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HACK

We don't like to hear that word today. In modern times it means "to gain unauthorized access to data in a system/computer. It has a very different meaning than years ago. Today we are afraid someone will "hack" into our computer.

The words Hack or Hackney stems from London, England, meaning a carriage or vehicle to transport passengers to a destination of their choosing by way of a hack or hackney carriage.

According to an article on the internet, the first hackney-carriage licenses date from 1662, and applied literally to horse-drawn carriages, later modernized as hansom cabs (1834), that operated as vehicles for hire. There was a distinction between a general hackney carriage and a hackney coach, a hireable vehicle with specifically four wheels, two horses and six seats, and driven by a jarvey.



Hacks waiting to take passengers into the village of Northville that had arrived on the F. J. & G railroad.

Some London Hacks



A London Hack or Taxi today

Charles B Lawton
1847 - 1918

You will note that Charles, as many men during that time period had more than one job. He is mentioned in the article about "Hacks" as one of the drivers. His obituary tells of his diverse interests and businesses.

Excerpts from his obituary

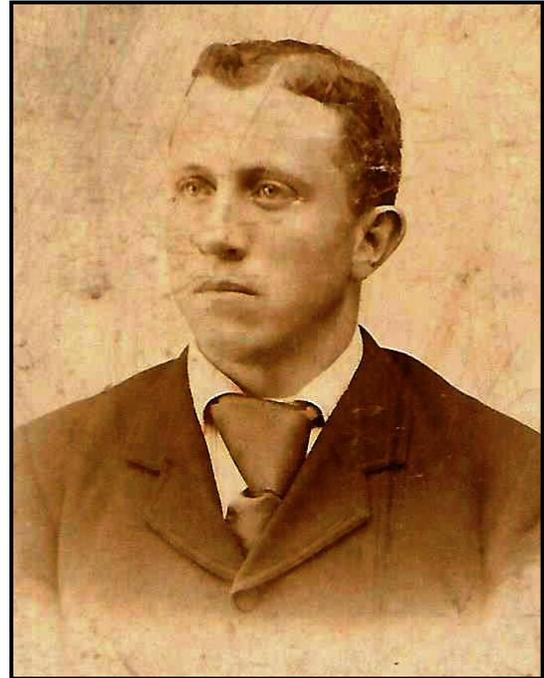
Charles B Lawton, aged seventy-one years died at his home on the corner of Second and Center Streets. He had been confined for two days with the influenza, though he had been in poor health for several years.

When a young man, Mr. Lawton ventured forth in the world. He was a great lover of the horses and he handled them for a number of years and in fact till his last days. Years ago when the large menageries and circuses used to travel on the roads drawn by the horses, he being handy with the reins used to drive 10 and 12 pair on the leading wagons, and he often time entertained his friends relating his experiences. After he left this work he came to this village and started a livery and sales stable with G. E. Van Arnam.

With his father D. S. Lawton, he carried the mail from this place to Hadley. When he gave this up he established a transfer line in the village and a general carting business. Later ran a general truck-man and jobbing business. (note the receipt as "Dealer in Coal, Hay and Straw Trucking and Furniture moving a specialty") For years he was the manager of the Standard Oil Co in this section.

Probably no person will be more missed than "Charlie" Lawton for his heart was as large as his means and many persons were the receivers of his noble generosity.

Survivors are his wife Eva Roberts Lawton, one sister; Mrs. Hugh Barker, two brothers, Harry Lawton and Ivory C. Lawton.



Charles B. Lawton

STATEMENT
In Case of Error, Return this Bill for Correction

Northville, N. Y., _____ 191

Van Brocklin & Son

To C. B. LAWTON, Dr.
DEALER IN
COAL, HAY and STRAW
TRUCKING AND FURNITURE MOVING A SPECIALTY
13 SOUTH FIRST STREET

	1050	
<i>Aug. 20 / shipment -</i>		.32
<i>" 23 / "</i>		25
<i>" 27 / "</i>		25
		.82
<i>Paid</i>	205-	
<i>Check</i>	2.19	
	1.98	
	1.98	
	3.86	
<i>Self</i>	12.06	
	82	

Village of Northville One hundred years ago 1916

We had a president instead of a mayor, Franklin N. Wright, and in March of that year I. E. Bowman was elected. Health Officer was Dr. Collie J. Robinson. Charles Miller appointed as police constable at a salary of \$300.00 per year. Jackson S. Green appointed as Street Commissioner. Trustees of the village: W. H. Mosher, W. A. Smith, P. C. Pickard and W. F. Carpenter. Hack fees were assigned. Good reports from the Water Commissioner, Street Commissioner, Light Commissioner and Side Walk Commissioner. (from the 1916 minutes of the Village of Northville)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTHVILLE, N. Y., FOR THE YEAR ENDING
FEBRUARY 29th, 1916.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

FOR GENERAL FUND.

Receipts.	
Balance on hand March 1, 1915.....	\$ 737.67
Received from Collector.....	324.19
" " licenses, hacks, etc.....	301.00
" " Police Justice fines.....	15.00
" " back tax.....	14.26
" " bank tax.....	57.06
" " mortgage tax.....	12.08
Total.....	\$2,061.26

Disbursements.

Paid J. R. Carpenter, printing.....	\$ 8.50
" The Leader-Republican, printing.....	1.80
" J. R. Carpenter, printing.....	4.00
" The Leader-Republican, printing.....	39.60
" Frank Chequer, (per Leader-Republican).....	2.90
" Chas. E. Houghtaling, tax receipt books.....	5.90
" Charles Miller, P. C., salary, 18 days.....	31.73
" Charles Miller, P. C., care of prisoners.....	5.00
" F. N. Wright, P. C., coat.....	300.00
" J. A. Cole Est., rent building, 1915.....	.50
" Lynden Harvey, miscellaneous.....	4.40
" Charles Miller, P. C., care of prisoners.....	22.56
" Charles Miller, P. C., salary, 13 days.....	2.00
" Leon Dunn, special police.....	1.00
" John Barker, miscellaneous.....	50.00
" Charles Miller, P. C., salary, July.....	2.00
" Charles Miller, P. C., special, August 20.....	1.00
" J. R. Carpenter, printing.....	6.25
" J. S. Barker, vital statistics, 1915.....	1.00
" Charles Miller, special police.....	78.00
" C. J. Robinson, M. D., Health Officer, 1915.....	50.00
" H. W. Van Arnem, Treasurer salary, 1915.....	111.78
" H. H. Brownell, Clerk, salary, 9 months.....	2.85
" H. H. Brownell, expense, wood and postage.....	91.63
" L. S. Ambal, P. J., salary, 11 months.....	4.16
" Charles Miller, P. C., salary 1 month.....	8.33
" L. S. Ambal, salary, 1 month.....	100.00
" Citizens' Hose Co.....	939.89
Balance.....	\$1,121.37

FOR STREET FUND.

Receipts.	
Balance on hand March 1, 1915.....	\$ 280.44
Received from Collector.....	1,549.65
" " poll tax.....	115.00
" " bank tax.....	96.54
Total.....	\$2,041.63

Disbursements.

Paid George H. Grinnell, St. Com., labor.....	\$ 8.40
" C. B. Lawton, team labor.....	4.90
" George Ellsworth, St. Com., pay roll.....	111.00
" J. W. Brown, storing road machine.....	2.00
" George Ellsworth, St. Com., pay roll.....	33.10
" D. B. Taylor, sidewalk rebate, 50 per cent.....	56.43
" George Ellsworth, St. Com., pay roll.....	30.00
" George Ellsworth, St. Com., pay roll.....	80.75
" C. E. Ressegue, material.....	3.88
" W. D. Carpenter, miscellaneous.....	1.50
" Allen D. Palmer, material.....	4.40
" U. Patrick, material.....	15.00
" George Ellsworth, St. Com., pay roll.....	5.80
" George Ellsworth, St. Com., labor.....	1.50
" H. H. Brownell, shoveling.....	2.25
" Roscoe Conkling, shoveling.....	945.00
" macadam road bonds and interest, No. 3.....	22.50
" macadam road bonds, coupons.....	163.12
" John R. Robertson, C. T., for repairs on State Highway.....	1.50
" George Ellsworth, labor.....	28.50
" Wallace Craig, shoveling sidewalk and crossings.....	1,511.53
Balance.....	\$ 530.10

FOR WATER FUND.

Receipts.	
Balance on hand March 1, 1915.....	\$ 891.61
Received from Collector.....	476.87
" " bank tax.....	29.54
" " water rent and taps.....	2,251.28
" " Mosher Bros., for pipe.....	7.62
Total.....	\$3,656.92

Disbursements.

Paid W. A. Foote, labor and material.....	\$ 27.07
" W. A. Foote, tapping machine.....	63.70
" W. A. Foote, labor and material.....	79.13
" W. A. Foote, labor and material.....	59.25
" W. A. Foote, labor and material.....	6.00
" S. A. Fuller, repairs on reservoir.....	34.82
" W. A. Foote, labor and material.....	30.35
" W. A. Foote, labor and material.....	36.66
" W. A. Foote, labor and material.....	12.86
" W. A. Foote, labor and material.....	24.84
" H. H. Brownell, salary, 2 months.....	37.30

" July 3, Comptroller, on water bonds.....	2,000.00
" July 3, Comptroller, 6 mo. interest on bonds.....	210.00
" Jan. 4, Comptroller, 6 mo. interest on bonds.....	175.00
" School District No. 4.....	4.40
" School District No. 1.....	4.37
" F. B. Chequer, (per Leader-Republican).....	.75
" H. H. Brownell, salary, February.....	12.38
" W. A. Foote, labor.....	4.91
" J. R. Carpenter, printing.....	3.00
Balance.....	\$ 840.63

LIGHT FUND.

Receipts.	
Balance on hand, March 1, 1915.....	\$ 406.98
Received from Collector.....	472.64
" " bank tax.....	29.20
Total.....	\$ 908.82
Disbursements.	
Paid Broadalbin Electric Light & Power Co., lights from March 1, 1915, to March 1, 1916.....	\$ 828.00
Total.....	\$ 828.00
Balance.....	\$ 80.82

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Northville, N. Y.

Receipts.	
(as per Treasurer's Report)	
For General Fund.....	\$2,061.26
" Street Fund.....	2,041.63
" Water Fund.....	3,656.92
" Light Fund.....	908.82
Total.....	\$8,668.63

Disbursements.

From General Fund.....	\$ 939.89
" Street Fund.....	1,511.53
" Water Fund.....	2,816.29
" Light Fund.....	828.00
Total.....	6,095.71
Whole balance.....	\$2,572.92

The whole amount of work done on the streets for the year ending February 29, 1916:

For labor.....	\$ 279.40
" material and repairs.....	55.08
" cement sidewalks, 75 per cent, 1915.....	116.25
" cement sidewalks, 50 per cent, 1915.....	56.43

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Of the indebtedness of the Village of Northville, N. Y. water bonds for the construction of the Northville, N. Y. water works, from the State of New York, on water account payable as follows: 1915 to 1923.....		\$10,000.00
Macadam road bonds, from Main to Fourth St.....		900.00
Cement walks and curbs, 50 per cent, 1915.....		212.63
Total.....		\$11,112.63

The books and vouchers for the items of account as set forth in the above report can be seen and examined at the Treasurer's office by any person interested, at proper hours.

I, H. W. Van Arnem, Treasurer of the Village of Northville, N. Y., do hereby certify that the foregoing statement of the receipts and disbursements of said Village of Northville, N. Y., during the year ending February 29, 1916, is true and correct.

H. W. VAN ARNEM,
Treasurer.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,
this 7th day of March, 1916.

H. H. BROWNELL,
Notary Public.

ESTIMATE OF THE CURRENT EXPENDITURES.

The following estimate is made of the items of expenditure for the current year ending February 29, 1917.

FOR GENERAL FUND.	
For rent of building.....	\$ 300.00
" Clerk's salary.....	150.00
" Police Justice's salary.....	100.00
" Police Constable's salary.....	200.00
" Treasurer's salary.....	50.00
" Fire Department.....	100.00
" Board of Health.....	75.00
Total.....	\$0,000.00

FOR LIGHT FUND.

For Light Fund.....	\$ 800.00	800.00
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FOR STREET FUND.

For macadam road bonds, No. 5.....	\$ 900.00
" interest coupons on bonds.....	22.50
" sidewalk certificates, 75 per cent.....	136.11
" sidewalk certificates, 50 per cent, 1915.....	212.63
" maintenance of State highway.....	153.12
" labor on streets.....	275.53
Total.....	1,700.00

FOR WATER FUND.

To pay principal on Water Bonds.....	\$ 000.00	000.00
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Whole amount..... \$2,500.00
Adopted by the Board of Trustees March 6, 1916 and ordered printed in the official paper and posted by H. H. Brownell, Clerk.
By order of Board of Trustees: F. N. WRIGHT,
March 6, 1916. President.