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**New York State Department of Public Works Index to Barge
Canal Releases B0357**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This single volume series is an alphabetical index to releases, or agreements in which private individuals or businesses relinquished the right to file claims against the State of New York for property damage associated with surveying or constructing the Barge Canal. Each entry in the volume lists release number, name of person or company that granted release to the State, town and county where property was located, and date release was filed.
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Arrangement

Entries are chronological within each letter of this alphabetical index volume.

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Scope and Content Note

This single volume series is an alphabetical index to releases, or agreements in which private individuals or businesses relinquished the right to file claims against the State of New York for property damage associated with surveying or constructing the Barge Canal. Some of the earliest releases were executed as a means of settling property damage claims outside of court. In such cases, the Superintendent of Public Works with the approval of the Canal Board agreed to pay the claimant a portion of the compensation being sought in exchange for the

claimant's agreement to release the State from any additional liability for the property damage caused.

Most of the releases indexed in this volume were executed by the Superintendent of Public Works in order to obtain access to property on which to deposit spoil, or earth and rock excavated or dredged in constructing the Barge Canal. In such cases, the owner of the property agreed, under certain negotiated conditions, to release the State from any and all liability for damage caused by the deposit of spoil on the property.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

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

Administrative Information

Custodial History

The location of the actual releases indexed by this volume is unknown.

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Access Terms

- Monitoring
- Indexes (reference sources)
- New York (State)
- New York State Barge Canal System (N.Y.)
- Canals
- New York (State). Department of Transportation
- New York (State). Superintendent of Public Works