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## Overview of the Records

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<b>Repository:</b>	New York State Archives
<b>Summary:</b>	This series consists of opinion reports and appendices prepared for court cases involving Indian land claims filed against New York State by the Cayuga Indian Nation, the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma, the Seneca Nation of Indians, and the Tonawanda Band of Seneca Indians. Reports were authored by consulting expert Dr. Alexander von Gernet. They are entitled "The Historical Context of the Cayuga Treaties with the State of New York" and "Aboriginal Use and Occupancy of the Niagara River Environs."
<b>Title:</b>	Opinion reports and supporting documents prepared for Indian land claim litigation
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<b>Quantity:</b>	15 volumes
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## Arrangement

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## Administrative History

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At the time these reports were submitted, in September, 1999, Alexander von Gernet, Ph.D., was affiliated with the Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto at Mississauga, Ontario, Canada.

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## Scope and Content Note

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The series consists of opinion reports and appendices prepared for two court cases involving Indian land claims against New York State, heard by the U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York. The court cases are: The Cayuga Indian Nation of New York, et. al., plaintiffs, and the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma, plaintiff-intervenor, and the U.S.A., plaintiff-intervenor, v. George E. Pataki, et. al., defendants; and The Seneca Nation of Indians, plaintiffs, and the Tonawanda Band of Seneca Indians, plaintiff-intervenor, v. The State of New York, et. al., defendants.

Reports were authored by consulting expert Dr. Alexander von Gernet and submitted in September, 1999. They are entitled "The Historical Context of the Cayuga Treaties with the State of New York" (8 volumes) and "Aboriginal Use and Occupancy of the Niagara River Environs" (7 volumes).

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## Other Finding Aids

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### Available at Repository

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## Use of Records

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

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## Access Terms

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- Indians of North America--Claims
- Niagara River (N.Y. and Ont.)

- Litigation
- Reports
- Indian title--New York (State)
- New York (State)
- Expertizing
- Court records
- Indians of North America--Land tenure
- Tonawanda Band of Seneca Indians of New York
- Cayuga Nation of New York
- Seneca Nation of New York
- Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma
- Gernet, Alexander von.