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Overview of the Records

Repository: New York State Archives
Summary: This series contains original linen plans for Barge Canal System contracts furnished under Chapter 147, Laws of 1903. The law directed the State Engineer and Surveyor to make maps, plans, and specifications prior to assigning contracts. The series is arranged by contract number and contains maps for contracts 1-236. Cayuga and Seneca contracts, produced later and not included in the original Barge Canal contract list, follow an alphabetical order.
Creator: New York (State). Division of Canals and Waterways
Title: Barge Canal System contract plans
Quantity: 43.7 cubic feet
Quantity: ca. 2800 maps
Inclusive Date: 1904- [ca. 1950]
Series: B1763

Arrangement

Alphabetical or numerical by contract letter or contract number.

Scope and Content Note

This series contains original linen plans for contracts for the Barge Canal System furnished under Chapter 147, Laws of 1903. Section 6 of the law specified that all work done on the "improved" Erie Canal (what later became known as the Barge Canal System) was to be done by contract; each canal structure or geographic area was let as a contract. The law further directed the State Engineer and Surveyor to make maps, plans, and specifications prior to assigning contracts. The plans for these contracts are the maps and drawings constituting this series. The series is arranged by contract number and contains maps for contracts 1-236.
Cayuga and Seneca contracts, produced later and not included in the original Barge Canal contract list, follow an alphabetical order.

Numerous sheets exist per contract number. Individual contract maps are often preceded by a location or key map, which geographically identifies contract number, section number, and canal. Key maps often include indexes for each job assigned under a given contract; jobs are itemized and listed separately. Also, maps frequently include a summary description of the contract. Contracts include, among other projects, work for dams, locks, lock gates, foundations, culverts, sluice gates, spillways, walls, and bridges.

Related Information

Related Material

A4416Series A4416, Barge Canal contract estimates

B1354Series B1354, Final estimate book for several Barge Canal Middle Division contracts

A4426Series A4426, Card file index to Western Division Barge Canal contracts, structures, and appropriations and

B1765Series B1765, New York State Barge Canal System contract shop drawings all contain related records.

Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Indexed by Series B1768, Index to Barge Canal contracts, maintenance contracts, terminal contracts, U.S. contracts, final estimates, structures, and shop drawings.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

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

Alternate Formats Available

This series is also available on microfilm at the New York State Canal Corporation.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

This series was transferred from the Canal Corporation, via the State Museum, in February 2001.

Access Terms

- Contracts
- Cayuga and Seneca Canal (N.Y.)
- Construction contracts--New York State Canal System (N.Y.)
- Canals--New York (State)
- Managing canals
- New York (State)
- Maps (documents)
- Maintaining infrastructure
- New York State Barge Canal System (N.Y.)
- Canals--Design and construction
- New York State Canal Corporation