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**Online Finding Aid Record:**
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**Overview of Records**

**Repository:**
New York State Archives

**Summary:**
This series consists predominantly of land patents, in Dutch, through which the director-general and council of New Netherland allowed private individuals to take possession of land in freehold, as opposed to the previous policy of only granting permission to hold land for cultivation. Also included are some deeds that record the purchase of land from natives for the West India Company and several patroons.

**Creator:**

**Title:**
New Netherland Council Dutch colonial patents and deeds

**Inclusive Dates:**
1630-1664

**Quantity:**
2.5 cu. ft.

**Series Number:**
A1880

Items Online
This item is available in our Digital Collections

Arrangement:
Chronological by date.

Administrative History:
On June 24, 1638, the council of New Netherland issued an order allowing private individuals, via the granting of land patents, to possess land "in freehold" as opposed to the previous policy of only granting permission to hold land for cultivation.

Scope and Contact Note:
This series consists predominantly of land patents, through which the director-general and council of New Netherland allowed private individuals to take possession of land in freehold. However, book GG also contains "Indian deeds" which record the purchase of land from Native Americans for the West India Company and several patroons. Records in the series span the years 1630-1649, 1651, 1654-1661, and 1664. During Willem Kieft’s tenure as director-general (1638-1647) the entire text of each patent was copied, sometimes requiring two pages to complete; under Petrus Stuyvesant (1647-1664) many patents were abbreviated and two often were copied on one page. This series originally constituted Dutch record books GG and HH (referred to as HH, Part 2 in E.B. O'Callaghan's

Use of Records:
Access Restrictions:
There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of the material.

Alternate Formats Available:
Microfilm (1 roll, 35mm) is available at the New York State Archives (produced by the New York State Library); however, the film is not fully legible and may be incomplete.

Photostat use copies are available at the New York State Archives.

Related Information:

Related Materials:
Series A0270, Register of the Provincial Secretary, contains additional patents and deeds from the Dutch period.

Series A1882, Dutch Colonial Land Deeds, contains deeds from the period 1652-1653. There are also deeds from the period 1653-1665 in the "Records of New Amsterdam" held at the New York City Clerk's office. The Albany County (New York) Hall of Records holds deeds from the Dutch period beginning in 1654.

Other Finding Aids:
Item list: E.B. O'Callaghan's

Translated in:

Access Terms:
Subjects:
- Indians of North America
- Real property, Exchange of--New York (State)
- Letters patent
- Land settlement
- Dutch--New York (State)
- Land grants
- Real property, Colonial--New York (Colony)
- Land titles
- Dutch Colonial Records
- Colonial Governments (British)

Corporate Names:
- New York State Archives
- West-Indische Compagnie (Netherlands)

Genres:
- Land grants
- Deeds

• Letters patent

Geographic Names:
• New York (Colony)--Politics and government
• New York (State)--History--Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775
• New York (State)
• New Netherland

Functions:
• Issuing land grants
• Recording

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