



HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY FORM

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HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
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IDENTIFICATION

Property name (if any): Olaf Johnson House Tax id: 32.10-2-7

Address or Street Location: 431 S 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: 1850

Owner: Douglas & Linda G Frye
P.O. Box 803
Northville NY 12134

DESCRIPTION

Please check those that are applicable

Exterior Walls:	<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

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):

Condition: excellent good fair deteriorated

Associated Building:	<input 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 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 1 ½ story wood framed home is built in the Greek Revival style c. 1850. It has a gabled ended façade molding returns and pilasters. The is a full width front porch supported with square columns. The windows are a combination of 6/6 and 1/1 dbl hung wood. On the north elevation a single car garage has been added. On the south elevation is a small porch supported by turned columns. There is also a small addition in the rear.

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 the Village of Northville, important because of its association to the establishment of Northville as well as the Johnson family and is an excellent example of an Greek Revival home in the village.

Olaf Johnson was born 1877 in Glumslöf, Sweden He came to America when he was 16 years old and married Lula. They moved to Northville in 1912 where he set up an automotive repair and machine shop. He also designed a Tricot Weaving Machine “Johnson Textile Machinery Works. His shop was behind his house at 431 S. Main Street. He also developed experimental aircraft instruments. During the 30’s he developed an automatic transmission for the Reo car and glove dies for local glove shops. Lula was very active in her church. (Cramer)

Other Sources: See Bibliography

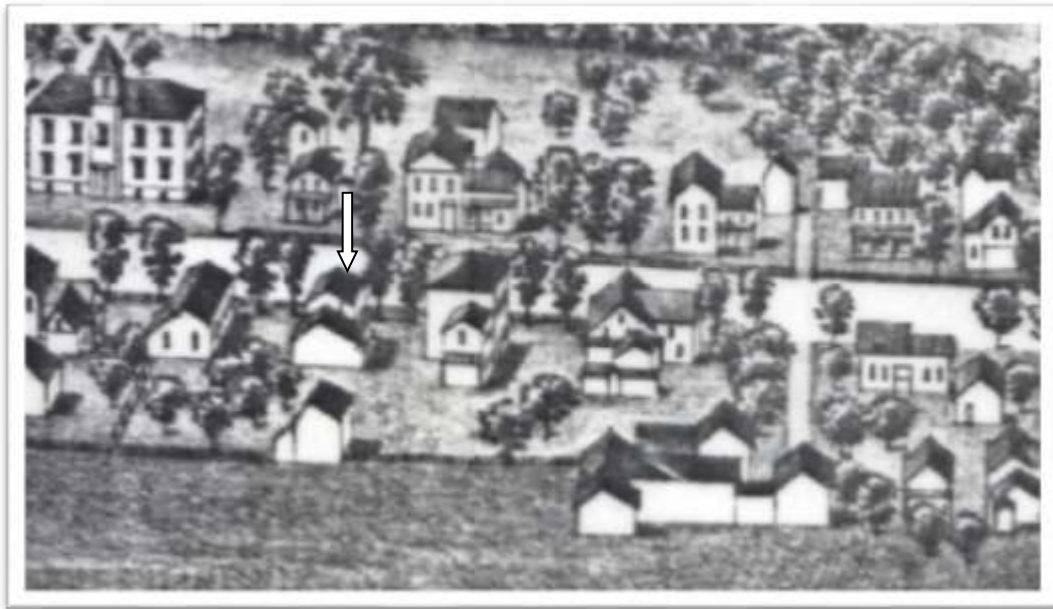
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Photo:





East Elevation (façade)



1890 Burleigh Lithograph

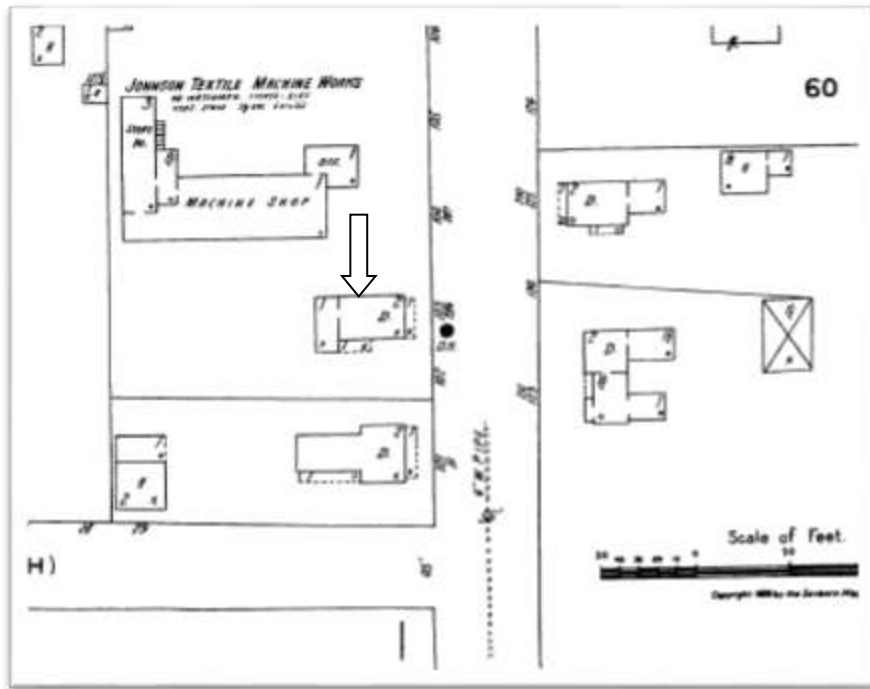
Tax Map:



Historic Maps:



1860 Burr Map – O. Burges



1926 Sanborn Map