

# NNHS NEWS LETTER

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## HOLLEARN MEAT AND GROCERY STORE

North Main Street where Rite Aid is today



Hollearn's grocery store circa 1950

In 1886 John A Willard and George E. Van Arnam were partners in a grocery business. Elwyn Mosher served as bookkeeper and Harry Van Arnam as proprietor. Laurent Beltzer had a tailor shop on the north side of the first floor. Other established businesses there before Hollearn's : Vrooman and Rud barber shop, Barker and Waver electrical contractors, John Cook meat market in the basement, Morrisons Pool Room, and the Pilgrim Holiness Church began in the basement.

Charles Hollearn purchased the Willard Block in 1930. A bakery was conducted in the north side, first floor, by Daniel, son of Charles before the first floor was expanded for the grocery and meat business. At one time the Pocahontas Organization and the Improved Order of Red Men, met on the second floor. There had been a dance hall on the third floor. Charles sold it to Sakadolsky in 1963. Sakadolsky remodeled it and in 1969 he removed the two top floors



Charles, wife Ruth, and son Daniel. Charles was born 1897 in Hope, NY. He died in 1969. They also had two daughters, Nancie and Nora.

Charles's father was Daniel whose trade was a butcher. He passed the trade on to his son Charles. Daniel's meat market was in the small building on the south side of the Northville bank. Another butcher in the village, Loren Crannell, was mentored by Dan who taught him the trade also. Loren eventually managed his own meat market and years later worked for Langrs and Moshers markets.

Charles and his wife Ruth moved to 322 South Main Street in 1931. The house was sold to Gerald and Paula Buyce in 1971.



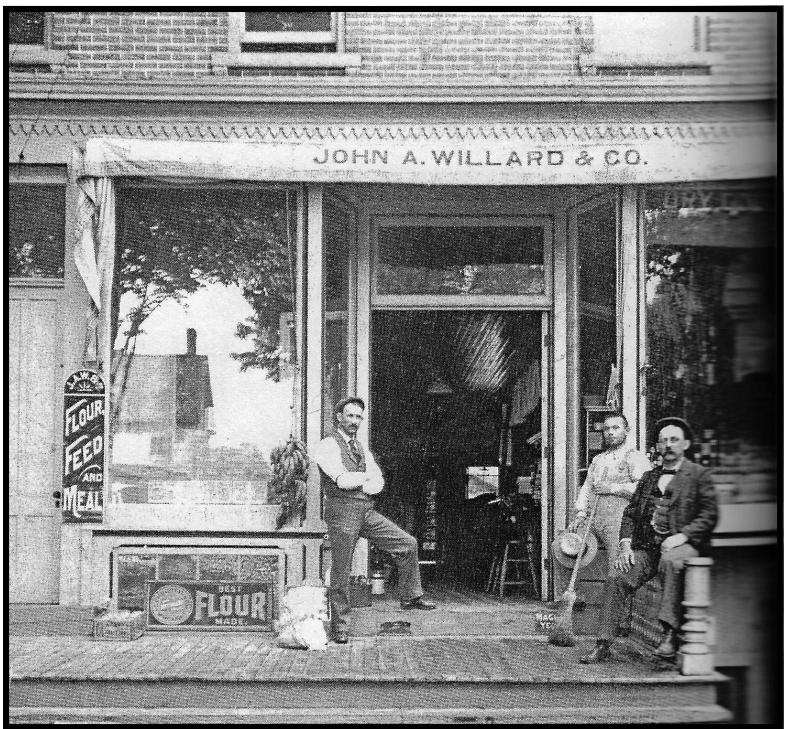
Nancie Hollearn



Frank Eddy Jr.



In 1993 the building was demolished and the new Rite Aid Drugstore was built in its place.



John A Willard and Co before it was Hollearn's Grocery



Hollearn's Grocery Store Delivery Truck



Hollearn Family Car



Ruth Hollearn and her mother May Shepard



Nancie Hollearn



Youngest daughter Nora Hollearn Estelle Missionary

## Historical Trivia

### Northville's First Wheeled Hose-cart.

Excerpt from a letter to Herb Corey former  
Northville historian

From Lizzie Moore Stoweitts who at the time lived  
in the house just north of the lower cemetery (house  
torn down a few years ago)

"You must have seen the first two wheeled horse  
cart the village had. Our mother was the first one to  
call it out. It was in the Spring and she had been  
cleaning and had a pile of trash collected in the back  
hall. She spoke to her husband, Frank, about it and  
told him she wanted him to burn it, but added 'not  
today' for the wind is blowing too hard. Boy-like,  
in his hurry, he didn't hear the last words she said.

After a time, mother discovered the grass in the  
cemetery was a fire and was nearing John Cook's  
newly-painted barn. She ran to the parsonage  
(Methodist) got the key to the church and tolled the  
bell until the Fire Co with the new hose-cart came."

### Gloversville Morning Herald April 1, 1942

#### CASH NOT ENOUGH TO BUY TOOTH PASTE

The War Production Board yesterday prohibited  
retail merchants from selling toothpaste or shav-  
ing cream in tubes to any customer who fails to  
turn in some type of used collapsible tube for  
each new one purchased.

Under the terms of the trade-in provision, a WPB  
spokesman declared, retailers are liable to penal-  
ties prescribed under the second War Powers  
act—a maximum of \$10,000 fine and a years  
imprisonment if sales of tube toothpaste or shav-  
ing cream are make in violation of the order.

It was understood that the used tubes eventually  
would be reprocessed and allocated back to the  
manufacturers. The metal saved will be used for  
guns and convert machines to war production.

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### STAGE DRIVER ON VACATION

NORTHVILLE, Jan. 23.—Alfred Gifford, who drives the stage between Northville and Wells, is taking a vacation because of the inability to make trips by automobile. Joe King is now making the trip with a sleigh. The auto-stage will resume operations as soon as the condition of the roads warrant.

Recently elected officers of Forest Park lodge, I. O. O. F. were installed by the county deputy this evening. After the installation ceremony, a social hour with refreshments was had.

Blin Lehman has returned to Broadalbin where he is employed.

I. J. Vaughan of Edinburg was in Northville this morning.

Frank L Eddy left this morning for Buffalo where he will enter a hospital for treatment for a heart difficulty.

Harvey Atherton of Gifford Valley has traded his house and lot with Fred Stuart for the "Bill" Crowter place at Gifford Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Smith of Cranberry Creek attended the funeral of Mrs. Smith's uncle, Duella Groff here Sunday.

A basketball game will be played Friday on the St. Francis' court between the Pawley five of Gloversville and the Adirondack Juniors.

The new meat market of Willard and Holleran is nearing completion and is expected to be opened Saturday.

Buel Van Arnam, who has been ill for some time at the home of his sister

Mrs. W. D. Smith, is improving.

R. E. Holke, who is employed in Amsterdam, spent the weekend with his family here.

**FOR SALE**—Good dry wood. M. H. Lindsey, Tel. 3 F-3, Northville, N.Y.

#### Northville Post Office Delivery

Prince, an English setter belonging to Dr. Clarence Blake, used to go to the post office to retrieve Dr. Blake's mail. He would go to the door and wait until someone would let him in. Then he would put his fore paws on the shelf by the window, wait for some one to put the mail in his mouth and then return home. (I wonder if the P.O. would accommodate this today?)

*Do you have any old pictures in boxes that you have no idea who they might be? Please don't throw them out. I would take them and maybe identify them. Historian: cramergm@roadrunner.com*

# THE QUILT COMES BACK HOME

July 1976

The third annual Adirondack Arts and Craft Show was held on the lawn of the former Veteran's Memorial Home, North Main Street. The show was under the direction of Georgia Jacquard. It was estimated that between 2,500 and 3,000 viewed the 40 exhibits.

The pictorial Quilt with its many squares illustrating familiar places in the Town of Northampton and the Village of Northville attracted much attention.

The designs for the squares were drawn by Lyndon Ellis and appliquéd, knitted, embroidered according to the quilters wishes.

Included in the quilt were five churches, the firehouse, the bank, the Veterans Memorial Home, the old Free School on South Main Street, the oldest brick residence dating back to 1819, the old train station at Sacandaga Park, the Conservation Department, Mosher Building, the Northville Bridge, Osborne Bridge, and a pillow with the old Hubbell factory and chimney that housed the "Swifts" during the summer months.

Some of the Quilters were: Georgia Jacquard, Jean Loveday, Mary Olmstead, Mary Shufelt, Beverly McManus, Maxine Stuk, Janet Gardner Eschler, Doris Welch.



Working on the quilt



Hanging in the community room, protected by a sheet of heavy plastic. Come in and view it during office hours of the town.



Georgia Jacquard holding bucket of tickets

The quilt was used for a fund raiser. A ticket was drawn by the Priest from St Frances Catholic Church. A man from Johnstown won the quilt. A few years ago it was donated to the Northville Northampton Historical Society. It now hangs in the Municipal building Community room at 421 South Main Street.