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**Card index to Barge Canal correspondence and field books
A4421**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	The series consists of card files apparently indexing material (primarily correspondence and field books) relating to construction of the Barge Canal (contract numbers 42, 43, 50, 51, and 55, the majority of which seem to pertain to Oneida County). Headings pertain to canal surveys, structures, reports, excavations, estimates, claims, materials, and appropriations. These cards typically give date of correspondence, initials from/to, "sub-subject" of letter, and a classification number (part of which may refer to a pertinent contract number).
Creator:	New York (State). Superintendent of Public Works
Title:	Card index to Barge Canal correspondence and field books
Quantity:	2 cubic feet
Quantity:	(ca. 4500 cards)
Inclusive Date:	1905-1916
Series:	A4421

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Arrangement

Roughly numerical by contract number and thereunder alphabetical by various headings and sub-headings.

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Scope and Content Note

The series consists of card files apparently indexing material (primarily correspondence and field books) relating to construction of the Barge Canal. Although the exact source and purpose of the index is unknown, it clearly relates to contract numbers 42, 43, 50, 51, and 55, the majority of which seem to pertain to Oneida County. It may be part of a master card file arranged and kept by the Superintendent (later Department) of Public Works. Headings and

subheadings under the various contracts are myriad, and pertain to canal surveys, structures, reports, excavations, estimates, claims, materials, and appropriations.

Alphabetical sections are also present that apparently refer to canal officials (e.g. division engineers and assistants), construction companies, attorneys, and citizens between whom letters were exchanged on a variety of subjects. These cards typically give date of correspondence, initials from/to, "sub-subject" of letter, and a classification number (part of which may refer to a pertinent contract number).

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

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

Access Terms

- Oneida County (N.Y.)
- Card files
- Cards (information artifacts)
- Indexes (reference sources)
- Administering canals
- Canals--New York (State)
- New York (State)
- Maintaining infrastructure