



*New York State Archives*

**New York State Engineer and Surveyor Survey Descriptions  
and Appraisals of Onondaga Salt Springs Lands to be Sold  
A3248**

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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 of surveys and appraisals of state-owned salt lands in preparation for the sale of those lands in the town of Geddes and the city of Syracuse. For each tract or lot information includes survey description providing metes and bounds and total acreage; appraised value of land and value of buildings, fences, and other improvements; and for the 1851 appraisals, brief evaluative statements concerning the land by each of the prospective purchasers, typically current lessees.
<b>Creator:</b>	New York (State). State Engineer and Surveyor
<b>Title:</b>	Survey descriptions and appraisals of Onondaga Salt Springs lands to be sold
<b>Quantity:</b>	0.1 cubic feet
<b>Inclusive Date:</b>	1851-1881
<b>Bulk Date:</b>	bulk 1851, 1879-1881
<b>Series:</b>	A3248

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## Arrangement

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Reverse chronological order by year in which surveys and appraisals were carried out.

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## Administrative History

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The State Engineer and Surveyor supervised the sale and settlement of state lands. He accomplished this in part by directing the surveying and mapping of land and by maintaining records of surveys, maps, and land sales.

Legislation of 1849 and 1851 authorized the Commissioners of the Land Office to have surveyed and mapped certain state-owned salt lands in the City of Syracuse. Three appraisers appointed by the governor were to appraise the lands, the salt production and storage

buildings, and other improvements. The Commissioners were then to have the buildings and lands sold at the appraised value. The maps and appraisals were to be filed with the State Engineer and Surveyor.

Legislation of 1874 and 1878 authorized the Commissioners of the Land Office to require appraisal of and to sell salt lands in the Town of Geddes. Current lessees of the land were given the first option to purchase it.

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## Scope and Content Note

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These are records of the surveys and appraisals of state-owned salt lands carried out preparatory to the sale of those lands.

Salt lands and improvements south of the Erie Canal in the City of Syracuse were appraised in 1851; lands in the Town of Geddes were appraised in 1879 and reappraised (at the same values) in 1881.

For each tract or lot to be sold, the series includes: survey description providing metes and bounds and total acreage; appraisal providing value of land and value of buildings, fences, and other improvements; and for the 1851 appraisals, brief evaluative statements concerning the land, including an appraisal value, by each of the prospective purchasers.

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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.

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## Access Terms

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- Salt deposits--New York (State)--Onondaga County
- Geddes (N.Y.)
- Land surveys
- Public land sales--New York (State)
- New York (State)

- Surveying
- Public lands--New York (State)
- Appraisals (records)
- Onondaga County (N.Y.)
- Appraising
- Syracuse (N.Y.)
- New York (State). Commissioners of the Land Office
- New York (State). Department of Transportation