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HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
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IDENTIFICATION

Property name (if any): G.N. Brown House tax id: 32.5-18-3
 Address or Street Location: 201 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: 1898
 Owner: Marilyn & Robert Raffetto
 P.O. Box 29
 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: Pressure treated wood deck is out of context (added 2008) **Date(s)(if known):** _____

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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Organization: Made Possible by the Preserve NY Grant & the Northampton Historic Landmark Commission

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 (local business)

Narrative Description of Property: This 2 ½ story wood framed home is built in the Queen Anne/Eastlake style. The façade is gable ended and is steeply sloped. The triangular section of the gable is extended forward and there are small wide brackets on the overhang. There is also a cross gable and a south dormer. There is a wrap around porch that is pedimented gable over the front entry with a carved plaque supported by turned wood columns. The south elevation has a bay window and a stained glass window to the staircase. The attic window is a Palladian style. The window to the right of the front entry door is a stained glass window. The rest of the windows are mostly 1/1 dbl hung wood windows. This house has incredible details and retains 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 Drug Store, Mr. Brown and is an excellent example of a Queen Anne/ Eastlake style home.

This house sits on the corner lot of Center and S Main. This was the pharmacists house, G.N. Brown, who ran the Drug Store before Kested did on Main Street.

Address: 201 S Main

Photo:



East Elevation (façade)

George N Brown

Born: 8/25/1844 Died: 6/8/1922 buried in the Broadalbin Village Cemetery
Married: Francelia T. _____ 2 children: Mabel Anna and Harry

G.N. Brown was a native of Mayfield, NY. He became interested in the drug business through the influence of relatives in the Bradford and Dixon drug store in Broadalbin, NY. In 1872 he purchased Hiram Eglin's drugstore business, which was on Main Street in Northville, NY.

The business outgrew the little frame building that he bought from Mr. Eglin, so he built a 3 story brick building in 1878. The little frame building was moved to the lot next to his house on South Main Street. While he conducted the drug business, his brother-in-law Fayette Carpenter was associated with him as pharmacist. The telegraph office was located in the store with Carpenter as telegrapher. G.N. Brown sold his business to Anderson and Copeland. Who in turn sold it to William L. Kested and Isaac Bowman.

Mr. Brown was a trustee in the Methodist church, and Town Clerk in 1876 and the first President of the Northville Bank in 1895.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown built a beautiful home on the corner of Center Street and South Main Street in the year, 1878. Mrs. Brown was apparently involved in local activities. She played the part of Harriet Beecher Stowe in a historical pageant, "The Temple of Fame".

In 1883 tragedy struck this family, when their only son went ice skating and fell through the ice and drowned. See newspaper article #1.

200 guests were invited to the wedding of their daughter Molly, which took place in their large beautiful home on South main Street. See newspaper article #2

G.N. Brown House



1878

The Mason's bought the house from the Brown's in 1925. It was never used by the Mason's because they purchased the old Cole Block on South Main Street.

The Wells Family purchased the house and ran as the Wellsley Tea Room during the '30's.

Herman and Ruth Serfis moved their Glove manufacturing business from Gloversville to Northville in 1942. They purchase the house at that time.

Current Owners: Robert C and Gina Raffetto
201 S Main St
Northville, NY 12134-4203



G.N. Brown House
Built 1898
South Main Street

G.N. Brown moved to Northville in 1872. He was a pharmacist and built a drugstore on Main Street. He purchased the land on the corner of Division and South Main. He built this house on the corner and moved the old wooden drugstore on the south end of the lot. The Masonic Lodge bought the house from 1925 - 1928, but never used it for any Lodge meetings because negotiations were started to purchase the Cole Block. Mrs. Wells of Gloversville operated "The Wellsley Tea Room and lived there in the 30's. Herman Serfis and family moved into the house when Mr Serfis moved his glove business from Gloversville to the old Union School House. Mr and Mrs. Robert Raffetto had a Bed and Breakfast there before it was sold back to beign a residence.

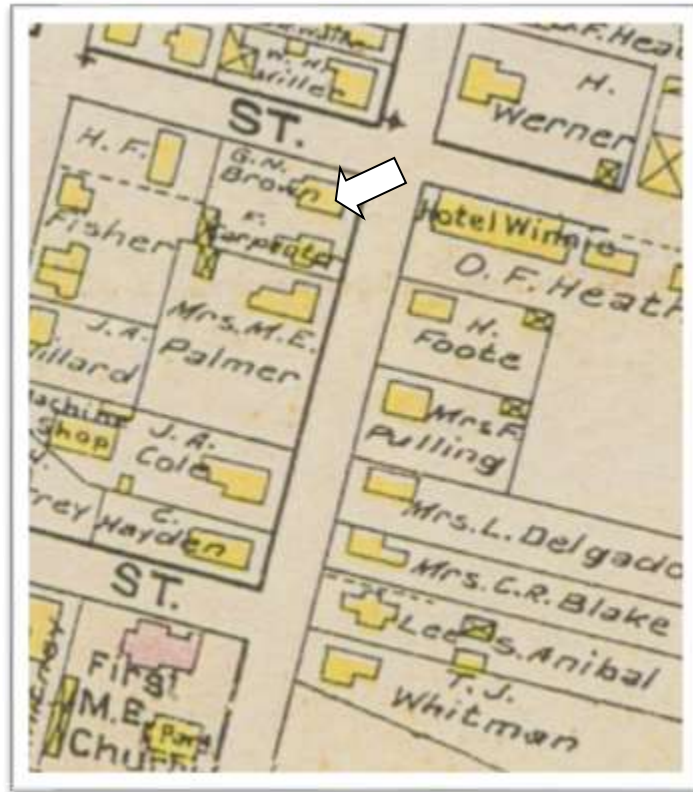


1890 Burleigh Lithograph – 201 S Main is located across from the Winney Hotel site.

Tax Map:



Historic Maps:



1905 Century Map – G.N. Brown

