

HOLLAND LAND COMPANY
MANUSCRIPT PRESERVATION PROJECT

ASSESSMENT LIST
OF THE
HOLLAND LAND COMPANY RECORDS
NEW YORK STATE ARCHIVES

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Arriving at the final format of an assessment list gives occasion to look back to the preparatory process which always involves numerous phone calls, exchanging of letters and visits to the repository. The well-established rapport with James Corsaro started in 1976 at the then called Department of Maps and Manuscripts of the New York State Library where some original Holland Land Company material was kept for many years. These records were later transferred to the newly established New York State Archives.

Mr. Corsaro's role as librarian, teacher and consultant dates from the earlier exploratory visit to the State Library to the shaping of the Holland Land Company Preservation Project and the eventual filming of the collection in The Netherlands and later elsewhere. I hope Jim Corsaro is well aware of his contributions to my slowly evolving familiarity with the Holland Land Company and its activities in the United States. I also hope that he realizes the depth of my appreciation of the steady sharing of his very specialized knowledge and his eagerness to help with an unconditional collegial sincerity that made it so inviting to call on him again and again.

Similar rapport was enjoyed with Larry Hackman, State Archivist already in the early 1980s and throughout that decade as need dictated it. Several other members of the then young State Archives likewise provided much help and often sought after support that was essential for bringing the Holland Land Company Project to its desired fruition. Among them, the names of James Folts, William Evans, Roger Ritzmann and later Christine Ward clearly stand out. Ms. Ward's cooperation with the recent arrangement for the microfilming of the 23 Range Books is indeed appreciated. Much belatedly do I express my most profound thanks to all, and more particularly to James Corsaro, Larry Hackman and James Folts for their guidance and support during nearly three decades.

And I join the many researchers and other users in wishing the staff of the State Library and the Archives the very best in preserving and appropriately disseminating the invaluable historical treasures of the State of New York. E-mail address for the New York State Archives is: refserv@unix6.nysed.gov.

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INTRODUCTION

This collection at the New York State Archives in Albany was only filmed in part by the staff of that institution without any financial aid from the Holland Land Company Preservation Project. The Archives concentrated on the filming of the survey records, which are most ardently sought by present day surveyors, lawyers, and owners of land especially when disputes concerning private property boundary lines are under investigation.

Since the Holland Land Company was obligated by law in 1839 to submit a set of field notes of all their surveying activities in Western New York, today the State Archives holds the most complete survey records of the Holland Purchase. These microfilmed collections are listed under "Survey Records" in the Assessment List with given reel listing and call numbers that were assigned by Reed Library. Among the survey reports are a complete set of field notes of Township lines in Ranges 1-15 of the grand survey of the Holland Purchase, as conducted by Joseph Ellicott and his surveying crew between 1797 and 1800. (ALB-18 and ALB-19.) An almost complete set of "Field notes of township and lot lines in Ranges 1-15 on the Holland Purchase" is found in one entry, under ALB-17. The few missing field notes of the 668 numbered volumes are noted in the accompanying "Index to the Holland Land Company Field Notebooks" which was compiled in 1985 by the staff of the New York State Archives.

The State Archives also filmed a six-volume set of plat and deed maps on a single reel. (Reed Library call number: HD/195/H64/H676.) Some deeds in ALB-13 and the 3 volumes of "Deed Tables" for lands sold between 1802-1833 on the Holland Purchase (ALB-12) were also filmed by the State Archives. It should be noted that when possible, the lot or location numbers of the New York State Archives was recorded in the Assessment List for the convenience of researchers who intend to consult this collection in Albany. The correlation of this list should be easy with the often

2-3 assigned volume and location numbers in the State Archives. This is particularly true in the case of the land sales ledgers in ALB-10, the filming of which was a cooperative effort. The staff of the New York State Archives prepared the ledgers for microfilming; the Holland Land Company Manuscript Preservation Project paid for the filming costs; and the actual filming was done by the North East Documentation Preservation Center. With the recent microfilming of the 23 land ledgers, all located land sales ledgers that were generated on the Holland Purchase from the inception of land sales from 1800 to at least 1835, and in some cases to the 1860s, are available on microfilm.

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HOLLAND LAND COMPANY RECORDS

LAND TRANSFER DOCUMENTS

ALB-1 Confirmation of the Treaty at Big Tree, Sept. 15, 1797.
1828; 1 item.

Note: New York State Archives Number: A0025, box 3, folder 1.

ALB-2 Copies of Holland Land Company's Title Deeds.
No date; 1 volume, (item "A") 70 pages, manuscript.

Note: For itemized listing consult the "List of Title Papers..." pages 43-47.
in ALB 9.

New York State Archives Number: A0025, package 1.

ALB-3 Deeds and Deduction of Title to the Eight Hundred Thousand Acre Tract on the
Holland Purchase.
1793-1801; 7 items.

Note: For itemized listing consult the "List of Title Papers..." pages 25-29 in
ALB 9. Number 12 contains a map of the Purchase.

New York State Archives Number: A0025, special map case.

ALB-4 Deeds and Deduction of Title to the Forty Thousand Acre Tract on the Holland
Purchase.
1796-1828; 7 items.

Note: For itemized listing consult the "List of Title Papers..." pages 39-41 in
ALB 9. Number 4 contains a map of the Purchase.

New York State Archives Number: A0025, special map case.

ALB-5 Deeds and Deduction of Title to the Million Acre Tract on the Holland Purchase.
1793-1801; 12 items.

Note: For itemized listing consult the "List of Title Papers.." pages 17-23 in ALB 9.
Number 12 contains a map of the Purchase.
New York State Archives Number: A0025, special map case.

ALB-6 Deeds and Deduction of Title to the Million and Half-Million Acre Tracts on the
Holland Purchase.
1792-1836; 28 items.

Note: For itemized listing consult the "List of Title Papers..." pages 3-16 in ALB 9.
Some items have been recorded missing by the New York State Archives.
New York State Archives Number: A0025, special map case.

ALB-7 Deeds and Deduction of Title to the Three Hundred Thousand Acre Tract on the
Holland Purchase.
1793-1830; 10 items.

Note: For itemized listing consult the "List of Title Papers..." pages 31-37 in ALB 9.
New York State Archives Number: A0025, special map case.

ALB-8 Letter from Wilhelm Willink to Paul Busti, Herman Le Roy and William Bayard,
regarding re-transfer of part of the Genesee Lands.
Nov. 21, 1800; 1 item, 6 pages. In French.

Note: New York State Archives Number: A0025, box, folder 1.

LAND SALES RECORDS

ALB-9 Articles of Agreements for lands contracted on the Holland Purchase, in Ranges
1-9 in Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties.
1832-1836; 2 volumes, No index.

1832-1833 v.2 200 pages
1836 v.1 250 pages

Note: Reversion of land and other modified notations often appear on the versos
of the printed Articles.

New York State Archives Number: 10254

ALB-10 Register of buyers, purchase price, acreage, location and payments made on contracts for land in various Townships in Ranges 1-4 and 11 on the Holland Purchase. 1799-1842; 23 volumes. Name indexes and Township maps in most volumes.

Note: Most ledgers record sales between 1799 and 1838 by the Holland Land Company. From there on the ledgers were continued by the new proprietors, the LeRoy and Redfield Company.

Some old numbers are missing. New volume numbers were assigned by the New York State Archives.

New York State Archives Number: BO279

Microfilm/HD/195/H64/

NOTE: VOLUME INDICATOR TARGETS ARE INCORRECT.
USE RANGE AND TOWNSHIP NOTATIONS IN EACH VOLUME.

<u>Reel No.</u>	<u>Ranges</u>	<u>Townships</u>	<u>Volume Numbers</u>		<u>Pages</u>	<u>Notes</u>
			<u>New</u>	<u>Old</u>		
Reel 1	1	6	1	241	68 p.	Maps, index, Parts of Morris Reserve, owned by J.J. Vanderkemp
	1	8	2	242	192 p.	Map, index
	1	10	22	--	185 p.	Map, index
	1	11	3	244	190 p.	
	1	12	4	245	164 p.	
Reel 2	1	16	5	246	106 p.	Map, index
	2	11	6	247	192 p.	Map, index
	2	12	7	248	184 p.	Map, index
	2	13	8	249	126 p.	Map, index
	3	7	9	250	112 p.	Map, index
Reel 3	3	8	21	--	136 p.	Map, index
	3,4	9	18	--	160 p.	Map, index
	3	10	10	252	174 p.	Index
	3	11	11	253	154 p.	Map, index
	3	12	12	254	127 p.	Map, index
Reel 4	3	13	19	--	39 p.	Map, index "T. Cary lands"
	4	7	13	257	102 p.	Map, index
	4	8	14	258	121 p.	Map, index
	4	10	17	--	106 p.	Map, index
	4	11	23	--	107 p.	Map, index
	4	12	15	262	75 p.	Map, index
	4	13	20	--	11 p.	Map, index
	11	2	16	263	105 p.	Map, index

DEED RECORDS

ALB-11 Deed Books (abstract of deeds) with diagrams for lands sold in Ranges 1 - 9 on the Holland Purchase.
1803-1857; 41 volumes; Name index when indicated.

Note: Books containing dates beyond the late 1830s have been continued by the new proprietors, the LeRoy and Redfield Company.

Some old numbers are missing. New volume numbers were assigned by the New York State Archives.

New York State Archives Number: BO280

Date	Volume Numbers		Pages	Notes
	Old	New		
1803-1825	292	31	430 p.	No index
1810-1814	293	32	433 p.	No index
1814-1816	267	8	529 p.	Index
1809-1823	268	9	460 p.	Index
1809-1827	269	10	526 p.	Index
1803-1823	270	11	?	Index
1806-1826	271	12	547 p.	Index
1826-1827	272	37	400 p.	No index "New Amsterdam"
1826-1833	234	1	708 p.	Index
1827-1828	---	38	401 p.	No index
1828-1829	274	13	641 p.	Index
1829-1830	275	14	441 p.	Index
1832-1833	276	15	448 p.	Index
1833	277	16	474 p.	No index
1833-1834	235	2	434 p.	Index
1833-1834	278	17	425 p.	No index
1833-1835	279	18	425 p.	Index
1834-1835	280	19	425 p.	Index
1835	284	23	299 p.	Index
1834-1836	286	25	404 p.	Index
1835	281	20	378 p.	Index
1835-1836	282	21	392 p.	Index
1835-1836	236	3	440 p.	Index
1835-1837	283	22	391 p.	Index
1836-1837	285	24	423 p.	Index
1836-1837	289	28	423 p.	Index
1836-1837	287	26	400 p.	Index

1836-1837	288	27	423 p.	Index
1836-1837	290	29	?	
1836	237	4	492 p.	Index
1837-1838	291	30	302 p.	Index
1837-1838	238	5	522 p.	Index
1838-1839	---	39	?	No index
1838-1841	239	6	585 p.	Index
1839-1844	---	40	?	No index
1841-1843	240	7	236 p.	Index
1844-1849	296	33	350 p.	No index
1844-1857	232	41	100 p.	No index
1849-1854	297	34	440 p.	No index "Hunt Trust"
1853-1855	298	35	250 p.	No index
1855-1857	299	36	399 p.	No index

ALB-12 Deed Tables: an Index of deeds by Townships and Ranges for lands sold on tracts
Reel 1 O, P, Q, M on H and on W, T.
1802-1833; 3 volumes.

1802-1833	O,P,Q,M	no. 265	v.2
1803-1833	H	no. 264	v.1
1805-1833	W,T	no. 266	v.3

Note: Includes settlers names, date of deeds, location of land, acreage, purchase money, and volume and entry numbers in the mortgage books and original deed books.
New York State Archives Number: BO277
Microfilm HD/195/H64/H674 1 reel

ALB-13 Original Deeds with diagrams, issued by the Holland Land Company to Charles E.
Reel 1 Dudley for land purchased in Townships 12-15 in Ranges 1-8.
January 26, 1828; 1 volume (No. 217), 25 deeds.
Microfilm HD/195/H64/H675 1 reel

Note: New York State Archives Number: A4027

SURVEY RECORDS

ALB-14 Field Notes of lots in Townships 12 and 13 in Ranges 2 and 3.

Reel 1 No date; 1 volume (No. 226) ca. 200 pages, copy.

Note: Also contains lots in Genesee County and other field notes. Copied from the records of the Ogden Company for or by David E. E. Mix.
New York State Archives Number: BO254, v.2.

Microfilm HD/195/H64/H673 1 reel
(Also contains ALB-15, 16)

ALB-15 Field Notes of lots in Townships 2 and 3 in the "Connecticut Tract" by David
Reel 1 Finley.

1809; 1 volume (No. 233) ca. 400 pages. Name index.

Note: New York State Archives Number: BO254, v.4.

Microfilm HD/195/H64/H673 1 reel
(Also contains ALB-14, 16)

ALB-16 Field Notes of 176 lots in various Townships in Ranges 1-12 on the Holland
Reel 1 Purchase. Surveyed for Andrew Craigie by Amos Lay.

1806; 1 volume, (no. 225)

Note: New York State Archives Number: BO254 v.1

Microfilm HD/195/H64/H673 1 reel
(Also contains ALB-14, 15)

ALB-17 Field Notes of Townships and Lot lines in Ranges 1-15 on the Holland Purchase.
Reel 1-23 1798-1819; 668 numbered volumes, incomplete, mostly original manuscripts,
some are copies.

Note: Included are surveys of roads, Indian Reservations, certain bodies of water,
towns and villages.

The following missing volumes were noted by the New York State Archives:
No. 1, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 84, 249, 307, 308, 310, 375, 376, 377, 378, 458, 509,
534, 535, 580, 581, 582, 613.

For itemized listing consult the "Index to the Holland Land Company Field
Notebooks." (Prepared by the New York State Archival in 1985 SEE:

HD/195/H64/H67 Guide.)

New York State Archives Number: A4012

Microfilm HD/195/H64/H67 23 reels

ALB-18
Reel 1-2

Field Notes of Township lines in Ranges 1-15 on the Holland Purchase by Joseph Ellicott and others.
1797-1800; 69 volumes, original manuscripts.

Note: For the contents of each volume consult *Mix's Catalogue of Surveys and Maps* (pages 117- 124) by David E .E. Mix, 1859. Reprint, Central New York Society of Land Surveyors, 1981.

New York State Archives Number: A0025, box 3.

The Field Notes have been microfilmed by the New York State Library.

New York State Archives film number: A-FM 108

Microfilm HD/195/H64/H6594 2 reels

ALB-19 Field Notes of the Survey of Township lines in Ranges 1-15 on the Holland
Reel 1-3 Purchase by Joseph Ellicott and others.
1797-1800; 16 volumes, copy.

Ranges 1-7 8 vols. (2 v. for Range 7)

Ranges 8-15 8 vols.

Reel 1 - R1 T1 - R4 T15

Reel 2 - R4 T16 - R8 T3

Reel 3 - R8 T4 - R15 T3

Note: New York State Archives Number: A0025, boxes 1 and 2.

Microfilmed by the New York State Library.

New York State Archives film number: A-FM 107

Microfilm HD/195/H64/H6592 3 reels

ALB-20 Lot Surveys in various Townships on the Holland Purchase.
No date; 1 volume (No. 231?), 330 pages, (pages 69-401) Surveyors' index?

Note: New York State Archives Number: BO254, v.3

ALB-21 Surveys of the Mile Strip by the Niagara River.
No date; 1 volume (item "B") 18 pages, manuscript.

Note: New York State Archives Number: A0025, box 4, folder 7.

MAPS

ALB-22
Reel 1 Atlas of plat or deed maps of lots in various Townships and Ranges sold by the Holland Land Company to Washington Hunt, Pardon C. Sherman and Daniel H. Chandler who obtained mortgages from the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company. 1840-1851; 1 volume (No. 221) in Three Parts, ca.100 pages.

Notes:

Part One: "Hunt Trust"

Plat maps of lots in Township 12, Range 7
Township 13, Ranges 2-3; 5-8
Township 14, Range 3
Township 15, Range 8

No date; 13" x 16", 9 pieces, color-coded, manuscripts.
Settlers names are sparsely noted. Maps are in very poor condition.

Also included:

Land sales information, 1846-1850, 30 pages.
"Summary Statement" of unsold and reverted lands, and Bonds and Mortgages, 1851, 12 pages.

Part Two: "PCS"; Pardon C. Sherman

Plat maps of lots in Township 6, Ranges 7,8
Township 7, Ranges 5,6,7
Township 8, Range 5

No date; Mostly 15" x 20", 12 pieces, color-coded, manuscripts.
Lot location index with mortgage numbers is given on most maps.

Also included:

Land sales information with mortgage assignments, 3 pages.
"Schedule of land released from mortgages," October 14, 1842, 18 pages. Copy of correspondence with the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company in 1841.

Part Three: Daniel H. Chandler

List of land mortgaged to the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, 1841-1844, 18 pages;

Copies of related correspondence, 1840-1842, 14 pages;

List of "Wild Land in Sardinia(?)", 2 pages;

One small unidentified map.

Microfilm HD/195/H64/H676 v. 1

ALB-23 Atlas of plat or deed maps of Townships in Ranges 1-4 on the Holland Purchase.
No date; 1 volume (No. 220?) 41 maps

<u>Range</u>	<u>Townships</u>
1	8-16
2	8-16
3	7-16
4	7-16

Note: Includes map "Plan of showing the subdivision of No. 106 in the Village of Batavia - Apr. 2, 1841"

New York State Archives number: A4018

Microfilm HD/195/H64/H676 v. 2

ALB-24 Atlas of plat or deed maps of certain Townships in Ranges 7-9 on the Holland
Reel 1 Purchase.

No date; 1 volume (No. 218), 11 pieces, 22" x 24", color-coded, manuscript.

<u>Range</u>	<u>Township</u>
7	13 - 15
8	12 - 15
9	13 - 15

Note: New York State Archives Number: A4018

Microfilm HD/195/H64/H676 v. 3

ALB-25 Atlas of plat or deed maps of certain Townships in Ranges 5-9 on the Holland
Reel 1 Purchase.

No date; 1 volume (No. 219), 29 pieces, 14"x20", manuscripts.

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

Note: The maps are in poor condition, but most settlers names are legible.

New York State Archives Number: A4018

Microfilm HD/195/H64/H676 v. 4

ALB-26
Reel 1

Atlas of Township maps in Ranges 1 - 9 on the Holland Purchase.
No date; 1 volume (No. 220), 82 pieces, mostly 17" x 21", color-coded, manuscript.

<u>Range</u>	<u>Township</u>
1	8-16
2	8-16
3	7-16
4	8-16
5	7-9, 11-16
6	6-9, 11-16
7	6-9, 11-16
8	6-9, 11-15
9	8, 13, 14, 15

Note: No settlers names.

Also included:

No. 80: Map of index n.d. 20" x 20", printed.

No. 81: Map of Courses, Distances and Contents n.d. 20" x 20", printed.

No. 82: Map of Morris' Purchase or West Geneseo in the State of New York,
by Joseph and Benjamin Ellicott.
1800, 1804, 19"x25", printed, color-coded, manuscript.

New York State Archives Number: A4018

Microfilm HD/195/H64/H676 v. 5

ALB-27
Reel 1

Atlas of Township maps in Ranges 1-8 on the Holland Purchase. No date;
1 volume (No. 223), 67 pieces, 14" x 18", manuscript.

<u>Range</u>	<u>Townships</u>
1	1-6, 8-12, 14, 16
2	1-11, 13, 15, 16
3	4, 7, 8, 10-16
4	1, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16
5	2, 7, 8, 9, 11-16
6	2, 6, 7, 12-16
7	2, 4, 6
8	1

Note: No settlers names.

New York State Archives Number: A4018

Microfilm HD/195/H64/H676 v. 6

ALB-28 Lay's Map of the Holland Purchase.
1800? 17" x 22" 2 copies, printed.

Note: On one copy the boundary lines of the various tracts within the Purchase are outlined; color-coded.

New York State Archives Number: A0025, map case.

ALB-29 Map of Courses, Distances and Contents Explanation of surveys on the Holland Purchase.
No date; 20" x 20", printed.

Note: New York State Archives Number: A0025, map case.

ALB-30 Map of Index, Courses, Distances and Contents of surveys on the Allegany Reservation and the Townships adjoining.
1800?; 20" x 20", printed.

Note: New York State Archives Number: A0025, map case.

ALB-31 Map of Index of lands of the Holland Purchase divided into Ranges and Townships.
No date; 20" x 20", printed

Note: New York State Archives Number: A0025, map case.

ALB-32 Map of Morris's Purchase or West Geneseo in the State of New York by Joseph and Benjamin Ellicott.
1800, 1804; 19" x 25", printed.

Note: New York State Archives Number: 7479

ALB-33 Map of the Eastern Portion of the Holland Purchase with Townships 1-16 in Ranges 1 - 6.
1802; Part One of Three. 58"x187", color-coded, manuscript.

Note: Mylar copy is available for public use.
New York State Archives Number: A0025

ALB-34 Map of the Middle Portion of the Holland Purchase with Townships in Ranges 7 - 10.
1802; Part Two of Three; 49" x 190", color-coded, manuscript.

<u>Ranges</u>	<u>Townships</u>
7-8	1-15
9	1, 6, 8, 13-15
10	1-6

Note: Mylar copy is available for public use.
New York State Archives Number: 25

ALB-35 Map of the Western Portion of the Holland Purchase with Townships in Ranges 11-15.
1802; Part Three of Three; 63" x 159", color-coded, manuscripts.

<u>Ranges</u>	<u>Townships</u>
11-12	1-6
13	1-5
14	1-4
15	1-3

Also included are Village Plans of Batavia, New Amsterdam (Buffalo), Ellicottville, Mayville, and Cattaraugus.

Note: Mylar copy is available for public use.
New York State Archives Number: 25

ALB-36 Map of three tracts of land purchased by the Holland Land Company from Robert Morris, Grand Island and tracts owned by others along the Eastern Boundary Line. ca 1800; 2 parts, 30" x 60" each.
Part One: Ranges 1-7; Range 7 is mutilated
Part Two: Ranges 8-15

Note: New York State Archives Number: 25

MISCELLANEOUS MATERIAL

ALB-37 Account of Theophile Cazenove with Joseph Ellicott.
July 1797 - Feb. 1798; 1 item, 8 pages.

Note: New York State Archives Number: 25, box 3, folder 1.

ALB-38 List of Title Papers, Field Books, and etc., that were handed to John C. Spencer, Esq., Secretary of the State of New York, by J. J. VanderKemp, General Agent of the Holland Land Company, in pursuance of an Act passed by the Legislature of the State of New York; 30th April 1839.
1840; 1 booklet, 63 pages, Manuscript.

Note: New York State Archives Number: 25, box 4, folder 1.

ALB-39 Transcript of Proceedings of the New York Legislature regarding the petition of John Livingston and Associates.
Feb. 20, 1788; 1 item, "D", 11 pages.

Note: New York State Archives Number: 25, box 3, folder 2.

NEW YORK/ MASSACHUSETTS
PRE-EMPTION RELATED DOCUMENTS

ALB-40 Agreement and release between Massachusetts and Samuel Ogden regarding the conveyance of part of the pre-emption lands.
1791; 2 items, 12 pages.

Note: New York State Archives Number: 25, box 3, folder 4.

ALB-41 Deeds granted by Massachusetts to Robert Morris for four tracts of the pre-emption lands.
May 11, 1791; 4 items, A,B,C,D, ca. 20 pages.

Note: New York State Archives Number: 25, box 3, folder 3.

ALB-42 Exemplification of deed granted by Massachusetts to Robert Morris for part of the pre-emption lands.
May 11, 1791; 1 item, "F", 6 pages.

Note: New York State Archives Number: 25, box 3, folder 2.

ALB-43 Exemplification of the Hartford Convention between New York and Massachusetts, December 16, 1786.
1815; 1 item, 10 pages, Copy.

Note: New York State Archives Number: 25, box 3, folder 4.

ALB-44 Resolution of the Massachusetts Legislature for appointing a committee to sell some of the pre-emption lands to Samuel Ogden; Description of various tracts of land sold to Robert Morris.
1791; 1 item, "E", 10 pages.

Note: New York State Archives Number: 25, box 3, folder 2.

NOTE

After many years of planning, the microfilming of the 23 Range Books of land sales on the Holland Purchase between 1792 and 1842 became a reality during the early months of 2000. The staff of the New York State Archives prepared the collection for filming under the direction of Christine Ward, and the Holland Land Company Manuscript Preservation Project at Reed Library paid for the filming cost of the master negative films and for two user copies that will be made available for the public at both repositories. The actual microfilming was done by the Northeast Document Conservation Center in Andover, Massachusetts.

The microfilming of these ledgers marks the termination of the Holland Land Company Project, which was inaugurated in 1980 at the SUNY College at Fredonia. During the two decades the Project had undertaken the 202-reel microfilming of the Archives of the Holland Land Company, which is deposited at the Municipal Archives of Amsterdam, The Netherlands. In addition, further filming was done at several U.S. repositories of located Holland Land Company documents and related records.

The Holland Land Company Project also purchased microfilms of pertinent records that were filmed by various repositories and made them available for public use in Reed Library. For holding information, consult the Reed Library Web page <http://www.fredonia.edu/library/hlc.htm> or write to Holland Land Company Records, Reed Library, SUNY Fredonia, Fredonia, NY 14063.