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**Maps of pierhead and bulkhead lines in state waterways
A4033**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series consists of maps, mostly of the Hudson River and New York Harbor and connecting rivers and bays, drawn by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to ensure the waterways remain navigable. Maps show: pier headlines; bulkhead lines; location of platforms, retaining walls, streets, bridges, buildings, and docks; and depth of the water at various points. Also included are maps showing state waterways, including a 1786 map of the New York-Pennsylvania border.
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Scope and Content Note

These are printed and manuscript maps, mostly of the Hudson River and New York Harbor and connecting rivers and bays (e.g. the East River), drawn by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers between 1877 and 1920. The U.S. officers were appointed by the president at the request of the governor of New York in response to concurrent resolutions of the state legislature (1872, 1875, 1877) to have engineers examine and revise pierhead and bulkhead lines to ensure that the waterways remained navigable.

The maps show: pierhead lines (the limit to which open pile structures may be built); bulkhead lines (the limit to which solid fill structures may be built: these lines were either the same as or closer to shore than the pierhead lines); location of platforms, retaining walls, streets, bridges, buildings, and docks along the waterways; and depth of the water at various points. The series also contains a few miscellaneous maps showing state waterways, including a 1786 map of the New York-Pennsylvania border.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

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

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Collation date 1877-1920.

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Access Terms

- Inland navigation
- Inland water transportation
- Regulating
- East River (N.Y.)
- Hudson River (N.Y. and N.J.)
- New York (State)
- Maps (documents)
- Intracoastal waterways
- New York Harbor (N.Y. and N.J.)
- New York (State). Surveyor General
- New York (State). Department of Transportation