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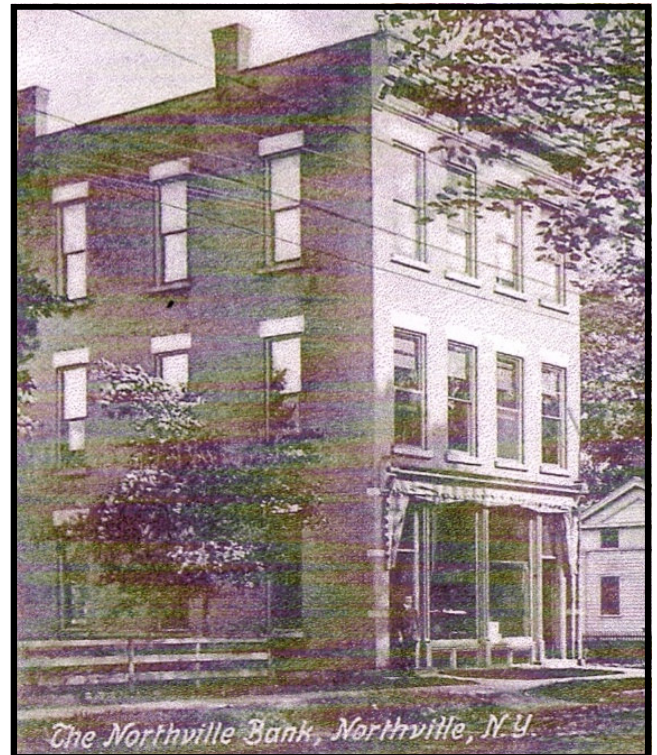
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NORTHVILLE'S HISTORIC BUILDINGS

How important are they to you? Are you willing to stand up and fight to preserve them? They are our heritage.

They are what helps make Northville unique. Several of them have been featured in past newsletters. This month I am featuring the old Northville Bank, which by the way is in Severe danger of being demolished. It's a beautiful old building built in 1895. Hopefully some one or organization will refurbish it into a useful building without destroying it's Historic Value and Architecture.



This 1895 picture shows some local stone masons constructing the foundation of the Northville Bank

In the late 1800's Northville was the business center for the surrounding country, and the beauty of the region was attracting the attention of many people as a vacation resort. The manufacture of gloves was being established and the entire community was in a fairly prosperous condition. The need for a bank had long been apparent, but attempt to organize were unsuccessful until March 28, 1895 when 28 public spirited men of the village met and subscribed to 300 shares of the proposed capital of \$30,000. A charter was granted by the Superintendent of Banks. Mr. G.N. Brown was elected President, Mr. George E Van Aram Vice-Pres, H.Judd Redfield Cashier.

(From the Booklet commemorating
The 50th Anniversary of the bank)

THE NORTHVILLE BANK.

CAPITAL \$30,000.

DIRECTORS:

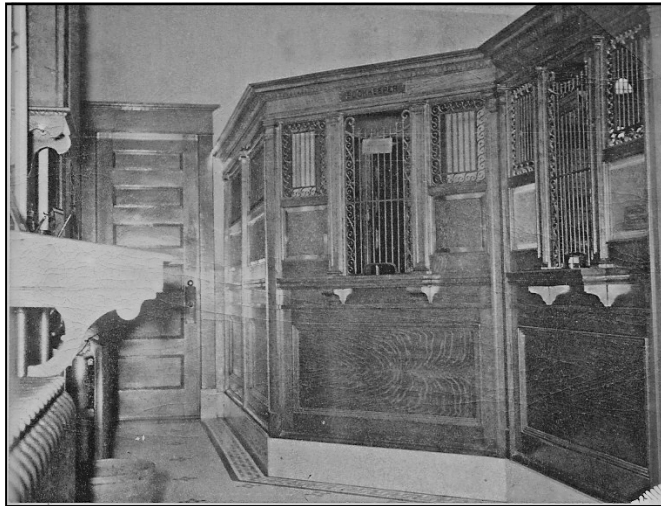
Geo. N. Brown, Geo. E. Van Arnam, Erastus Darling, Jno. A. Willard,	M. B. Hosley, Lee S. Anibal, William Harris, H. J. Redfield.
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Jas. R. Willard.

Expecting to receive a fair compensation for its services, and without pretense of giving something for nothing, The Northville Bank tenders its offices to those who appreciate careful, prompt and accommodating service, believing that with its desirable connections at the leading commercial centres, it can be of real service to the business public.

Northville, - - - N. Y.

IT DIDN'T TAKE MUCH to get into the banking business in 1896. Here's an advertisement clipped from the SACANDAGA PRESS, a weekly newspaper published in Northville. This issue was dated March 26, 1896. The fledgling bank boasted of a capital of \$30,000. My, how things have changed! (Clipping courtesy of Carleton V. Nellis, Northville)



Pictures taken inside the bank

BURDETT EGLIN President from 1925 to 1945

"Bub" as he was better known, started out as a "go fur" running all kinds of errands. For some unknown reason in 1886 H. Judd Redfield resigned as cashier and was immediately replaced by Burdett Eglin. "Bub's" reputation was ever vigilant, loyal and intelligent, which moved him from Cashier to President.

Mr. Eglin wrote about his experiences in the Northville bank and what transpired as the bank expanded. It is well written and quite humorous as well as historical. If you would enjoy reading it you may borrow a copy from the historian. I will also put a copy in the library in the near future.



Burdette Eglin
1867 - 1945

Burdette and his wife Caroline Brownell Eglin, lived on the north-west corner of Washington Street and First Street.



YEGGS BLOW OPEN OUTER DOORS OF THE NORTHVILLE BANK SAFE; NO BOOTY

(That was the headline in the Gloversville Leader October 6th 1911)

Northern village of the county thrilled the morning by the discovery of an attempt to steal the funds of the institution. Several heard muffled explosion shortly after two this morning, but robbers were not seen. Theory that robbers made their get away in a high powered automobile. The safe was wrecked beyond repair. The investigation proved that inner doors of safe were also blown, but attempt failed of it's purpose.

Definition of a Yegg: "Thief, burgler, safecracker"

According to the article a number of local folks heard the explosion but didn't see anything. The discovery was made by Cashier Eglin at about 7:30 a.m. He first noticed from the street that the curtains in the windows were drawn, which were always left open at night and a light burning to give full view of the interior all night. Instantly suspecting that everything was not as it should be, Mr. Eglin entered the bank and found the evidence of the crime.



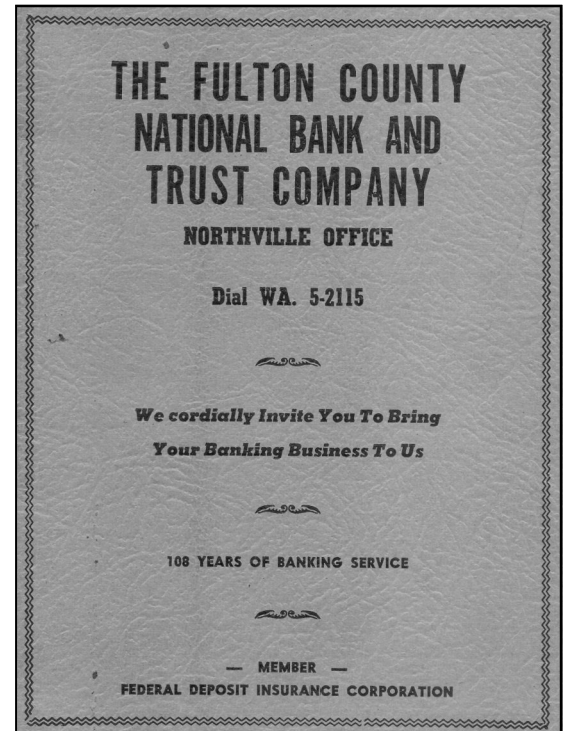
Front Row: Mrs. May Hubbell,(Teller), Hiram C.Denton ((President), Burdette Eglin (Director), Beryl Aston (Casher), Harry H Brownell (Asst. Cashier)

Back Row: Harry D Lawton (Director), Ivory C Lawton (Director), James Carpenter (Vice President) Frank Willard (Director), Howard R Denton (Director), Hugh Willard (Director)

OCTOBER 22 AT THE MUNICIPAL (BRADT) BUILDING

6:30 p.m.

To discuss with representatives of Family Dollar concerning their purchasing the Old Northville Bank Property. They have plans to tear down the old bank and build a Family Dollar Store on that property. Please attend the meeting to express your thoughts concerning a Family Dollar in Northville and in the demolishing of our Historic Old Bank. Everyone has a right to their opinion, so come out and express your opinions. There are a number of petitions around the village to sign if you object to FD's plans. Be there by **6 p.m.** outside the building if you are protesting this plan of FD. If it's raining....bring your umbrella and come early anyway.



NORTHVILLE FOLKS WE WILL NOT FORGET



Eleanor Williams (Seymour) Emily Gifford Weaver (Dan),
Eva Van Every (Peck) , Paula Buyce (Gerald)