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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary: Creator:	This series consists of microfilm copies of New York-related material found in a larger collection of Revolutionary War records compiled by the United States War Department. The records pertain generally to military operations, service of individuals, and settlement of accounts for military service or provision of supplies or other services required by the military. United States. National Archives and Records Administration
Title:	Selected numbered records in the War Department collection of Revolutionary War records
Quantity:	0.5 cubic feet
Quantity:	38 microfilm reels
Inclusive Date:	1775-1799
Series:	A4220

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Scope and Content Note

This series consists of microfilm copies of New York-related material found in a larger collection of Revolutionary War records compiled by the United States War Department. The New Yorkrelated documents form part of a subset of the War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records designated "miscellaneous numbered records", commonly known as the "Manuscript File". The miscellaneous numbered records pertain generally to military operations, service of individuals, and settlement of accounts related to military service or provision of supplies or other services required by the military.

New York records include accounts of officers and enlisted men; certificates concerning assignment of pay, receipt of money, issuance of letters of administration, performance of service, and nonindebtedness of officers; pay orders and correspondence concerning pay and settlement of accounts; powers of attorney; receipts for pay and supplies; appointments and resignations of officers; petitions to the state legislature for pay; enlistment papers; and lists of certificates issued for pay.

Also included are returns of provisions, correspondence, accounts, military orders, orders for delivery of supplies, receipts for supplies and money, and other records removed from pension application files of New York servicemen.

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Related Information

Related Material

A0200Series A0200, New York State Comptroller's Office Revolutionary War Accounts and Claims, contains the surviving original documents borrowed and copied by the United States War Department in 1896.

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

A full description of the Miscellaneous Numbered Records (The Manuscript File) in the War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records is available at the New York State Archives. Records from the New York State Comptroller's Office, which were borrowed and copied by the War Department in 1896, are described and name indexes are provided in *New York in the Revolution as Colony and State* (Comptroller's Office, Albany, 1904).

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

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

Alternate Formats AvailableAlternate Formats Available

Microform is available at the New York State Archives through interlibrary loan.

Microfilm 38 reels; 16 mm.

Administrative Information

Existence and Location of Originals

Originals are held by the National Archives.

Custodial History

The United States War Department obtained the "miscellaneous numbered" Revolutionary War records (The Manuscript File) from a variety of sources over a period spanning from 1894 to 1937. The three principal sources included other executive departments of the federal government, individual state governments, and private citizens. A significant portion of the New York-related records were borrowed from the New York State Comptroller's Office and copied by the War Department's Record and Pension Office in 1896. This date is significant because these records later suffered extensive damage and losses in the New York State Capitol building fire of 1911. The copies created by the War Department constitute the only surviving copies of many documents destroyed in the 1911 fire.

Acquistion Information

Copies of microfilm rolls containing New York-related records were purchased from the National Archives and Records Administration in 1986.

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Access Terms

- Military history
- Managing military records
- United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783
- United States--Armed Forces
- Documenting military personnel
- Microfilms
- Armed Forces
- New York (State)--History--Revolution, 1775-1783
- Military records