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Morristown & Morris Twp. Library

2007 \$22,500 Preservation Plan

2011 \$251,950 Exterior Restoration

Grant Recipient: Morristown & Morris Township Library Foundation

Location: Morristown Town

The Morristown Library, now the Morristown & Morris Twp. Library, is the oldest library in Morris County. The Library existed in two other locations before 1917 when Grinell Willis donated the money to build the Willis Wing of the present building. The building is of Collegiate Gothic style built of massive blocks of granite in keeping with St. Peter's Church, located directly across Miller Rd. There is a Norman-esque tower above the original front doors. The main doors are decorated with a Gothic arch. Two wings flank the entrance. The 1917 Willis Wing is the original Library; another addition was built in 1930, and two more in 1987 and 2006.

The 2007 grant provided for the preparation of a Preservation Plan for the Willis Wing.

Having completed the Preservation Plan, the 2011 grant is assisting with patching of the limestone at the 1917 and 1933 sections of the building, and spot painting of steel windows.