

VITAL RECORDS

Vital records are official birth certificates, death certificates, and marriage licenses/certificates. Depending on how old the records are, researchers may be eligible to obtain “genealogy copies” of these records. Some other primary sources (newspapers, church records, etc.) may also be used to prove birth, death, marriage, or family relationships.

Availability in Livingston County

Before 1847 - No official vital records were kept in New York State. Vital events can be very difficult to prove.

1847-1849 - Some towns kept vital records for at least part of this time period:

- Includes scattered years for the towns Caledonia through York. There are no records from Avon, nor Ossian (which was still part of Allegany County).
- The records are indexed on the [Livingston County Historian's Records Index](#) and are digitized. Contact the County Historian for copies.
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1850-1880 - In general, no official vital records were kept in Livingston County during this time, with some exceptions (see listings below by town)

1881-present - The majority of municipalities have vital records for this time period.

- Note there are state-mandated eligibility requirements to obtain more recent records.
- Genealogy copies of certificates are available for a fee from village/town/city clerks OR from the NYS Department of Health. It is recommended to apply to local clerks first, as the state's processing time is long.
- If the event location is not known, researchers may search NYS vital records indexes for free:
 1. Go to www.reclaimtherecords.org
 2. Under “Records Requests” on the top bar, navigate to New York State.
 3. Select your preferred category of records (births outside of NYC, for example).
 4. Click on “browse through the images online.”
 5. Click the year you would like to search and scroll through the document. They are organized alphabetically or by Soundex.
 6. If you find a relevant entry, note the name, town, date, and certificate number.
 7. Contact the appropriate municipality to obtain a genealogy copy of the certificate.

Town vs. Village: A few municipalities distinguish between events that occurred within the village limits or anywhere else in the town and records are filed accordingly. Researchers will have to determine if the event took place in the town or within the village limits and apply to the correct registrar. See tables below.

TOWN OFFICES

TOWN OF AVON

27 Genesee St.
Avon, NY 14414
(585) 226-2425 x10

www.avon-ny.org/town-of-avon/town-clerk.html#genealogical

Vital Records: Town Only

Births	1875-1880 (scattered) 1881-present
Deaths	1883-present
Marriages	1908-present

TOWN OF CALEDONIA

3109 Main St.
Caledonia, NY 14423
(585) 538-4927 ex. 120

townofcaledoniany.org/genealogy-copies/

Vital Records: Town and Village

Births	c. 1900-present
Deaths	c. 1900-present
Marriages	c. 1900-present

TOWN OF CONESUS

PO Box 188
6210 South Livonia Rd.
Conesus, NY 14435
(585) 346-3130 x2

www.town.conesus.ny.us/documents/request-for-genealogical-information/

Births	1881-present
Deaths	1888-present
Marriages	1908-present

VILLAGE OFFICES

VILLAGE OF AVON

74 Genesee St.
Avon, NY 14414
(585) 226-8118

www.avon-ny.org/village-of-avon/vital-statistics.html

Vital Records: Village Only

Births	1881-present
Deaths	1881-present
Marriages	1881-present

TOWN OF GENESEO

4630 Millennium Drive
Geneseo, NY 14454
(585) 991-5000

<https://geneseony.org/town/index.asp#>

Vital Records: Town and Village

Births	Village: 1881-1912 Town: 1881-present
Deaths	Village: 1881-1912 Town: 1881-present
Marriages	1881-present

TOWN OF GROVELAND

4955 Aten Rd.
Groveland, NY 14462
(585) 243-1750

www.grovelandny.org/Town_Offices/Town_Clerk/Geneology/geneology.html

Vital Records: Town

Births	1827-1880 (scattered) 1881-present
Deaths	1881-present
Marriages	1881-present

TOWN OF LEICESTER

132 Main St.
PO Box 197
Leicester, NY 14481
(585) 382-3231

www.townofleicester.org

Vital Records: Town and Village

Births	Town: 1866-present Village: 1866-present
Deaths	Town: 1884-present Village: 1934-present
Marriages	Town: 1882-present Village: c. 1882-present

There are gaps due to fires in 1900 and 1926

TOWN OF LIMA

VILLAGE OF GENESEO

119 Main St.
Geneseo, NY 14454
(585) 243-1177 x2

<https://geneseony.org/village/index.asp#>

Vital Records: Village Only

Births	1913-present (1881-1912 at Town of Geneseo)
Deaths	1913-present (1881-1912 at Town of Geneseo)
Marriages	N/A, see Town of Geneseo

7329 East Main St.

Lima, NY 14485

(585) 582-1130

www.lima-ny.org/town-clerk

Vital Records: Town and Village

Births	Town: 1881-present Village: 1872-1884 (scattered), 1885-present
Deaths	Town: 1881-present Village: 1885-present
Marriages	1881-present

TOWN OF LIVONIA

35 Commercial St.

PO Box 43

Livonia, NY 14487

(585) 346-3710

<https://www.livonianyny.org/town-clerk/#1665680308564-f143cfc8-8b5f>

Vital Records: Town and Village

Births	1881-present
Deaths	1881-present
Marriages	1881-present

TOWN OF MT. MORRIS

103 Main St.

Mt. Morris 14510

(585) 658-2730 x1

www.townofmtmorris.com/town-clerk

Vital Records: Town and Village

Births	Town: 1881-present
Deaths	Town: 1881-present
Marriages	Town: 1881-present Village: 1903-present

VILLAGE OF MT. MORRIS

117 Main St.

Mt. Morris, NY 14510

(585) 658-4160 x1

www.mountmorrisny.us/village-clerk/pages/downloadable-forms

Vital Records: Village Only

Births	1885-present
Deaths	1885-present
Marriages	1885-1902 1903-present: see Town of Mt. Morris

TOWN OF NORTH DANSVILLE

14 Clara Barton St.
 North Dansville, NY 14437
 (585) 335-2330
www.northdansville.org

Vital Records: Town and Village

Births	1881-present
Deaths	1881-present
Marriages	1881-present

TOWN OF NUNDA

PO Box 699
 4 Massachusetts Street
 Nunda, NY 14517
 (585) 468-5177
<https://town.nunda.ny.us/departments/town-clerk/geneology/>

Vital Records: Town and Village

Births	1886-present
Deaths	1885-present
Marriages	1884-present

TOWN OF OSSIAN

4706 Ossian Hill Rd.
 Dansville, NY 14437
 (585) 335-7600
www.townofossianny.us

Births	1916-present
Deaths	1888-present
Marriages	1882-present

TOWN OF PORTAGE

2 North Church St.
 Hunt, NY 14846
 (585) 476-5910

Births	1882-present
Deaths	1882-present
Marriages	1880-present

TOWN OF SPARTA

8374 Sparta Center Rd.
Dansville, NY 14437
(585) 335-9290
www.sparta-ny.org

Births	1908-present
Deaths	1908-present
Marriages	1908-present

TOWN OF SPRINGWATER

8022 South Main St.
Springwater, NY 14560
(585) 669-2545
www.springwaterny.org

Births	1875-present
Deaths	1881-present
Marriages	1883-present

TOWN OF WEST SPARTA

8302 Kysorville-Byersville Rd
Dansville, NY 14437
(585) 335-3138
www.townofwestsparta.org

Births	1880-present
Deaths	1891-present
Marriages	c. 1912-present

TOWN OF YORK

2668 Main St.
York, NY 14592
(585) 243-3128
www.yorkny.org

Births	1881-present
Deaths	1881-present
Marriages	1881-present

- Contact the County Historian's Office for York births from 1878-1913, marriages 1881-1935, and deaths 1863, 1881-1935. Earlier records indexed on Historian's Records Index