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Overview of the Records

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| Repository: | New York State Archives |
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Included in the files are: discussion with professional archeologists and ethnologists of artifacts, archeological sites, and other observations; donation or sale by dealers or collectors to the State Museum of privately owned artifacts; exchange of scientific papers and reports; design and construction of the Iroquois life groups in the State Museum (ca. 1908-1912); acquisition of contemporary Iroquois artifacts; planning, staffing and conducting field work in archeology; provision of information to citizens and amateur archeologists about Indian artifacts or culture; scheduling of public talks by the archeologist/state archeologist; memoranda between the archeologist/State Archeologist and the State Museum Director concerning acquisition of archeological or ethnological artifacts; archeological field work, the Iroquois life groups in the

State Museum and administrative topics; lists of artifacts owned by the State Museum; financial accounts of the archeologist/State Archeologist; planning documents for the reorganization of the State Museum in 1945; annual reports of the archeologist/State Archeologist, 1925-1948; and requests for State Museum publications on archeological subjects. Included in this series is correspondence of the state archeologist's assistant, 1960-1971, which generally relates to similar topics.

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Access Restrictions

Restricted to protect sensitive archeological site data; pursuant to Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law Sect. 14.07.1(d) and 9 NYCRR Sect. 427.8.

Access Terms

- New York (State)
- Archaeology--New York (State)
- Researching
- University of the State of New York
- New York (State). Education Department