

# Downtown Partnership Collection

## A Finding Aid



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## I. Collection Summary

<b>Title</b>	Downtown Partnership Collection
<b>Collection No.</b>	C142
<b>Extent</b>	3.5 GB (digital)
<b>Date Range</b>	c. 1993-2013 (bulk 2006-2010)
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>This collection comprises photographs and inventories of businesses and buildings in eight downtown districts in Livingston County, New York: Avon, Caledonia, Geneseo, Lima, Livonia, Mt. Morris, North Dansville, and Nunda. These materials were created to support applications for New York Main Street Grants through the Downtown Partnership revitalization program of Livingston County Economic Development. The Village of Mt. Morris is particularly well represented, with draft and final building inventories as well as many photographs of before, during, and after rehabilitation projects. Additional documents, including building inventories and individual project plans, were added to the collection from Livingston County Economic Development in 2023. While some do not fit directly with Downtown Partnership, they all relate to downtown revitalization.</p>
<b>Languages</b>	English.
<b>Access and Restrictions</b>	<p>Use of the documents in the collection is for serious research and by request and permission of the Livingston County Historian's Office. Any use of the material in publications must be cited as follows, "Courtesy of Livingston County Historian's Office, New York." Additionally, all documents should be handled with care.</p> <p>To arrange to conduct research with the documents in the collection, contact the Livingston County Historian by mail at: 5 Murray Hill Drive, Mount Morris, NY, by phone at (585) 243-7955, or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:Historian@livingstoncountyny.gov">Historian@livingstoncountyny.gov</a>.</p>
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## II. Background Information and Arrangement Notes

The Downtown Partnership is a revitalization program formed in 2003 as the Downtown Revitalization Program. It was rebranded the Downtown Partnership in 2011. The mission of the program, according to Downtown Partnership's website in 2019, is to:

“Promote and enhance the unique, authentic, and vibrant villages of Livingston County. The Partnership enhances economic growth through programs and assistance in downtown revitalization and community development, preservation and enhancement of downtown buildings, integrated marketing of the existing businesses and community, and entrepreneurship development and recruitment of new businesses.”

The collection was received in installments between 2016 and 2023. The first three parts were transferred by Louise Wadsworth, the Downtown Coordinator for Livingston County Economic Development's Downtown Partnership program, and in 2023 a fourth installment was transferred by Livingston County Economic Development.

The first installation, received in 2016, comprised five packets of printed inventories and business listings for the villages of Caledonia, Geneseo, Lima, Mt. Morris, and Dansville, Livingston County, New York. The second donation in September 2019 comprised effectively the digital versions of several of these inventories, plus many photographs of the village of Mt. Morris. This segment initially comprised 16 CDs (one for Lima, two for Nunda, and 13 for Mt. Morris) and was consolidated, discarding several CDs that were duplicitous. The contents of the remaining 12 CDs are described in Section III of this finding aid. The third installment comprised 15 more CDs that were consolidated to seven. The fourth collection, transferred in June 2023, comprised several building inventories and grant project reports.

The photographs and inventories that comprise this collection were created to support the applications for New York Main Street Grants for several village centers in Livingston County. The village of Mt. Morris, which is well-represented through photographs and supporting electronic documents in this collection, received a New York Main Street Grant in 2008. This money went toward rehabilitating 12 buildings in the downtown district. Dansville and Lima each received a New York Main Street Grant in 2010, Geneseo was granted funds through the program in 2011, and Avon and Nunda in 2012. In 2014, Geneseo, Dansville, and Mt. Morris received more monies through the Main Street Grant, the same year that Caledonia became a member of the program. Caledonia received a grant toward a business renovation in 2015.

In June 2023, County Historian's Office staff reorganized digital files by town and date. Newly transferred physical items, as well as existing documents, were scanned by the Livingston County Historian's Office to comply with archival standards. In order to minimize duplication, the remaining physical documents were deaccessioned and disposed of. As of 2023, the collection is fully digital.

### III. Contents List

#### C142 – Avon

2008 Avon Buildings Inventory  
2009 Avon Building Inventory

#### C142 – Caledonia

1993 Caledonia Buildings Inventory  
2008 Caledonia Photos  
2008 Caledonia Buildings Inventory  
2009 Caledonia Buildings Inventory  
2010 Caledonia Buildings Inventory

#### C142 – Geneseo

2008 Geneseo Buildings Inventory  
2009 Geneseo Buildings Inventory  
2010 Geneseo Buildings Inventory  
2012 97 Main Street Project  
2012 Wadsworth Homestead Project  
2013 Riviera Theater Project

#### C142 – Lima

2008 Lima Buildings Inventory  
2009 Lima Buildings Inventory  
2010 Lima Buildings Inventory

#### C142 – Livonia

2005-2007 Livonia Photos  
2008 Livonia Buildings Inventory

#### C142 – Mt. Morris

2003-2005 Mt. Morris Photos  
2003-2010 Mt. Morris Grant Photos  
2005-2007 Mt. Morris Photos  
2006 Mt. Morris Photos by Olympia Nicoden  
2006-1007 Mt. Morris Photos  
2007 Mt. Morris Photos by Renee Garrett, School Superintendent  
2008 Mt. Morris Walking Tour Photos  
2008 Mt. Morris Buildings Inventory  
2009 Mt. Morris Buildings Inventory  
2010 Mt. Morris Buildings Inventory

#### C142 – North Dansville

2005-2007 North Dansville Photos  
2008 North Dansville Buildings Inventory  
2009 North Dansville Buildings Inventory  
2010 North Dansville Buildings Inventory

#### C142 – Nunda

2005-2007 Nunda Photos  
2008 Nunda Photos

2008 Nunda Buildings Inventory  
2009 Nunda Buildings Inventory  
2010 Nunda Buildings Inventory