Finding Aid for the Fort Orange Settlement Administrative Records series.

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Online Finding Aid Record:
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Overview of Records

Repository:
New York State Archives

Summary:
This series contains legal and administrative records that document the Dutch settlement of Fort Orange, which eventually became Albany, New York. The records, in Dutch, include real estate transactions, such as conveyances of property from one individual to another, conditions of sale, conditions of auction, and surrenders of claims; acknowledgments of debt; inventories of estates; warrants; powers of attorney; and pledges of security.

Creator:

Title:
Fort Orange settlement administrative records

Inclusive Dates:
1656-1660

Quantity:
2.5 cu. ft.

Series Number:
A1876

Items Online
This item is available in our Digital Collections

Arrangement:
Chronological by date.

Administrative History:
The Dutch West India Company established the jurisdiction of Fort Orange and the village of Beverwijck on April 10, 1652. A local governing body, the inferior bench of justice, was established with executive, legislative, and judicial responsibilities within the jurisdiction. The court kept minutes of its proceedings along with records of various transactions and interactions of members of the community. The transactions were written in the form of contracts requiring signatures of the parties involved and the attestation of the local secretary. The community that evolved in and around Fort Orange eventually became Albany, New York.

Scope and Contact Note:
The records in this series document the Dutch community that eventually became Albany, New York. The majority of the records document real estate transactions, such as conveyances of property from one individual to another, conditions of sale, conditions of auction, and surrenders of claims; records also include acknowledgments of debt, inventories of estates, warrants, powers of attorney, and pledges of security. Such documents carried authentic signatures and could be submitted as legal instruments in court proceedings. Officials who appear as signatories in the series are as follows: Joannes Dijckman, vice director and commissary at Fort Orange from April 10, 1652 to June 1655; Johan de Deckere, provisional vice director at Fort Orange from July 1655 to July 1656; Johannes La Montagne, vice director and commissary at Fort Orange from September 28, 1656 to October 24, 1664; and Dirck van Schelluyne, who served as notary public in Beverwijck beginning in 1660 and town clerk of Albany from September 10, 1665 to August 9, 1668. This series originally constituted parts two and three of volume 16 of the New York Historical Manuscripts in the New York State Library. The original records are in the Dutch language.

Use of Records:

Access Restrictions:
There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of the material.
**Related Information:**

**Other Finding Aids:**
Item list: E.B. O'Callaghan's Calendar of Historical Manuscripts in the Office of the Secretary of State (1866).

Folder list available at the repository.

**Access Terms:**

Subjects:
- Law
- Dutch--New York (State)
- Real property
- Dutch Colonial Records
- Colonial Governments (British)

Corporate Names:
- New York State Archives

Geographic Names:
- New York (Colony)--Politics and government
- New York (State)--History--Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775
- New York (State)
- New Netherland
- Beverwyck (N.Y.)
- Albany (N.Y.)
- Fort Orange (N.Y.)

Functions:
- Administering settlements

**Detailed Description:**
Contact repository for copy with container list information.