

**HOLLAND LAND COMPANY
MANUSCRIPT PRESERVATION PROJECT**

**ASSESSMENT LIST
OF THE
HOLLAND LAND COMPANY RECORDS
AND
RELATED DOCUMENTS
AT THE
ERIE COUNTY COURT HOUSE**

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INTRODUCTION

At the outset, the Holland Land Company Project excluded the assessment and microfilming of related documents in each of the county seats in Western New York. This was done partly because most of the known collections were duplicate copies of Field Notes and maps, the originals of which were filmed elsewhere. This restriction was also to keep the Project to a more manageable scope.

The 37 land sales ledgers, also known as Range Books, at the Office of the County Clerk in the County of Erie in Buffalo, are original manuscript records. They were maintained in the Batavia Land Office which opened in 1800. In 1826, the Buffalo Land Office was opened by subagent Ira A. Blossom, who kept up the ledgers until 1835, when the Holland Land Company sold its land and assets in Erie County to Jacob LeRoy and to Heman Redfield. The new owners continued selling the land in the Buffalo Land Office until about 1844 when the ledgers terminate. It is assumed that the Land Office closed that year. It is also assumed that at that time the ledgers were turned over to the County Clerk.

The discovery of the Range Books for Erie County is of major importance because this missing link almost completes the original land sales records in all Townships in the 15 Ranges of the Holland Purchase. The 37 ledgers, with Township maps and name indexes, and occasionally tipped in letters, were microfilmed. Three volumes of related deed records were also microfilmed.

The SURVEY RECORDS that include 130 Field Notes of lot surveys in Erie County and the several other volumes of survey notes on the Indian Reservations; Grand Island and its surrounding islands; the State Reservation; Ogden Gore; and various townships and villages were not microfilmed at this time. It is expected that when funds are procured, the Office of the County Clerk will microfilm them.

In the MAPS section two of the four listed atlases were microfilmed by the Office of the County Clerk in 1983. The other two atlases are of equal importance, therefore, they should also be filmed in the near future. The 1862 Deed Atlas of the Town of Amherst is listed here because it was based on original Holland Land Company surveys.

Erie County Court House
 Office of County Clerk
 25 Delaware Avenue
 Buffalo, NY 14202
 716-846-6348

HOLLAND LAND COMPANY RECORDS, 1798-1862

Buffalo Subagency 1826-1836
 LeRoy and Redfield Land Office, 1836-1844
 Ira A. Blossom, Subagent, 1826-?
 Microfilm HD/195/H64/H654 10 reels

LAND SALES RECORDS

ECCH-1 Register of buyers, purchase price, acreage, location and payments made on contracts for land on tracts H and O in Erie County, various Townships in Ranges 5-9.
 "Range Books."
 1799-1844; 37 volumes. Maps and name indexes as noted.

Reel No.	Range	Township	Dates	Pages	Notes
1	5	7	1809-1844	168	Map, index
	5	8	1807-1844	149	Map, index
	5	9	1804-1844	168	Map, index
2	5	11	1806-1844	167	Map, index
	5	Bat. 11	1806-1839	179	Map, index
	5	12	1801-1844	168	Map, index
3	5	13	1810-1844	37	Map, index
	6	6	1805-1844	67	Map, index
	6	7	1807-1844	166	Map, index
	6	8	1809-1844	105	Map, index
4	6	9	1804-1844	170	Map, index
	6	11	1803-1844	166	Map, index
	6	Bat. 12	1799-1837	179	Map, index
5	6	12	1799-1834	170	Map, index
	6	13	1811-1844	43	Map, index
	7	West 6	1809-1844	103	Map, index
	7	East 6	1809-1844	38	Map, index
	7	West 7	1809-1844	166	Map, index

Reel No.	Range	Township	Dates	Pages	Notes
6	7	East 7	1809-1844	57	Map, index
	7	8	1803-1836	169	Map, index
	7	East 8	1807-1836	61	Map, index
	7	West 9	1803-1844	165	Map, index
	7	East 9	1807-1844	54	Map, index
7	7	11	1804-1844	131	Map, index
	7	11	1808-1844	57	Map, index
	7	12	1799-1844	95	Map, index
	7	East 12	1807-1844	44	Map, index
8	7	13	1808-1844	167	Map, index
	7	East 13	1810-1843	29	Map, index
	8	6	1809-1844	168	Map, index
	8	7	1809-1844	168	Map, index
	8	8	1806-1844	165	Map, index
9	8	9	1803-1844	168	Map, index
	8	11	1803-1844	94	Maps, index
	8	12	1805-1844	96	Map, index
	9	v. 1-8	1809-1844	167	Map, index
10	9	v. 2-8	1831-1844	119	Only index

NOTE: These volumes were maintained by Holland Land Company employees in the Buffalo Subagency, which opened in 1826. After 1836, the volumes were continued by the staff of the LeRoy and Redfield Land Company in the same office.

Some volumes contain inserted letters. Range 8 Township 9 volume has maps of the south and north parts of Township 11 in Range 8.

Volumes for Range 5 Township 11 and Range 6 Township 12 seemed to have been transferred from the Batavia Land Office.

DEED RECORDS

ECCH-2 Index to Deeds in various New York State Reservations
Reel 10 No date; 1 volume, (v. 13) 86 pages

NOTE: 62 pages contain an alphabetical list of names. It is followed by a partial list.

ECCH-3 Title Book or Index to Deeds issued in Erie County, NY, by Range, Township
Reel 10 and lot numbers.

1803-1859; 2 volumes, 284 & 275 pages. No name index.

NOTE: Both volumes include deeds issued on Grand Island, mostly to George F. Tallman; and Deductions of the Title to the Lands in the Several Indian reservations in Erie County, NY, between September 1810 and May 1828.

SURVEY RECORDS *NOT FILMED*

ECCH-4 Directions for use of Field Notes.
No date; 1 volume (v. 15), 8 pages.

NOTE: Includes list of Field Note volumes.

ECCH-5 Enumeration of the number of acres in each of the several Towns in Erie County,
by Nelson Hopkins.

1852; 1 volume 42 pages.

ECCH-6 Field Book of the surveys of tracts in the Cattaraugus Reservation owned by
Colonel Robert Troup, Thomas L. Ogden and Benjamin W. Rogers.

1827; 1 volume (v. 4) 128 pages. Has map, no index.

ECCH-7 Field Notes for lots in the Townships and Ranges in Erie County.
1798-1809; 130 booklets; numbers 3-579, incomplete.

ECCH-8 Field Notes of a survey of that part of the Buffalo Reservation extending from the
Transit Line, west to the junction of Seneca and Cayuga Creeks, and lying
between the right bank of Seneca and the north line of Reservation, by James
Sperry.

1842; 1 volume (v.3), 223 pages. No index.

NOTE: Include lots in Hamburg, West of Hamburg Road and on Turnpike and
Lake Erie by E. R. Cook. Lots are not in numerical order.

- ECCH-9 Field Notes of Grand Island in Niagara River, surveyed by Silas D. Kellogg and James Tanner.
- 1824; 1 volume (v.17), 140 pages. Index.
- NOTE: Include surveys of Strawberry, Beaver, Frog, Rattlesnake, Tonawanda, Cayuga, Buck Horse, and Connors Islands.
- ECCH-10 Field Notes of parts of the lots in Township 10, Range 7 in the Buffalo Reservation, by Joseph Jones.
- 1840 & 1842; 1 volume (v.8) 110 pages. No index.
- NOTE: Lots are not in numerical order.
- ECCH-11 Field Notes of the Cattaraugus Reservation, Lots 1-83 and 116 by Peter Emslie.
- 1849?; 1 volume, 116 pages. No index.
- ECCH-12 Field Notes of the survey of Grand Island of the Niagara River, by Silas D. Kellogg and James Tanner.
- 1824; 1 volume, (v.14) 80 pages. Index.
- NOTE: Include surveys of Strawberry, Beaver, Frog, Rattlesnake, Tonawanda, Cayuga, Buck Horse and Connors Islands in the Niagara River.
- ECCH-13 Field Notes of the Survey of part of the Buffalo Creek Indian Reservation adjoining the City of Buffalo; known as the Lovejoy and Emslie survey.
- 1844; 1 volume (v.6), 144 pages. No index.
- NOTE: Lots 1-201 are in numerical order.
- ECCH-14 Field Notes of the survey of the Ogden Gore; Range 8, Township 10, Lots 11-51, by John Lamberton.
- 1849; 1 volume (v.9), 54 pages. Map, no index.

ECCH-15 Field Notes of the survey of the west part of the Indian Reservation near Buffalo, by James Sperry.

1843; 1 volume (v.5) 164 pages. Index of lots on p. 84.

ECCH-16 Field Notes of surveys in the Towns of Alden, Wales, Aurora and Lancaster, by Peter Emslie.

1849; 1 volume (v.10), 212 pages. Index.

ECCH-17 Field Notes of the surveys of Lots 1-181 in Township 10, Range 5 on the Buffalo Creek Reservation, by James Sperry.

1843; 1827; 1 volume (v.1), 254 pages. No index.

NOTE: Includes surveys of
Lots 1-98 in Township 10, Range 6
Lots 1-51 in Township 10, Range 7
Lots 1-10 in Township 10, Range 8
by John Lamberton in 1827. (170 pages)

ECCH-18 Field Notes of the west part of the Indian Reservation near Buffalo, by James Sperry.

1843; 1 volume (v.2), 332 pages. No index.

NOTE: Lots are not in numerical order.

ECCH-19 Field Notes of Township lines [in Erie County] and State Reservation surveys, by Joseph Ellicott, Chief Surveyor of the Holland Land Company.

1799; 1 volume, 775 pages. No index.

NOTE: Includes the Willink Strip survey in a separate report and the Field Notes of a tract of land lying on the Niagara River in the County of Genesee and State of New York, by Joseph Annin in 1803.

SURVEY RECORDS NOT FILMED

MAPS

ECCH-20 Deed Atlas of the Town of Amherst by Tobias Witmer, Surveyor and Civil Engineer
1862; 1 volume, 22 plates.

NOTE: Showing the dimensions of each lot and part of lot as originally conveyed by the Holland Land Company, and also subsequent subdivisions, highways, etc. to accompany Witmer's Deed Tables.

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MAY 5, 1983.

ECCH-21 Map index of Holland Land Company Field Notes.

No date; 1 volume, 33 plates. Name index to plates 1-6.

Range	Township
5	7-13
6	6-13
7	6-13
8	6-12

NOTE:

Plates 4 and 12 contain parts of the Buffalo Creek Reservation;

Plate 29 contains the New York State Reservation, part of Lake Erie and part of the Niagara River and Squaw Island;

Plate 30 contains New York State Reservation part of the Niagara River, Strawberry Isle, Rattlesnake and Tonawanda Islands;

Plate 31 contains a map of Grand Island in the Niagara River and other small Islands as surveyed in October and November 1824 by Silas D. Kellogg and James Tanner;

Plate 32 contains a map of the Cattaraugus Reservation as surveyed by Joseph Jones and Peter Emslie, 1843;

Plate 33 has a separate map of the north part of the Town of Evans.

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ECCH-22 Map index of Holland Land Company Field Notes.

No date; 1 volume, 32 plates. No index.

<u>Range</u>	<u>Township</u>
5	7-13
6	6-13
7	6-13
8	6-12
9	7- 8

NOTE:

Plates 4 and 19 contain parts of the Buffalo Creek Reservation;

Plate 30 contains map of Grand Island in the Niagara River and other small Islands as surveyed in October and November 1824 by Silas D. Kellogg and James Tanner;

Plate 31 contains map of the Cattaraugus Reservation as surveyed by Joseph Jones and Peter Emslie, 1843;

Plate 32 contains part of Range 9, Township 9.

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ECCH-23 Map Index of Holland Land Company Field Notes

1828-1835; 1 volume, 55 plates. No index.

NOTE: Include deed maps with tables for land purchased by Charles Dudley in several Townships in Ranges 1-12 (40 plates); and land purchased by Jared Willson and William B. Wells; Micah Brooks and Lorenzo Brooks; Abraham Schermerhorn; Jesse Smith; and John Lowber for certain acreage at various locations on the Holland Purchase.

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