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DAIRY FARMS

There were numerous dairy farms in the town of Northampton. Some bottled their milk in commercial bottles that had their name on them. There

were others that just sold from their home in pails or whatever container the customer brought to the farm. I remember it was mostly neighbors that came to our house and bought milk. My father had about 13 cows.

Milk was often delivered to homes by the dairy farmer. Remember when it was freezing outside, the cream at the top would freeze and expand, which would push the cardboard milk bottle caps up about an inch or so.

Charles Brown had a dairy farm south of Northville before the turn of the century. (now Skiff Road) He had a horse drawn rig to deliver the milk. Before commercial milk bottles, he delivered milk in milk cans. The customer would leave their money by their container. Customers could also buy tickets ahead and then leave a ticket for the amount of milk they wanted. Brown would remove the payment or ticket, dip up the milk with a long-handled measure, and transfer the right amount from his big milk cans to the customer's pail or whatever container they had. Brown's Dairy was later operated by Jay Skiff, who had more modern methods for milking.



Charles Brown Milk Delivery in the winter



Long handled milk dipper/measureur from the Skiff Dairy Farm. Donated to the museum by Vivien Beirlein who lived in the house owned by Brown and later Skiff. The Brown and Skiff families were related. Jay Skiff's mother's maiden name was Brown.

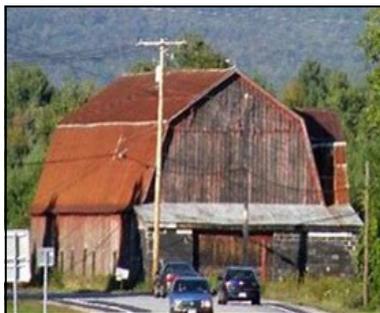
MUSEUM

Open house for our new addition will be celebrated next Spring just before opening for the summer.

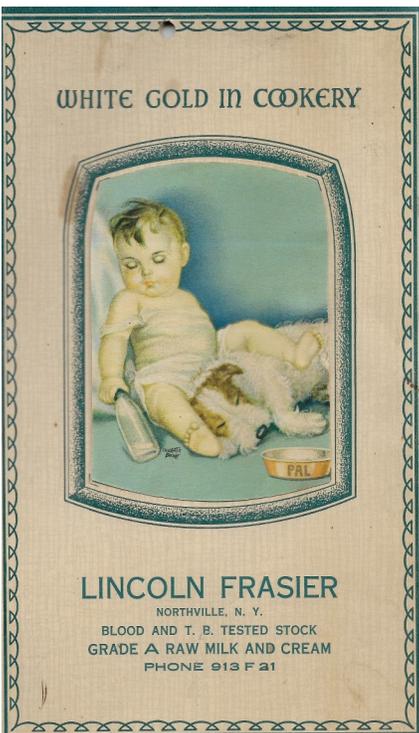


Display in the museum, of local milk bottles

Lincoln Fraiser ran a dairy farm on route 30, at the Red Barn. His brother, Orrin, helped supply milk for Lincoln's dairy farm. This huge barn housed the cows. It is still standing on route 30, just north of Cranberry Creek.



Lincoln Fraiser retired, then sold the farm to the Poulin Family, who continued working the dairy farm, raising cows and selling milk. According to Guy Poulin, they sold the milk to creameries from about 1947 to 1965.



1942

Advertisement book, with helpful hints about meals, menus and information about milk products.



Simpson Milk Bottle



Simpsons Dairy
North Main Street

Frank Simpson also sold milk in glass bottles and made deliveries to homes. There is one of his milk bottles in the museum.

Copied from the Sacandaga Press
May 5, 1898
An article about Northville.

a. m. Thursday.

The people of this village are showing a spirit of patriotism which is commendable. On Tuesday a large number of the business places and residences were decorated with flags and bunting in honor of Commodore Dewey's victory over the Spanish at Manila. Also a fund is being generously subscribed to for the erection of a flag staff on the hill just north of the village. The pole which has been selected for the purpose is one hundred and ten feet high and is to carry a large United States flag underneath which a Cuban flag will float.

Pasteurization was not required until 1973. Most of my generation and generations before always drank raw milk/non pasteurized milk.

Did you ever get sick from raw milk? I never did. According to what I've read, pasteurization doesn't remove the natural minerals etc through the process, except that vitamin C can not survive the pasteurization process.

States in the U.S. soon began enacting mandatory dairy pasteurization laws, with the first in 1947, (the state of Michigan) and in 1973 the U.S. federal government required pasteurization of milk used in any interstate commerce. Can local small farms sell raw milk to the public? The answer is yes BUT there may be local laws that prohibit the sale. There are many laws that differ in each state. Each dairy farmer should be aware of the law in their own town.

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The first electrical telegraph was invented by **Samuel Soemmering** in 1809 using gold wires in water sending messages around two thousand feet away that could be read by determining how much gas was released. Although very crude, it was a vast improvement on earlier methods of

The Sacandaga Telegraph Co. was operating in 1887 as noted in these messages. The office was in the G.N Brown drugstore. The President of the company was James B Wilson and the General Manager was C. H. Griffing

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Received at 11:20 AM Oct 31 1887

Dated Concord N.Y.

To Robert Johnson

I can come Thursday evening
if you want me
Patrick Coady

Did you know? SOS, the internationally recognized distress signal, does not stand for any particular words. Instead, the letters were chosen because they are easy to transmit in Morse code: "S" is three dots, and "O" is three dashes.

The South Main Street Cemetery Project

is well on it's way. They have met several Saturdays, each time with a good group of workers. It's a big job and will take awhile to clean, repair and even dig up some of the stones that are buried. Several have already been unearthed.

Sue Sedon, the coordinator of the project reports: "3 of these photos are of the Bentley family stones located in the far back right hand corner of the cemetery. The hope is that in the spring we will set them upright. Also, one photo is a broken stone with the name Sarah Brownell on it . She died at age 19 and was the daughter of one of the Northville Baptist church Reverend. Her stone has a beautiful poem on it, but I doubt that you can read it in the photo. We want to repair her stone at some point. Any other photos show people cleaning or resetting stones into their upright positions."



Book 2 of the Northville Northampton Newsletters from 2015 to 2018 is ready for the publisher. One book has been published and is now being edited before ordering more books.

The first book, 2011 to 2014 is available at the ADK Country Store, Red Barn, Town Clerk's office and from the Historians office.

These books make great Christmas presents. Price is \$15 each.

