

New York Colony Governor Warrants of Survey, Powers of Attorney, Indian Deeds, and Other Records A1885

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Overview of the Records

Repository: New York State Archives

Summary: This series contains mostly warrants of survey but includes also

a few unrelated legal documents. Colonial governors ordered surveys of all lands for which settlers applied for purchase. The warrants are the governor's orders to the surveyor general to carry out the survey. They provide name of governor; name of surveyor general; for whom land is to be surveyed; acreage and location of land; and date of warrant. The records suffered some

burn damage in the 1911 State Capitol fire.

Creator: New York (Colony). Governor

Title: Warrants of survey, powers of attorney, Indian deeds, and other

records

Quantity: 1 cubic foot

Quantity: 1 35mm microfilm roll(s)

Inclusive Date: 1721-1776

Bulk Date: 1752-1776

Series: A1885

Arrangement

Chronological.

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Scope and Content Note

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Other records in the series include: powers of attorney, mostly from men to their wives; deeds to Indian lands sold to white settlers; and warrants ordering salary payments to British colonial government officials.

The Secretary of State's office arranged and bound these records in 1819. The series was listed as volumes 16-18, 20, and 21 of Miscellaneous Records in Secretary of State J.V.N. Yates' 1820 report to the State Legislature. The records suffered some burn damage in the 1911 State Capitol fire and were subsequently disbound.

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Related Information

Related Material

Series A0272 Applications for Land Grants contains warrants from which these records were copied.

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Container list is available at the repository.

Five alphabetical name indexes (one for each volume bound by Secretary of State).

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

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

Alternate Formats Available Alternate Formats Available

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

Access Terms

- Monitoring
- Warrants
- Land settlement--New York (State)
- New York (State)--History--Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775
- Supervising
- Deeds
- Indians of North America--New York (State)
- Powers of attorney
- New York (State)
- New York (State)--Politics and government
- New York (State). Governor