



New York State Archives

**New York State Secretary of State Statements of Escheated
Lands in the New Military Tract and of Land Sales in Certain
Other Tracts B1868**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	Escheated lands are defined as unclaimed, abandoned, or uninherited property that passes to the custody of the state. The first part of this series consists of statements of escheated lands in the Military Tract "for which no grants have been ordered by the Commissioners of the Land Office." The series also contains statements for various tracts of land and information about certain townships and land patents.
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Series:	B1868

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Administrative History

Escheated lands are defined as unclaimed, abandoned, or uninherited property that passes to the custody of the state (Abandoned Property Law, Art. 2). Escheat insures that the property always has a recognized owner, which would be the state if no other claimants to ownership exist. Real property permanently reverts to the state if a rightful claimant does not petition the Office of General Services within 40 years.

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Scope and Content Note

The first part of this series consists of statements of escheated lands in the Military Tract "for which no grants have been ordered by the Commissioners of the Land Office." Each entry provides the following information: township, lot number, subdivision, number of acres, "occupants returned by Surveyor," persons ejected, date of Attorney General's report

of ejection, "page of mem. book," and remarks. It appears that pages may have been microfilmed out of their proper sequence. The series also contains statements for various tracts of land, which provide the lot number and location, occupant's name, subdivision number, number of acres, price per acre, and total costs (including the amount for the survey). Information about certain townships and land patents is also found in the series, with lot number, subdivision number, acres, name of patentee, date of patent, and book and page numbers provided for each township or patent listed.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

Microfilm is not available for duplication or inter-library loan.

Alternate Formats AvailableAlternate Formats Available

Microfilmed in part in 1973 at the Department of State by the Genealogical Society of Utah, microfilm reel 947117 (item 3). Cataloged as "Escheated Land Records." GSU microfilm has been digitized by FamilySearch. Images can be viewed online at FamilySearch Affiliate Libraries (including the New York State Archives and the New York State Library).

Administrative Information

Processing Information

This series was microfilmed along with series A0449, Register of gold and silver mines.

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Access Terms

- Monitoring
- Microfilms
- Real property
- Unclaimed estates
- New York (State)
- Escheat

- New York (State). Department of State
- Genealogical Society of Utah