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Original maps of surveys for the Erie Canal A0851

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	These survey maps show the proposed route for the Erie Canal was made by James Geddes in 1817. The area mapped extends from "Tonewanta Creek" east to the outlet of Mud Creek in the "Great Cayuga Marsh" (Montezuma). The maps show proposed line of the canal; roads; houses; mills; settlements; streams, ponds, and lakes; steep terrain; swamps and marshes; town and lot lines; and other features adjacent to the canal route.
Creator:	New York (State). Canal Commissioners
Title:	Original maps of surveys for the Erie Canal
Quantity:	1 volume(s)
Inclusive Date:	1817
Series:	A0851

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Arrangement

Geographic (west to east).

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Administrative History

James Geddes was appointed engineer in charge of the survey by the Commissioners appointed under legislation of 1816. He was instructed to survey and map a route for the canal which, west of the Genesee River, was somewhat to the north of the route he had surveyed in 1808.

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Scope and Content Note

This map and profile in ink and water color of the proposed route for the Erie Canal was made by James Geddes in 1817.

On a scale of 10 chains = 1 inch, the map shows: proposed line of the canal (in green); roads; houses; mills; settlements; streams, ponds, and lakes; steep terrain; swamps and marshes; town and lot lines; and other features adjacent to the canal route.

The area mapped extends from the "Tonewanta Creek" east to the outlet of Mud Creek in the "Great Cayuga Marsh" (Montezuma). At that point a note indicates that the survey was continued by Benjamin Wright (survey not in this series). The map and profile occupy 19 double-page sheets, and at the end is a map of the entire route.

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Related Information

Related Material

Series A0850, State Engineer and Surveyor's maps of the Onondaga Salt Springs Reservation, and Series A0853, State Engineer and Surveyor's maps and plans for the Hudson and Champlain Improvement survey, contain related maps.

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Folder list.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of the material.

Access Terms

- Erie Canal (N.Y.)
- Canals--Planning
- Planning
- Surveying
- New York (State)
- Canals
- New York (State). Department of Audit and Control