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**New York State Division of Canals and Waterways Hudson to
Great Lakes Waterway Contract Plans B1767**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series consists of linen plans and drawings for contracts authorized by New York State and funded by the federal government. Under terms of a 1935 state-federal agreement, New York State was able to accept federal aid for improvements to the Barge Canal System without transferring the canals to the federal government. As contracts were completed, the federal government reimbursed the state. The project was known as the Hudson to Great Lakes Waterway and the contracts became popularly known as "U.S." contracts.
Creator:	New York (State). Division of Canals and Waterways
Title:	Hudson to Great Lakes Waterway contract plans
Quantity:	10 cubic feet
Quantity:	(circa 800 maps)
Inclusive Date:	1934-1963
Series:	B1767

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Arrangement

Numerical by contract number.

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Scope and Content Note

This series consists of linen plans and drawings for contracts authorized by the State (Chapter 688, Laws of 1934) and funded by the Federal government. Under terms of a 1935 state-federal agreement New York State was able to accept federal aid for improvements to the Barge Canal System without transferring the canals to the government. As contracts were completed, the federal government reimbursed the state for money used to initiate, construct,

and finance canal improvements. The Superintendent of Public Works was authorized by the law to carry out all work.

The project was known as the Hudson to Great Lakes Waterway and the contracts became popularly known as "U.S." contracts. U.S. contracts consisted in the deepening of the Waterford to Oswego section of the canal system from a depth of 12 to 14 feet, the raising of bridges to permit a 20-foot clearance, and the straitening and widening of bends. Plans for contracts in this series are often preceded by a key or location map which contain brief narratives describing contract terms. The plans themselves depict components of contracts such as channels, prisms, gates, locks, and other canal mechanisms.

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Related Information

Related Material

B1768Series B1768, Index to Barge Canal Contracts, Maintenance Contracts, Terminal Contracts, U.S. Contracts, Final Estimates, Structures, and Shop Drawings, indexes this series.

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Folder list is available at the repository.

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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

This series was transferred from the Canal Corporation, via the State Museum in February 2001.

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Access Terms

- Contracts
- Designing canals
- Construction contracts--New York State Canal System (N.Y.)
- Canals--New York (State)
- New York (State)
- Maps (documents)
- New York State Barge Canal System (N.Y.)
- Canals--Design and construction
- Constructing canals
- New York State Canal Corporation
- United States. Army. Corps of Engineers