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**New York State Assembly Surveyor General's Reports on
Petitions to the State Legislature A1820**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	These reports concern value of land; land claims and title disputes; errors in previous surveys; requests for unappropriated state land; surveys and sales of state land; grants of land to persons in the problematic military tracts; and requests for title to unappropriated lands settled and improved. Also included are survey maps; minutes and resolutions of the Commissioners of the Land Office; reports from the surveyor general; and affidavits supporting petitions.
Creator:	New York (State). Legislature. Assembly
Title:	Surveyor General's reports on petitions to the State Legislature
Quantity:	1 cubic foot
Quantity:	1 microfilm roll 35mm
Inclusive Date:	1795-1829
Series:	A1820

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Arrangement

Chronological.

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Scope and Content Note

The Legislature referred most petitions relating to land transactions to the surveyor general for comment. The surveyor general prepared these reports in response. The reports concern: value of land; land claims and title disputes; errors in previous surveys and results of new surveys; requests for grants of unappropriated state land; surveys and sales of state land; grants of land to persons whose grants in the military tract could not be cultivated or contained fewer acres than they were supposed to; and requests for title to unappropriated lands which the petitioner(s) had settled and improved.

There are also supporting records interfiled with the reports, including: survey maps; minutes and resolutions of the Commissioners of the Land Office regarding orders to or receipt of reports from the surveyor general; original petitions on which the surveyor general reported; and affidavits supporting petitions.

Transcripts of a few surveyor general's reports, including one from this series (p. 295 of "Assembly Papers" volume 38), are in series A0042, Transcripts of Reports Regarding Claims for Revolutionary War Service (see especially p. 877ff).

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Two alphabetical name and location indexes (to volumes 37 and 38).

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

Access to original records is restricted due to burn damage sustained in the 1911 New York State Capitol building fire.

Alternate Formats AvailableAlternate Formats Available

Microfilm is available for use at the New York State Archives or through interlibrary loan.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

In the 1830s the secretary of state's office bound these records as Volumes 37 and 38 of "Assembly Papers." The records suffered burn damage in the State Capitol fire of 1911 and were disbound.

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Access Terms

- Legislative bodies
- Reports
- New York (State)
- New York (State)--Politics and government
- Investigating
- New York (State). Surveyor General