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**New York State Division of Lands and Forests Cockburn  
Field Notes, Land Records, and Maps B1773**

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## Overview of the Records

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<b>Repository:</b>	New York State Archives
<b>Summary:</b>	This series is comprised of land records (survey notes, copies of deeds, maps, quit claims, and indentures) created or accumulated by William Cockburn, his sons William Jr. and James, and his grandson Walter A. Cockburn, and maintained by the Division of Lands and Forests. The series contains three small bound volumes; miscellaneous survey notes, drawings, and maps arranged by date; and one disbound folio containing miscellaneous large maps.
<b>Creator:</b>	New York (State). Division of Lands and Forests
<b>Title:</b>	Cockburn field notes, land records, and maps
<b>Quantity:</b>	2 cubic feet
<b>Inclusive Date:</b>	[circa 1755]-1884
<b>Series:</b>	B1773

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## Arrangement

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Roughly chronological.

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## Administrative History

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William Cockburn (?-1804) from Berwickshire, Scotland, settled in Kingston, Ulster County, New York in the early 1760s and was employed as a surveyor, land agent, and speculator in Ulster County and throughout the state and Vermont. As a teacher and employer he influenced many of New York States' surveyors. He married Catherine Trumpbour (also spelled Tremper) of Palatine German descent. They had five children including James (ca. 1775-1848) and William Jr. who accompanied their father on surveying expeditions as did his nephew Jacob Trumpbour Jr. John Kiersted Sr. (1786-1862) of Saugerties was a frequent surveyor for the

Cockburns and in later years James Cockburn's son Walter A. also participated. William Cockburn is buried in Mount Marion Cemetery, Kingston, New York.

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## Scope and Content Note

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survey notes of Walter A. Cockburn (1859-1884), which contain a variety of surveys performed under contract to individuals and relating to the Hurley Patentee Woods in Ulster County. The miscellaneous survey notes, drawings, and maps (1766-1822) relate primarily to the Hurley Patentee Woods, the Saw Kill Road/ Jockey Hill region outside Kingston, and the town of Duane in Franklin County. Included in the material removed from the disbound folio are approximately 23 monochrome and hand-colored maps of towns and allotments in Clinton, Delaware, Franklin, Greene, Oswego, and Ulster Counties. The disbound folio also contains miscellaneous survey notes, maps, and two items of personal correspondence of Walter A. Cockburn.

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## Related Information

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### Related Material

Cockburn Family Land Papers, Manuscripts and Special Collections, New York State Library.

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## Use of Records

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### Access Restrictions

Restricted. Material is fragile. Use under supervision of an archivist.

### Alternate Formats Available

### Items Online

High resolution images of selected original documents in this series are available in State Archives Digital Collections.

[Cockburn field notes, land records, and maps, \[circa 1755\]-1884 in Digital Collections](#)

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## Administrative Information

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### Custodial History

These records were transferred to the State Archives in May 2001 and accessioned in July 2001. For what purposes and what functions these records were maintained by the agency is unknown. A bound folio included in the accession was disbound; the material included in the folio was placed in folders and maintained in its original order.

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## Access Terms

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- Allotment of land--New York (State)
- Rensselaer County (N.Y.)
- Surveyors--New York (State)
- Oswego County (N.Y.)
- Land titles--New York (State)
- Surveying
- Maps (documents)
- New York (State)
- Greene County (N.Y.)
- Franklin County (N.Y.)
- Ulster County (N.Y.)

- Surveying--New York (State)
- Albany County (N.Y.)
- Land settlement--New York (State)
- Surveys
- Clinton County (N.Y.)
- Saratoga County (N.Y.)
- Dutchess County (N.Y.)