



# HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY FORM

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## IDENTIFICATION

Property name (if any): Van Arnun - Smith House tax id: 32.5-10-1.1 & 32.5-10-1.2

Address or Street Location: 161 N. Main Rural Fire Number: \_\_\_\_\_

County: Fulton Town: Northampton Village/Hamlet: Northville

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

Architect/Builder, if known: \_\_\_\_\_ Construction Date: 1870-1880

Owner: Richard E. Smith

## DESCRIPTION

Please check those that are applicable

<b>Exterior Walls:</b>	<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

<b>Foundation:</b>	<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):**

**Condition:**  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated

<b>Associated Building:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> garage	<input type="checkbox"/> silo	<input type="checkbox"/> privy	<input type="checkbox"/> shed	<input type="checkbox"/> barns
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> carriage house (not owned by home anymore)		<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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**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 (business)**

**Narrative Description of Property:**

This 2 ½ story masonry framed home is built in the Queen Anne/Stick/Eastlake Style. The façade is gable ended with fish scale shingles in the gable along with a fan or sunburst detail. The roof is cross gabled with a pressed metal roofing. There is a wrap around porch with a kitty corner porch entry with a pediment gable and sunburst design. The porch has spindles along the fascia and is supported by turned wood columns and there is a spindled balustrade. The windows are 1/1 dbl hung wood with ornate crested crowns over each. There are mature trees and hedge that contribute to the property.

The carriage barn is 2 story wood frame building with cross gables and 2/2 dbl hung wood windows. It retains much of its integrity.

**Significance:** The criteria of eligibility are associated to Criterion A & C (Properties significant for their association in or linkage to events and architecture/artistic value) for its significance to the history of Northville and important because of its association to the establishment of the many facets of the community Van Arnam was involved in and is an excellent example of the Stick/Eastlake style dominate here is the village.

George E. Van Arnam was born 1852 and he married Charlotte Willard. He built this brick house in the Queen Anne/ Eastlake style. It was the second brick house to be built in Northville. George became Director and Vice President of the Northville Bank and was Town of Northampton Supervisor. He owned a grocery store which was located where the Rite Aid Drugstore now stands. George also operated a stage coach from Northville as far north as Piseco and delivered the mail and freight for the FJ & G RR. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge. He was also a lumberman and a land developer who owned many tracks of land in and around Northville. He was also a loyal member of the Methodist Church.

**Address:** 161 N Main

**Photo:**



**North Elevation**



**East Elevation (façade)**



**South Elevation**



**Bird's eye view – Bing maps**



**Carriage Barn is not owned by the main house now, but was originally a part of this home.**

