



New York State Archives

**New York State Court of Chancery Decrees and Papers
Before 1800 J0065**

New York State Archives
222 Madison Avenue
Albany, NY 12230
archref@nysed.gov
URL: <http://www.archives.nysed.gov/>

Table of Contents

| | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Overview of the Records | 3 |
| Arrangement | 3 |
| Administrative History | 3 |
| Scope and Contents | 4 |
| Related Information | 4 |
| Other Finding Aids | 4 |
| Use of Records | 5 |
| Administrative Information | 5 |
| Access Terms | 5 |

Overview of the Records

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| Repository: | New York State Archives |
| Summary: | The series contains information on the particulars of cases, the results of court investigations, the content of testimony, and the determinations of the court. Records consist of decrees, bills of complaint, answers, testimonies, reports, and other documents filed in cases heard by the Chancellor. Files usually consist of one document or one type of document (e.g., testimonies of number of witnesses) and cannot be considered complete case files. |
| Creator: | New York (State). Court of Chancery |
| Title: | New York State Court of Chancery decrees and papers before 1800 |
| Quantity: | 57 cubic feet |
| Inclusive Date: | 1684-1822 |
| Bulk Date: | 1785-1799 |
| Series: | J0065 |

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Arrangement

Alphabetic by last name of complainant, then numeric by file number; enrolled decrees are filed at the beginning of each alphabetical section, followed by other filed documents. Larger documents are filed in cabinets, and there are cross references to those documents in the boxes containing the smaller documents.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Administrative History

Most records in this series are on parchment. A law of 1801 allowed the use of paper in place of parchment in court proceedings and changed the method by which decrees were enrolled. In the mid-nineteenth century the Court of Appeals compiled the present series from pre-1800

parchment and paper documents that the Court of Chancery had not incorporated into its filing system.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Scope and Content Note

The series contains information on the particulars of cases, the results of court investigations, the content of testimony, and the determinations of the court. The records consists of decrees, bills of complaint, answers, testimonies, reports, and other documents filed in cases heard by the Chancellor. Informational content varies from case to case depending on the documents filed. Filing units usually consist of one document or one type of document (e.g., testimonies of number of witnesses) and cannot be considered complete case files. Also included in this series are a very few post-1800 records.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Related Information

Related Material

J0090Series J0090, Orders in Chancery, and

J0059Series J0059, Chancery Minutes, contain additional information on cases in this series.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Series J0066, Index to Enrolled Decrees Before 1800, indexes decrees in this series. Series J1065, Defendant index to decrees and papers before 1800, also indexes this series.

An alphabetical index by last names of complainant and defendant was compiled by the Historical Documents Collection, Queens College.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Use of Records

Access Restrictions

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

Alternate Formats AvailableAlternate Formats Available

Microform is available at the New York State Archives through interlibrary loan.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

The Court of Appeals placed these records on deposit at the Historical Documents Collection, Queens College, from 1973-1982.

A select group of documents was removed from the series for preservation because of their unique historical value.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Access Terms

- Adjudicating
- Decrees
- Courts
- Judicial records
- New York (State)
- New York (State). Court of Appeals