



*New York State Archives*

**New York State Board of Equalization and Assessment  
Railroad Valuation Maps 18541**

---

New York State Archives  
222 Madison Avenue  
Albany, NY 12230  
[archref@nysed.gov](mailto:archref@nysed.gov)  
URL: <http://www.archives.nysed.gov/>

---

## Table of Contents

---

Overview of the Records .....	3
Arrangement .....	3
Scope and Contents .....	3
Other Finding Aids .....	4
Use of Records .....	4
Administrative Information .....	4
Access Terms .....	5

## Overview of the Records

---

<b>Repository:</b>	New York State Archives
<b>Summary:</b>	The series primarily consists of reproductions of blueprint maps showing the right of way of railroads that owned real property in New York State. Generally, the maps depict not only the meets and bounds of the railroad right of way, but also public and private roads, bridges, and sewer lines that cross the right of way. In addition, the maps show town, village and county boundary lines, and often show adjacent structures and names of adjacent property owners.
<b>Creator:</b>	New York (State). State Board of Equalization and Assessment
<b>Title:</b>	Railroad valuation maps
<b>Quantity:</b>	108 cubic feet
<b>Quantity:</b>	(ca. 4000 maps)
<b>Inclusive Date:</b>	1916-1978
<b>Series:</b>	18541

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

---

## Arrangement

---

Arranged by railroad name, then by valuation section, and by map number.

18541-01: Roughly alphabetical by county.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

---

## Scope and Content Note

---

The series consists of approximately 4,000 maps (24 x 56 inches, most drawn to a scale of 1 inch=100 feet). The maps are primarily reproductions of blueprint maps showing the right of way of some of the railroads (or portions of railroads) that owned real property in New York State. Generally, the maps depict not only the meets and bounds of the railroad right of way, but also public and private roads, bridges, and sewer lines that cross the right of way.

In addition, the maps show town, village and county boundary lines, and often show adjacent structures and names of adjacent property owners.

The series is arranged by railroad name, then valuation section (subdivisions of a railroad's right-of-way), then map number. Neither all railroads that owned real property in New York State, nor all valuation sections of a given railroad are represented in this series.

18541-01: In addition to the material described in the original accession, this accretion also contains the following records: appraisal notes; computer printouts of property record cards giving purchase and tax information; printed county maps, tax maps, and soil survey maps with notations; and pencil sketches of parcels.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

---

## Other Finding Aids

---

### Available at Repository

Container list.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

---

## Use of Records

---

### Access Restrictions

Restricted in part due to fragile physical condition; use with assistance of archivist.

---

## Administrative Information

---

### Custodial History

Originally produced for the federal Interstate Commerce Commission, the maps were acquired by the State Board of Equalization and Assessment in 1960 when it assumed the responsibility of assessing the real property of the state's railroads.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

## Access Terms

---

- Assessing taxes
- Land valuation
- Railroads--Right of way
- Tax assessment--New York (State)
- Real property and taxation--New York (State)
- New York (State)
- Maps (documents)
- Railroads--Taxation--New York (State)
- New York (State). Office of Real Property Services