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HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
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NORTHVILLE, NEW YORK  
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## IDENTIFICATION

Property name (if any): Conover House tax id: 32.9-4-3

Address or Street Location: 411 S First 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: 1910

Owner: Alice Conover  
411 S First St  
Northville NY 12134

## DESCRIPTION

Please check those that are applicable

<b>Exterior Walls:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> wood clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> wood shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> vertical boards	<input type="checkbox"/> plywood	<input type="checkbox"/> stone
	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> concrete block
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**Alterations:** Date(s)(if known):

**Condition:**  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated

<b>Associated Building:</b>	<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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**Organization:** Made Possible by the Preserve NY Grant & the Northampton Historic Landmark 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 – NO**  
**Inside Historic District (contributes) –YES**  
**Theme – Industry Era (business)**

**Narrative Description of Property:** This is an early 20<sup>th</sup> century 2 ½ story wood framed home built in the Colonial Revival style. The attic has dormers with 8/1 dbl hung wood windows. The rest of the house mostly has 1/1 dbl hung wood windows with storms. The center second floor window has a 2/2 wood storm. The house is three bays wide and two bays deep. The south side has a bay window (from first to second floor). A brick chimney adorns the asphalt shingled hipped roof. The siding is wooden clapboard. Some of the foundation is made of stone, but most of it is made of shaped concrete blocks. A large porch spans the front of the house and has a center gable. It is supported by round columns and has straight wood balustrade. The front entry door has sidelights. The lot contains many mature maple and pine trees. There is a garage in the rear.

**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 contributions of William Conover, and are an excellent example of a Colonial Revival home with many original details.

**Address:** 411 S First

**Photo:**



**East Elevation (façade)**

# CONOVER HOUSE

411 First Street  
Northville, NY

Present owner: Alice Conover



Built in 1910 for two  
spinster sisters

Note: porch on the side has been removed

\*The first owners were **Ida and Emma Williams**. They were spinsters. They lived there only in the summer and for only about 3 years. When they died the only heir was another sister, **Clara K. Williams Scott**. The sisters didn't leave a will so Clara had to prove that she was their only heir before she became the owner. (1913)

\*1916 the house was sold to **Peter C. and Lillian Pickard**.

\*1931 Pickard's sold it to a **William S Chamberlin**

\***Rosena Wessels** bought the house in 1938 and sold it in 1939, most likely she never lived there.

\*Records show that **Margaret E Hulette** bought it in 1942 and lived there until 1947.

\***Edward and Arlene Barnell** bought the house for \$9,000 in 1947

\***William Conover** bought it from Barnell in 1957. Wm. (Bill) died in 2007. His widow Alice continues to live there.

## WILLIAM CONOVER

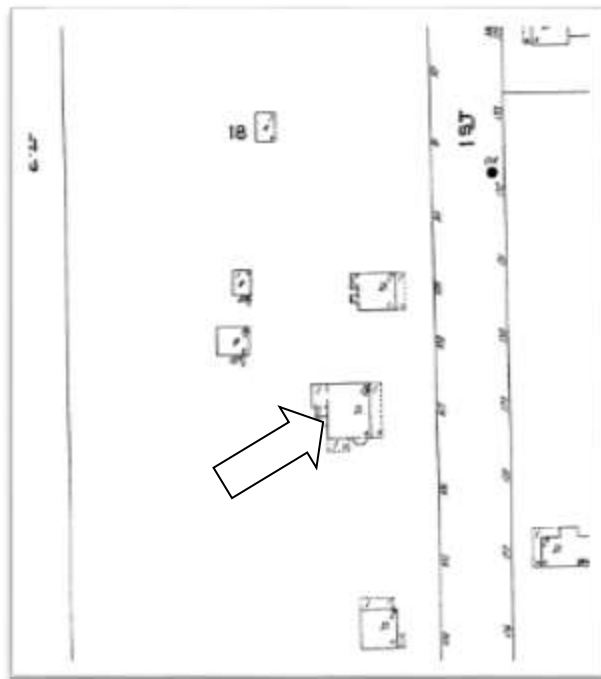
Mr. William Conover was probably the most outstanding and prominent owner of this house. He was highly respected by all he had contact with. He was very active in the service of his community. He served many years as Water Plant Operator for the village of Northville and Sacandaga Park. He was often asked by the Village Board to be the Moderator of the Board of Elections. "Bill" owned and operated the well-known Allen and Palmer Hardware Store on Main Street. His grandfather on his mother's side, settle in Northville before the Civil War and mustered in the war from Northville. Bill was a Trustee in the Northville Baptist Church and designed the addition to the church building. Bill was a professional in the field of plumbing and heating and was responsible for installing heating systems and plumbing in many of the homes and commercial buildings in town and outlying areas.

(Cramer)

**Tax Map:**



**Historic Maps:**



**1926 Sanborn Map**