

**HOLLAND LAND COMPANY
MANUSCRIPT PRESERVATION PROJECT**

**ASSESSMENT LIST
OF THE
HOLLAND LAND COMPANY RECORDS
AND
RELATED DOCUMENTS
AT THE
GENESEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
IN THE
BATAVIA LAND OFFICE MUSEUM**

INTRODUCTION

The Holland Land Company Records, that were generated in the Batavia Land Office between 1800 and 1839, and the LeRoy and Redfield Land Office Records, that are also known as the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company papers, that continue the original ledgers until 1864, had been filmed on fifteen reels of microfilm by the Genealogical Society of Utah under the auspices of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the Mormons. The arrangement of the filmed material is not consistent with the assessment list that was prepared by the Project. For possible clarification, a copy of the Genealogical Society's list has also been provided.

NOTE: The 15 reels contain several ledgers that are not related to the Holland Land Company. Inclusive dates in certain ledgers vary!

The Trumbull Cary Papers (last entry on list) is the only collection in the Batavia Land Office Museum that was filmed by the Holland Land Company Manuscript Preservation Project. Although the collection contains only a few letters that relate to Cary's 1835 land purchase from the Dutch in Chautauqua County, it reflects an important period in the life of this businessman and politician who also served as a postmaster of Batavia. This collection, together with the Trumbull Cary Papers at the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society, adds further light to Cary's entrepreneurship as a petty land speculator in Western New York.

The Chautauqua Land Office Records of the Cary Land Company are deposited in the Patterson Library in Westfield, NY. (SEE: Microfilm HD/195/H64/H68 52 reels.) Other members of the Company included George W. Lay, Abraham Schermerhorn, Jared Rathbone and later, William Henry Seward, who was also the Company's lawyer and land agent between and 1841. Seward's land speculation activity in Chautauqua County is well documented in the Seward Papers in Rush Rhees Library at the University of Rochester in Rochester, NY.

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HOLLAND LAND COMPANY RECORDS

Batavia Land Office
1800-1839

<i>Resident Agents:</i>	Joseph Ellicott,	1800-1821
	Jacob S. Otto,	1821-1827
	David E. Evans,	1827-1837
	Peter Van Hall	1837-1839

The Batavia Land Office collections are available in Reed Library in the Microfilm Room under the following call number: Microfilm/HD/195/H64/H66 Reels 1-15

LAND SALES RECORDS

BAT-1
Reel 7 Register of buyers, purchase price, acreage, location and payments made on contracts for land in Township 10 in Range 2; the Village of Attica, Wyoming County.
1802-1842; 1 volume, 190 pages. Name index.

NOTE: Also microfilmed by Cornell University.

BAT-2
Reel 11 Register of buyers, purchase price, acreage, location and payments made on contracts on land in the Village of Batavia.
1802-1838; 1 volume, 200 pages. Name and chronological index.

NOTE: Map of the Village of Ellicottville is included.

BAT-3
Reel 13 Register of buyers, purchase price, acreage, location and payments for land in Township 3 in Range 12, in the Town of Ellery, Chautauqua County. 1817-1835; 1 volume, 170 pages. Name index.

NOTE: Also microfilmed by Cornell University.

BAT-4
Reel 10 Register of buyers, purchase price, acreage, location and payments made on contracts for lands in certain Townships in Ranges 1-9, including the sale of lots in Batavia, Buffalo, Lockport and Medina. 1831-1845; 1 volume, 112 pages. Name index.

DEED RECORDS

BAT-5
Reel 2 Deeds of mortgages issued in Genesee County. 1808-1837; 1 volume, 100 pages. Name index.

BONDS AND MORTGAGES

BAT-6
Reel 3 Minutes of mortgages made to the commissioners for loaning money of the County of Genesee in pursuance of the act entitled "An act authorizing a loan of moneys to the citizens of this state passed April 11, 1808. 1808-1848; 1 volume, 125 pages. Name index.

NOTE: Includes: "Commissioners of Loans Genesee County minutes of their proceedings" from 1808-1824 and Annual Report 1846, 1847, 1848.

MAPS *NOT FILMED*

BAT-7 Deed Atlas or plat maps exhibiting the names of the first grantees and date of conveyances from the Holland Land Company in Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties. 1830s?; 28x28 inches, 48 pieces. Manuscript, color-coded.

NOTE: Certain Township maps were not kept up to date with the names of purchasers.

RANGE 1	TOWNSHIP 2-6
RANGE 2	TOWNSHIP 1-6
RANGE 3	TOWNSHIP 1-6
RANGE 4	TOWNSHIP 1-6
RANGE 5	TOWNSHIP 1-6
RANGE 6	TOWNSHIP 1-6
RANGE 7	TOWNSHIP 1-6
RANGE 8	TOWNSHIP 1-6

Includes a map of the Village of Ellicottville

BAT-8 Map of Batavia, by Ebenezer Mix, Surveyor.
1809; 12x15 inches. Manuscript.

NOTE: "Surveyed for J.H. Jameson, J.M. Randall, S.B. Pierson proprietors," inscription on the map.

BAT-9 Map of Morris' Purchase or West Geneseo in the State of New York, by Joseph and Benjamin Ellicott.
1800, 1804; 19x25 inches. Printed.

NOTE: Framed.

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LEROY AND REDFIELD LAND OFFICE RECORDS
1838-1864?

LAND SALES RECORDS

BAT-10 General index to buyers of land in Genesee, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming
Reel 8 Counties.
No date; 1 volume, 75 pages. Index.

NOTE: Includes an alphabetical name index, and index of buyers by Ranges 1-4.

BAT-11 Index to the Register of buyers of land in Ranges 5-9, in Erie County, N.Y.
Reel 8 No date; 2 volumes (A and B).

BAT-12 Register of buyers, purchase price, acreage, location and payments made on
Reel 14 contracts in Erie County on the Holland Purchase; Batavia Land Office records.
1836-1864; 2 vol.(A & B) Separate index

1837-1864; vol. A 210 pages
1836-1864; vol. B 270 pages

BAT-13 Register of buyers, purchase price, acreage, location and payments made on lands
Reel 12 in Townships 8-13, in Ranges 1-2 and Townships 7-13 in Ranges 3-4 in Genesee
and Wyoming Counties on the Holland Purchase.

1820-1862; 3 volumes. Separate index.

1838-1862; vol.1, 270 pages
1820-1839; vol.2, 460 pages
1833-1846; vol.3, 260 pages

BAT-14 Report of Land Tables, and Land Accounts of buyers, purchase price, acreage,
Reel 6 location and payments made on lands in the Townships of Ranges 1-9.
1838-1857; 5 volumes. No index.

1838-1842;	no vol.,	400 pages
1842-1847;	vol.1,	480 pages
1847-1851;	vol.2,	450 pages
1851-1856;	vol.3,	410 pages
1856-1857;	vol.4,	57 pages

NOTE: Due to the listing of a large number of purchases, these volumes are classified as land sales records! Separate accounts kept for Bonds and Mortgage holders; for receipts at the Buffalo and the Batavia Land Offices; and for different Trust Accounts for Hunt, LeRoy and Redfield and others.

BONDS AND MORTGAGES

BAT-15 “Hunt Trust:” Register of Bonds and Mortgages, with buyers, purchase price,
Reel 1 acreage, location and payments made on contracts for lands in Erie, Genesee,
Orleans, Niagara and Wyoming Counties.
1837-1863; 1 volume, 150 pages. Name index.

BAT-16 “Schedule 1855:” Register of Bonds and Mortgages with names of buyers,
Reel 1 purchase price, acreage, location and payments made on contracts for lands in.
1854-1855; 1 volume. Name index.

NOTE: Includes: Statement and condition of the “Hunt Trust” contracts and lands deeded between April 1, 1854 to March 31, 1855.

DEED RECORDS

BAT-17 Deed Book or “Record of Transcripts of Deeds” of land formerly belonging to
Reel 11 the Holland Land Company in certain Townships in Ranges 4-8.
1836-1838; 2 volumes.

1836-1838;	volume 29,	413 deeds,	No index.
1836-1836;	volume 6,	550 deeds,	Name index.

BAT-18 A list of Deed or Title Searches for various land purchases on the Holland
Reel 2 Purchase.
1838-1841; 1 volume, 100 pages. No index.

FINANCIAL RECORDS

BAT-19 Accounts of loans made by the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company.
Reel 4 1838-1857; 1 volume, 500 pages. No index.

NOTE: Contains loans for land accounts and sundry items.

BAT-20 Day Books.
1838-1864; 4 volumes. No index

Reel 3 1838-1848; 500 pages
Reel 4 1844-1848; 500 pages
Reel 8 1849-1854 300 pages
Reel 3 1855-1863 500 pages

NOTE: Includes payments to the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, and deposits to the Bank of Genesee from the Batavia and the Buffalo Land Offices. Land account payments and new sales are also recorded.

BAT-21 Journals.
Reel 5 1838-1864; 2 volumes. No index.

1838-1846; volume 1 500 pages
1847-1864; volume 2 500 pages

MAPS *NOT FILMED*

BAT-22 Map of the Tonawanda Swamp in the Counties of Genesee and Orleans, by David
E. E. Mix, Civil Engineer, Batavia, N.Y.
No date (1840s?); 18x20 inches. Printed.

BAT-23 Map of the 12,800 acre tract in the Tonawanda Reservation.
No date; 17x19 inches. Printed.

NOTE: "The lots marked thus X will be offered at an auction sale on the 19th August 1844 in the Village of Batavia," inscription is on the map.

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MISCELLANEOUS MATERIAL

BAT-24 Deeds issued for lands in the Triangular Tract.
1817-1839; 3 volumes. No index.

Reel 9 1817-1826; 270 deeds

Reel 9 1827-1833; 287 deeds

Reel 13 1832-1839; 287 deeds

NOTE: The Triangular Tract was owned by Heman LeRoy, William Bayard, James McEvers and others. The Tract was not part of the Holland Land Purchase.

BAT-25 Index to names of settlers and agents registered in the Holland Land Company Records.
No date; 2 volumes

Part I: Settlers, A-DA

Part II: Company Agents, A-Z

NOTE: Prepared by Cornell University, Collection of Regional History and University Archives.

Inscription: "The sectional indices of the Holland Land Company Papers are intended for the use of people working on the Papers in the Collection of Regional History and University Archives."

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BAT-26

Reel

pt. 2

no. 1 & 2

Trumbull Cary Papers.

1819-1845; 616 letters, 1200 pages. No index.

NOTE: The early letters to and from Trumbull Cary relate to his mercantile activities in the Cary & Grant firm. In this capacity he corresponded with the firms of Trowbridge & Barnard, Raymond & Averill, Reed & Lee among several others. Personal correspondents include John Spencer, Chauncey F. Cleveland, John Haggerty, E. C. Kimberly, Thomas Love, Harvey Kimball, Benjamin Barlow, O. Follett and many others. Numerous letters were exchanged between Cary and H. B. Gibson, Cashier of the Ontario Bank.

The correspondence between 1825 and 1845 contains valuable information about Cary's negotiations for the purchase of the Chautauqua lands from the Holland Land Company in 1835. Among the correspondents were A. Biddle, David Collins, D. R. Cooley, S. Cummings, John Duer, L. Loomis, T. M. Olcott, Thomas A. Osborne, H. Putnam, and Cary's partners. Also can be found here a copy of the tripartite agreement between Cary, George W. Lay, Jared L Rathbone, Abraham M. Schermerhorn, and William H. Seward, John Duer, Morris Robinson, and the American Life Insurance and Trust Company as joint tenants of the Chautauqua lands, dated October 1, 1838.

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