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**New Netherland Council Dutch Colonial Patents and Deeds  
A1880**

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## Overview of the Records

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<b>Repository:</b>	New York State Archives
<b>Summary:</b>	This series consists predominantly of land patents, in Dutch, through which the director-general and council of New Netherland allowed private individuals to take possession of land in freehold, as opposed to the previous policy of only granting permission to hold land for cultivation. Also included are some deeds that record the purchase of land from natives for the West India Company and several patroons.
<b>Creator:</b>	New Netherland. Council
<b>Title:</b>	New Netherland Council Dutch colonial patents and deeds
<b>Quantity:</b>	0.8 cubic feet
<b>Inclusive Date:</b>	1630-1664
<b>Series:</b>	A1880

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## Arrangement

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Chronological by date.

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## Administrative History

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On June 24, 1638, the council of New Netherland issued an order allowing private individuals, via the granting of land patents, to possess land "in freehold" as opposed to the previous policy of only granting permission to hold land for cultivation.

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## Scope and Content Note

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This series consists predominantly of land patents, through which the director-general and council of New Netherland allowed private individuals to take possession of land in freehold. However, book GG also contains "Indian deeds" which record the purchase of land from Native Americans for the West India Company and several patroons. Records in the series span the years 1630-1649, 1651, 1654-1661, and 1664.

During Willem Kieft's tenure as director-general (1638-1647) the entire text of each patent was copied, sometimes requiring two pages to complete; under Petrus Stuyvesant (1647-1664) many patents were abbreviated and two often were copied on one page.

This series originally constituted Dutch record books GG and HH (referred to as HH, Part 2 in E.B. O'Callaghan's *Calendar of Historical Manuscripts in the Office of the Secretary of State, Albany, N.Y.*). The original records are in the Dutch language.

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## Related Information

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### Related Material

A0270 Register of the Provincial Secretary contains additional patents and deeds from the Dutch period.

A1882 Dutch Colonial Land Deeds contains deeds from the period 1652-1653. There are also deeds from the period 1653-1665 in the "Records of New Amsterdam" held at the New York City Clerk's office. The Albany County (New York) Hall of Records holds deeds from the Dutch period beginning in 1654.

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## Other Finding Aids

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### Available at Repository

Item list: E.B. O'Callaghan's *Calendar of Historical Manuscripts in the Office of the Secretary of State* (1866).

Translated in: *New York Historical Manuscripts, Dutch: Land Papers, Volumes GG, HH & II*, trans. and ed. Charles T. Gehring (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1980).

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## Use of Records

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### Access Restrictions

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

### Alternate Formats AvailableAlternate Formats Available

Microfilm is available at the New York State Archives (produced by the New York State Library); however, the film is not fully legible and may be incomplete.

Photostat use copies are available at the New York State Archives.

### Alternate Formats Available

### Items Online

High resolution images of all original documents in this series are available in State Archives Digital Collections.

[New Netherland Council Dutch colonial patents and deeds, 1630-1664](#)

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## Access Terms

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- Indians of North America
- New York (Colony)--Politics and government
- Issuing land grants
- Real property, Exchange of--New York (State)
- Land grants
- New York (State)--History--Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775
- Deeds
- New York (State)
- Letters patent
- Land settlement
- Letters patent
- Dutch--New York (State)

- Land grants
- Recording
- New Netherland
- Real property, Colonial--New York (Colony)
- Land titles
- Dutch Colonial Records
- West-Indische Compagnie (Netherlands)