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**New York State Engineer and Surveyor Maps of Lands in
the Rochester Area Claimed as Damaged in the Erie Canal
Enlargement B0713**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	These maps of lands along the Erie Canal in the city of Rochester and the town of Greece were apparently prepared to settle damage claims filed by property owners whose land had been appropriated for canal enlargement. The maps typically show name of owner and boundaries of property; dimensions of spoil banks; and roads adjacent to property. Blue lines demarcate boundaries of state-owned land and yellow tint represents land from which appropriations were made.
Creator:	New York (State). State Engineer and Surveyor
Title:	Maps of lands in the Rochester area claimed as damaged in the Erie Canal Enlargement
Quantity:	0.1 cubic feet
Quantity:	1 volume(s)
Quantity:	27 map(s)
Date:	1870
Series:	B0713

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Scope and Content Note

The series consists of maps showing lands in the City of Rochester and Town of Greece claimed as damaged by the enlargement of the Erie Canal. It includes a list of claimants residing in the city who claimed reimbursement (damages) for land appropriated for the enlargement.

The maps were apparently created by the Office of the State Engineer and Surveyor to settle damage claims filed by those property owners whose land had been appropriated for canal enlargement. The State Engineer and Surveyor was a member of the Canal Board, which heard appeals of decisions by Canal Appraisers regarding damage claims; it was also responsible for surveying, mapping, and engineering of the State's canals.

The maps show land owned along the canal and typically contain: plot of land and name of owner; acreage; metes and bounds of the property; dimensions of spoil banks; and parts of roads or streets adjacent to the property.

Several maps have a printed written legend attached as "Explanatory Remarks" which explains the color code used for certain lines and the meanings of figures given at certain points on the maps. These appear to reflect standard survey practices. Blue lines are state boundary lines, and a yellow tint represents the land from which the appropriation was made.

The maps are hand drawn and inked in color. The majority are drawn on linen, some with traced copies attached. A few maps are drawn on paper, and contain a scale in chains per inch. Maps were originally glued onto pages. The majority of pages in the volume are empty, and it appears that maps previously glued to some pages were removed or lost before arrival at the Archives. Other maps remain loose within the volume.

The 27 maps in the volume range in size from 13.9 x 22 cm to 34.2 x 41.9 cm.

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Volume includes contents listing of maps by page.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

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

Access Terms

- Erie Canal (N.Y.)
- Rochester (N.Y.)
- Monroe County (N.Y.)
- Greece (N.Y.)
- Canals--New York (State)
- New York (State)
- Maps (documents)
- Resolving claims

- New York (State). Department of Transportation