

New from the NYG&B Online Collections: Town of Kirkwood (and Conklin), Broome County

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Digitize New York

<https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/digitize-new-york>

Through the Digitize New York initiative, the NYG&B partners with organizations across New York State to digitally preserve records and make them available online. Online visitors can learn more about the project and its current operations. In addition, details on submitting an application to preserve materials through the program and recently released online collections are available.

Our Digitization Centers and Kits

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The NYG&B has three digitization centers around New York State. In 2021, the New York City center opened, followed by Central New York in 2024 and Western New York in 2025. Using our state-of-the-art camera and software, materials are scanned, digitally preserved, and uploaded online to an ever-growing searchable collection of New York historical records. Digitize New York also equips eligible organizations with a digitization kit, which empowers communities to digitize onsite.

Collections Catalog

<https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/online-records/browse-catalog>

The NYG&B's Online Collections Catalog can most easily be located from the top navigation bar under "Online Records", which is viewable from any page of the website. When hovering over "Online Records", the button for "Collections Catalog" appears as the second item in the drop-down menu.

Town of Kirkwood (and Conklin), Broome County Collection

<https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/online-records/collection/town-kirkwood-and-conklin-broome-county>

This collection contains historical records from the Town of Conklin, established 1827, and the Town of Kirkwood, which separated from Conklin north of the Susquehanna River and was formed in 1859. These materials provide a detailed view of local governance, property ownership, taxation, education, and legal activity in Broome County from the early nineteenth through the early twentieth century.

These records offer a rich resource for genealogists, historians, and local researchers. It documents early Conklin records and the emergence and development of Kirkwood after 1859; and the social, educational, and legal life of its residents. Researchers can trace families, study land and taxation patterns, understand local schooling, and explore civic administration and law over time.

These records were digitized in partnership with the Town of Kirkwood. You can learn more about the town at: <https://townofkirkwood.gov/>

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