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**New York State Comptroller's Office Land Tax Bureau
Transcription of Receipt Book of Land Grants from Gerrit
Smith to African Americans and Poor White People A1352**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This is a transcription of the original receipt book listing land grants issued by Gerrit Smith in 1846, when he made a gift of 3,000 deeds to African Americans and poor white people. The book lists the following information relating to these grants: county name; township; tract; lot; quarter of lot; acres; and remarks (i.e. names of grantees). This volume was apparently retained by the Comptroller due to his involvement in land grants and land taxing in New York State.
Creator:	New York (State). Comptroller's Office. Land Tax Bureau
Title:	Transcription of receipt book of land grants from Gerrit Smith to African Americans and poor white people
Quantity:	0.3 cubic feet
Quantity:	1 volume(s)
Date:	1846
Series:	A1352

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Scope and Content Note

This is a transcription of the original receipt book, kept by Charles Ray, secretary to abolitionist Gerrit Smith. The transcription refers to the receipt book as recording land grants from Gerrit Smith to "colored and poor white slaves from the South." The receipt book was copied while in the possession of George Keyhoe of the Land Tax Department, Division of Taxation and Finance. The receipt book lists land grants issued by Gerrit Smith in 1846, when he made a gift of some 3,000 deeds to various African Americans and poor white people. The amount of land given to each ranged from 40 to 60 of acres land with the intention of furthering colonization by African Americans and poor whites in the North.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

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

Alternate Formats Available

Items Online

This series has been digitized in its entirety and is available in State Archives Digital Collections.

[Receipt book of land grants from Gerrit Smith to "colored and poor white slaves from the South", 1846](#)

Access Terms

- Land value taxation
- Slavery--United States
- Collecting
- Regulating
- Real property tax
- New York (State)
- Real property--New York (State)
- Finance, Public--New York (State)--Accounting
- African American farmers
- Receipts
- Smith, Gerrit, 1797-1874.
- New York (State). Department of Audit and Control