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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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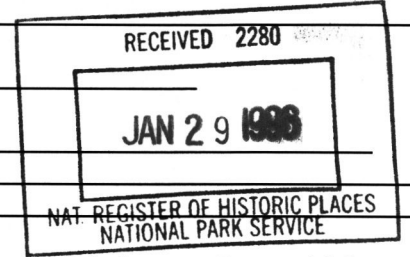
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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties or districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classifications, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name SOUTH MAIN STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

other names/site number _____



2. Location

street & number 123-159 & 124-158 (inclusive) South Main St. [] not for publication

village Mount Morris [] vicinity

state New York code NY county Livingston code 051 zip code 14510

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this [X] nomination [] request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property [X] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant [] nationally [] statewide [X] locally. ([] See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation

Date

NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

In my opinion, the property [] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria. ([] See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

JW. Allen

8 Dec-'95

Signature of commenting or other official
State or federal agency and bureau

Date

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register. [] See continuation sheet.
- [] determined eligible for the National Register. [] see continuation sheet.
- [] determined not eligible for the National Register.

for
Signature of keeper Edson H. Beall Date of Action 3/1/96

Entered in the National Register

[] removed from the National Register.

[] other: _____

5. Classification

Ownership of Property/Category of Property/Number of Resources within Property
(Check as many (check box) (do not include previously listed
boxes as apply) resources in the count)

Table with 3 columns: Ownership/Category, Number of Resources, and Resource Type. Includes rows for private/public ownership, building/site/structure/object categories, and counts for contributing/noncontributing resources. Total contributing resources listed as NA.

NAME OF RELATED MULTIPLE PROPERTY DOCUMENTATION FORM:

HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT MORRIS

6. Function or Use

Historic Function

Current Function

DOMESTIC; single dwelling

DOMESTIC; single dwelling

DOMESTIC; multiple dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

MID-19TH CENTURY; Greek Revival
LATE VICTORIAN; Italianate, 2ND Emp.
20th CENTURY; Classical Revival
Colonial Revival, Foursquare
Prairie

Materials

(enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone, brick, concrete
walls mostly frame, some brick
roof various

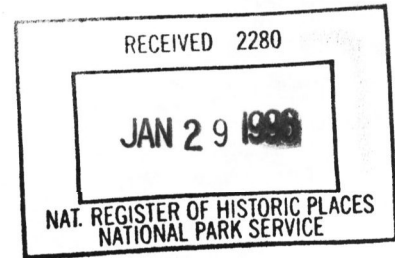
Narrative Description

See attached continuation sheets.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

South Main Street Historic District
Mount Morris, Livingston County, NY



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Description

The South Main Street Historic District encompasses both sides of a three block section of South Main Street, one of Mount Morris's premier residential neighborhoods. Determined eligible for the National Register by New York State Historic Preservation Office staff in April 1993, the district includes 30 residences, 27 of which are contributing, along with 13 contributing outbuildings (mostly carriage houses and garages). There are 7 non-contributing primary buildings. As a group, the buildings in the district comprise the largest, most impressive collection of predominantly high style domestic architecture in the village.

The boundary of the district is drawn to incorporate only those contiguous, historic buildings that retain a high degree of original integrity; extensively altered older dwellings (and scattered modern houses) to the north, east, west and south have been excluded. A block of modern and altered historic buildings (between Murray Street and Chapel Street) separate the intact, South Main Street residences from the National Register eligible Mount Morris Commercial District along Main Street to the north. One block to the northwest of the South Main Street district is the Murray Street Historic District, separated from the intact residences along South Main by a block of modest and mostly altered dwellings along Murray Street between Main and Stanley. (Many of the alterations to the buildings along this block appear to be reversible; if the houses ever were to be restored, a single large L-shaped residential district could be created to encompass both sides of both South Main and Murray Streets.)

The district is characterized by wide, tree-lined streets flanked by imposing, mostly high-style residences set back from the street on large, well-landscaped lawns. The buildings date from ca. 1850 to ca. 1925, with the majority dating from the late nineteenth century. Most are constructed of wood and have clapboard siding (occasionally obscured by modern siding), although several are built of brick and one is clad with stucco. Most are relatively substantial one and one-half to two and one-half story buildings and are designed in a broad range of popular American styles including Greek Revival, Second Empire, Italianate, Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, Foursquare and Prairie. Many of the main

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dwellings are complemented by intact, late nineteenth century carriage barns or early twentieth century garages.

Visual focal points of the relatively homogeneous district include several particularly grand, high style mansions, such as the house at 145 South Main Street (a large, Greek Revival style dwelling upgraded during the early twentieth century with the addition of a monumental, Neoclassical style portico), the house at 140 South Main Street (an imposing, Georgian Revival style brick dwelling with elaborate, classically inspired detailing) and the double-house at 154 South Main Street (an elaborate Second Empire style edifice with a profusion of Victorian era ornamentation).

The district also contains a number of less grand, yet equally finely crafted, dwellings, including several examples of the Greek Revival style and a number of fine examples of the Queen Anne mode. Eclectic and transitional interpretations of a variety of styles are also represented.

There are only three non-contributing buildings located in the district; they are located at 134, 136 and 147 South Main Street. Attached is an annotated list of all the buildings included in the district.

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145 South Main Street ca. 1850s-70s; Contributing
Extensively remodeled post-1893

Two-story, hipped roof residence, currently being used as a commercial Bed and Breakfast establishment, rebuilt in the Neoclassical style, surrounds a earlier Italianate structure; full- facade, two-story porch has curved central projection and is supported by fluted Ionic columns; north facade has a one story-wing with hipped roof and roof line balustradè; south facade has a one-story porte cochere supported by grouped Ionic columns with rock-faced concrete bases; 6/6 double-hung windows are present at second floor; first floor facade has 6/9 double-hung windows. Rear addition has a gabled roof with extended eaves and rafter tails, similar to the main roof; a second hipped roof addition has overhanging eaves with brackets and dentils. Structure is constructed of brick laid in the English bond, with asphalt roof shingles, and sits on a stone foundation at the original part of the house, with rock-faced concrete block at the porches and north addition.

147 South Main Street Post-WWII Non-contributing

One-story, brick Ranch style residence of a modern design. A connected, **non-contributing**, one car **garage** is located on the north side of the house.

149 South Main Street ca. 1879 Contributing

Two and a half story, hipped roof with front cross gable, residence in the Queen Anne style; south facade has a two-story bay window with hipped roof; there is a hipped roof front porch, with turned spindles and sunburst brackets under its roof eaves. 1/1 double-hung windows with pedimented window hoods. The structure is clad in aluminum siding, with asphalt roof shingles, and rests on a stone foundation. Behind the residence is a **non-contributing**, one-bay, hipped roof **garage** with overhead sliding door, also clad in aluminum siding.

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157 South Main Street

ca. 1890s

Contributing

Two and a half story, hipped roof with lower cross gables, residence in the Queen Anne style; a shed dormer is on the north roof slope; front gable is ornamented with decorative wood shingles and has a pentagon-shaped window with unequal side lengths; a tower with an onion dome roof is located on the southwest corner of the structure; 2/2 double-hung windows; a wrap-around porch extends from the west to the north facades. Structure is clad in vinyl siding, with asphalt roof shingles, and sits on a stone foundation.

159 South Main Street
Northeast corner of Erie Street

ca. 1890s

Contributing

Two and a half story, hipped roof with lower front gable residence of Queen Anne design; a shed dormer is located on the north slope; a square tower which appears to be missing its original roof design is located at the southwest corner; 1/1 and 6/6 double-hung windows; an enclosed hipped roof porch can be found on the west facade. Structure is aluminum sided with decorative wood shingles in the gable end and upper portion of the tower, asphalt roof shingles, and a concrete block foundation

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152-154 South Main Street ca. 1860 Contributing

Two and a half story, mansard roof with dormer windows Second Empire style double residence; denticulated cornice at roof termination; roof shape is straight with flare; decorative brackets are located under extended roof eaves; rear wing is a two-story, gabled roof structure with same details as found on the front block, with extended eaves with paired brackets. Window types include 2/2, 4/4 and 1/1 with segmentally arched stone window headers; there are paired entrances on the front facade with double paneled doors and overhead semicircular windows; at each end of the front facade there are bay windows; the residence is brick with stone quoins on the corners and sits on a cut stone foundation and has slate roof shingles; behind the addition is a **contributing**, connected, one-bay brick **garage** with an overhead sliding door.

158 South Main Street pre-1872 Contributing
Northwest corner of Clark Street

Two story, cross-gabled vernacular residence, now used as offices for the Cornell Cooperation Extension. Window types include 6/1 and 6/6 double-hung sash; rear addition has a shed roof and a second addition with a gabled roof. Shed-roofed, front porch has delicate wooden posts and curved arches. Structure is clad in aluminum siding, with asphalt roof shingles, and rests on a pargeted foundation.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark an "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- [] A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
[] B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
[X] C Property that embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
[] D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in pre-history or history.

Criteria Considerations: NA

- [] A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
[] B removed from its original location.
[] C a birthplace or grave.
[] D a cemetery.
[] E a reconstructed building, object or structure.
[] F a commemorative property.
[] G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

See attached continuation sheets.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See attached continuation sheets

Previous documentation on file (NPS): Primary location of additional data:

- [] preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
[] previously listed in the National Register
[] previously determined eligible by the National Register
[] designated a National Historic Landmark
[] recorded by Historic American Building Survey #
[] recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #
[] State historic preservation office
[] Other State agency
[] Federal agency
[] Local government
[] University
[x] Other
Name of repository: Mount Morris Historical Society

Area of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Architecture

Period of Significance

ca. 1850 - ca. 1925

Significant Dates

NA

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

na

Cultural Affiliation

na

Architect/Builder

na

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Significance

The South Main Street Historic District is architecturally and historically significant as an exceptionally intact residential neighborhood illustrating the development of the village of Mount Morris during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Chronicaling the growth of Mount Morris from a quiet, yet prosperous, agrarian settlement through its heyday as a stop on the Genesee Valley Canal and several important rail lines, to its twentieth century prominence as the commercial, civic, religious and social center for the surrounding rural town, the buildings in the district embody a broad range of architectural types, periods, styles and methods of construction.

Laid out during the first half of the nineteenth century, South Main Street quickly became one of the village's most prestigious residential enclaves, rivalled only by nearby State Street to the northwest. The oldest buildings in the district were built during the Greek Revival era, and embody the distinctive features of the mode and period: low, cubic massing, broad horizontal proportions, and classically derived detailing (wide friezes, broad cornerboards and deeply recessed, trabeated entrances). Fine examples of the style are located at 130, 150 and 154 South Main Street. The residence at 154 South Main Street is believed to have been built by General William Mills, a prominent figure in Mount Morris in the early to mid-nineteenth century, for his daughter.

Many of the district's buildings date from the late nineteenth century. These include some outstanding examples of the Second Empire, Queen Anne and several late Victorian eclectic modes, most with picturesque forms and details. Noteworthy examples include the brick, Second Empire style house with Mansard roof at 152-54 South Main Street, built by the Begole Brothers of Mount Morris in 1860. The Queen Anne style houses, with characteristics such as asymmetrical configurations, numerous bays, elaborate woodwork and expansive verandahs, are located at 139, 149 and 157 South Main Street. Eclecticism is embodied in the houses at 123 and 133 South Main Street.

Mount Morris continued to prosper during the early twentieth century as illustrated by outstanding examples of the Colonial

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Revival, American Foursquare and Prairie styles. A fine example of the Colonial Revival style is located at 137 South Main Street. The building is characterized by a side gabled roof with cornice returns and an elaborate entrance with glazed fanlight, sidelights and Doric order columns and pilasters. The houses at 124 and 146 South Main are intact, representative examples of the popular Foursquare style; they feature the typical square plan, full-width front porch, and clapboard siding. The house at 148 South Main is a relatively rare and impressive example of the Prairie style; it is a symmetrical, stucco-clad building with characteristic horizontal banding and extremely wide, overhanging eaves.

Complemented by the high degree of integrity of setting (broad tree- and side-walk lined streets), the houses in the district remain important reminders of the nineteenth and early twentieth century development of the village and continue to convey a strong sense of the community's history and identity.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property approx. 12 acres

UTM References: All zone 18

A: 264740/4733870

B: 264850/4733850

C: 264980/4733530

D: 264890/4733500

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary coincides with legal lot lines of the nominated parcels as delineated on the attached county tax map.

Boundary Justification

The boundary is drawn to include all intact, contiguous, residential properties in the along South Main Street between Murray and Erie Streets. The boundary coincides with the legal lot lines both presently and historically associated with the nominated buildings.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Nancy L. Todd, Program Analyst
organization NYSHPO, Division for Historic Preservation date November 1995
street & number Peebles Island, PO Box 189 telephone 518-237-8643
city or town Waterford state NY zip code 12188-0189

(Survey documentation prepared by Kathy Howe, Bero Associates, Rochester, New York)

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name _____
street & number _____
city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

W.E.M.

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ALSO SEE SECTIONS 106 H, 106 I, 106 J



Tax Map
 VILLAGE OF MOUNT MORRIS
 LIVINGSTON COUNTY, N.Y.
 106.18
 Graphic Scale
 MAP DATE

ALSO SEE SECTION 106 J, 106 K

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY South Main Street Historic District
NAME:

MULTIPLE Mount Morris MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NEW YORK, Livingston

DATE RECEIVED: 1/29/96 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 2/14/96
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 3/01/96 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/14/96
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 96000177

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 3/1/96 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



South main St HD

Mt. Morris, Livingston Co.

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Rochester 1994

East side of So main, looking south

125 So main in foreground



South main St HD

mt Morris, Livingston Co.

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Rochester, 1994

West side of South main, looking south
126 South main in foreground



Southmain St HD

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Rochester, 1994

126 South main



South Main St HD

Mt Morris, Livingston Co.

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Rochester, 1994

West side of South main, looking north

148 South main in foreground



South Main St HD

Mt Morris, Livingston Co.

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130 South Main



South main St #D

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Rochester 1994

140 South main



South main St HD

Mt Morris, Livingston Co.

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Rochester, 1994

150 South Main



South Main St HD

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1994, Rochester

152-154 South Main



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mt morris, Livingston Co.

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Rochester, ny

139 South Main



South main St Historic District
mt morris, Livingston Co.

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non-contributing



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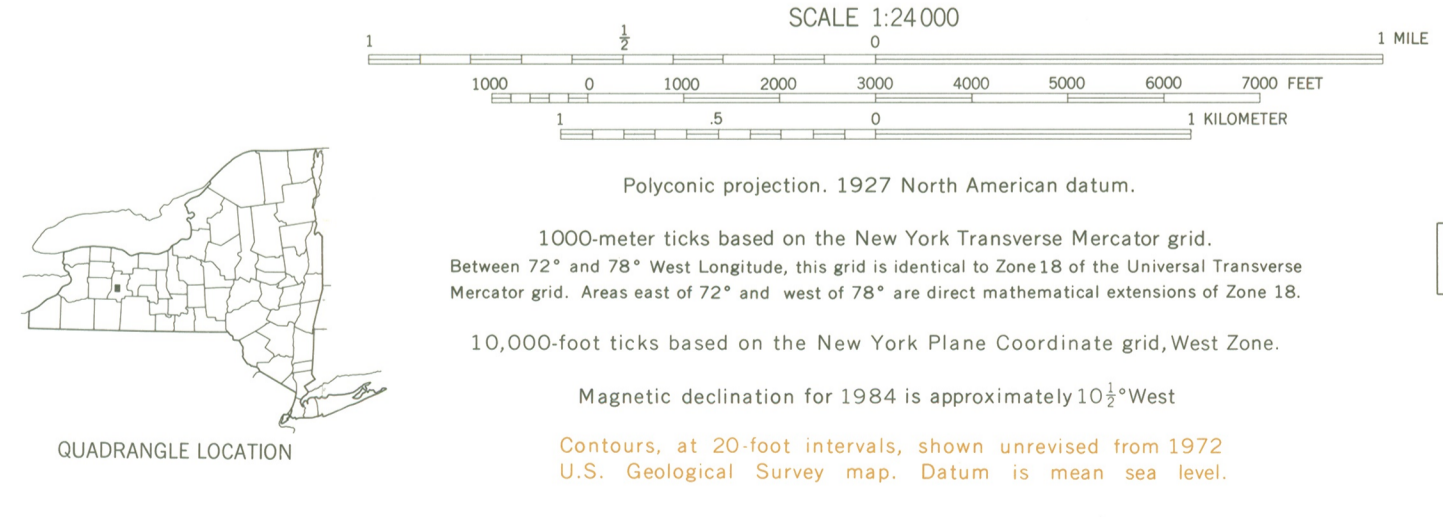
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Historic District

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approx 12 acres
Zone 18, 1:24000
Sonyea Quad



Prepared and published in 1984 by the New York State Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.
Map base from 1972 U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle.
Map revisions made using 1982 aerial photography, construction plans, official records and other sources. Features revised include: highways and other transportation facilities; civil boundaries; recreation sites; hydrography; and buildings. Grey tint indicates intensely developed areas in which only landmark buildings are shown. Darker grey shows open water.
Revisions may not comply with National Map Accuracy Standards.
Correspondence concerning this and other maps of the Department of Transportation should be directed to: Map Information Unit, New York State Department of Transportation, State Campus, Albany, New York 12232.
1984 revisions by M. L. Grogan

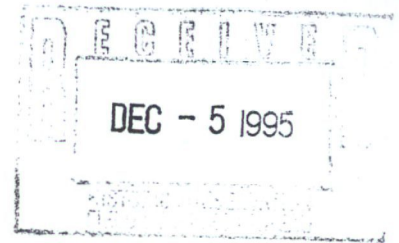


BOUNDARIES:

State	-----
County	-----
Town or City	-----
Incorporated Village	-----

ROADS:

Touring Route markers:	Divided highways and streets:
State	Wide mall
Interstate	Narrow mall or barrier
U. S.	
State	
State Highway number and limit	Undivided highways and streets:
County road	4 or more lanes
Interchange number	Less than 4 lanes
	Vehicle track; trail



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New York State Office of Parks,
Recreation and Historic Preservation
Peebles Island
P O Box 189
Waterford, New York 12188-0189

Dear Ms. Todd:

The Village of Mount Morris is in full support of nominating the three (3) following areas to the National and State Registers of Historic Places:

1. South Main Street Historic District
2. State and Eagle Streets Historic District
3. Murray Street Historic District

Included in the South Main Street Historic District is the Birthplace of Francis Bellamy. Our plans include using these areas as attractions for walking tours and thus promoting the economy of the Village.

Please give these districts serious consideration for approval. If you need anything further, please contact me at 716-658-4160.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L. Richard Provino".

L. Richard Provino
Mayor

LRP:lff
cc: file