

Kellogg Collection

A Finding Aid



59 Center Street, Geneseo, New York
From Kellogg Collection

Livingston County Historian's Office
5 Murray Hill Dr.
Mt. Morris, NY 14510
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I. Collection Summary

Title	Kellogg Collection
Collection No.	C154
Extent	.75 linear feet
Date Range	c. 1967-1972
Abstract	<p>This collection comprises a series of photographs of homes and buildings mainly in the village of Geneseo, Livingston County, New York, taken by Miss Elizabeth Williams of Geneseo in the late 1960s and early 1970s. The collection documents many historic structures and those of importance in the village. It also includes scattered images of historic and significant structures in the town of Geneseo and some from the town of York, Livingston County. Occasionally there are a few older images included, though most are undated.</p>
Languages	English.
Access and Restrictions	<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 Amie Alden, Livingston County Historian by mail at: 5 Murray Hill Drive, Mount Morris, NY, by phone at (585) 243-7955 or by e-mail at Historian@co.livingston.ny.us.</p> <p>Most images in this collection have been digitized, with the exception of about one third of images in Binder 1 and Binder 2. These digital images are available from the County Historian's Office.</p>
Copyright	There are no items subject to copyright.

II. Biographical and Background Information

Miss Elizabeth Williams was a close friend of Miss Eleanor Kellogg, who was the daughter of Loren A. and Elizabeth Kellogg of Geneseo. A graduate of New York State School of Library Science, Williams had previously lived in Hewlett, Long Island, New York, with Kellogg.

In 1968, they both moved to Geneseo after Williams' retirement, sharing a home at 19 Ward Place. An "enthusiastic photographer," according to her obituary, Williams undertook a personal project to photograph many historic structures in the village of Geneseo as well as some of the more prominent structures in the town of Geneseo and as far as the Retsof Salt Mine in York, Livingston County.

Elizabeth Williams passed away in 1975 at age 66. The three binders of snapshots in her collection were donated to the Livingston County Historian's Office by her friend, Eleanor Kellogg.

III. Arrangement Notes

The Kellogg Collection is so-named because it was donated to the Livingston County Historian's Office by Eleanor Kellogg after Elizabeth Williams' death. Subsequently, the authorship of the collection became ambiguous or lost, and it was thought that Eleanor or her sister, Miss Gladys Kellogg of Geneseo, made the photographs. During the creation of this finding aid and the digitization of photographs in December 2018, Elizabeth Williams' name was reattached to the collection. The "Kellogg Collection" title is thoroughly inked on the materials in the collection and therefore the name has been retained.

At one time, images from the Kellogg Collection were split from one another and filed with Geneseo, York, or Livingston County sections of the County Historian's Photograph Series according to subject matter. Because of this, the collection is not all physically housed together. Approximately 102 images from the Kellogg Collection have been identified in the town and subject sections of the general photograph series and are described below.

IV. Contents List

- Binder 1** Photographs of homes, businesses, monuments, churches, the Livingston County Courthouse, and barns on Main Street, Chestnut Street, Ward Place, South Street, Oak Street, Elm Street, Avon Road, Franklin Street, Orchard Street, School Street, Reservoir Road, Riverside Drive, Groveland Road, Lakeville Road, University Drive, Prospect Street, Temple Hill, Highland Road, Park Street, Mt. Morris Road and West Lake Road. (584 items)
- Binder 2** Photographs of homes and structures on Second Street, North Street, Center Street, Elizabeth Street, and Court Street. (526 items)
- Binder 3** Photographs of the Wadsworth Homestead and associated outbuildings, the Hartford House and associated structures, and one image of the Wadsworth cobblestone home on West Lake Road. (165 items)
- Rm. 109
B2** Photographs of assorted structures, sites, and businesses, including the Bear Fountain, Temple Hill, the Big Tree Inn, War Veterans' Monument at the Village Park, and flooding from Hurricane Agnes in 1972. (68 items)
- Rm. 109
B15** Photographs of International Salt Mine at Retsof and barns, including Wells barn, on property (11 items)
- Rm. 109
B16** Photographs of Livingston County Courthouse, Jail, and Poor House / County Home (13 items)

IV. Related Materials

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- Subject files and photograph series to complement and support images in the Kellogg Collection