

# State Survey Photographs, 1948-1949

## A Finding Aid



State Survey Photograph #153

**Livingston County Historian's Office**

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## I. Collection Summary

<b>Title</b>	State Survey Photographs, 1947-1948
<b>Collection No.</b>	C169
<b>Extent</b>	1 linear foot (includes 233 photographic prints)
<b>Date Range</b>	1947-1948
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>This collection comprises a series of photographs made by the New York State Education Department, Division of Archives and History, during two sessions in 1947 and 1948. The collection scope encompasses historic sites and structures throughout Livingston County, New York, ranging from military campsites and mills to private residences and churches. Also included are accompanying papers, including correspondence about the project, site information sheets, and photograph lists (both proposed and completed).</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**

In March of 1947, Howard W. Crocker, Assistant Archivist at the Division of Archives and History under the New York State Education Department, reached out to Livingston County Historian, Dr. Karl Hartzell. The Division was conducting photographic surveys of historic sites and structures around New York State with the assistance of local historians. The purpose was to document sites of local and national importance as selected and described by those most familiar with their county's heritage – local historians.

According to correspondence in March 1947 between Crocker and the Livingston County Historian's Office, Karl Hartzell and Miss Sylvia Colt, assistant to the Livingston County Historian, were to identify and number the sites within Livingston County that they wished to be photographed for the survey. In September of 1947, Howard Crocker, accompanied by a photographer named Mr. John Vrooman, made the trip to Livingston County to professionally photograph the selected sites over a period of five days. This amounted to photographs numbering 1 to 164, with some additional views of some subjects, labeled with "A"s, "B"s, etc.

According to index pages of the numbered photographs, another round of images, numbered 175 to 256, with some "A" and "B" views, were taken in June of 1948.

Accompanying are about .3 linear feet of Historic Sites Information sheets filled out, it appears, primarily by the County Historian's Office. Most date from 1947-1948, with notations about whether or not photographs were taken, though some date from as late as 1950 and are primarily those submitted by industrious Town Historians. These packets also contain proposed lists of photographs to take in 1947-1948 with checkmarks on some entries; these closely resemble other typed lists, which confirm that not all sites identified were actually photographed. Some notations suggest that the County Historian already possessed images of some sites, which assumedly made it unnecessary to photograph them again for the state project.

## **III. Arrangement Notes**

The photographs in this collection were initially collected together by the Livingston County Historian, and presumably copies of prints and/or negatives also were filed at the New York State Archives. The photographs measure 8" by 10" and have a linen backing with a hole-punched tab for insertion into a binder. Some images bear tabbed dividers which would have eased access to the numerically-organized images.

The collection, however, was ultimately broken up, probably in the 1980s, and photographs filed by town and subject. The distinctive look and labeling of the linen-backed photographic prints has made it possible to identify the original extent of the collection, however.

The accompanying indexes and Historic Sites Information sheets provide valuable background information. Checkmarks are yet visible on many entries. Comparison of the lists against the actual holdings suggests that those with checkmarks represent the photographs that were taken. Those lacking checkmarks could not be located in the County Historian's photograph series and there is indication that they were proposed as photographic subjects but not photographed in the end. Some typed lists are found in a reference binder, and other proposed lists along with Historic Sites Information sheets are in archival files storage.

The gap in numbering between #164 and #175 was left for inserts to the collection, which does not appear to have occurred.

The collection has, to the best of the County Historian's Office's current ability, been identified in a master inventory, but original images remain filed in the photograph series, and are not physically grouped as a collection. Each photograph is protected by an archival plastic sleeve and bears a unique locator number. Photographs are filed by town and then roughly by subject. Nearly all images have been digitized. Similarly, supporting documents, specifically the Historic Sites Information sheets, are filed apart from the images but have been described and digitized.

With the inventory, indexes, and this finding aid, the State Photograph Collection, 1947-1948, can be utilized despite not being housed together.

<b>Number</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>Description</b>
#1	York	Chandler House near Piffard (Westerly)
#2	York	Piffard Colonial Inn (Yard of Ale)
#3	York	Old Dutch Reformed Church, now St. Raphael's
#4	York	Greigsville Tavern
#5	York	International Salt Co Retsof
#6	York	Old Davis Place
#6a	York	Davis Place
#8	Groveland	Col. John Magee's Home, built 1812
#10b	Groveland	Groveland Presbyterian Church, Groveland Hill Rd., detail of steeple
#11	Groveland	Benway House (burned) (Old Doty Tavern)
#13	Groveland	Ward House, Hunts Corners
#14	Groveland	Culbertson Home
#15	Groveland	Judge James Rosebrugh Home
#16	Groveland	Zehner Mill, Groveland Station
#17	Groveland	Part of old Williamson Rd
#18	Sparta	William Scott's House in Scottsburg
#19	Conesus	Capt. Daniel Shay's gravestone, Union Cemetery
#20	Conesus	Site of Mills on McMillen Farm; Henderson Mills
#21	Conesus	Sliker cobblestone house near Conesus Center
#22	Conesus	View of Lake and Hills taken from Dansville Road out of Conesus
#22a	Conesus	View of Lake and Hills taken from Dansville Road out of Conesus (Sullivan Campsite)
#22b	Conesus	View of Lake and Hills taken from Dansville Road out of Conesus
#22c	Conesus	View of Lake and Hills taken from Dansville Road out of Conesus
#22d	Conesus	View of Lake and Hills taken from Dansville Road out of Conesus
#23	Conesus	Log House - built by Isaac Kellerman
#24	Conesus	Grist Mill (Josiah Bell)
#25	Conesus	Old George Coe House
#28	Caledonia	Taylor / Cameron House, now Big Spring Tourist Home, 57 Main St.
#30	Caledonia	McKay Homestead
#31	Caledonia	McKay Mill, built 1839
#36	Caledonia	First Presbyterian Church (The White Church) doorway detail
#37	Caledonia	Masonic Temple
#38	Caledonia	The Dean House
#39	Caledonia	Brooks House
#40	Caledonia	The Sylvester Hosmer Inn
#41	Caledonia	John Hugh McNaughton House
#41a	Caledonia	Marker Unknown soldier - war of 1812
#42	Caledonia	Old Fraser Place, stone house
#43	Caledonia	Soldier's Monument
#46	Avon	Tabor residence; built by Capt. Asa Nowlen, 1820
#47	Avon	Avon Inn; more info on back of phot
#48	Avon	St. Agnes Rectory; orig. home of Graves & Amy Hosmer
#49	Avon	John Englert House, built 1865 for Col. McPherson
#50	Caledonia	Site of the Indian village, Canawaugus; now farm field
#51	Avon	Taintor Home; much info on back
#53	Avon	Mulligan House, Barber Road; info on back
#53b	Avon	Mulligan House doorway

#53d	Avon	Stables on the Edward Mulligan farm, Barber Road
#54	Avon	Flume of the Gilbert grist mill; info on back
#56	Geneseo	Wadsworth Homestead
#57	Geneseo	Colt House, 32 Main St.
#58	Geneseo	Col. McMillen home, later St. Mary's Parish Center
#59	Geneseo	Hartford House
#61	Geneseo	39 South St., Mrs. Valle Austen home
#62	Geneseo	Temple Hill Academy, now home of James Lockhart
#63	Geneseo	Cobblestone School / Livingston County Historical Society
#68	Geneseo	old North House, now property of Snider Packing Co. stone built
#70	York	District #8 - Brick School
#72	York	Gilmore House
#73	York	Hicks Place
#76	York	Octagon House
#77	York	Cobblestone Smoke House on Cooley place
#78	York	Bass Place - Hillcrest
#78a	York	Entrance, Bass Place - Hillcrest
#81	Lima	Matthew Warner House; more info on back of photo
#82	Lima	Reuben Thayer Home, built in 1793; more info on back of photo
#83	Lima	Genesee Junior College (orig. Lima Seminary); info on back
#83a	Lima	College Hall
#85	Lima	Dr. Justin Smith house; Built in 1792; more info on back of photo
#86	Lima	Herbert Knop house, built in 1793 by Capt. John Morgan; more info on back of photo
#87	Lima	Erastus Clark House, Hillcrest; more info on back of photo
#88	Lima	Presbyterian Church
#89	Geneseo	Allan Wattles home
#91	Geneseo	Vance House, 57 Second
#91a	Geneseo	Vance House, 57 Second
#92	Geneseo	Campbell House built by Gov. Young, 33 Second St.
#92a	Geneseo	Campbell House, 33 Second St.
#93	Geneseo	35 Second St., Doty / Teall
#93a	Geneseo	35 Second St., Teall
#94	Geneseo	J. W. Wadsworth Office, 1 Main St.
#95	Geneseo	Emerald Hall, Old St. Mary's Church, razed 1951
#96	Geneseo	Jones Tavern
#96a	Geneseo	view of river near Jones Bridge
#97	Groveland	Chestnut House, Sonyea
#98	West Sparta	West Sparta Methodist Church
#99	West Sparta	Hugh McNair House
#100	West Sparta	House on Green St.; once used as Mormon Church
#101	West Sparta	Mid-Victorian on Rt. 11 (old Kysor place)
#102	West Sparta	Story & a half house, east side of Rt. 36 near Cumminsville; Bradner / Mitchell house
#103	North Dansville	Shepard home (became Library)
#104	North Dansville	Clara Barton's Home, Perine St.
#105	North Dansville	Lutheran Church

#106	North Dansville	Canal Warehouse
#107	North Dansville	Eagle Hotel
#109	Ossian	Presbyterian Church in Ossian Centre
#110	Ossian	Luther Bisbee House
#111	Nunda	Barkerstown Church
#114	Portage	Lock on Genesee Valley Canal
#115	Portage	The Portage Hotel
#116	Portage	Upper falls & RR Bridge
#117	Portage	Glen Iris Inn
#117a	Portage	Glen Iris Inn
#118	Portage	Middle Falls
#118a	Portage	Middle Falls with bridge
#119	Portage	Mary Jemison statue
#120	Portage	Mary Jemison's cabin
#121	Portage	The Gorge, Letchworth State Park
#122	Nunda	The Dowling House
#123	Mt. Morris	Methodist Church at Ridge
#124	Leicester	Looking southeast from 1st drive in place
#124a	Leicester	From point just beyond second drive in
#124b	Leicester	High Banks from 3rd drive in place, looking southwest
#124b	Leicester	High Banks from 3rd drive in place, looking southwest
#126	Leicester	Sterling Salt Works
#128	Leicester	Presbyterian Church, Leicester
#129	Leicester	Roman Catholic Church (old Methodist Church)
#130	Leicester	The Patterson House
#131	Leicester	Crocker House (used to be a Jones Tavern)
#132	Leicester	The Boies House (once a Jones tavern)
#134	Leicester	A. F. Starr House built in 1814 (Jones Tavern)
#135	Leicester	Coverdale House - cobblestone
#136	Leicester	Judge Patterson House (on road between Leicester & York)
#137	Mt. Morris	Dabold House, corner of Murray and Eagle Sts.
#138	Mt. Morris	Truman Hill Home, 44 Murray St.
#139	Mt. Morris	Old Vernam House, 24 Murray St.
#140	Mt. Morris	122 Main St. Oldest frame house; razed 1978
#141	Mt. Morris	Reuben P. Wisner House, 145 Main St.; info on back of photo
#142	Mt. Morris	Lake House, 163 Main St.
#143	Mt. Morris	Old Canal Tavern / Burk House
#144	Mt. Morris	Hastings property, off Grove St.
#146	Mt. Morris	bridge at St. Helena across the Genesee (more info on back)
#146a	Mt. Morris	river near St. Helena Bridge looking South
#146b	Mt. Morris	river near St. Helena Bridge looking North
#147	Geneseo	Big Tree Flats, site of signing of Big Tree Treaty 1797
#147a	Geneseo	Big Tree Flats, site of treaty
#147b	Geneseo	Big Tree Flats
#149	Portage	The Long House, Letchworth Park
#150	Geneseo	Livingston County Club, Lakeville Rd.

#151	Avon	Race Track
#152	Avon	Creamery - Ashantee
#153	Livonia	Livonia Center Church
#155	Mt. Morris	LaDelpha Hotel
#163	Caledonia	Genesee Valley Canal Bed, now Pennsylvania Railroad
#175	Geneseo	Conesus outlet Horseshoe curve seen from Triphammer Rd.
#176	Avon	Conesus Outlet and Bridge on Pole Bridge Rd.
#177	Avon	Falls near old papermill on Papermill Rd.
#177a	Avon	Falls near old papermill on Papermill Rd.
#178	Avon	stonework of the old Papermill
#179	Avon	U.S. Army Campsite - 1812, at Ashantee
#180	Avon	John Pearson Tavern, now Coyne tenant house, East Avon
#181	Avon	Gilbert Mill Dam
#181a	Avon	Gilbert Mill Race
#182	Avon	Gilbert Mill building
#183	Avon	John Steele House; orig. Frederick Pearson home
#184	Avon	old barn on John Steele place with weathervane
#185	Caledonia	Culvert No. 22, under Genesee Valley Canal, on Wadsworth Farm
#186	Caledonia	Volney-Lacey Place
#186a	Caledonia	Volney-Lacey Place detail
#187	Caledonia	Christie Mill
#187a	Caledonia	Christie Mill
#188	Caledonia	Stables on Christie Place
#189	Caledonia	Christie House (stone)
#190	Avon	Old Toll Booth (on Doer Ave; originally by covered bridge)
#192	Avon	Chandler House
#193	Avon	Georgian hallway in B. Nixon home, Temple & Clinton Sts; now Lovette West's home
#194	Avon	Fireplace in former Ladd Tavern, present house of NYS Troopers
#195	Geneseo	39 South St. interior, Mrs. Valle Austen, later Donald Sanders
#196	Geneseo	hallway & stairs at 45 Center St., old Shepard house
#197	Geneseo	Campbell House stairway, Second St.
#199	Leicester	Interior - old Phelps House, Cuylerville
#200	Lima	Masonic meeting room in attic of Floyd Briggs' home
#201	Lima	Dr. Francis Barber House, Double door & fireplace
#201a	Lima	Dr. Francis Barber House, newell post
#202	Lima	ceiling in Klitgord House
#203	Livonia	Church in Lakeville
#204	Livonia	Thornwood, home of O. G. Smith, Hemlock
#205	Livonia	Short Homestead
#206	Livonia	Metropolitan Hotel, Hemlock, north end
#207	Livonia	Baptist Church Hemlock
#208	Springwater	Nathan Kellogg Home
#209	Conesus	Sullivan Campsite, taken from Conesus-Dansville Rd., looking northwest
#209a	Conesus	Sullivan Campsite
#210	Conesus	Boyd House at Crockett's Corners
#211	Groveland	Groveland Ambuscade monument
#211a	Groveland	old willows near Groveland monument
#212	Nunda	Dake House on Gibbs St.

#213	Nunda	Mrs. Cooper's House, 14 Mill St.
#214	Nunda	Grist Mill, built by Samuel Swain
#215	Nunda	Presbyterian Church
#216	Nunda	First Methodist Episcopal Church, corner of Church and East Sts.
#217	Nunda	Mrs. Woodworth's House, Massachusetts St. & Fair St.
#217a	Nunda	Mrs. Woodworth's House, detail of entrance
#218	Nunda	Hop House and Drying Houses; built by Mr. Grimes
#219	Portage	Oakland Mill
#220	Portage	Grist Mill ruins, opposite Pinckney Place
#221	Portage	Dashboard Factory storage barn
#222	Portage	Ink Factory ruins, between Oakland Mr. Pinckney's place
#223	York	Chandler House near Piffard, Hall & Pulpit stairway
#223a	York	Chandler House Drawing room
#223b	York	Chandler House Doors from hallway into study
#224	Caledonia	Brooks House
#224a	Caledonia	Brooks House, detail of double front door
#225	Caledonia	Stone House on McCall Rd., built 1829
#226	York	Torrey House
#229	York	Old Donnan House interior fireplace
#229a	York	Donnan House Fireplace-oven exposed
#230	York	Turning basin for canal
#231	York	George Arthur tombstone - infant brother of Chester A. Arthur
#232	Groveland	Catherine Schuyler Van Rensselaer stone
#233	North Dansville	Greek Revival, Williams House, South St. & Washington St.
#234	North Dansville	Faulkner House, 37 West. Ave.
#235	North Dansville	Mitchell House on The Glen Rd.
#236	West Sparta	Log House of William McCartney detail (built 1792)
#236a	West Sparta	McCartney cabin detail
#236b	West Sparta	McCartney cabin brick-lined wall
#237	West Sparta	Old Log Cabin on Miller St.
#238	Mt. Morris	Methodist Protestant Church at Brooks Grove
#239	Sparta	Haven's Tavern
#240	North Dansville	Site of Nathaniel Rochester's House
#241	Leicester	View of the High Banks
#241a	Leicester	High Banks construction
#242	Geneseo	Allan Wattles place, Lakeville Rd, opposite Lakeville-Groveland Rd; former site of Mormon Barn
#243	Geneseo	St. Michael's Episcopal Church
#244	Avon	First Presbyterian Church
#245	Avon	White Horse Tavern
#246	Geneseo	Wadsworth Homestead
#248	Groveland	Possibly First Free Methodist Church building, Hunts Corners
#250	Lima	Cobblestone Schoolhouse, District #6
#251	Avon	Clay Filter picked up near Gilbert Mill
#252	Groveland	Alida Maria Vanrensselaer Carroll stone

#253	Lima	Smith cobblestone house, possibly Williamee
#254	Avon	Erie Railroad Bridge - Ashantee
#256	Portage	John F. Barber House - Chestnut Place

#### **IV. Related Materials**

##### **New York State Archives**

New York State Archives. New York (State). Education Dept. Division of Archives and History. "Photographs of historic sites and structures, 1936-1963." Series A0245-77.

*In the New York State Archives Digital Collections, 122 images from historic site and structure surveys have been uploaded. This includes six photographs from the Livingston County series as well as information about the collection. According to the collection finding aid, the original collection inventory lists 231 images of Livingston County sites and structures. The lists match closely the Livingston County Historian's holdings, but there may be a few in either repository that the other does not have.*