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IORM

Improved Order of Red Men

Locally known as Sacandaga Tribe No. 122

Remember the Red Men's Hall? It was on the corner of Reed and Third Streets. Most of us remember it as a dance hall where the high school crowd hung out.

Who are the Red Men?

The fraternity traces its origins back to 1765 and is descended from the Sons of Liberty. These patriots concealed their identity and worked "underground" to help establish freedom and liberty and deny the tyranny of the English Crown. Remember the Boston Tea Party? It was the Sons of Liberty that dumped overboard 342 chests of English Tea.

The IORM is the oldest national fraternal organization in America, and is Chartered by Congress.

They believe in:

- * Love of and respect for the American Flag
- * Preserving our Nation by defending and upholding the principle of free Government
- * America and the democratic way of life
- * Preserving the traditions and history of our Great country
- * Creating and inspiring a greater love for the USA
- * Perpetuating the legends, and traditions of a once vanishing race and the keeping alive some of the traditional customs, ceremonies and philosophies.

MUSEUM

Many items have been packed away for the winter months. It was an interesting year/summer in the museum. Highlights were the new addition, painting the ceiling in the original school house, and mentoring a high school student, Dylan Wilson, as a junior museum guide. Most of the new displays are completed. Please don't forget to continue to donate any historic items for display in the museum.

The Degree of Pocahontas is

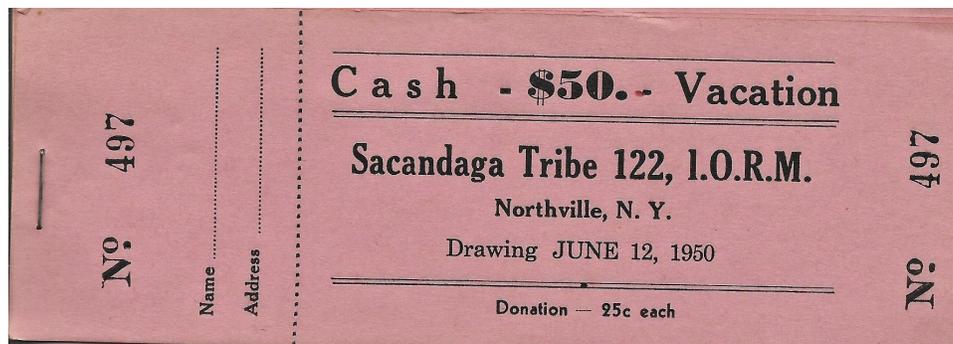
the Women's Auxiliary of The Improved Order of Red Men. IORM is a national fraternal organization

The Degree of Pocahontas (D of P) patterns itself after the virtues of this Native American princess — those virtues of teaching kindness, love, charity, and loyalty to one's nation.

Northville had a fine group of ladies in the degree of Pocahontas. Here is a picture of jewelry, made by some of the members of the Pocahontas women in Northville.



Currently on display in the NNHS museum.





Northville's Red Men in 1932. John Beardsley Satterlee is in the second row, third from the left



Front row:
Marie Kested, Margaret Roberts, Nora Duncan/Glen Duncan, Anita and Charlotte Duncan

Second row: Mrs. Seymour Brundige, Mrs. Wm. Leman, Maggie Chequer, Lottie Cole, ? Effie Van Arnam,

Third row: ?, ? Bill Leman, Delbert Hutchinson.

Standing: Esther Duncan, John Cole, Frances Ellithorpe, ?, Bub Van Arnam

RED MEN'S HALL 1917 The building was also used for community activities. Not sure what group this is.

ROLL OF CHIEFS		SACANDAGA TRIBE NO. 122 IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN, for the term	
31 Sun Aug Moon, G. S. D. 419 A. D. Jan 31 1910			
CHIEFS' NAMES	Rank	1910	1911
	Chief	411 25 27/1000	
Ward M. Cowman	Sachem	100 1 00000	
Willa Sweet	Sr. Sag.	00 0 00000	
Joseph Collins	Jr. Sag.	01 1 01011	
Henry Weaver	Prophet	00 1 00011	
Ed Bruman	C. of R.	11 1 11111	
	C. of W.		
W. V. Carpenter	K. of W.	11 1 10111	
F. J. Husted	1st Sgt.	00 1 00000	
W. H. Lehman	2d Sgt.	11 1 11111	
C. B. Chequer	1st War	11 1 00000	
	2d War		
	3d War		
	4th War		

The last entrance in the IORM records book of the Sacandaga Tribe #122 is in 1959. A letter to John Satterlee from Ross F. Ames (Great Chief of Records), dated February 6, 1959, was encouraging John to try and continue the Tribe. Apparently there were only 8 members left. He wrote, "I know that if the 8 of you really try hard enough, you can once again build an active tribe that you can really be proud of."

Here is a list of some of members in the 50's: John Satterlee, Bryan Thompson, Carl Williams, Hugh Barker, Alden Graham, Orville Murphy, Carlton Nellis, Ernest Schwilk, Delos Albreiht,

New members applied and accepted in 1957: Bill Ryan, Richard Rockefeller, Harold Cramer, Ed Morgan, Clarence Sauve, Robert Bennett, Eugene Hinds, Bill Weaver, Robert Ellsworth. It isn't mentioned how active they became.

If anyone would like to look at the record books you are welcome to come to the historians office and read them.

According to Ray Savage, his wife Kathleen, made this dress and wore it. He said she was a member of the Pocahontas organization. Ray donated it to the NNHS where it is on display, along with some Indian jewelry.



Above is a picture of the Red Men's record book from 1910 until 1917.

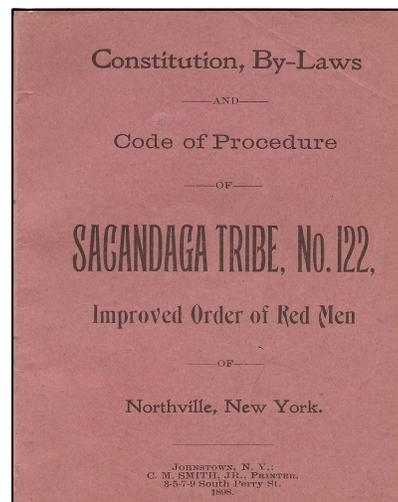
It measures 14 X 8 1/2

Many familiar names of local members are mentioned in it. It appears they met once a week. It contains the minutes which shows it was a very active group, participating on committees for local celebrations and other community events.



According to an article by Carlton Nellis, the Sacandaga Tribe No. 122, Improved Order of Red Men, held their meetings on the third floor of the Seymour Willard building, later Hollearns Market. (Today where Walgreen's Drug store is) Their recreation rooms were on the second floor. In the mid-40's the Tribe purchased a building on the corner of Reed and Third Streets and converted it to a club room and community center.

The historians records show, that the organization in Northville was active from 1895 to 1959. Below is a paragraph in the Constitution and By-laws in 1895.

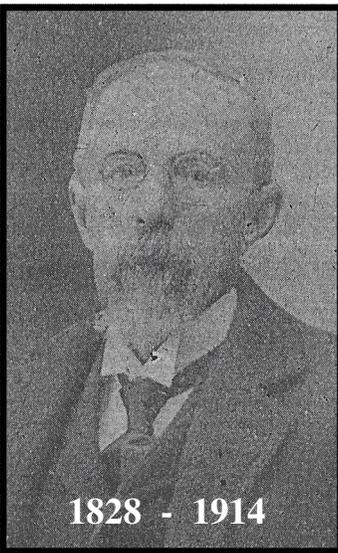


Section 3. Dues: The yearly dues in the Association shall be five (5) cents per member as shown on the last report to the Great Council of New York. Dues are payable in advance and shall be paid before the October meeting each year or the tribes shall be subject to suspension and delegates shall have no voting privileges.

Darwin and Mary Lawton moved from Hope Falls to the village of Northville around 1890. They opened a Boarding House on the corner of Reed and Fourth Streets at the site of the Harry Savage house. Not sure if it was the same building that Savages lived in. They had 9 children.



Local artist Linda Finch from Gloversville and Northampton continues to work on her folk art series focusing on the history of Sacandaga Park and Northville in Fulton County. She is currently looking for stories and old photographs of some specific events from the time period 1900 to 1960s. These are as follows: The Doins' downtown Northville on the Fourth of July, kids swimming off the old blue bridge, ice boats and ice fishing and skating on the Sacandaga or Northville lake, swifts returning to the Hubbell chimney on May 6th, and any old photos of residents moving from the Sacandaga River Valley to make way for flooding. She is especially looking for information on moving homesteads and the relocation of the old cemeteries to the newer King Cemetery on Houseman Street.



1828 - 1914

In 1854 Darwin married Mary Conklin in Hope Falls, where he lived most of his life.

He was engaged in business there for many years and was very prominent in public affairs. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Northville.

He was the son of David and Ruth Melvin Lawton and Uncle to Ivory, Harry, and Ruth Lawton Barker.

Mary Conklin Lawton was born 1835, died 1907



Betty Weaver, Mary King, Peggy Conroy

Emily Gifford

Many of you will remember these gals (Ca. 1942)

If you have information or old photos you would consider sharing, please contact Linda Finch at her email at lfinch7777@yahoo.com. Locally, people can call Gail Cramer historian at (518) 863-4040 ext. 0) at the Town of Northampton Municipal Bldg. in Northville.