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Card file index to field books of Erie Canal construction and enlargement A4430

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series consists of a card file indexing field books of Erie Canal construction and enlargements. Cards show date; type or location of work; and a reference to the book number(s) and its location. There are headings in the index for the following: canal enlargements and repairs; lengthening of locks; second canal enlargement; court of claims surveys; canal improvement; monthly estimates; and work on specific structures such as aqueducts, bridges, locks, walls.
Creator:	New York (State). State Engineer and Surveyor
Title:	Card file index to field books of Erie Canal construction and enlargement
Quantity:	0.5 cubic feet
Quantity:	ca. 1700 cards
Inclusive Date:	1836-1898
Series:	A4430

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Arrangement

Roughly chronological or by type of work or structure.

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Scope and Content Note

The series consists of a card file indexing field books of Erie Canal construction and enlargements. Workers commonly used the term "field books" to refer to work done in the field in estimating, surveying, or maintaining the canals. This index was probably kept by the Office of the State Engineer and Surveyor.

Cards show date, type or location of work, and a reference to the book number(s) and its location (by case and section). There are headings in the index for the following (dates are

approximate): canal enlargements and repairs (1836-1862); lengthening of locks (1880s-1898); second canal enlargement (1895-1898); court of claims surveys (1876-1897); canal improvement (1874-1894); monthly estimates; and work on specific structures (aqueducts, bridges, locks, walls, etc).

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

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

Access Terms

- Card files
- Erie Canal (N.Y.)
- Canals--New York (State)--Design and construction
- Cards (information artifacts)
- Surveying land
- Indexes (reference sources)
- Administering canals
- New York (State)
- New York (State). Surveyor General