



New York State Archives

**New York State Secretary of State Deeds of Cession and
Assorted Documents of Record A0050**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	The volume contains approximately 60 documents mostly related to deeds ceding land and/or jurisdiction of property to New York State or the federal government, largely for military and protective purposes.
Creator:	New York (State). Board of Appraisers
Title:	Deeds of cession and assorted documents of record
Quantity:	1.9 cubic feet
Inclusive Date:	circa 1774-1846
Series:	A0050

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Scope and Content Note

The volume contains approximately 60 documents, the bulk of which are deeds of cession, which were apparently brought together by the Office of the Secretary of State because of their oversize format. The office has served as the general recording office of New York government since colonial times, and the assortment of documents present in the series represents some of the most historically valuable items arising from that function.

The bulk of the series consists of deeds (also called "leases" or "certificates") ceding land and/or jurisdiction of property to New York State or the federal government, largely for military and protective purposes (e.g., forts, arsenals, lighthouses). Included is the 1786 Hartford Treaty, an interstate pre-constitution agreement whereby Massachusetts ceded land west of Seneca Lake to New York State. Also present are some surveys, descriptions, and reports of ceded lands from locations around the state.

Other types of records in the volume are surrender of charters; state and county boundary line documents; plans, maps, and sections for defense of New York City and New York Harbor (to protect the navigable channel); property leases; lists of delegates to the constitutional conventions of 1821 and 1846; and lists of subscribers to stock in the Northern and Western Inland Lock Navigation companies.

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Related Information

Related Material

A4690Series A4690, Location Index to Deeds and Other Miscellaneous Documents Recorded or Filed by the Secretary of State and Office of General Services, indexes this series

B1447Series B1447, Memoranda books of documents, publications, and instruments received, delivered or recorded, Volume 1, possibly indexes lists of filed and recorded abstracts of releases to the state

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

A table of contents ("Index") is at the fore of the volume.

Item list is available at the repository.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

Restricted due to fragile condition. Use under supervision of an archivist.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Transfer of valuable historical documents filed with the Office of the Secretary of State to the New York State Library was authorized by a concurrent legislative resolution in 1847. These oversized records may have been collated in this volume before or after such a transfer took

place. Documentation found in Series 13917-83 indicates the records were transferred to the State Library in 1924.

Processing Information

Several documents were removed from this series for exhibit purposes and subsequently stored separately.

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Access Terms

- Land titles--Registration and transfer
- Certificates
- Deeds
- New York (State)
- Boundaries, State
- Constitutional conventions--New York (State)
- Navigation
- Land tenure
- Recording state government records
- Cadastral maps
- Records management
- New York (State)--Politics and government
- New York (State)--Boundaries
- Releases