



*New York State Archives*

**New York (State) Supreme Court of Judicature (New York)  
Writs of Inquiry and Inquisitions JN551**

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## Overview of the Records

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<b>Repository:</b>	New York State Archives
<b>Summary:</b>	This small series of writs of inquisitions includes to colonial examples; the others are from the early national period. The writ is accompanied in most cases by the jury's inquisition, determining the amount of money owed by the defendant to the plaintiff. The inquisition bears the jurors' signatures and seals.
<b>Creator:</b>	New York (State). Supreme Court of Judicature (New York)
<b>Title:</b>	Writs of inquiry and inquisitions
<b>Quantity:</b>	0.1 cubic feet
<b>Inclusive Date:</b>	1707, 1758, 1784-1844
<b>Series:</b>	JN551

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## Arrangement

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Chronological by year.

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## Administrative History

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The writ of inquisition ordered a sheriff to empanel a jury to inquire into the amount of damages owed to the plaintiff who had obtained a preliminary judgment, typically because the defendant confessed liability or failed to plead. The jury's return contains its award.

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## Scope and Content Note

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## Other Finding Aids

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### Available at Repository

No indexes exist for these records.

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## Use of Records

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### Access Restrictions

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

### Alternate Formats AvailableAlternate Formats Available

There is no microfilm for these records.

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## Access Terms

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- Court Records Project