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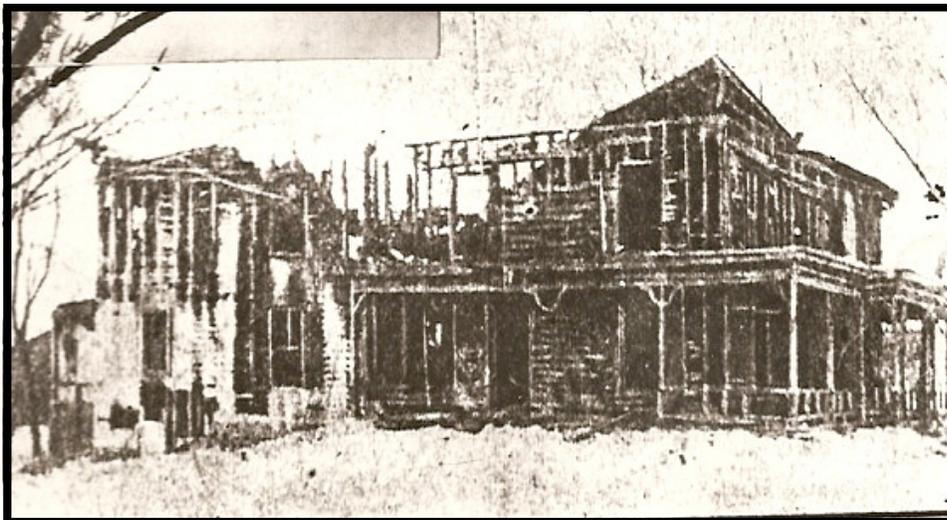
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EGLIN HOTEL AKA VAN EVERY HOTEL



Located on the Corner of Reed and Third Street



Excerpts from the Gloversville Leader Herald 1912

The Van Every Hotel was totally destroyed by fire Saturday morning. It was a two-story wooden structure, formerly known as the Eglin House, having at one time been the property of the late Henry Eglin, but now owned and managed by Asa D Roberts. Mr. Roberts says that he went to bed about eleven o'clock, at which time everything appeared to be all right and was awakened about 1 o'clock by a crash of falling bricks. He sprang up to find his room full of smoke. He investigated the situation, then returned to his room to get dressed, opened a window and leaped into the branches of a small tree.

MUSEUM

Closed but will be opened by appointment. Called 518 863 2628

Open House to be announced soon to view the new addition and reorganizing of the original building

Mrs. Cora Collins, who with her daughter, slept down stairs. The falling chimney had awakened them, however, they got out without difficulty, although rather scantily clad.

An alarm was immediately sent out by telephone, after which with the help of some of the neighbors, managed to carry out a piano, a dressing table and a few chairs.

By the time the fire department arrived, and got a stream on the fire, there was nothing left worth saving. However, the firemen kept the fire from spreading to the barn and other nearby buildings.

No guests were in the hotel at the time and no one was hurt, but Mrs. Collins and daughter lost all their personal effects.

The building was erected about 45 years ago (1867) by the late Orra Brownell and had been operated as a hotel continuously every since. Loss about \$5,000, insurance for \$4,000. After the fire, the property was owned by the Sacandaga Tribe of Red.

NORTHVILLE BLOCK DAMAGED BY FIRE

Corner Of North Main and Reed Streets
Gloversville Morning Herald
1909

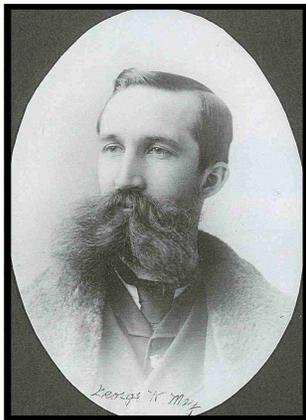
The large wooden building located at the corner of Main and Reed Streets in Northville was badly damaged by fire early this morning. The building is the property of Frank Willard of Northville and his loss is estimated at about \$3,000. He carried no insurance.

The building was two storied in height and occupied by Solomon Brooks who conducted a five and ten cent store in the basement and occupied the upper floors for living apartments and store rooms. Brooks' loss, it is stated, will be large and only partially covered by insurance.

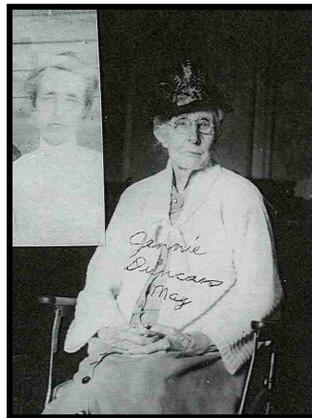
The fire was discovered about one o'clock by a passerby, who immediately gave the alarm. The fire at that time was located in the southwest corner of the building. The fire department was soon on the scene and three lines of hose were laid before the flames were extinguished. The building was badly wrecked by the fire and the goods in the store were damaged by smoke and water as well as fire. Very little effort was made to restore any of the contents while the fire was in progress, owing to the fact that several explosions were within the building.

The Sacandaga Hotel was built on the above property circa 1867. It was owned and managed by Gardner Winney. Mr. Winney moved to Northville from Saratoga County 1867 and soon after his arrival, built the Sacandaga Hotel. This hotel burned September 5, 1888 along with the barns, and dwelling of Winney, and the carriage shop and home of William H. Van Dyke.

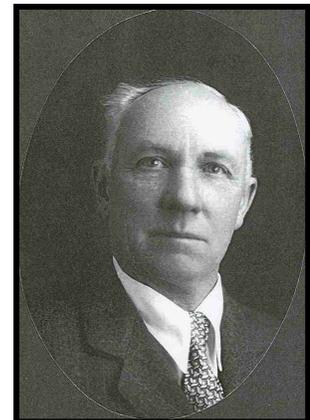
According to Charlotte Russell, Rev. George K Fraiser and Rev. George May, were performing the wedding of Jane Duncan at the Duncan home on Prospect Street. Charles Duncan, brother of the bride, rushed down the hill in his best clothes to fight the blaze.



Rev George May



Jane aka Jennie
Duncan (May)



Charles Duncan

DAVID VAN ARNAM REWARD OF MERIT AND BRAVERY *Spanish American War*

He was a well-known young man in Northville, who had commendable records during the Spanish and American War. He was born in the house where he died, which was on the corner of Division and North Main Streets. (years later the conservation dept had offices in the house) His father was Amos Van Arnam, a very well known and generous man in the community.

David attended the local public school until age 16 , which at that time went to work for L.N. Johnson for four years at the Hard Pan Store on Main Street. *(I believe during this period he was studying to be a pharmacist)*

In 1897 He formed a partnership with Wm. L. Kested and started a drug store which business he followed for about two years. At the time, the war with Spain was active. He enlisted in the regular army and was stationed at Fort Leavenworth, where he was sent to the Philippine Islands as a Hospital Corpsman.

Interesting note: Both Kested and Van Arnam were only 22 years old when they started this business.

He was in the army for three years and was very successful, having received a personal letter from President Roosevelt and a reward of merit for bravery on the field of battle. After his return from the Philippians he secured a position at the General Electric Works in Schenectady.

The war had weakened David's body. He died of consumption (TB), in 1907, at 30 years old .

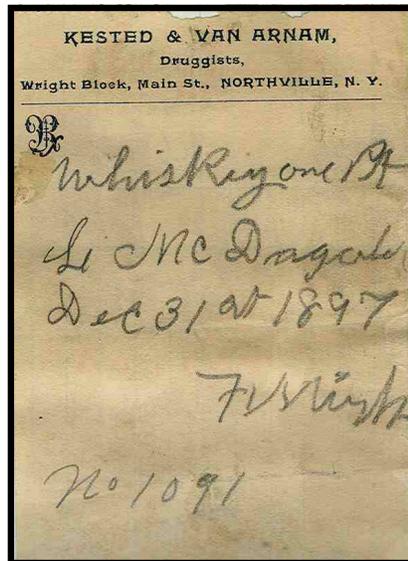
He married Ella Spencer of Gloversville . His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Amos Van Arnam, he had two sisters: Mrs. W. D. Smith and Mrs. John Barber. His father died very unexpectedly 6 months after his son, David.



Kested and Van Arnam Drug Store in 1897



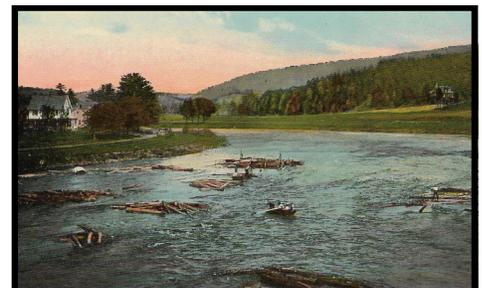
1897- 1899
2019 soon to be Correll's Bistro



Dr. Franklin Wright's
prescription for
Kested & Van Arnam to fill.

FLOYD ARNOLD'S STEAM LAUNDRY

Was operated after World War I on the river road about one mile north of the west end of the Northville bridge. Their slogan was, "We wash your Duds in the River Suds"



River Road
on the left of picture