

## New York Stables Closed

**After more than 100 years of service, the nation's oldest operating stables closed its doors.**

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The familiar sight of horse and rider cruising through Manhattan's Upper West Side in New York is only a memory now. The Claremont Riding Academy officially closed its doors Sunday after more than 100 years of service to equestrians throughout the city. The four-story stone stable located between Amsterdam and Columbus avenues originally opened as a livery stable in 1892 but became a riding school in the 1920s, offering lessons and hiring out horses for use on bridle paths within Central Park.

Owner Paul Novograd says dwindling business contributed to closure of Claremont, which was one of the oldest continuously operating stables in the United States. The building was declared a city landmark in 1990, so its exterior can't be changed without approval from the Landmarks Preservation Commission. However the building's interior, which looks like it hasn't been changed in decades, does not hold the same protection.

New homes are being sought for the 45 horses from the stable.