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IDENTIFICATION

Property name (if any): Peter Harris House tax id: 32.5-7-6
Address or Street Location: 421 Bridge (Colonial Revival) 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: 1902
Owner: Alfred & Hea Lauria
P.O. Box 1241
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: North side second story most likely an open porch, closed in later. Battered stone foundation painted. Small storage addition to northwest side.

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

Surroundings: open land woodland scattered buildings densely built-up
 commercial industrial residential agricultural 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 Colonial Revival style It has a symmetrical layout. It has a hipped roof with a gable ended façade. There are 4 hipped roofed dormers in the attic. A Palladian window in the façade gable has a center double hung arched window; the 2 side windows are single pane rectangles. Dentil molding adorns the cornices. The distinctive first floor wrap-around, curved porch, is shingled and has a paneled balustrade with decorative spindle work in openings below. Grouped round columns with ionic capitals support the porch roof. Two-story pilasters with ionic capitals adorn each vertical corner of the building and there are similar double pillars on the back entryway. There is a first floor bay window on the east side of the house. Full sized windows are all double-hung wood. The front door has a large leaded single pane light. Battered stone foundation is painted. The second floor of the rear entryway looks as if it is an enclosed porch.

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 as an excellent example of a large scale Colonial Revival.

The first owner of this house was P. Harris (see 1905 map). Peter Harris was successfully involved in the lumber business and he and his wife, Lydia Potter Harris, lived most of their lives in the Town of Hope. Peter Harris was very active in Hamilton County politics, was Supervisor of the Town of Hope and was County treasurer for 33 years. In 1902 they built a “commodious and attractive residence” in Northville and lived there until their deaths in 1910 and 1911(obituary).

Peter and Lydia Harris had 6 children and their daughter, Emma, with her husband Charles H. Griffing (Griffin), lived in this house after 1916. Charles H. Griffing was an astute businessman who became President of International Paper Company and was director of 4 other companies; he retired in 1912. Emma Griffing (Griffing) died in 1932. Only child, Peter Harris Griffen, Northville Postmaster from 1940 – 1958, and wife, Betty Griffen inherited this house. It has been owned by the descendants of the Harris/Griffin(Griffing) family until its most recent residents, the Lurias. During the 1940’s the NY State Troopers had offices in this house. (GC)

Owners of this house:

Peter and Lydia Harris 1902 – 1916

Charles H. and Emma Harris Griffing (Griffin) 1916 – c. 1935

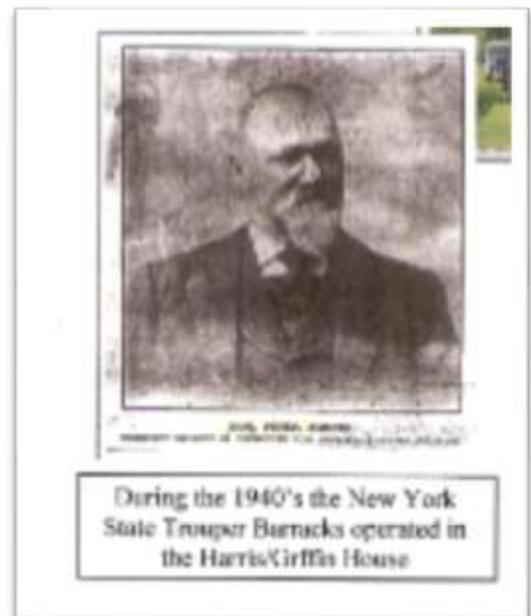
Peter Harris Griffen and Betty Clark Griffen c. 1935 -

Sources:

Gail Cramer, Northville/Town of Northampton Historian

Obituary of Lydia Potter Harris

Williams, Don, “Inside the Blue Line”; Schenectady Gazette, September 9, 2001.



Address: 421 Bridge

Photo:

421 Bridge Street, Colonial Revival, Taken May 12, 2009 by Warren Taylor



South side Front



East side



Southwest Front



West side



Northwest back

Tax Map:



Historic Maps:



1905 New Century Map – “P. Harris”