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IDENTIFICATION

Property name (if any): Chequer & Krested Blacksmith Shop tax id: 32.5-15-1

Address or Street Location: 122 Bridge Rural Fire Number: _____

County: Fulton Town: Northampton Village/Hamlet: Northville

Original use: Commercial Current use: Commercial

Architect/Builder, if known: _____ Construction Date: _____

Owner: Anne Miller
P.O. Box 661
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 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 Historic Landmark Commission

Surroundings:	<input type="checkbox"/> open land	<input type="checkbox"/> woodland	<input type="checkbox"/> scattered buildings	<input type="checkbox"/> densely built-up
<input checked="" 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 (pre RR)

Narrative Description of Property: This 2 story wood framed commercial building was built in the vernacular style as a blacksmith shop. The façade is gable ended and the gable overhangs the façade. There is a first floor store front with picture windows and an entrance to the second floor to the right (west). The second story façade has a porch with a balustrade and an overhanging roof to cover the porch. The gable has a design of clapboards in a triangular shape. The windows are 6/6 vinyl replacement windows. The entire building was remodeled in the past few years. The east elevation has added porch with shed roof. The building was most recently a gallery and residence.

Significance: The criteria of eligibility are associated to Criterion A & C (Properties significant for its association in or linkage to events, and architecture/artistic value) for its significance to the history of Northampton / Northville and beginning stages of growth and as an excellent example of a domestic commercial building reused for modern purposes. This building served from 1868 until 1918 as a blacksmith shop, from 1918 until 1970 as a shoe shop and is now an art gallery.

From the 1868 map, the property was owned by D. S. Lawton. In the Business Directory included on the map. Lawton is listed as a blacksmith employed in shoeing horses and oxen. By the time the 1881 Business Directory was written Lawton and VanArnam have a livery business. (KBS, P. 93). In 1905 the property is owned by William Harris with Cam Checquer and Gus Elsinor, blacksmith and wagon builder respectively, operating out of this building. Camilus Checquer, apparently the most memorable blacksmith working out of this building, seems to have been a gregarious sort because he belonged to several town organizations, was a member of the Northville Coronet Band, and his blacksmith shop became a meeting place for local camaraderie.(JB, p. 174)

1890 Map has number 20 on house and Business Directory on bottom says this is W. N. Slocum's Blacksmith Shop. Wright N. Slocum is listed as a blacksmith in the 1881 Northville business directory, (KBS, P. 93) and in the 1870 Northville business directory as "blacksmith and ox shoeing." (JB, p. 143)

Ray Hubbell made his first patented metallic corners in this building in 1880, establishing his Globe Metallic Binding Company, but almost immediately built a factory between 2nd and 3rd Street to manufacture his invention.(CR, p. 40) Various business have occupied this building for short times. (CR, p. 40)

This building served as

D.S. Lawton Blacksmith Shop 1868 (see 1868 map and Business Directory)
Wright N. Slocum's Blacksmith Shop (1870 and 1881 Business Directories, JB, p. 143 and KS, p. 93)
Globe Metallic Binding Company began here in 1880 (CR, p. 40)
Checquer's Blacksmith shop, with Gus Elsinor's wagon shop upstairs (1900)
Leslie Sweet Shoe Shop 1918- 1970
Anne Miller Common Ground Art Gallery (C.R. p. 65):

Sources:

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Decker, Lewis G., Fulton County, A Pictorial History. Donning company Publishers, Virginia; 1989.
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Address: 122 Bridge Street

Photo:



North elevation (façade) 2006

122 Bridge Street Blacksmith Shop Taken May 12, 2009

East side Front



North side - Front



West side



North side - Front



South side showing addition and garden





Cam Chequer stands in the doorway of the Blacksmith Shop c. 1900



Mrs. Sweet's Shoe Shop 1918 - 1970

blacksmiths listed on map Business Directory; D.S. Lawton and G. C. VanDyke. Lot marked



Picture: (left to right) Herb Carpenter, 'Cam', Dr. Franklin Wright, Harvey Kested

Cam Chequer and friends at Blacksmith Shop on corner of Bridge Street and First Street
Dr. Franklin Wright listed in 1881 Business Directory

Tax Map:



Historic maps:



Stranahan and Nichols 1868 Map – “B Sh”

New Century Map 1905 Village of Northville
Building on southeast corner of First and Bridge St. labeled B.S.S. (Blacksmith Shop)



1890 Burleigh Northville, NY Map, House #20 at southeast corner of Bridge Street and First Street
Business Directory says "W.N. Slocum, Blacksmith Shop"

