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**Minutes of the proceedings of the Commissioners for
Settling the Boundaries between Rhode Island and
Massachusetts A1892**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	Commissioners from New York, New Jersey, and Nova Scotia held hearings to settle a Rhode Island-Massachusetts boundary dispute. Records of the commission's proceedings include: summaries of each party's argument; questions and testimony of surveyors, residents of the disputed areas, and other witnesses; and copies of documentary evidence produced by the parties, such as Indian treaties, acts of the Rhode Island General Assembly, and letters patent. The records were damaged in the 1911 State Capitol fire.
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Arrangement

Chronological by date of meetings of commission.

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Scope and Content Note

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treaties, acts of the Rhode Island General Assembly, and letters patent. The commission concluded by upholding Rhode Island's right to expand its jurisdiction eastward and by ordering that records of the proceedings be placed with the Secretary of New York. The records were damaged in the 1911 State Capitol fire.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

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

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Access Terms

- Massachusetts--Boundaries
- Rhode Island--Boundaries
- Arbitrating
- Boundaries
- New York (State)--History--Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775
- Minutes (administrative records)
- New York (Colony)
- New York (State). Secretary of State
- New York (Colony). Commissioners for Settling the Boundaries Between Rhode Island and Massachusetts