacon made the arrests. The facts of the affair are these: Two men made their boasts of "cleaning out the army", and visited the church with no other intention. They became demonstrative and after getting out of the church created a disturbance in the hallway. They were reasoned with by the usher, George Houseman but that didn't propose to let up, and "had a much right to make a noise as anyone". Words came to blows and all Houseman wanted was a fair show and the crowd would have been demoralized in more ways than one. It being Sunday, George preferred not to indulge in a pugilistic encounter, and that is all that saved them from total annihilation. When the matter reached the court and the parties were charged with disorderly conduct in disturbing a religious meeting, by consent of counsel it was advisable to settle the case by the payment of costs, about \$9.50, which was donated. Lee S Anibal Appeared for the defendant and John Mcknight for the people. The guilty quartette can be thankful that they were able to secure their freedom so cheaply and they will do well to remember that promise of "future good behavior" It was a shameful affair and is generally condemned.

HISTORY OF THE RED KETTLE



A familiar sight from Thanksgiving until Christmas. Have you ever dropped some change or more into one of these kettles? Maybe you could help a good cause.

The red kettle has been an American icon for nearly 125 years. From Thanksgiving to Christmas Eve, the ubiquitous buckets can be found outside thousands of store fronts in small towns and big cities across the country. In December of 1891, Captain Joseph McFee of The Salvation Army in San Francisco, Calif., was stumped. He wanted to provide a Christmas dinner for 1,000 poor people, but had no way to pay for it. Then he had an idea. He thought back to when he was as a sailor in Liverpool, England, where on the docks of the city's waterfront he remembered seeing a large pot into which charitable donations could be thrown.

During the 1897 Christmas season, he, his wife and sister set up three kettles in the heart of the city. Which resulted 150,000 Christmas dinners for the poor, nationwide. Red kettles spread to the Big Apple, where the New York World newspaper hailed them as "the newest and most novel device for collecting money."

In 1901, kettle donations in New York City funded a massive sit-down Christmas dinner at Madison Square Garden. The meal became a tradition for many years. The rest, as they say, is history. Captain McFee's idea launched a tradition that has spread not only throughout the United States, but across the world. The meal became a tradition for many years. Today the contributions in the kettles also provide toys at Christmas time, programs for senior citizens, children and adults and numerous other services for the community.

Did you know that one of our local folks and her husband retired from the Salvation Army as Majors after 22 years of service? May I brag a little here and confess that she's my little sister? GMC

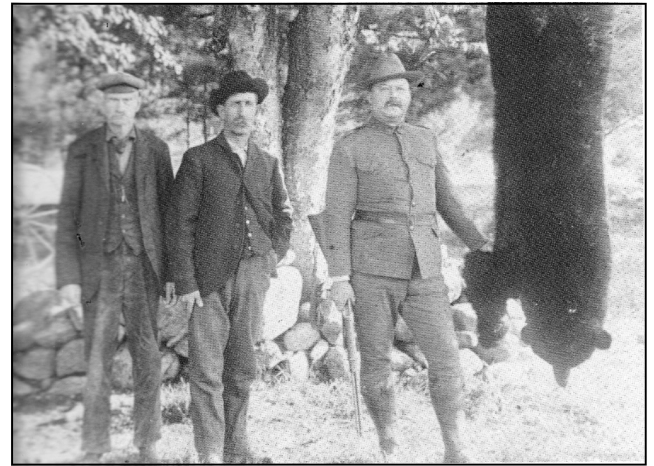


Major Betty Jane (BJ)
Crannell Johnson

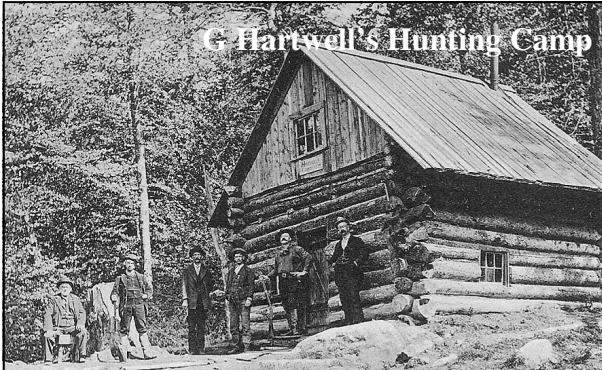
NORTHVILLE FOLKS WE WILL NOT FORGET

GEORGE HARTWELL

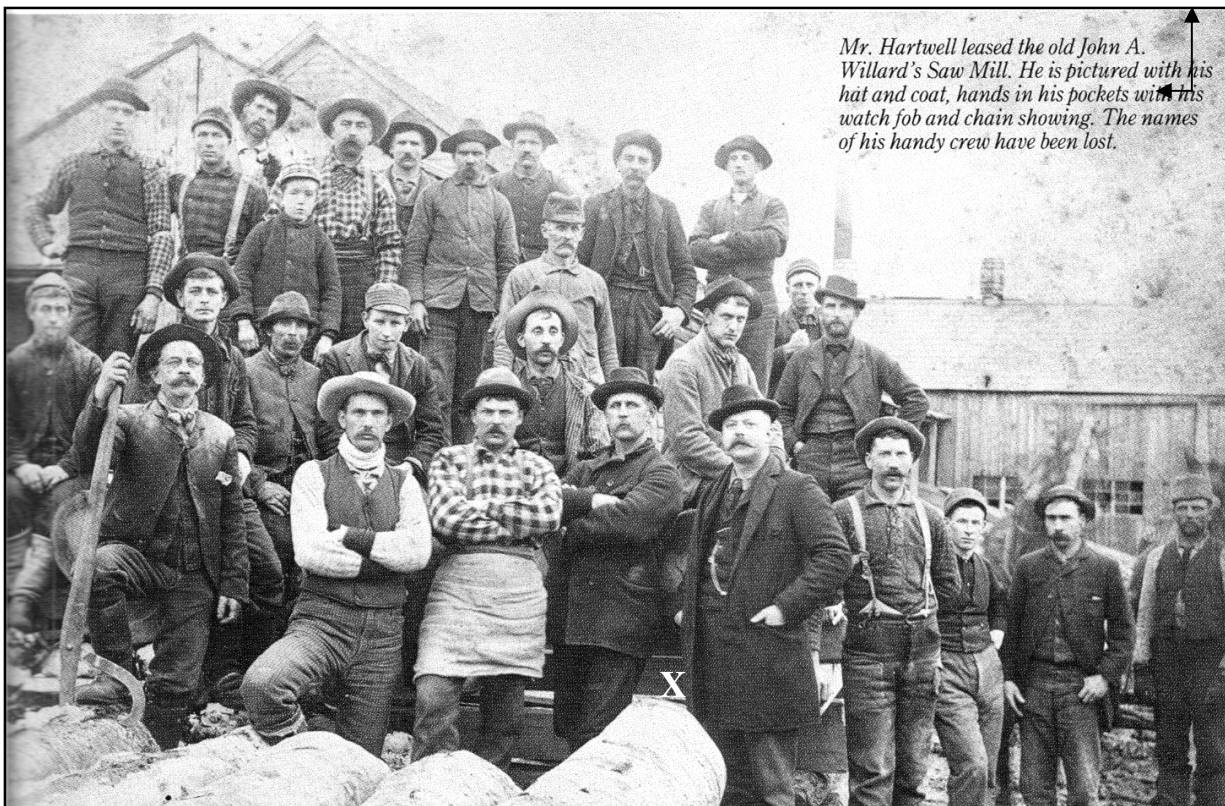
Some of you may not remember George Hartwell, but he was very instrumental in the lumbering business in our town. Lew Decker wrote about him in his book, "Fulton County A Pictorial History". "One man who played an important part in this section of the county was Mr. Hartwell. He was a Spanish American War officer. This was evident by his wearing the old uniform, especially when hunting. He came to this area to speculate on the lumbering and bought a lot of stumpage, including acreage in the valley. A number of local residents worked for him and he favored the Gifford and Sweet boys to guide him on his hunting excursions. He rented the old John A Willard sawmill along the Sacandaga by the Northville Bridge for his headquarters and operation and shipped many a log on the old Fonda, Johnstown and Gloversville Rail Road during his stay."



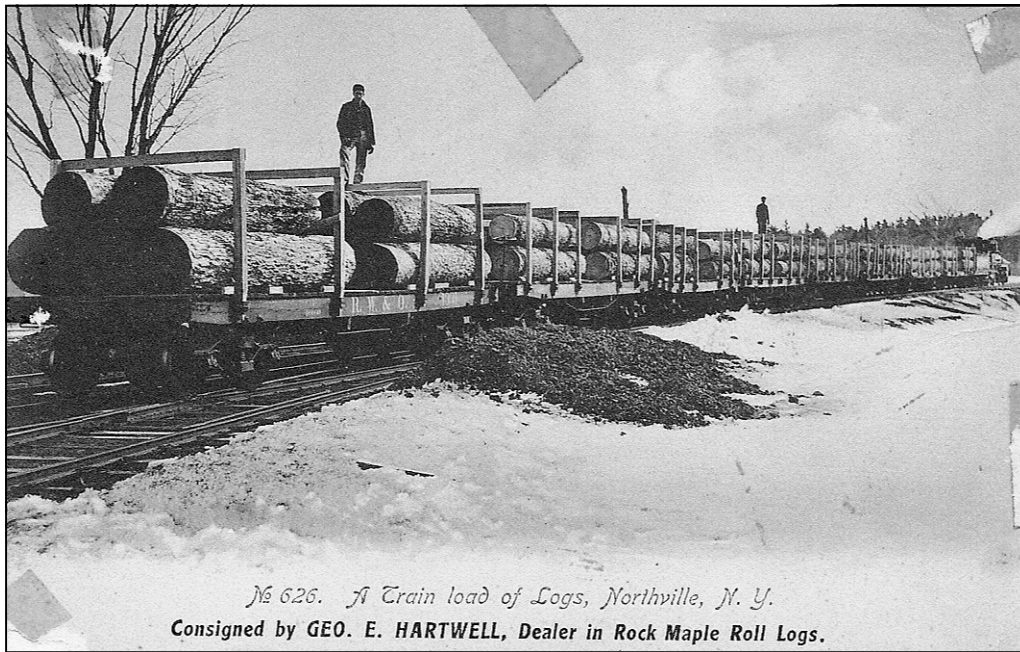
Mr. Sweet, Mr. Gifford and George Hartwell
Scene located at Veau Sweet's Clearing on
the mountain in old Johnny Cake Hollow



Does
anyone
know
where
this
camp
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located?



Mr. Hartwell leased the old John A. Willard's Saw Mill. He is pictured with his hat and coat, hands in his pockets with his watch fob and chain showing. The names of his handy crew have been lost.



Please take note

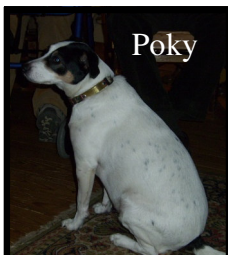
CORRECTION IN THE
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The date for renaming the
Sacandaga Reservoir
to the
Great Sacandaga Lake
took place in
1968 not 1975

NNHS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE CRAMER'S



Cramer's
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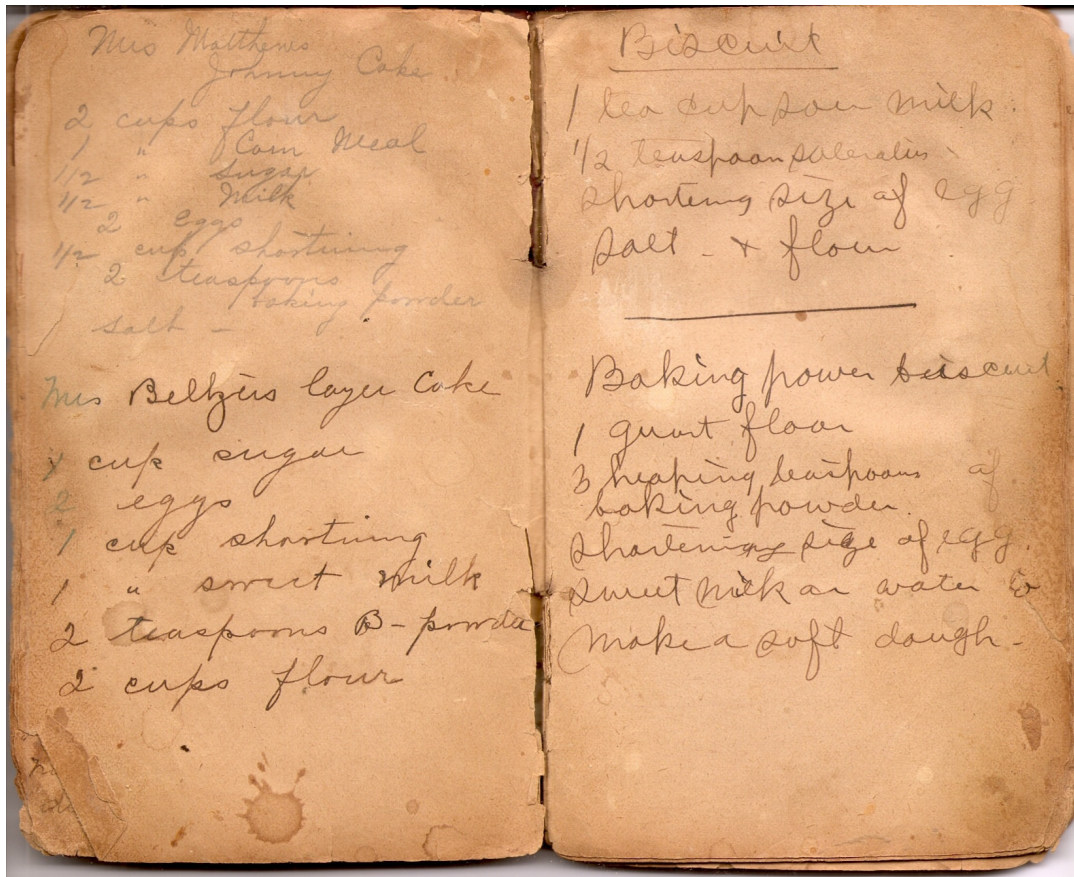
As usual we had a fun evening together. A fine group of people! Lots of delicious food and conversation. We divided up into two teams and played a game of 10 questions. All the answers were related to our village or town. The winning team each received a candy cane for their prize.

A short business meeting was conducted, with agreement on several items. There were 16 members present.



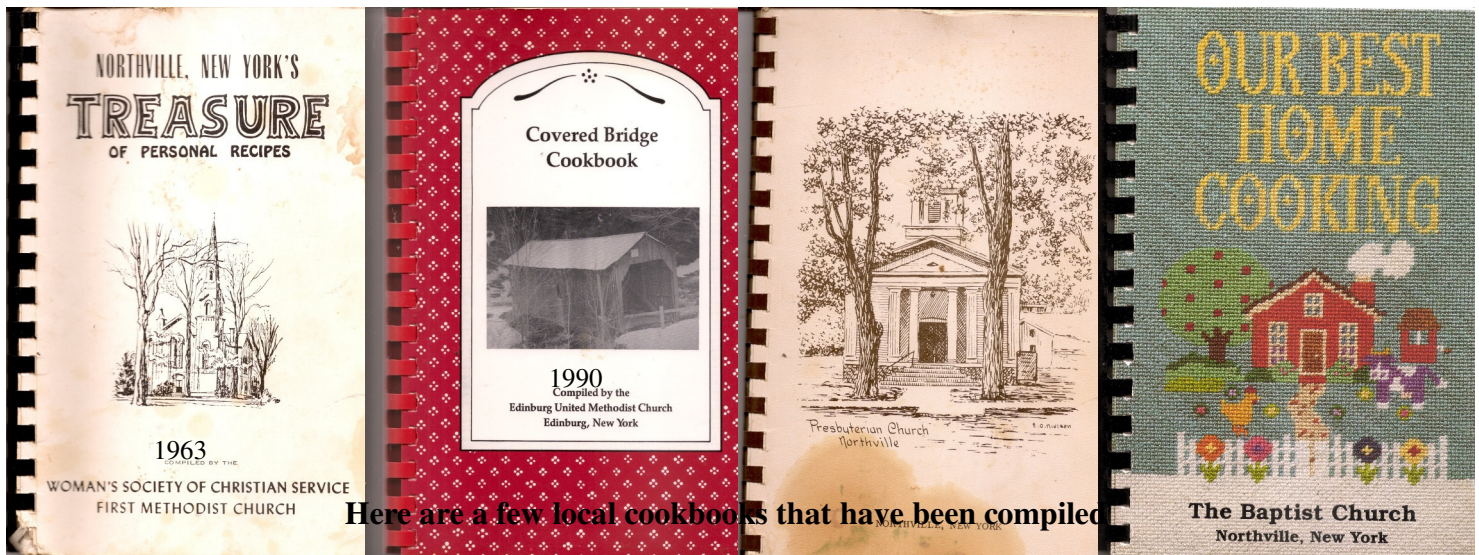
We were honored to have our eldest member with us. She has been a member of the society since it's inception.

RECIPE BOOKS



This old recipe book showed up in the historian's archives. I wish I knew who was the owner. I do know it was a local ladies' because I'm familiar with the names she mentions. On this page you will see the name Mrs. Beltzer's layer cake. The Beltzer's ran a Taylor shop in town. Years ago the cooks often used different measurements. Note in the biscuit recipe she used: shortening the size of an egg and also 1/2 tsp. saleratus. (a leavening agent consisting of potassium or sodium bicarbonate) In one of my grandmothers old recipes, one of her ingredients was measured by 10 cents worth of hamburger.

Most of the old cook books were hand written , some in small note books, others written and pasted in a book that was no longer used. Often the recipes were just on a scrap paper and kept in a box . Most are recipes handed down from generations, others from neighbors and friends. Most of them have the name of the person that shared the recipe with them. I learned to cook from the Betty Crocker Cookbook in the '50's, and today you can find about any recipe you want on the internet. Have cookbooks become something of the past?



Here are a few local cookbooks that have been compiled

Around the 1960's churches and other organizations began to compile cookbooks to raise funds. They usually had the people connected to the organization contribute their favorite recipe(s) . These books are also a piece of history. As I read through these some of the names brought back memories of those who have passed on. A few; Sybil Remonda, Gertrude Goodell, Gladys Mason, Hilda Bergens, Lois Reece, Betty Ginter, Ruth Storer, Oredelle Murphy, Margaret Kested, EmmaJean Johnson, Helen Olmstead, Jane Aston, Ruth Serfis, Vivian Berry, Edith Lindsey, Joyce Fuller and many more. Lew Decker also compiled a book "What's Cook'in in Fulton County" which was also full of local folks recipes. It also contained history of the local towns in Fulton County.