



# HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY FORM

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HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
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## IDENTIFICATION

Property name (if any): John Willard House (Inn at the Bridge) tax id: 32.5-5-1  
Address or Street Location: 641 Bridge Rural Fire Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
County: Fulton Town: Northampton Village/Hamlet: Northville  
Original use: Residence (year round) Current use: Residential/Bed and Breakfast  
Architect/Builder, if known: \_\_\_\_\_ Construction Date: 1903  
Owner: K & J Northville Ventures LLC  
P.O. Box 450  
Northville NY 12134

## DESCRIPTION

Please check those that are applicable

**Exterior Walls:**  wood clapboard  wood shingle  vertical boards  plywood  stone  
 brick  poured concrete  concrete block  vinyl siding  aluminum siding  
 cement-asbestos  other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Roof:**  asphalt, shingle  asphalt, roll  wood shingle  metal (pressed)  
 slate

**Foundation:**  stone  brick  poured concrete  concrete block

**Alterations:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date(s)(if known):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Condition:**  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated

**Associated Building:**  garage  silo  privy  shed  barns  
 carriage house  other

**Landscape Features:**  garden  pond  mature trees  slate sidewalks  
 fountain  hitching post  carriage steps  walls  historic marker (describe narrative)  
 well  mile post  monument/sculpture  other

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**Organization:** Made Possible by the Preserve NY Grant & the Northampton Preservation Commission

<b>Surroundings:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> open land	<input type="checkbox"/> woodland	<input type="checkbox"/> scattered buildings	<input type="checkbox"/> densely built-up	
	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> residential	<input type="checkbox"/> agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> other

**Designated Landmark Eligible -YES**  
**Individually National Register Eligible – YES**  
**Inside Historic District (contributes) –YES**  
**Theme – Industry Era**

**Narrative Description of Property:**

This 2 ½ story wood framed home is built in the Queen Anne style. The façade is front gabled with an intersecting west gable and a tower between the two gables. The tower has three flat sides and wood shingles. The bottom of the tower flares out. The tower has a decorative metal finial. The wraparound porch sweeps from the façade (south elevation) to the west elevation. The west elevation has bay windows on the first and second floor. The porch is supported by paired Corinthian columns on cut stone bases. There are brackets on the overhangs and a rear addition. The windows are 1/1 vinyl replacements.

**Significance:** The criteria of eligibility are associated to Criterion A, B & C (Properties significant for their association in or linkage to events and architecture/artistic value) for its significance to the history of the Village of Northville, important because of the entrepreneurial life of John A Willard, and is a excellent example of Queen Anne style architecture with little or no modifications. The 1912 mapping shows a house on this property with two sheds.

John A Willard lived from 1855-1942. He married Fuller and had five children; Seymour, Wesley, Hugh, Elizabeth, and Harold. John was born in a log cabin in the town of Hope. He started working in a grist mill and later bought the grist mill and added a saw mill. He sold ice from the same pond that drove his mill at the end of ridge road was Willard Pond. Later he built a larger mill near the Northville RR station. It later burnt down. He built a house for each one of his children and was known to have owner 50 parcels in Northampton at one time.

**Sources:** See bibliography

**Address:** 641 Bridge Street

**Photo:**



**John Willard House, West Elevation**

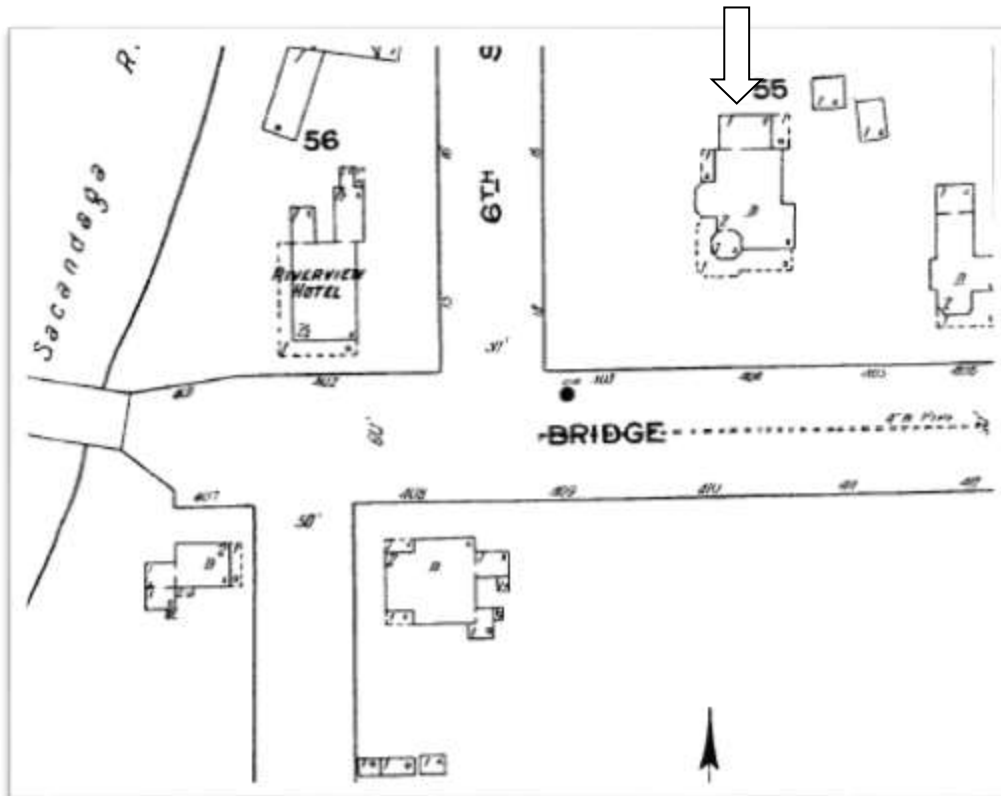
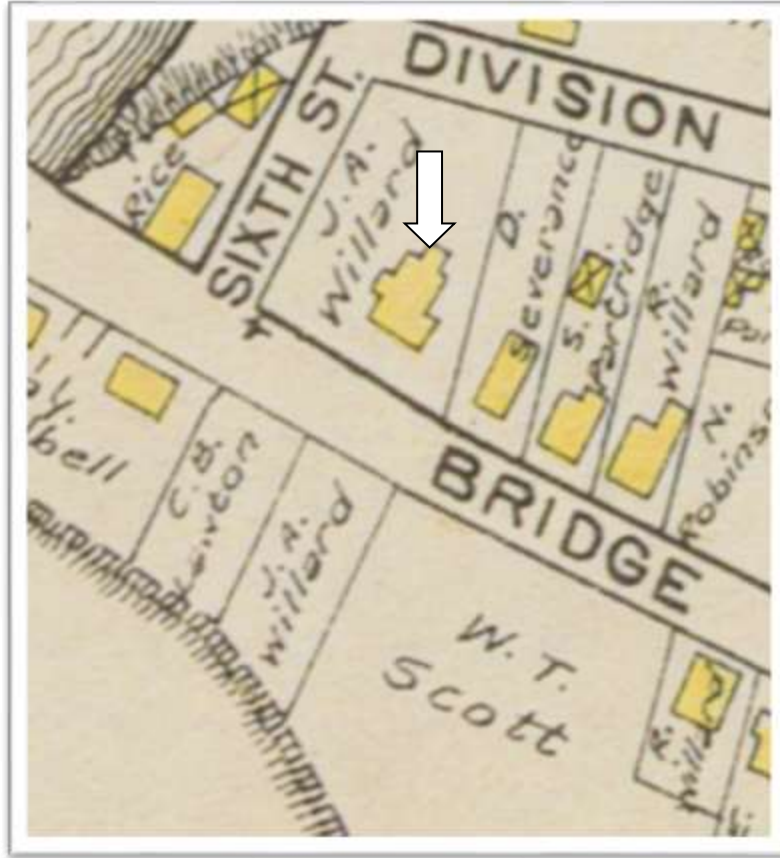


Taken between 1903-1929, South Elevation (Façade) Note long stairs and wall

**Tax Map:**



Historic Maps:



1912 Sanborn Map