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**Vouchers for expenditures on enlargement of the Erie Canal
A3131**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	These vouchers were submitted to a canal commissioner and accompanied by a receipt for money paid by him. Vouchers specify monies paid for appraising property; moving buildings; advertising for proposal; excavating earth; and constructing or altering locks, waste weirs, dams, and other canal structures.
Creator:	New York (State). Canal Commissioners
Title:	Vouchers for expenditures on enlargement of the Erie Canal
Quantity:	3 cubic feet
Inclusive Date:	1837-1848
Bulk Date:	bulk 1848
Series:	A3131

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Arrangement

Numeric by voucher number.

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Administrative History

The Erie Canal Enlargement was authorized by legislation of 1835 and 1838. Earlier legislation (1819, 1821, 1826) required the Canal Commissioners to take receipts for all expenditures and to settle their accounts with the Comptroller.

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Scope and Content Note

These vouchers were submitted to a Canal Commissioner and are accompanied by a receipt for money paid by him.

Vouchers specify the nature of the debt incurred by the state in connection with the Enlargement: appraising property; moving buildings; advertising for proposal; excavating earth; constructing or altering locks, waste weirs, dams, and other canal structures; etc. The earlier vouchers include a separate receipt, while the later ones are printed forms bearing the receipt on the same sheet. The vouchers are numbered consecutively from 1 to 5400. Vouchers for the Erie Canal Enlargement from 1849 to its completion in 1862 are presumed to be destroyed.

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Container list.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

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

Access Terms

- Canals--Administration
- Accounting
- Erie Canal (N.Y.)
- New York (State)
- Canals--New York (State)--Finance
- Vouchers (sales records)
- New York (State). Department of Audit and Control

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- **New York (State). Comptroller's Office**