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IDENTIFICATION

Property name (if any): Ray Hubbell House tax id: 32.5-8-12

Address or Street Location: 331 Bridge Street Rural Fire Number: _____

County: Fulton Town: Northampton Village/Hamlet: Northville

Original use: Residence (year round) Current use: Commercial

Architect/Builder, if known: _____ Construction Date: c.1880

Owner: New Hampshire Marketing Corp
34 Josiah Bartlett Dr
Amherst NH 03031

DESCRIPTION

Please check those that are applicable

Exterior Walls:	<input type="checkbox"/> wood clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> wood shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> vertical boards	<input type="checkbox"/> plywood	<input type="checkbox"/> stone
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> brick	<input type="checkbox"/> poured concrete	<input type="checkbox"/> concrete block	<input type="checkbox"/> vinyl siding	<input type="checkbox"/> aluminum siding
	<input type="checkbox"/> cement-asbestos	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____			

Roof: asphalt, shingle asphalt, roll wood shingle metal slate

Foundation:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> stone	<input type="checkbox"/> brick	<input type="checkbox"/> poured concrete	<input type="checkbox"/> concrete block
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Alterations: Date(s)(if known): The brick has been painted on this house and the spindled balustrade on wrap-around porch replaced with panels. (1970)

Condition: excellent good fair deteriorated

Associated Building:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> garage	<input type="checkbox"/> silo	<input type="checkbox"/> privy	<input type="checkbox"/> shed	<input type="checkbox"/> barns
	<input type="checkbox"/> carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> 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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Surroundings:	<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 (business)

Narrative Description of Property: Front gabled 2 story Queen Anne style brick with cross-gabled roofs, two story-bays on west and one story bay on the east side. Eaves have deep bracketed overhangs and a pent roof encloses each gable. The front (south) gable has three 6 over 1 ribbon windows with an ornate center window and is decorated with half-timbering and fish scale shingles. Both bays have pent roofs with brackets. The center window of the west side bay is a 2 over 2 wood.

The foundation is battered stone that has been painted. The sills and lintels of first and second floor windows are stone. The windows are 1/1 double-hung with the exception of a large single-pane window on the south elevation (façade). The wrap-around porch has two entryways with gabled roofs, turned double column roof supports, decorative brackets at main entrance, and spindled balustrade. An interesting feature is the corner entrance to the porch. The front entrance door is a double door with narrow lights in the top half of the doors. A line of staggered brickwork runs around the house, dividing the first floor level from the second. The brick has been painted.

Significance: The criteria of eligibility are associated to Criterion A, B & C (Properties significant for their association in or linkage to events, a person, and architecture/artistic value) for its significance to the history of the village of Northville, the business of the metallic fasteners and gloves, and the life and work of Ray Hubble. It is also an excellent example of a Queen Anne style home with modifications but many details are retained.

The Hubbell family was a prominent family in Northville from the time Sheldon Hubbell came to the area with wife Laura and a 5 year old son, Ray, in 1854 and built a sawmill along the Sacandaga River. Here Sheldon established a lumber manufacturing business at "The Dam"(Parkville). He also owned a boarding house in Parkville. After residing at "The Dam" for 21 years he and Mrs. Hubbell, moved to Third Street in the village (1875) after losing the sawmill to fire for the second time. Sheldon Hubbell resided on Third Street until his death in 1893.

Son Ray Hubble went to Troy Business College and in 1871 went into the mercantile business, married Emily Beecher in 1873 and had one son, Frank Hubbell, in 1877. In 1879 Ray Hubble began producing brass corners for oil cloth, a patented process that he invented in the blacksmith shop on Bridge Street and soon built a factory on the corner of Bridge Street and Second Street. Ray Hubble at one time operated 2 Globe Metallic Binding Company factories in Northville and 2 out of state. In 1883 he built the Hubble Glove Shop, on land contiguous to the land on which this house stands, and now all that is left of these factories is the chimney where the swifts live in the summertime. Ray's son, Frank, was a representative of his father's business, becoming a partner in 1900 at the age of 23. In 1919 Frank married May Hubbell.

Ray Hubbell was a very successful and much-respected businessman in Northville who was appointed Town Supervisor and village president several times. He was deeply involved in civic projects and was instrumental in bringing the first macadam road from Gloversville to Northville, the first public water system to Northville and organizing the first bank.

It is most likely that Ray Hubbell built the Hubbell House sometime in the 1880's and lived in it until his death in 1921, his wife having died in 1914. Tax records indicate that the house was passed from Frank B. Hubbell to May(Mae) S. Hubbell, his wife, in 1963. May Hubbell died in 1969. In 1971 the house passed out of the Hubbell family. Since 1971 the house has had 6 owners and housed a florist shop for a short time. At present it is being altered for use as a medical clinic.

Owners of the Hubbell House:
 Ray and Emily Hubbell c. 1880 - 1921
 Frank and May Hubble 1921 - 1969
 Bill and Virginia Mackie 1969 -
 Robert Whittaker
 Northville Funeral Services, Inc.

Sources:

Laura Hubbell's Obituary

Russell, Charlotte; *Northampton, Times Past, Times Present*; Private Publication; 1976

Bennis, John; *Northampton, A Town Nearly Drowned*; Private Publication; 2001

RAY HUBBELL
7/9/1849 - 7/13/1921
Emily Beecher Hubbell
11/24/1847 - 10/22/1914

Ray was the son of Sheldon and Laura (Waring) Hubbell. Sheldon and Laura were married in Dec 15, 1844. They moved to Northville in 1841 and settle in Parkville, where they lived for 21 yrs. He was involved in the lumbering business. Later his son Ray would be also be involved in the lumber business, until he went into mercantile business. Ray married Emily Beecher, they had one son, Frank B. Hubbell.

Ray and his wife (Emily Beecher) owned the first automobile in Northville.

The Globe Metallic Binding Co. was established in 1880 by Ray Hubbell and James A Cole, who invented, patented and manufactured a metallic binding for oil cloth and metallic corners and bindings for floor oilcloth. It was a metal strip that could be placed along the edge of carpets and rug runners to hold them down and make them safe. The business was begun in a two - room blacksmith shop on Bridge Street. But soon a factory was erected nearby, which burned in 1890 and was immediately rebuilt. A second factory was on the corner of Washington and First Streets, and was managed by James Cole. A stock company was formed in 1890 to control this class of goods throughout the U. S. The company also operated two plants in Painesville, Ohio.

In 1883 Ray went into the glove business. He was the first Manufacturer of gloves in the village of N'ville. His son Frank continued with the glove manufacturing for many years.

August 21, 1890 he was elected , with 3 others, as a Board of Water commissioners to decide what should be done to start construction of the village water system. He made a special trip to Albany to borrow \$32,000 at 3 1/2 % interest to build the system which was started in 1891.

In 1895 he was elected to the first board of directors of the new Northville Bank.

He was instrumental in the construction of the first macadam road from Gloversville to Northville.

He was the first to build a cement sidewalk in the village.

He served as Supervisor of the town of Northampton, and Village President

Raymond and Emily Beecher Hubbell House
331 Bridge Street
Circa _____

Raymond and his wife had the house built circa 1836. And lived there until they died. His son Frank and his wife Mae (Simmons) also lived there until they both were deceased. Frank in 1963 and Mae in 1969.

Bill and Virginia Mackie bought it and it was used as a flower shop business until the present owner, Robert Whittaker has a business and offices in the house.



(from Gail Cramer)

Address: 331 Bridge Street, Northville, NY

Photo:



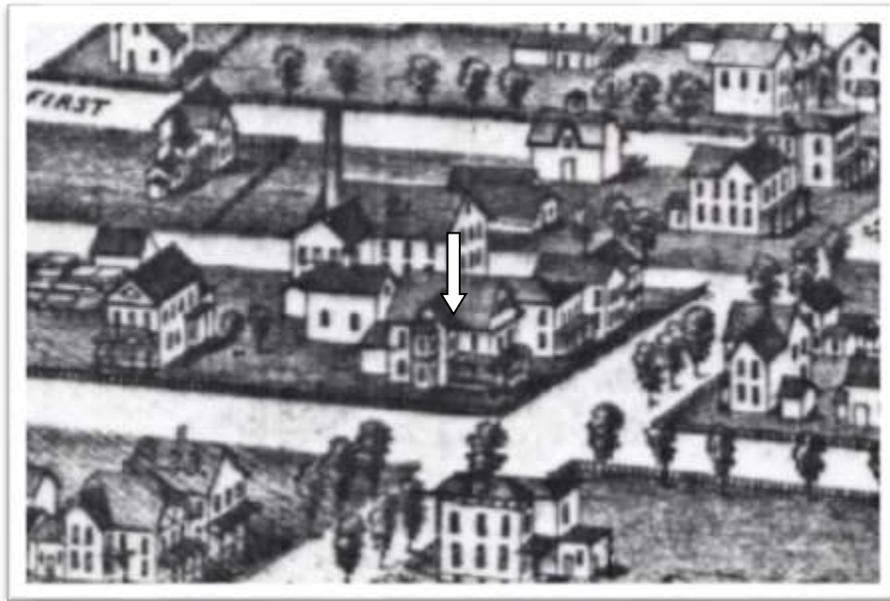
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South Elevation (façade) after porch renovation with handicap ramp



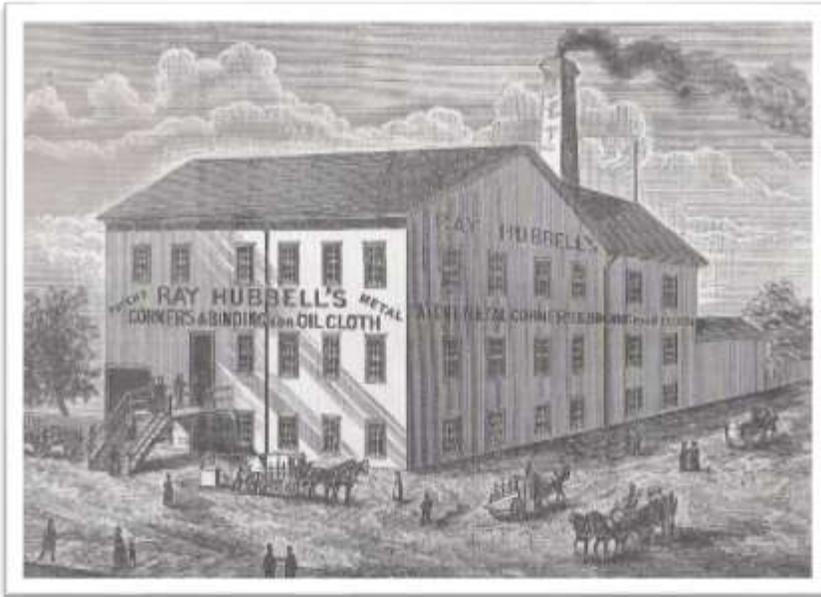
Bird's eye view – Bing maps of house and factory remains



1890 Burleigh Lithograph



Architectural Drawing of Hubbell House for Alterations 2009

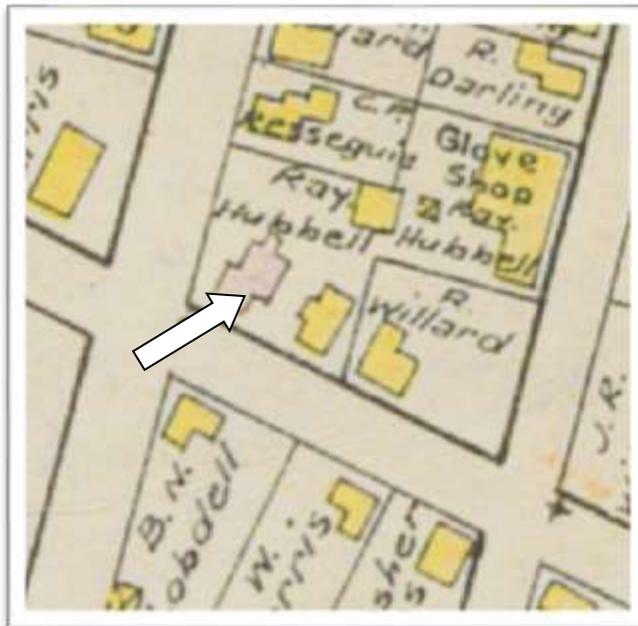


First factory lost to fire in 1890 and was rebuilt

Tax Map-



Historic Maps-



1905 New Century Map – “Ray Hubbell”

331 Bridge Street Hubbell House, May 12, 2009, Taken by Warren Taylor



East side



West side



South side - Front



North side