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**New York State Comptroller's Office Receipts for Payment
and Certificates of Commutation of Quit Rents B1612**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	Quit rents were a remnant of feudal dues that were levied during both the colonial and early statehood periods. Quit rents were very unpopular and were finally abolished by the Constitution of 1846. This series consists of certificates (printed forms) that document payments and commutation of annual quit rents. Type of information provided is consistent throughout the series, including patent number; payee; patentee; lot number or other description; acreage; amount, interest, and total paid; and date of certificate.
Creator:	New York (State). Comptroller's Office
Title:	Receipts for payment and certificates of commutation of quit rents
Quantity:	2 cubic feet
Quantity:	10 volumes
Inclusive Date:	1754-1848
Bulk Date:	1806-1848
Series:	B1612

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Arrangement

Chronological.

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Administrative History

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Scope and Content Note

The series consists of certificates that document payments and commutation of annual quit rents. The earliest certificates are completely hand written and signed by the comptroller and the state treasurer. Later certificates are printed forms, two per page, with information filled in. Type of information provided is consistent throughout the series, including patent number; payee; patentee; lot number or other description; acreage; amount, interest, and total paid; and date of certificate.

Volume 1 of the series contains chronological entries of receipts of quit rents (1754-1765). There is a gap in the records between 1765 and 1806. Dates for several volumes overlap. It is unknown if the records were created separately or bound out of sequence, and the reason why that may have been done.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

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

Access Terms

- Real property tax--New York (State)
- Certificates
- Certifying
- New York (State)
- Collecting taxes
- New York (State)
- Receipts
- New York (State). Department of Audit and Control