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Overview of the Records

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| Repository: | New York State Archives |
| Summary: | A few of these opinions and decisions of the Attorney General deal with canal-related matters such as the validity of canal contracts and claims against the state arising from canal construction; others concern grants of land under water, city and village elections, the corrupt practices act, and the filing of marriage certificates. Each opinion or decision provides a brief discussion of the matter in doubt, citation and interpretations of acceptable laws, and the Attorney General's Final Statement. |
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Scope and Content Note

This series contains printed and typescript opinions the New York State Attorney General, as well as one printed abstract of Attorney General's decisions. The opinions address a variety of issues of relevance to the Office of the State Engineer and Surveyor including sale of unappropriated state lands; legal possession of instruments, field notes, maps, and other records created by Verplanck Colvin during his survey of the Adirondack Wilderness; the state's title to lands under water in Lake Champlain; right of the state to tax private property standing on state lands; legal validity of canal contracts; jurisdiction of the State Board of Claims (predecessor of the State Court of Claims) to hear and determine claims against the state; and property description requirements in published applications for grants of lands under water.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

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Administrative Information

Custodial History

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- Canals
- New York (State). Department of Transportation
- New York (State). Attorney General's Office