

# **The Faulkner Home Collection**

## **A Finding Aid**



37 West Avenue, Dansville, Livingston County, NY

**Livingston County Historian's Office**

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## I. Collection Summary

<b>Title</b>	Faulkner Home Collection
<b>Collection No.</b>	C216
<b>Extent</b>	164 MB (digital)
<b>Date Range</b>	1852-2023
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>This collection comprises images and research accumulated by Alice Burdick about the history of her home located at 37 West Avenue, Dansville, Livingston County, New York. Contents include several photographs showing the interior and exterior of the home, notes detailing the construction of the home, and family research on the prominent Faulkner family that resided there.</p>
<b>Languages</b>	English.
<b>Access and Restrictions</b>	<p>Use of the documents in this collection is for serious research. The collection may be accessible by advance request and permission from the Livingston County Historian's Office. Any use of the material in print or online 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@co.livingston.ny.us">Historian@co.livingston.ny.us</a>.</p>
<b>Copyright</b>	There are no items subject to copyright.

## II. Biographical and Background Information

Alice Burdick, the donor of the collection, formerly lived at 37 West Avenue (formerly Canal Street) in the village of Dansville, Livingston County, New York. According to local legend, the property is said to have had a connection with the Underground Railroad. This detail, along with its unique architectural features and the prominence of its past tenants, inspired Ms. Burdick to pursue listing the house on the National Register of Historic Places. This collection comprises her research for that project. The collection mostly comprised handwritten notes and research journals, and as part of processing the collection, the Livingston County Historian's Office compiled the notes into transcribed PDFs. As of March 2023, Alice Burdick resides at the Livingston County Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation in Mt. Morris, New York.

Although it is not documented that the property had connections with the Underground Railroad, it can be confirmed that the prominent Faulkner family resided in the home. Dr. James Faulkner was the nephew of Daniel P. Faulkner, for whom the town of Dansville is named. Although it is uncertain who first built and resided at the home on West Avenue, Dr. Faulkner and his family lived in that area from the mid-1800s to the early 1900s. They were deeply involved in the development of Dansville and owned many of the mills and other production yards that operated along the Genesee Valley Canal which ran through the village.

## III. Contents List

<b>C216-001</b>	Photographs of the home at 37 West Ave. as it stands in the 21 <sup>st</sup> century (30 items)
<b>C216-002</b>	Hand-drawn architectural footprints of the home made by Alice Burdick
<b>C216-003</b>	Compilation of construction and local history research from Alice Burdick's notes
<b>C216-004</b>	Compilation of Faulkner family history from Alice Burdick's notes
<b>C216-005</b>	Genesee Country Express article about the home (9/22/2016)
<b>C216-006</b>	Write-up of Dr. Annette Miller White, a family friend of Alice Burdick