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GUIDE TO RECORDS OF
THE
PULTENEY ESTATE

Steuben County Clerk's Office
Bath, N.Y.

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The Pulteney and Hornby Records.

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Map: Ontario and Steuben Counties, 1798
This guide was compiled as part of a project to arrange and describe the Pulteney Land Office Records in the Steuben County Clerk's Office and to microfilm the more important records. The work was done in 1978-80 with grants of money from the Steuben County Board of Supervisors, the Steuben County Historical Society, Corning Glass Works Foundation, and the National Historical Publications & Records Commission.

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The compiler of this Guide was responsible for sorting, arranging, and describing the great mass of disorganized and disintegrating Pulteney Land Office Records. It is hoped that the records are now more accessible to the public after being arranged and microfilmed. Inquiries about the records should be directed to the Steuben County Historian, Bath, N.Y. 14810. The master negatives of the microfilm are held by the New York State Archives in Albany.

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INTRODUCTION

History of the Pulteney and Hornby Estates

The records of the Pulteney Land Office in Bath, N.Y., span 117 years—from 1792, when immigrant Scot Charles Williamson took his oath of allegiance as an American citizen, to 1909, when the last sales were recorded in the land office on Pulteney Square. The Pulteney Estate at the end consisted of a few remote hill lots in Steuben County. It began as a domain of over 1,250,000 acres stretching from the Pennsylvania line to Lake Ontario, and from Seneca Lake to the Genesee River. It embraced as well lands in other parts of New York State and in Pennsylvania and Virginia, though these tracts were relatively small and unimportant. The Pulteney Estate took its name from Sir William Pulteney, one of the richest men in England at the end of the 18th century. In 1791 he and his associates William Hornby and Patrick Colquhoun decided to invest in American lands, and they purchased the unsold portions of the Phelps and Gorham Purchase in western New York.

Oliver Phelps of Massachusetts had made his fortune as a supplier of beef and other victuals to the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. When the Hartford Convention of 1786 settled the rival claims of Massachusetts and New York to the country south of Lake Ontario, Phelps joined with Nathaniel Gorham and others to purchase the portion of New York west of the "Preemption Line." (The treaty had given Massachusetts the right of "preemption" that is, to sell the right to buy the land from the Indians, but sovereignty was to lie with New York.) At the Treaty of Buffalo Creek held in July 1788 Phelps and Gorham formally bought 2,600,000 acres from the Indians. Soon afterward Hugh Maxwell and other surveyors began laying out the eastern part of the purchase into townships six miles square. They also surveyed the Preemption Line north from the Pennsylvania line to Lake Ontario. A land office was opened at the new village of Canandaigua in the fall of 1788. Phelps and Gorham found themselves in financial trouble almost immediately. The value of Massachusetts state securities which they planned to use for payment of their bonds increased sharply because of the formation of the new national government. The syndicate turned back about two thirds of the purchase to the state in June 1790. In August they conveyed all the rest of the lands which remained unsold to Robert Morris of Philadelphia.
Morris was another Revolutionary financier who had caught the fever of land speculation. He was looking for a quick sale and profit in order to pay his extensive debts. He sent William Temple Franklin (a grandson of Benjamin) to England to look for buyers. Patrick Colquhoun was impressed with the information in the promotional pamphlets and map which Morris had printed. He in turn told Hornby and Pulteney about the opportunity. Colquhoun negotiated the purchase—one million acres for roughly $275,000 (any excess acreage was to go to the partners free). They agreed that 9/12 of the property should belong to Pulteney, 2/12 to Hornby, and 1/12 to Colquhoun, for his role in negotiating the transaction. These ratios were maintained when the Genesee lands were partitioned in 1800-1801. The one obstacle to the deal was a New York statute barring aliens from owning real estate. This was circumvented by instructing Charles Williamson, who was chosen to be the agent in America, to become a U.S. citizen and hold formal title to the Genesee lands.

When Williamson inspected the purchase in the spring of 1792 he found that it consisted of the least valuable agricultural land in the Phelps and Gorham Purchase—the hills of the south and the wet, sandy lands along the lake. The townships in the fertile plain between Canandaigua and Geneseo had already been sold off. The same was true of several townships containing valley flats in future Steuben County. But the Pulteney-Hornby-Colquhoun purchase did embrace the strategic sites of Geneva, Sodus Bay, the falls of the Genesee where Rochester now stands, and the junction of the Genesee River and Canaseraga Creek. At each of these places Williamson laid out towns. Williamsburgh on the Genesee soon disappeared, but the others have become modern cities or villages. Since the largest part of the purchase lay in the south, its capital city was to be Bath on the Conhocton, founded in 1793 and named for the English town which was Sir William's favorite residence.

Williamson recognized that the isolation of the Genesee country discouraged settlement and hindered transport of produce to seaboard markets. He saw that the Susquehanna River and Baltimore were the natural trade route and port for the Genesee country. One of Williamson's first acts was to order a road to be opened from the Susquehanna to the Genesee. It was built in 1792-93 with the labor of inexperienced German immigrants recruited by one Wilhelm Berczy, at the behest of Patrick Colquhoun. Williamson also invested in the great road west from the Mohawk River to Canandaigua, and in numerous local
He constructed a stone hotel at Geneva, held fairs and races at Williams-burgh and Bath, and sponsored newspapers at Bath and Geneva. He lobbied successfully for a post route over the road to the Genesee. As an Assemblyman in Albany he was the father of a new county, named Steuben, in 1796.

All these projects cost a great deal of money, which Sir William Pulteney supplied, patiently at first, then with growing concern. Williamson's expenditures in ten years as agent totalled $1,374,470, while his receipts from land sales amounted to only $147,975 (plus an additional amount due on mortgages). Most of the land sales were made to speculators who soon defaulted on their mortgage payments; actual settlers were slow to come. In 1800 Sir William and his associates finally decided to replace Williamson as agent. His successor was Robert Troup, a stout cautious Federalist lawyer of New York City who had invested in Steuben townships in the mid-1790's and knew Williamson's business habits. With the change in agents came a conveyance of Williamson's lands to their actual owners, by deeds executed in December 1800 and March 1801. (A statute passed in 1798, at the urging of Williamson and others, permitted conveyances to aliens for three years only, and the deadline was near.) In a complicated settlement, the lands conveyed to Pulteney, Hornby, and Colquhoun were partitioned, and they agreed to pay Williamson the salary due him, to assume his enormous debts, and to release him from any future legal claims.

The lands which Williamson deeded in 1800-1801 embraced about 1,335,000 acres. The main tract was that purchased in 1791 from Robert Morris, including the narrow eighty-mile triangle between the Old and New Preemption Lines. Williamson also had acquired several other large tracts of land. In 1795 he obtained a patent to most or all of the present towns of Huron, Rose, Wolcott, and Butler in eastern Wayne County. This patent was granted him by the State of New York in return for his recognizing the claim of Seth Reed and Peter Ryckman to a tract of land north of Geneva. They had obtained it from the fraudulent New York Genesee Land Company, which ignored the claim of Massachusetts. Williamson also bought lots in the township of Galen, which lay within the Military Tract originally granted to Revolutionary War veterans. He acquired the "North Little Gore" along the shore of Seneca Lake, east of the Old Preemption Line in present-day Yates County. In the eastern and northern parts of the state, he purchased the Otego Patent in Otsego County; about 10,000 acres of township no. 8 in Franklin County; portions of the patents of Nobleborough,
Jerseyfield, and Jessup's Purchase in Herkimer County; most of the towns of Eaton, Madison, and Lebanon in Madison County, which lay in the Chenango Twenty Townships; and a few lots in Albany and New York City.

To the west of the Phelps and Gorham Purchase, Williamson acquired several large tracts in the Morris Reserve, which lay between the Genesee River and the vast holdings of the Holland Land Company. Robert Morris had purchased all this territory from Massachusetts in 1791; he sold most of it to groups of Amsterdam businessmen known collectively as the Holland Land Company. The Pulteney associates held a $100,000 mortgage on the Morris Reserve, the easternmost tract which was not sold to the Dutch. When Morris failed to make payment, he conveyed 50,000 acres in the Cottringer Tract to Williamson to satisfy the obligation (1798). This tract straddled the Genesee River in present Allegany, Livingston, and Wyoming Counties. Another Williamson acquisition in the Morris Reserve was undivided half share in the 100,000 Acre Tract in Orleans and Genesee Counties, conveyed to him in 1801. The other half was purchased by the state of Connecticut as an investment of its School Fund moneys. (The tract was finally partitioned between the state of Connecticut and the Pulteney Estate in 1811.) The Pulteney-Hornby-Colquhoun lands also included scattered small tracts elsewhere in New York, and a few thousand acres in Pennsylvania and present-day West Virginia.

The division of 1800-1801 gave rise to two legally distinct agencies—that of Sir William Pulteney and that of William Hornby and Patrick Colquhoun, the lesser partners in the original association. John Greig of Canandaigua, like Williamson an immigrant Scotsman, served as general agent of the Hornby-Colquhoun interests from 1806 till he retired from the post in 1852. At that time William Jeffrey, his assistant, took over the agency and finally bought the remaining Hornby lands in 1875. At the beginning of the century the Hornby and Colquhoun property comprised some 300,000 acres, about a third of it in the Southern Tier, and another third in the Chenango Triangle in Broome and Chenango Counties. Dugald Cameron and after him William W. M'Cay acted as sub-agents for the Hornby estate in Steuben and Allegany Counties. Charles Cameron, brother of Dugald, acted in the same capacity for the lands in the Chenango Triangle. John Greig purchased the unsold Pulteney lands in the Cottringer Tract and elsewhere in Genesee County in 1817, and bought out the Colquhoun interest in 1837.
As the new agent of Sir William Pulteney in 1801, Robert Troup found Williamson's land business in disarray. The books in the Geneva land office were in order, but those at Bath were in chaos. Some townships remained partly or wholly unsurveyed. Bath seemed a ghost town, and Geneva was little more alive. Troup cut expenditures drastically, reorganized the land offices, and developed terms of sale (no money down, sale by contract instead of mortgage) which attracted settlers while protecting Sir William's interests. The conservative Troup did not cut the same heroic figure as Williamson, but he kept close touch with the business and made a visit to Western New York at least once a year. (He resided in Geneva between 1815 and 1824.) Troup saw the need to promote economic development by improving transportation; he invested large sums in turnpike companies in the Southern Tier and was an early backer of the Erie Canal. His agency was not without problems. Troup did not get along personally with James Wadsworth, who was sub-agent for the Pulteney lands in the Genesee Valley. He objected when Samuel S. Haight, the sub-agent in Bath, used his office to promote the interests of the Federalist party. (Troup thought the land agency should not be associated with politics.) When Haight resigned Troup had to sue him for unpaid commissions on land sales.

For some years after William Pulteney's death in 1805, Troup's biggest headache was his relations with the Pulteney heirs, who were either uninterested in agency affairs or else tried to interfere. They also died in rapid succession, making for repeated uncertainties about the title to the estate and Troup's power to administer it. Lady Bath, Sir William's daughter, died in 1808. She left her real estate to her cousin Sir John Lowther Johnstone, and her personal estate (including bonds, mortgages, and contracts for land sales) to her husband Sir James Pulteney and to trustees for other relatives. This split in the estate was the origin of the distinction between the Johnstone Estate (unsold lands) and the Pulteney Estate (lands sold conditionally) in the books kept by the land office clerks. All the property, however, continued to be known popularly as the "Pulteney Estate." Sir John and Sir James both died in 1811. The Johnstone (real) estate was placed in the management of a succession of trustees who administered it for the Johnstone heirs. The Pulteney (personal) estate passed down to various genteel members of the Pulteney family. After the 1820's both branches of the Pulteney/Johnstone clan were generally content with their remittances from America and took no interest in agency management.
Troup's last years in the agency were marked by increasing discontent among the settlers. Their grievances were the practice of compounding interest on land contracts and land prices which they considered too high. Starting in the 1820's bills were introduced nearly every year in the Legislature to subject the estates of aliens (such as the Pulteney family and the Holland Land Company) to road and school taxes, from which they were exempt. A tax was finally passed in 1833. However, the main confrontation between the land office and the settlers occurred in 1829-30. Conventions of settlers meeting in towns throughout Wayne, Steuben, and eastern Allegany Counties demanded redress of their grievances. The movement went farthest in Steuben and Allegany. Troup finally agreed to an independent reappraisal of the settlers' lands. This proposal was satisfactory to most of them, and appraisal and renegotiation of contracts proceeded during 1831. For several years afterward there was no more agitation against the land office.

Robert Troup died in 1832 and the new chief agent was Joseph Fellows, a bachelor Englishman who had run the Geneva land office for many years. The sub-agent in Bath was William W. McCay, who had succeeded Dugald Cameron after his death in 1828. James Wadsworth remained in charge of the few unsold Pulteney lands in the Genesee Valley till his death in 1844; thereafter his son William Wadsworth took over. In 1856 the Geneva land office was consolidated with the one in Bath. Three years later William Young became joint agent with Fellows for the Johnstone (real) estate, and succeeded him as full agent in 1862. Joseph Fellows continued as agent of the Pulteney (personal) estate till he was retired from that post in 1871 at age 89. Edward Kingsland had assisted him in his duties since 1852. Frederick Y. Wynkoop of Bath took over management of the land office there in 1883. Wynkoop bought the remaining Pulteney lands in 1903, ending a century of foreign ownership.

The 1830's and '40's are the dark age of the history of the Pulteney Estate. No letter books survive, and the remaining Geneva office correspondence is dull and routine. The deed books reveal that this period saw the most rapid dispersal of Pulteney and Johnstone lands, so that by mid-century only the poorest lots remained unconveyed. In the 1850's the land office in Bath conducted a major survey of lands under contract for sale (made by John H. Brown and C.A. Canfield). It revealed that collection from delinquents had been lax for many years. William Young worked hard to put agency affairs in order, and his letter
books are full of duns to contractors, and of complaints about "anti-rent" sentiment. From the 1840's through the '70's there were several challenges to the Pulteney title in the Legislature and in the courts. The validity of the title was upheld three times in the Court of Appeals. In order to press their case, some poor settlers in Howard, Fremont, Canisteo, Cameron, and other towns in Steuben County formed a "Home Diligence Safety Society." It was really an "anti-rent" secret society, modelled after the masonic lodge, and flourished briefly in the later 1860's and early '70's. The society endorsed candidates in local elections, but its political efforts produced nothing substantial. A few members took more drastic action, refusing to be evicted from their farms when the sheriff and his posse came with writs of ejectment. In 1872 someone shot the sheriff's horse while he was on a "raid" in the town of Howard, but the $1000 reward offered for apprehension of the culprit seems never to have been claimed.

The anti-rent movement in Steuben County never amounted to much, for most of the Pulteney and Johnstone property was deeded off by the end of the Civil War. By 1903, when Sir Frederick Johnstone sold out to Bath lawyers Henry J. and Frederick Wynkoop, only 2000 acres were left. In 1909 the land office on the square was closed, and the building became the first home of the Bath hospital. The same year the Steuben County Board of Supervisors voted to purchase all the records, papers, and maps in the land office. The Pulteney archive has reposited in the County Clerk's office ever since.

Other Pulteney and Hornby Records

The land office records found today in the Steuben County Clerk's Office in Bath are the largest collection of Pulteney materials extant. However, related and important records are scattered among repositories in New York and elsewhere. (See listings in Appendix.) Most appear to have been dispersed before the closing of the land office, or were never there in the first place. The most important materials in the latter category are the personal papers of land agents Charles Williamson and Robert Troup. The letters Williamson wrote home to his family in Scotland, along with other letters and documents relating to his career before, during, and after his agency for the Pulteney associates, were acquired by the noted manuscript collector Edward E. Ayer. Today they form the nucleus of the Charles Williamson papers at the Newberry
Library in Chicago. The rough drafts of Robert Troup's letters, along with many other business papers, passed through a daughter into the Bronson family, and went with their papers to the Manuscripts Division of the New York Public Library. (The papers of Joseph Fellows remain in private hands.)

Lawyers early appreciated the historical value of Williamson and Pulteney materials. Howard L. Osgood of Rochester collected scores of letters to Williamson, the agent's day books, and correspondence and maps belonging to John Greig. The collection was split up after Osgood's death. Part went eventually to the Rochester Public Library, and the rest went to the Ontario County Historical Society in Canandaigua. The latter institution also has the original minute book of negotiations for the sale by Robert Morris to Sir William Pulteney and others in 1791, along with the original deed of conveyance, a report on the quality of Steuben County lands in 1809, and many other documents. These were purchased in London in 1921, presumably from a descendant of the Pulteney family. The Ontario County Historical Society also holds other correspondence of John Greig, apparently not part of the Osgood Collection; some letters of Robert Morris; a few items of James Wadsworth, sub-agent in the Genesee Valley; and a letter of Charles Williamson discussing his dispute with Wilhelm Berczy in 1793.

Another important collector was George J. Skivington, a Rochester lawyer who obtained most of what remained of the business papers of John Greig, agent for the Hornby and Colquhoun interests. This collection is now at the University of Rochester. A third collector was Ansel J. McCall, a Bath lawyer who was also a productive historian of Steuben County. McCall acquired the letters and accounts of James Read, a surveyor for the Bath land office, and items collected by Read, such as Williamson's day book, 1802-03, cash book, 1792-95, and letters to and from him; letters of Troup, Cameron, and Fellows; and several manuscript maps. The McCall family sold other Williamson letters to the Newberry Library in 1937. The Read materials went to Cornell after the death of James McCall, Ansel's son, in 1943. Other Cornell holdings include financial records of the Bath land office in the later 19th century, when it was conducted by the Wynkoop law firm; and Robert Troup's letter book no. 1, covering the years 1801-12. This volume was borrowed from the Steuben County Clerk's Office by Bath lawyer Carter R. Kingsley, and after his death in 1953 it went with the rest of his papers to Cornell's Collection of Regional History.
Some papers of Pulteney sub-agents have survived. The most notable are the Wadsworth family papers, now in Milne Library, State University College at Geneseo. These include a deed book for Pulteney lands sold by James Wadsworth and his son William W. Wadsworth, a letter book, early manuscript maps of the whole Genesee country, and many maps of individual townships. The Livingston County Clerk's map books contain a few maps of townships in the southern part of the county; these were almost certainly drawn by surveyors for the land office. The papers of Dugald Cameron are fragmentary. The Steuben County Historical Society holds a few items. Two of Cameron's account books are in the Davenport Papers at Cornell (Dugald Cameron's daughter married Ira Davenport, Sr.). Letters from Dugald Cameron and his family, some mentioning agency affairs, are found in the Whitney Family Papers at the Broome County Historical Society in Binghamton. There are also Cameron letters in the Nicholas Low Papers at the Library of Congress. (Cameron was the local agent for Low's extensive landholdings in Steuben County.)

Some of the Williamson and Pulteney records which survive came very close to destruction. The great ledger of Charles Williamson, recording all his expenditures during the 1790's for such purposes as roads and surveys, was recovered from a dump some years ago. It is now in the Davenport Library in Bath. Robert Troup's letter book no. 3 came by an uncertain route to the Elm Cottage Museum in Bath; its original home was the Steuben County Clerk's Office. The General Abstract Book of the Pulteney and Johnstone Estates, covering the years 1802-1848, a most important document for the finances of the land agency, was found in the attic of the old Geneva Trust Company and was presented to the Geneva Historical Society in 1944.

The most agonizing discovery a researcher can make is that papers or records which existed not many years before are now lost or destroyed. Letters to Charles Williamson from Robert Morris and John Johnston, preserved in Bath as recently as 1963, have disappeared. Fortunately typescript copies of these items and others were made by Howard L. Osgood, and given by his widow to the Rochester Historical Society in 1927. (They are now in the Rochester Public Library.) The W.P.A. Historical Records Survey reported in 1939 that forty sales books, averaging 15 x 11 x 2½ inches in size, and ranging in date from 1793 to 1869, were then in the Steuben County Clerk's Office. Apparently they were gone by the early 1950's, and diligent inquiries and searches have failed to locate them. Still other records which certainly existed once may have
been discarded a century or more ago. The extant letter books of land agent
Robert Troup are numbered 1, 3, 4, and 7; where are numbers 2, 5, and 6? No
incoming letters to Troup from his sub-agents in Bath and Geneva are found
among his papers in the New York Public Library. The copies or drafts of
those letters which must have been kept at the land offices are likewise
missing. But despite the lamentable scattering and loss of so many of the
records of the Pulteney Estate, a great many have survived. The microfilm
of the records in Bath was made to preserve them in case of disaster and to
make them generally available for public use.

Scope and Content of Microfilmed Pulteney Records

The Pulteney Land Office Records now in the Steuben County Clerk’s
Office in Bath, consist of books, papers, and maps from the former land offices
in Bath and Geneva (records from the latter place were transferred to Bath in
1856 when agency operations were consolidated). The quantity of material is
ca. 35 bound volumes, ca. 200 sewn booklets, and 12 cubic feet of loose letters,
surveys, vouchers, receipts, legal documents, and other miscellaneous papers,
many of them ephemeral. All the bound books and sewn booklets (excepting
duplicates) have been microfilmed and are listed below in the finding aid.
Selected loose papers have also been filmed, but routine vouchers, letters,
deeds, and individual lot surveys have not. All map books have been micro-
filmed, and about 150 of the most important flat maps, including some maps
mounted in the official map books of the County Clerk, have been photographed
for public use and reproduction (see list in appendix). The microfilming
project in its early stages filmed a few non-Pulteney records, such as Revo-
lutionary War pension applications, a private receipt book indicating kinds
of merchandise shipped from the terminus of the Crooked Lake Canal at Hammonds-
port, and records of the Campbell-Erwin Baptist Church. Also filmed were the
Williamson day book, 1792-1801, and the Osgood Collection of Williamson and
Pulteney Estate papers at the Rochester Public Library; the Williamson ledger
at the Davenport Library; and other items in the possession of the Steuben
County Historical Society and residents of Bath.
**Pulteney Land Office Records in Steuben County Clerk's Office**

**LETTER BOOKS**

Letter Book no. 4.
Copies of letters of Robert Troup to Samuel S. Haight, Joseph Fellows, and other employees of the Pulteney land offices in Geneva and Bath, 1803-1815. Letters concern agency affairs, with much information on conditions of settlement. Index to correspondents in front. (Roll 313-A)

Letter Book no. 7.
Copies of letters of Robert Troup to Joseph Fellows, Dugald Cameron, William W. McCay, and others, for years 1819-1824. Letters concern operations of the land offices in Bath and Geneva, the state of the local economy, efforts to collect payments on land, investments in turnpike companies, etc. (Roll 313-B)

Copies of letters of land agents Joseph Fellows and William F. Young concerning agency affairs, many of them dunning letters to settlers in arrears on their payments. (Roll 323-A)

Letter Book, 1862-1895.
Copies of letters of agent Benjamin F. Young, concerning agency affairs. There are some references to anti-land office sentiment in Steuben and Allegany Counties. (Roll 323-B)

**DEED AND CONTRACT BOOKS**

Pulteney Estate Deed Book no. 1.
Abstracts of deeds executed by the Pulteney Estate for lands in Steuben and Allegany Counties. Book covers years 1810-1853, but most entries are before 1835. Each entry gives a description of the parcel conveyed, often with small maps. Sometimes there is information on previous contractors and the commencement of tax payments, useful for ascertaining the date of first occupancy of the parcel by the grantee. Name index in front. (Roll 311-A)

Pulteney Estate Deed Book no. 2.
Abstracts of deeds executed by the Pulteney Estate for lands in Steuben and Allegany Counties. Book covers years 1836-1847. Content similar to Deed Book no. 1. Name index in front. (Roll 311-B)

Pulteney Estate Deed Book no. 3.
Abstracts of deeds executed by the Pulteney Estate for lands in Steuben and Allegany Counties. Book covers years 1848-1861. Content similar to Deed Books no. 1 and 2. Name index at front. (Roll 311-C)

Johnstone Estate Deed Book no. 4.
Abstracts of deeds executed by the Johnstone (and Pulteney) Estate for lands in Steuben and Allegany Counties. Book covers years 1861-1881. Lacks maps of parcels found in earlier deed books. Name index at front. (Roll 314-A)
Johnstone Estate Deed Book no. 5.


Register of lands contracted to be sold or deeded in Steuben County and the first range of townships in Allegany County. (Roll 326-G)


Register of lands contracted to be sold or deeded in Steuben County and the first range of townships in Allegany County. (Roll 326-H)

"Book 3 of Sales, per Contract, executed at the Land Offices at Geneva and Bath from 1st Jan'y 1802 to 31st Dec 1805."

Register of land sales by contract, with record of payments through ca. 1815. Steuben County accounts for roughly one-third of the entries. No Book A found. Name index at end. (Roll 331-C)

"Abstracts from Contracts of Sale Shewing the Lots sold in the several Townships in the First Range."

Abstracts of land contracts and deeds executed for lands in Steuben and present Schuyler and Yates Counties. Covers period ca. 1800-1819, but most entries are for period 1810-1813. Includes small maps of the parcels sold. Name index at front. (Roll 326-A)

"Abstracts from Contracts of Sale Shewing the Lots sold in the Several Townships in the Second Range."

Abstracts of land contracts and deeds executed for lands in Steuben County. Covers period ca. 1800-1820, but most entries are for period 1808-1813. (Book for the third range is missing.) Name index at front. (Roll 326-B)

"Abstracts from Contracts of Sale Shewing the Lots sold in the Several Townships in the Fourth Range."

Abstracts of land contracts and deeds executed for lands in Steuben County. Covers period ca. 1804-1818. Includes small maps of parcels sold. Name index at front. (Roll 326-C)

"Abstracts from Contracts of Sale Shewing the Lots sold in the Several Townships in the Fifth Range."

Abstracts of land contracts and deeds executed for lands in Steuben County. Covers period ca. 1805-1818. Includes small maps of the parcels sold. Name index at front. (Roll 325-D)

"Abstracts from Contracts of Sale Shewing the Lots sold in the Several Townships in the Sixth Range."

Abstracts of land contracts and deeds executed for lands in Steuben County and the present town of North Dansville in Livingston County. Covers period ca. 1805-1818. Includes small maps of parcels sold. Name index. (Roll 326-E)
"Abstracts from Contracts of Sale Shewing the lots sold in the several Townships in the Seventh Range."

Abstracts of land contracts and deeds for lands in what is now the first range of townships in Allegany County. Covers period ca. 1803-1818. Includes small maps of parcels sold. (Roll 320-F)

"Register of Conveyances, given at the Land Office of Sir William Pulteney Baronet, in Geneva, in the County of Ontario, Commencing the Second Day of February, in the Year One Thousand eight hundred and two."

Abstracts of deeds executed for lands in present-day Ontario, Yates, Wayne, Monroe, Livingston, Schuyler, and Genesee Counties. Covers years 1802-1815. Book also lists occasional deeds for parcels in Steuben and Allegany Counties, ca. 1805-1810. Separate name index. (Roll 320-A)

"Register of Deeds no. 2."

Register of deeds executed for lands in present-day Wayne, Ontario, Monroe, Livingston, Yates, Orleans, and Genesee Counties, also for tracts in Madison County, city of Albany, and west Virginia. Book covers period ca. 1815-24. Name index at front. (Roll 430-B)


Abstracts of deeds executed for lands in the Northern Department. Book covers period ca. 1822-1848. Date of initial payment of taxes by purchaser is indicated starting in 1827. Two separate name indexes. (Roll 430-C)

"Account of Lands, Situate in Ontario County, and deeded by Charles Williamson, Esquire."

Register of parcels conveyed by Charles Williamson during years 1793-1801. Separate name index. (Includes Steuben County lands even though it was set off as a separate county in 1796.) (Roll 503-E)

"Inventory of the personal estates left by the late Sir William Pulteney, & the late Countess of Bath, in the United States of America & under the administration & agency of Robert Troup ..."

Abstract of land contracts and mortgages in the personal estate (as opposed to unsold real estate), dated Jan. 26, 1810. Gives contractors' and mortgagees' names and debts, but not the location of their holdings. Contains a "recapitation" at the end.

Register of deeds executed for lands in range 1, Steuben, Schuyler, and Yates Counties, and Ranges 2, 3, and 4, Steuben County.

Deeds range in date from 1795 to 1909; register gives location of parcel, name of grantee, date of conveyance, volume and page in record of deeds. (Roll 503-D)

Register of deeds executed for lands in ranges 5 and 6, Steuben County, and range 7, Allegany County.

Deeds range in date from 1795 through 1909; register gives location of parcel, name of grantee, date of conveyance, volume and page in record of deeds. (Roll 503-E)
Register of land conveyances recorded in Ontario and Steuben County Clerks' Offices, ca. 1789-1801.

Also lists some conveyances to Charles Williamson in the Military Tract, Albany, New York City, etc. Enclosed is correspondence from years 1898 and 1903 on the title to a lot in Charlotte at the mouth of the Genesee River. Arranged by township and range. (Roll 500-A)

"Abstract of the Title to the Pulteney Estate, in the State of New York--First Class, Original Purchases."

Register of deeds, ca. 1789-1811, including conveyances by Oliver Phelps and Nathaniel Corham, Charles Williamson, Robert Troup, and the Pulteney Estate, arranged by ranges and townships. Also listed are lands in New York City, the city of Albany, and Tioga, Niagara, Herkimer, Montgomery, and Franklin Counties. (Roll 500-B)

Statement of lands purchased by Charles Williamson.

Statement of lands purchased by Williamson in Steuben and Ontario Counties, including lands between the Old and New Preemption Lines; also a statement of lands deeded by Williamson in what was then Ontario County, and of lands west of the Genesee River and in the Military Tract of central New York. (Roll 500-C)

Abstract of deeds to Samuel S. Haight from the Pulteney Estate.

Deeds range from 1806 to 1813; list is probably related to Robert Troup's lawsuit against Haight. (Roll 500-D)

Abstract of lands conveyed by quitclaim deed from Robert Troup to David Cathcart and Masterton Ure, Trustees, 1825.

Abstract of conveyance of lands purchased by Troup from Williamson, Cameron, and others, ca. 1795-1824, in Steuben and other counties, to the trustees of the Johnstone Estate. (Roll 500-E)

"Lands to be Deeded."

Memoranda of deeds conveyed in Steuben and Allegany Counties, 1828-ca. 1860, plus some accounts receivable for the years 1828-34. (Roll 500-F)

ACCOUNT BOOKS

Accounts of Land Sales by Charles Williamson.

Accounts in ledger form of Williamson's land sales by mortgage in Steuben County. Book commences in 1793 and notes payments through ca. 1814. (Roll 323-C)

Account book for Hopeton Mills and for Northern Department Land Sales.

 Accounts for customers of a mill and store erected for Charles Williamson on the outlet of Crooked Lake (Keuka Lake) near Dresden, 1799. Book also contains accounts for land sales in Ontario County, ca. 1805-1815. (Roll 507-E)

Abstracts of agency collections (various).

A miscellaneous volume of accounts, including (in order) a schedule of lands conveyed to Sir William Pulteney by Williamson by deed of Dec. 13, 1800;
statement of sales by land contract in Northern Department, 1797-1810; tables of land sales in various counties of western New York and in Madison, Chenango, and Otsego Counties, ca. 1808-1815; tables of remittances to the Johnstone Estate, 1846-1860. At the end are statements of collections for the Pulteney and Johnstone Estates, 1831-1853. (This book is evidently related to the General Abstract Book in the Geneva Historical Society.) (Roll 320-B)

"Bond Book," 1802-1818. Record of debits and credits for landsales by mortgage, mostly in Ontario County. Names of purchasers are given but no locations of parcels. Book mentions tavern at Sodus and Mills at Caledonia. (Roll 500-G)

"Accounts of the Pulteney Estates in the United States of America ... Commencing on the 1 January 1816 & Ending on the 31 December 1819." Mostly tables of payments on land contracts in both the Steuben and Northern Departments. Tables list contractors by name but sometimes omit location of their lots. There are also accounts of expenditures of the land agents for roads, surveys, agency expenses, etc. (Roll 314-C)

"Contingent Expenses," 1829-1854. Account book of land office expenses for Northern Department (Geneva office), including taxes, surveys, postage, travel, contributions for roads and churches, lawsuits, etc. There are a few late items for Steuben County. (Roll 500-I)

Pulteney Estate in account with George J. Clark. Accounts for repairs to buildings owned by the Pulteney Estate in New York City, 1851-50; also undated lists of contractors arranged by towns. (Roll 500-J)

"Selling price of unsold lands 1858." Notes on contracts, sales, and ejectment suits in Steuben and Allegany Counties, mostly in ranges 4, 5, and 6. (Roll 500-K)

"Accounts of Rev. Richard Thomas Pulteney's Property under the Agency of Joseph Fellows from Dec. 31, 1861 to Dec. 31, 1866 ..." Includes journal, ledger, and balance sheets. (Roll 500-L)

Receipt book, ca. 1841-1897. Receipts for taxes and land payments, Northern Department. (Roll 500-H)

Miscellany Book. Book contains lists of lots which reverted to the Pulteney Estate by consent or ejectment of settlers, ca. 1860, Steuben and Allegany Counties. There are also accounts for railroad ties and lumber rafts sold from the towns of Cameron and Greenwood, 1860. (Roll 326-I)

"Abstract of Lands and Debts, Steuben Department." Tables of land contracts in force in Steuben County and Orang, Schuyler County, 1861-62. Has comments on quality of lands and status of payment. (Roll 323-D)
Schedule of bad debts, Steuben and Allegany Counties, 1862.
Schedule of bad debts, 1862, giving location and acreage but no names.

Register of payments for land, Caton.
Lists contractors for lots, with notes of payments and small maps of lots, ca. 1861-73, for I-1 (Caton). (Rolls 505-F, 507-A)

Register of payments for land, Orange, Caton, and Hornby.
Similar to above, ca. 1860-71, for I-1 (Caton), I-3 (Hornby), and I-4 (Orange). (Roll 505-3)

Register of payments for land, Tuscarora, Thurston, Bath, Wheeler, Urbana, and Frattsburg.
Similar to above; III-1 (Tuscarora), III-4 (Bath), III-5 (Wheeler and Urbana), III-6 (Frattsburg), ca. 1860-71. (Roll 506-3)

Register of payments for land, Woodhull, Rathbone, Cameron.
Similar to above; IV-1 (Woodhull), IV-2 (Rathbone), IV-3 (Cameron), ca. 1861-1873. (Roll 505-C)

Register of payments for land, Cameron, Bath, Avoca, Wheeler, and Urbana.
Similar to above; IV-3 (Cameron), IV-4 (Bath), IV-5 (Avoca, Wheeler, Urbana), ca. 1861-1870. (Roll 505-A)

Register of payments for land, Prattsburg and Cohocton.
Similar to above; IV-6 (Prattsburg and Cohocton), ca. 1861-1871. (Roll 506-F)

Register of payments for land, Woodhull, Rathbone, Cameron, Greenwood, and Jasper.
Similar to above; for towns given (no ranges and townships), ca. 1861-1904.

Register of payments for land, Tuscarora and Troupsburg.
Similar to above; for III-1 (Tuscarora) and V-1 (Troupsburg), ca. 1861-1904. (Roll 507-3)

Register of payments for land, Howard and Canisteo.
Lists contractors for lots, with notes of payments, for V-3 (Canisteo) and V-4 (part of Howard), ca. 1861-1871. (Roll 505-E)

Register of payments for land, Howard, Fremont, Cohocton, Wayland, and Dansville.
Similar to above; for V-4 (Howard) and V-5 (Howard, Fremont, Cohocton, Wayland, Dansville). (Roll 505-E)

Register of payments for land, Greenwood, Independence, Andover, Almond, and Burns.
Similar to above; for towns of Greenwood, Steuben County, and Independence, Andover, Almond, Burns, Allegany County, ca. 1874-1890. (Roll 505-D)
Register of payments for land, Greenwood, Hornellsville, Dansville, and West Union.

Similar to above; for towns in the sixth range of townships, ca. 1853-1873.

Register of payments for land, Independence, Andover, Alfred, Almond.

Similar to above; for towns in seventh range of townships, Allegany County, ca. 1860-1875. (Roll 507-D)

Register of payments for land, Livingston, Ontario, Monroe, and Steuben Counties.

Similar to above; for V-6 (Cohocton and Wayland); V-7 (Springwater, Livingston County); VI-7 (Sparta, Livingston); V-8 (Canadice, Ontario County); VI-5 (Conesus, Livingston); VII-7 (West Sparta, Livingston); VII-10 (Avon, Livingston); VII-14 (Irondequoit, Monroe County), ca. 1857-1870. (Roll 507-E)

SURVEY BOOKS

Survey of townships in Phelps & Gorham Purchase which were sold to Robert Morris in 1792.

Surveys made under direction of Adan Hoops in 1792-93 to correct errors in the original Phelps and Gorham survey of 1783-89. Includes field notes for townships in present-day counties of Monroe, Livingston, Ontario, Wayne, Yates, Schuyler, Steuben, and Allegany, which Morris conveyed to Williamson in 1791. Book contains sketch maps of townships, and in the field notes are remarks on terrain, forest cover, and Indian paths. The paper in this volume is watermarked with the words "Curteis & Sons" with the figure of a seated Britannia within an oval surmounted by a crown. It has been rebound in full red leather. (Roll 331-A) A duplicate volume bound in original calf has paper watermarked "Demy 1801." (Available on microfilm at Rochester Public Library)

Survey of township lines in eastern Steuben and western Schuyler Counties, 1792.

Note on next to last page describes the contents well: "This book Contains the East South & West boundary Lines of No. 4 2d Range--the North, East, South, and West Boundary Lines of No. 4 1st Range and the West South & North Lines of No. 3 1 Range of Townships copied from the field notes of Frederick Saxton Deed, by Mr. A. Hoop's orders, for the Honobl Robt. Morris Esqr, of Philada, by Robt. James, Surveyor. May, 1793." These surveys are not included in the large survey book described above. The field notes include comments on timber, terrain, and soil. (Roll 380-C)

"Field Notes of No. 6 in 2d Range and part of Crooked Lake &c, by Fredk. Saxton."

Survey field notes for township lines, with comments on timber, terrain, etc., for present towns of Pulteney, Steuben County, and Jerusalem, Yates County. These notes were not included in the large survey book described above. (Roll 380-C)

"Register of Surveys made on the property heretofore belonging to Charles Williamson Esquire chiefly situate in Ontario and Steuben Counties in the State of New York."

Survey field notes for lands in the Core between the Old and New Preemption Lines, including the villages of Hopetown, Geneva, Lyons, and Sodus; other lands
in present-day Wayne and Ontario Counties; and a few lots in Yates, Livingston, Otsego, Cayuga, Herkimer Counties, Monroe County west of the Genesee, and in the city of Albany. Many maps are included. Book covers years ca. 1793-1859, with most surveys dating before 1830. Despite the title there are no surveys of Steuben County. (Roll 430-A) (Also available on microfilm at Rochester Public Library)

(I-1)

"Survey of Township No. 1 in 1st Range Made in September & October 1818 by Wm. H. Bull."
Survey of lots with remarks on timber and terrain, town of Caton. (Roll 380-A)

Field book for town of Caton.
Accounts for land contracts in force ca. 1850, and dating back to the 1830's, with comments on settlers and quality of lands. Made for the land office by Jonathan Field. (Roll 333-B)

"Survey and Subdivision of lots in Twp. 1, Range 1, Caton."
Surveys of assorted lots, with comments on status of contracts and condition of lands, made by C.A. Canfield, 1851. (Roll 333-C)

"Surveys & Field Notes of Township 1, Range 1, Caton."
Surveys of assorted lots, with comments on status of land contracts, by C.A. Canfield, 1851. (Roll 333-D)

(I-3)

"Surveys in Township No. 3 in Range No. 1 (Hornby) made in February and March 1857 by C.A. Canfield."
Surveys of lots with maps, with a few additional comments. (Roll 347-B)

(I-4)

Field book for I-4 (Orange).
Accounts of land contracts dating back to the 1830's, made ca. 1850 for the present town of Orange, Schuyler County. (Roll 333-E)

"Surveys & Field Notes of Township 4, Range 1, Bradford & Orange."
Surveys of assorted lots, with some comments on status of land contracts, made by C.A. Canfield in 1852, for the present town of Orange, Schuyler County. (Roll 333-F)

"Surveys & Field Notes of Township 4, Range 1, Orange, Schuyler County, formerly Steuben County."
Surveys of assorted lots, with some comments on status of contracts, made in 1859 by C.A. Canfield. (Roll ???)

(II-2)

"Field Book of Township Number two, Second Range ... John Monkle Surveyor, Eleazar Lindsley, Clerk."
Partition of the present town of Erwin for the heirs of Arthur Erwin, made by John Konkle, Eleazar Lindsey, and Henry McCormick, commissioners appointed under a law passed March 16, 1785. Note on coversays that the survey was filed Jan. 25, 1797. This must refer to a filing with the Steuben County Clerk, as the township was never in the Pulteney Estate. It was purchased entire from Phelps and Gorham by Arthur Erwin. (Roll 380-B)

"Survey of the West half of No. 4--2d Range by William Kersey."
Survey of lots in the present towns of Bath and Urbana, done in 1796 for Charles Williamson. Includes map. (Roll 380-H)

"Field Book of A Survey made on the West half of the township No. 4 in the 2nd Range of Towns being the Town of Bath ... made by John N. Hight October 1809."
Survey of lots in eastern part of Bath, with comments on timber, terrain, and soil. Includes map. (Roll 380-D)

"Field Book. December 1809. A Survey made on a Tract of Land lying in Township No. 4 Second Range of Towns on the East side of the Town and Southly of Mud Creek as Surveyed and Layed off by John N. Hight."
Survey of lots in present town of Bradford, with brief comments on timber, terrain, and soil. Includes map. (Roll 380-F)

"A Field-Book of a Survey Situate in Township No. 6 in the second Range of Townships in the County of Steuben."
Survey of lots with brief descriptions of timber and soil, in the present town of Pulteney, made by John Konkle ca. 1805. Includes map. (Roll 380-B)

"A subdivision of Lots No. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8, and 9. of Mile squares in Township No. 6 in the 2nd Range in the County of Steuben."
Early, undated survey of boundaries in the south half of the present town of Pulteney, made by Thomas Rees, Jr. Includes map. (Roll 380-W)

"Field Notes of No. 1 in the 3 range in Genesee Country."
Survey of lots in present town of Tuscarora, copy dated 1794; township was later resurveyed. (Roll 380-I)

Survey of lots in III-1 (Tuscarora).
Though the cover and title and final page are gone, this is an early, undated survey of lots in the present town of Tuscarora, with very brief comments on timber, terrain, soil, etc. (Roll 380-U)

"Township No. 1 Range No. 3 Surveyed in Aug. & Sept. 1856 C.A. Canfield."
Survey of lots with maps, with some additional comments on the status of land contracts, for the town of Tuscarora. (Roll 343-Q)
(III-3)

"Survey made in Township No. 3 in the third Range of Townships in the county of Steuben by order of Saml. S. Haight & Dugald Cameron November 1811. Danl. P. Faulkner Surveyor."

Survey of lots in the northwest part of the present town of Thurston, with sketch map. (Roll 380-J)

"An Allotment of Township Number three in the third range of Townships in the County of Steuben finished in April 1819 by James Read."

Survey of lots in present town of Thurston, with comments on terrain, timber, and soil. Includes map. (Roll 331-B)

(III-4)

"A Survey made in Township No. 4 in the third Range of Towns in the Town of Bath Steuben (sic) County ... Surveyed by me John N. Hight."

Survey of lots in northeast part of present town of Bath, with comments on timber, terrain, and soil; undated but early. Includes sketch map. (Roll 380-K)

"A Survey of several lots ... in the North-west corner of Township No. 4 in the 3d Range of Tps. in the County of Steuben finished in the Year 1821 by me James Read."

Survey of lots with many comments on terrain, timber, and soil; located in present towns of Bath and Urbana. (Roll 331-C)

(III-5)

"A Survey and Division of the North half of Township Number Five, in the third Range in the County of Steuben; done in July and September, 1798."

Survey of lots in present towns of Wheeler and Urbana, with some comments at end on terrain, soil, and timber; has map. (Roll 380-L)

"Survey & Subdivision of Great Lot No. 30 in 5 in 3d."

Survey of large lot in present town of Wheeler, with comments on timber, terrain and soil; no date but early. (Roll 380-Y)

"Survey of several lots in the South half of Township No. 5 in the 3d Range of Townships in the County of Steuben done in April & May 1817 by James Read."

Survey of lots in present towns of Wheeler and Urbana, with some comments on timber, terrain, soil, etc. Includes map. (Roll 380-S)


Survey made ca. 1820 of lots in present towns of Wheeler and Urbana, with comments on terrain, timber, and soil, by James Read. (Roll 331-D)

"Survey & Subdivision of Lots in 5 in 3d June 1827 by Wm. H. Bull."

Survey of lot boundaries in present towns of Wheeler and Urbana, with comments on timber, terrain, and soil. (Roll 380-X)
Boundaries of lots in III-5 (Urbana).
Rough notes on lot boundaries made for or by C.A. Canfield, 1850's, for a tract of land in town of Urbana. (Roll 380-Z)

(III-6)

"A Survey and Division of Township No. 6 in the 2nd range Steuben County Done In August 1796 by Wm. Kersey D.S. To the Honourable Charles Williamson, Esqr."
Survey of lots in present town of Prattsburg. Includes map. (Roll 380-N)

Surveys and field notes, III-6 (Prattsburg).
Survey of lots, with unusually detailed comments on terrain, timber, soil, settlers, and roads; pencilled note on cover gives date of 1803. Two inserts contain resurveys of various lots with names of contractors, probably made in the 1850's. (Roll 331-E)

"Surveys made in 1826 by order of W.W. McCay in the 6th Township 3d Range by Wm. P. Curtiss."
Survey of lots in present town of Prattsburg, with contractors' names but no other comments. Includes map. (Roll 380-T)

(IV-1)

"Allotment of the S.E. Qr. of Township No. 1 in the 4th Range of Townships in the County of Steuben finished in the Fall of 1819 by James Read ..."
Survey of lots in present town of Woodhull, with some comments on timber and terrain. Includes map. (Roll 343-G)

"Allotment of the S.W. Qr. of Township No. 1 in the 4th Range of Townships in the County of Steuben done in the Summer of 1819 by James Read ..."
Survey of lots in present town of Woodhull, with comments on timber and terrain, including map. (Roll 343-F)

"Field Book for Township No. 1 in the 4th Range."
Survey of assorted lots in town of Woodhull, with brief comments on timber and soil; note on cover reads "C.A. Canfield C.E. Dec. 1855 & 1856," but the survey is really a copy of one done much earlier. (Roll 382-G)

"Allotment of the N.E. Qr. of Township No. 1 in the 4th Range of Townships in the County of Steuben done in the Fall of 1820 by James Read ..."
Survey of lots in present town of Woodhull, with comments on timber and terrain. Includes map. (Roll 343-H)

"Canfields Survey of Township No 1 of Range No 4 Made in 1856."
Survey of various lots under contract for sale in town of Woodhull. Includes miscellaneous papers stuck in and map at end. (Roll 343-R)
(IV-1, IV-2)

"Field Book of a Survey made on the head waters of Tuscarora creek in the County of Steuben in Townships No. 1 and No. 2 in the fourth range by Jno. Konkle."
Survey of lots in present town of Woodhull, with a few comments on soil, terrain, and settlers; no date, but early. (Roll 333-K)

(IV-2)

"Field Notes taken at the Survey and subdivision of the Second Town in the fourth Range."
Survey of lots in present towns of Rathbone and Woodhull, with comments on timber and terrain of lots in south part of township; no date, but ca. 1810. Includes map. (Roll 382-I)

Survey of lots in IV-2, east section (Rathbone).
Survey of lots in present town of Rathbone, with comments on timber and terrain, probably made by James Read ca. 1820. (Roll 343-I)

"Survey of Township No 2 Range No. 4, Made in the Summer of 1856 ... C.A. Canfield Surveyor C.E."
Surveys of assorted lots in towns of Cameron, Rathbone, Woodhull, with comments on condition of property. (Roll 333-N)

(IV-3)

"Survey made in the N.E. Corner of Township No. 3 in the 4th Range of Townships in the county of Steuben by orders of Saml. S. Haight & Dugald Cameron."
Survey of lots in present town of Cameron, with brief comments on timber and soil; no date, but ca. 1815. Includes map. (Roll 382-F)

"An allotment of Township Number three in the fourth Range of Townships in the County of Steuben finished in April 1819 by James Read."
Survey of lots in town of Cameron, with remarks on timber, terrain, etc. Includes map. (Roll 343-K)

Resurvey of certain lots in IV-3 (Cameron).
Note on first page states that "The following lots are composed from lots of the first survey in the north part of township no, 3 in the 4th range, and since altered so that the lots may have the advantage of the new state road, which has been laid and cut since the first allotment of the township—finished in May 1819 by James Read." Reference is made to an earlier survey for comments on timber, terrain, etc. Includes map showing the old and new roads. (Roll 382-E)

"Township 3, Range 4 Surveyed by C.A. Canfield, 1856."
Survey of various lots under contract in town of Cameron. (347-C)
"A Survey and Division of part of Township Number four in the fourth range in the County of Steuben, done in June & July in the Year one thousand seven hundred ninety six for the Honourable Charles Williamson Esqur."

Survey of lots in northwest part of present town of Bath, with a few notes on settlers. (Roll 380-AA)

"Field Book of the South Division of Township No. 4 in the 4th Range as Surveyed by Daniel P. Faulkner in the Year 1809. By order of Samuel S. Haight Esqr. Agent of the Pulteney Estate."

Survey of lots in western part of present town of Bath, south of the Lake-Erie Turnpike Road, with occasional comments on timber and terrain. Includes map. (Roll 382-L)

"James Reads Surveys in Township No 4 Range 4 1812 Resurveyed by C.A. Canfield in March 1858."

Survey of assorted lots in town of Bath, with comments on timber and terrain, done by Read in 1812. Includes map. (Roll 382-K)

"A survey of part of Township Number 4 in the 4th range of Townships in the County of Steuben."

Survey of lots in present towns of Bath and Avoca, a tract bounded on the south by the Lake Erie Turnpike; has comments on timber, terrain, and soil. No date is given and several pages are evidently missing at the end. Part of map is missing. (Roll 382-C)

"Survey of Part of Township No. 4 in 4th Range Between Turnpike & River by James Read."

Survey of various lots in northwest part of Bath and southern part of Avoca, with remarks on timber, terrain, etc. Survey was made ca. 1820. (Roll 343-H)

"A Survey of several lots in the North East corner of Township No. 4 in the 4th Range of Townships in the County of Steuben done in the Year 1821 by me James Read."

Survey of lots in vicinity of Kanona, town of Bath, with comments on timber, terrain, etc. Completes the survey done in 1795 by William Kersey. Includes map. (Roll 343-N)

"A Survey of several lots as within described in the north East quarter of Township Number 4 in the 4th Range West of the Conhocton River ... done in the Summer of 1822 by James Read."

Survey of lots southwest of the Conhocton River in vicinity of Kanona, town of Bath, with comments on timber and terrain. Includes map. (Roll 343-O)
(IV-5)

"A Survey and Division of Township No. 5, 4th Range in the County of Steuben 1796--'wm. Kersey D.S."

Survey of lots in present towns of Wheeler and Avoca, with no comments on soil, terrain, or timber; survey made by Kersey. This is a copy of the original survey, which is lost. Note on cover says "Resurveyed by C.A. Canfield in March 1858." (Roll 382-H)

"Surveys in the 5th Township and 4th Range, made in January 1826 by William P. Curtiss."

Survey of lots in present towns of Wheeler and Avoca, with brief remarks on timber, terrain, and soil. (Roll 333-V)

"Surveys in Township No. 5 Range No. 4 made in the Spring of 1858 by C.A. Canfield."

Survey of assorted lots in towns of Wheeler and Avoca, with comments on debts and improvements. (Roll 343-B)

(IV-6)

"Surveys made in Township No. 6, Range No. 4, in Dec. 1858 and Jany. 1859, by C.A. Canfield."

Survey of assorted lots in towns of Cohocton and Prattsbury, with comments on condition of property. (Roll 343-D)

(V-1)

Survey and field notes of V-1 (Trupsburg).

Pencil note at end says: "These field notes are presumed to be by John Konkle--made in 1796--Jas. Read in his survey in 1815 refers to them." Survey of lot boundaries with brief comments on timber, terrain, and soil. Includes map. (Roll 382-N)

"Field book of Township No 1 in the 5 range Steuben County."

Survey of lots with brief comments on timber and terrain in present town of Trupsburg; no date, but presumably early. Includes map. (Roll 382-N)

"List of the numbers and quantities of Land in each Lot in Township No. 1--fifth range, that are finished surveying."

Rough notes on lot boundaries with general comments on land in present town of Trupsburg; cover note says "Christopher Hurlbut List of Lots." Date is ca. 1810. (Roll 382-P)

"1--5th R. Christopher Hurlbut's Sub-divisions Sept. & October 1810."

Survey of lots in present town of Trupsburg, with some comments on timber, soil, and settlers. Includes map. (Roll 333-L)
"West line of No. 1--5, R."
Survey of line between present towns of West Union and Troupsburg, made in 1815 by an unnamed surveyor, possibly James Read; has comments on trees, terrain, and settlers. (Roll 332-O)

Survey of lots in V-1 (Troupsburg).
Survey of lots under contract for sale, made in 1855 by C.A. Canfield. (Roll 347-A)

(V-2)
"Field Book of Township No. 2 in the 5 Range."
Survey of lots in present town of Jasper, with comments on timber, terrain, etc., no date but early. Includes map. (Roll 382-LE)

"Resurvey of the Township of Jasper being Township No 2 in the 5th Range made in the summer of 1855 by C.A. Canfield."
Survey of various lots with comments on condition of lands and status of settlers' debts. (Roll 333-O)

Field notes for V-2 (Jasper).
Comments on lots under contract, improvements, debts, etc. Date on first page says 1868. (Roll 382-Q)

(V-3)
"Remarks on the North Side of No. 3 in the 5th Rge."
Survey of boundary line between present towns of Canisteo and Howard, with comments on timber and terrain; no date but early. Possibly surveyed by James Read. (Roll 382-R)

(V-3 Gore)
"An allotment of the Gore West of Township Number 3 in the 4th Range of Townships in the County of Steuben finished in April 1819 by James Read."
Survey of lots in east part of V-3 (Canisteo), with comments on timber, terrain, etc. Includes map. (Roll 343-L)

Survey of lots in V-3, Gore (Canisteo).
Survey of various lots with comments on condition of lands and status of settlers' debts; pencil note on cover reads "C.A. Canfield 1857." (Roll 333-R)

(V-4, V-5, V-6)
"A Field Book Containing the Notes of the West half of the Towns No 4 No 5 & 6 in the fifth Range by Geo. Bailey."
Survey of lots in present towns of Howard, Fremont, Dansville, and Wayland, with brief notes on timber and terrain, made in 1793. Includes three maps. These townships were later resurveyed into smaller lots. (Roll 332-A)
A Field Book &c. of a subdivision of 5000 a.'s of Land situate in Township No 4--5th Range of Townships in the County of Steuben ... called the Turnpike Land, And Subdivided by Thos, Metcalfe in May AD 1806."

Survey of lots in present town of Howard, with no comments on timber or terrain. Includes map. (Roll 382-S)

"A survey & Division Of a Tract of Land in the N.w, part of Township No. 4 in the 5th range of townships in the County of Steuben, made in the fall of the Year 1808."

Survey of lots in present town of Howard, with brief comments on timber, terrain, and soil. (Roll 382-X)

"A survey of a tract of land situate in the N.E. qr. of Township No. 4 in the 5th range in the County of Steuben, (commonly called the Gore ...)

Survey of lots in present towns of Avoca and Howard done by Peter C. Loop in 1809 for Samuel S. Haight, with comments at end concerning timber, terrain, streams, etc. Includes map. (Roll 382-GC)

"Field (notes of) a survey and division of part of Township (no. f)our in the fifth Range of Townships in the (County of) Steuben, with a map of the same prefixed."

Survey of lots in present town of Howard, with no comments on timber and terrain; no date but early. Several pages are apparently missing at the end, and the map is not found. (Roll 382-FF)

"Township 4 Range 5, North West quarter as Survey'd by Henry Shriver."

Survey of lots in present towns of Fremont and Howard; no date but early, First leaf is missing. Includes map. (Roll 382-GG)

"Allotment of the South West part of Township No. 4 in the 5th Range of Townships in the County of Steuben done in the fall of 1820 by James Read."

Survey of lots in towns of Howard and the Canisteo "panhandle" with comments on timber, terrain, soil, settlers, etc. Includes map. (Roll 343-P)

"Survey of Several Lots in the West part of 4 in 5th Range for Dexter Pratt & others 1827. by W.H. Bull."

Survey of lots in present town of Fremont, with comments on timber, soil, etc. Includes map. (Roll 332-AA)

"Surveys of the divisions of Lot No. 40,41,42,43,52,54, & 55 in the N.w, part of Township No. 4 in the 5th Range of Townships in the county of Steuben ... as surveyed by me ... 1856 ... Ezekiel Rice Surveyor."

Survey of lots with notes on present contractors, present towns of Fremont and Howard. (Roll 347-G)
"Survey of the East division of Township No 4 of Range No 5 ... made in the fall of 1857 by C.A. Canfield."

Survey of lots with brief comments on condition of lands and status of settlers and their debts in towns of Avoca and Howard. (Roll 333-T)

"West Division of Township No 4 of Range No. 5 Howard resurveyed in 1857 by C.A. Canfield."

Survey of various lots with comments on condition of lands and status of settlers' debts. (Roll 333-S)

Field notes for northwest section of V-4 (Howard).

List of contracted lands with comments on condition of property and status of debts, towns of Howard and Fremont, probably 1860's. (Roll 347-E)

"T 4 R 5 SJ Div Howard & Field Notes ... 1868."

Listing of contracted lands with comments on condition of property and status of debts. (Roll 347-F)

(V-4)

"Tp. No. 5 in the 5th Range North & South Division by Wm. Kersey."

Two booklets sewn together. First contains survey of north division of V-5 (parts of Avoca, Cohocton, Wayland, Dansville), made in 1795 for Robert Troup by order of Charles Williamson. Second survey is of south division of the same township, made in 1798, with remarks on streams, timber, and soil at end. Both surveys include maps. (Roll 382-Y)

"Field Book of a Tract of Land lying South of Loon Lake in Township No. 5 in the 5th Range in the County of Steuben Surveyed by Peter Loop Junr."

Survey of lots in present towns of Wayland and Fremont, with many comments on timber, terrain, etc.; no date, but ca. 1810. Includes map at end. (Roll 382-U)

Boundaries of lots deeded in V-5 (Cohocton, Avoca, Howard, Wayland, Fremont, Dansville).

List of deeds and boundaries made for or by C.A. Canfield; at front are several pages of unidentified accounts. (Roll 347-H)

(V-5 Gore)

"Gore East of Tp No. 5--5th Range by Wm. Kersey 1795."

Survey of tract of land on Cohocton River made at the request of John Cooper, in present towns of Avoca and Cohocton. Three maps show proposed village of "Elizabethtown" at present-day Wallace. (Roll 382-DD)

"Gore E. of Township No. 5--5th Range 12 Hile-creek land by Peter C. Loop."

Survey of lots in present town of Avoca, near Wallace; no date but early. Includes map. (Roll 382-T)
"No. 6 in the 5th Range by Thomas Metcalfe."
Survey of lots in northwest part of present town of Cohocton, with no comments on timber or terrain; probably made in 1805. Includes map. (Roll 382-V)

"West Section of Tp. No. 6--5th R. by C. Hurlbut."
Survey of lots in present town of Wayland, with notes on timber and terrain, made in 1808. (Roll 380-P)

"Field Book of Part of the S East part of Township No. 6 in the 5th Range of Towns in the County of Steuben, Surveyed for and at the request of Samuel S. Haight Esqr. By Peter Loop Junr., dated July 22nd 1809."
Survey of lots in part of present town of Cohocton, with many comments on timber, terrain, and soil. Includes map. (Roll 330-q)

"A survey made in the S.E. quarter of Township No. 6 in the 5th range of Townships in the County of Steuben ..."
Survey of lots in vicinity of Cohocton village, with no comments on timber and terrain; no date but ca. 1810. Includes map. (Roll 382-n)

"Surveys made in Township 6 in the 5th Range (Wayland) Made in March 1852 by C.A. Canfield."
Survey of lots under contract in west half of V-6 (Wayland). Includes map. (Roll 347-I)

"Township No 6 Range 5 Surveyed by C.A. Canfield June 1858."
Survey of various lots in present towns of Cohocton and Wayland, with many comments on condition of improvements and status of settlers' debts. (Roll 343-e)

(VI-1)
"Survey of a Tract of 1200 acres in the North West Corner of Township No. 1 in the 6th Range of Townships in the County of Steuben, which Survey & a subdivision of the same was made in July 1818 ..."
Survey of lots in present town of West Union, with comments on timber, terrain, soil, roads, etc., probably made by James Read. Includes map. (Roll 382-MM)

(VI-2)
"Survey of A.V. Petulla (?) of No. 2 6th Range of Townships in Steuben County July 1869."
Survey of lots in present town of Greenwood, with comments on terrain, timber, etc. (Roll 382-NN)

Survey of lots in VI-2 (Greenwood).
Two sewn booklets, containing a survey of lots starting with no. 25 (earlier pages missing); has comments on timber, terrain, soil, roads, etc.; probably made by James Read, ca. 1820. (Roll 382-NN)
"Survey of Township 2 Range 6--Greenwood, in the fall of 1855 by C.A. Canfield, Surveyor."

Survey of various lots with occasional remarks on condition of lands and status of settlers' debts. (Roll 333-P)

"Resurvey of Township No. 2 Range 6 Steuben Town of Greenwood B.C. Brundage Surveyor ... 1855."

Survey of various lots, with remarks on condition of lands and status of settlers' debts. (Roll 343-J)

(VI-3)

"Field Notes taken at the survey and division of the east half of the third Town in the sixth range by Matthew Carpenter, Surveyor."

Survey of lot boundaries in present town of Hartsville, with comments on timber, terrain, soil, etc.; no date but early. Includes map. (Roll 382-CC)

(VI-4)

"Subdivision of Great Lot No. 5--in 4 in the 6th Range."

Survey and notes for a long north-south lot in present town of Hornellsville, in handwriting of Christopher Hurlbut; no date but early. (Roll 382-JJ)

"Survey of the Gore west of No. 4--Sixth range."

Survey of a narrow tract of land on western boundary of present town of Hornellsville, made by Christopher Hurlbut in 1820, with brief comments on terrain, timber, and settlers. Includes map. (Roll 382-JJ)

"Township No. 4--Range 6--Hornellsville--Memorandum of Deeds for parts of lots in the Above town for use of C.A. Canfield, C.E."

Notes on lot boundaries, 1850's. (Roll 382-II)

"West Gore Tp No 4 Range 6--Hornellsville."

Survey of lots on western boundary of town of Hornellsville, with brief comments on condition of lands and status of debts; note at end says they were made in 1859 by C.A. Canfield. (Roll 382-KK)

(VI-4) (Gore)

"Field Notes and Map of Gore, North of Township No 4 in the 6 range Steuben County, mortgaged by Young & Faulkner."

Survey of lots made by Dugald Cameron, 1814, with comments on timber and terrain; map is said to be copied from "Original Survey made by John Smith in 1794." (Roll 382-PP)

(VI-5, VI-6)

"Field Notes of the West half of the Towns No. 5 & 6 in the sixth Range by Geo. Bailey."
Survey of lots in present towns of Dansville, Steuben County, and North Dansville, Livingston County, with brief notes on timber and terrain, made in 1793; later resurveyed into smaller lots. Includes two maps. (Roll 382-B)

(VI-5)

"A Map & Survey of a Tract of Land Situate in Township No. 5 in 6th Range in the County of Steuben, being the South part of the Town of Dansville. By order of Dugald Cameron Esqr. ... Began the 3d day of April 1815 By Wm. H. Bull. "

Survey of lots with occasional comments on timber, terrain, and soil. Some pages apparently lost at end. (Roll 382-Q)

"Surveys in Township No 5 in Range No 6--being partly in the Town of South Dansville and partly in the Town of Fremont by C.A. Canfield ... 1859."

Survey of assorted lots with comments on condition of lands and status of settlers' debts. (Roll 343-C)

(VI-6)

"Return of No. 6 6th range."

Survey of boundaries of the township which includes parts of Wayland and Dansville in Steuben County and the whole of North Dansville in Livingston County; brief comments on timber and terrain; no date but early. (Roll 382-LL)

(Surveys of more than one range)

(I-1, I-3, I-4, V-1)

Field Book for I-1 (Caton); I-3 (Hornby), I-4 (Orange), V-1 (Troupsburg).

Comments on status of contracts and prospects for payment, with some references to anti-rent sentiment, made ca. 1865. No surveys. (Roll 333-H)

(II-6, III-5)

"Field Notes of No. 6 in Second Range half Town, & the West half of No. 5 in 3 Range."

Brief notes on lots in present towns of Pulteney, Avoca, and Wheeler; not a survey. No date but early. (Roll 380-H)

(III-7, V-6, V-8, VI-7)

"Slott's field notes, 1793."

Surveys of lots in east half of V-6 (Cohocton); west half of VI-7 (Sparta, Livingston County); east half of V-8 (Canadice, Ontario County); and north half of III-7 (Italy, Yates County), all made by Alexander Slott for Charles Williamson. All these towns were later resurveyed, but these notes contain many comments on terrain, timber, and early roads. (Roll 333-A)
(IV-4, V-4)

Survey of lots in IV-4 and V-4 (Bath and Howard).

Survey of lots south of the Lake Erie Turnpike Road, made around 1820, with comments on timber, terrain, soil, etc. Includes two maps. (Roll 347-D)

(IV-2, V-5)


Locates and describes contracted lots with comments on condition of lands and status of debts, 1860's through 1880's. In center of book is a list of contracts dated 1900. (Roll 333-X)

(IV-5, V-5 Gore)

"A Survey of Several pieces of land in the Gore East of Township No. 5 in the 5th Range of Townps, also several pieces in Township No. 5 in the 4th Rge, bounded East by the Cohocton river & West by the West line of the Township."

Survey of lots in present town of Avoca, with comments on timber, soil, terrain, etc., probably by James Read, ca. 1820. (Roll 382-D)

(V-1, V-2, VI-1, VI-2)

"Field Notes by James Armstrong 1793."

Survey of lots in V-1 (Troupsburg), V-2 (Jasper), VI-2 (Greenwood,) VI-1 (West Union); in each case the survey covers the East half of the township. There are brief comments on timber, terrain, etc. All four townships were later resurveyed into smaller lots. Includes four maps. (Roll 380-V)

(V-3, VI-4)

"A Field book of a Survey of the outlines of Township No. 3 in the 5th Range & Gore East and Township No. 4 in the 6th Range & Gore North, to which is annexed two maps shewing the principal Streams, Roads & othermarks as noted in the Field book, also a detached Map shewing the relative situation of the Townships and Gores. The Survey finished in December 1822 by de James Read."

Well described by title. Includes two maps bound in, and one separate. (Roll 330-R)

(V-5, VI-5)


Two booklets sewn together, containing survey of lots in VI-5, part of present town of Dansville, and of lots in V-5, the "Loon Lake Tract" in later town of Wayland; many comments on timber, terrain, soil, etc. Made by Peter Loop in 1813. Includes map. (Roll 382-Z)
Surveys, including field notes and maps, of towns of Sodus, Arcadia, Marion, Williamson, Walworth, and Ontario, Wayne County; Middlesex and Italy, Yates County; Canadice, Ontario County; Conesus and West Sparta, Livingston County; Henrietta, Monroe County. Surveys were made at various times between ca. 1792 and 1816 and later bound together. Index to lots at front of volume is by town, not township and range. (Roll 501-E)

"Gillespie's, Country's & Slott's Surveys."
Surveys in towns of Phelps, Bristol, Canadice, and Richmond, Ontario County; Arcadia, Sodus, Marion, Williamson, Walworth, and Ontario, Wayne County; Brighton (including present Rochester and Irondequoit) and Webster, Monroe County. Surveys range in date from 1806 to 1826 and were later bound together. Index at front. (Roll 502-A)

"Phelps' & Steven's Surveys."
Surveys and field notes of towns of Walworth and Ontario, Wayne County; Sparta, Livingston County; and Brighton (including Rochester and Irondequoit), Monroe County. Surveys were made between 1805 and 1811 and subsequently bound together. Index at end. (Roll 502-C)

"Smith's, Gillespie's, Mathewson's, Steven's & Hammond's Surveys."
Surveys of farm lots in the Gore between the Old and New Preemption Lines, also in various towns in Yates, Ontario, Wayne, Monroe, and Livingston Counties, ranging in date from ca. 1795 to 1841. Surveys were originally separate, later bound together. Index at front. (Roll 502-E)

"Brother's, Smith's & Phelps Surveys."
Miscellaneous surveys in towns of Webster, Penfield, and Brighton, Monroe County; Italy, Yates County; Naples, Ontario County; Sodus, Arcadia, Wayne County; Caledonia, Livingston County. The surveys range in date from 1806 to 1819 and were later bound together. There are also road surveys in the valley of Hamlock Lake inlet, in present towns of Springwater and Sparta, 1815. Index included. (Roll )

"Mathewson's Surveys." (Livingston, Monroe, and Wayne Counties)
Surveys of towns of Arcadia, Huron, Ontario, Williamson, Rose, and Sodus in Wayne County; Parma, Monroe County; Springwater, Livingston County; all made ca. 1833 by George Mathewson. Index at front. (Roll )

"Surveys & Field Notes of Township 13, Range 2, Marion."
Survey made in 1830 by George Mathewson in Marion, Wayne County. (Roll 501-F)

"Surveys in ... Sparta, Richmond, Groveland by Jesse Stevens in 1827."
Surveys in present towns of Sparta, Richmond, and Groveland, Livingston County. (Roll )
Valuations of Lands in Steuben, Allegany, and Other Counties, 1850's.

Field book for III-2 (Addison), 1856.
Report on lands contracted for sale, with comments on status of contracts and condition of property, made by John H. Brown. Contains maps of lots, as do most of the field books which are listed below. (Roll 331-F)

Field book for IV-1 (Woodhull) and IV-2 (Cameron and Woodhull), 1855.
Report on contracted lands, with comments on improvements and status of debts, made by J.H. Brown. (Roll 431-W)

Field book for IV-3 (Cameron).
Report on contracted lands in IV-3, with comments on condition of lands and ability of contractors to pay, ca. 1853, made by J.H. Brown. (Roll 333-Q)

"Town of Troupsburgh Township No. 1 In the 5th Range Steuben County New York."
Report on contracted lands, with comments on improvements and status of debts, made by J.H. Brown in the summer of 1854. (Roll 508-E)

Field book for V-2 (Jasper).
Report on contracted lands, with comments on condition of lands and ability to pay debts, made by John H. Brown in the summer of 1854. (Roll 431-V)

Field book for V-3 (Gore), Canisteo.
Report on contracted lands, with comments on improvements and status of debts, made by J.H. Brown in the fall of 1856. (Roll 508-I)

Field book for VI-2 (Greenwood).
Report on contracted lands, with comments on improvements and status of debts, made in fall of 1852 by J.H. Brown. (Roll 508-H)

Field book for VI-4, West and North Gores (Hornellsville and Fremont).
Report on condition of lands and improvements and contractors' ability to pay, made by John H. Brown in 1853. (Roll 333-U)

Field book for Independence, Allegany County, 1852.
Report on contracted lands with comments on improvements and status of debts, made in the summer of 1852 by John H. Brown. (Roll 508-F)

Report on contracted lands, with comments on improvements and status of debts, made in the spring of 1852 by John H. Brown. (Roll 431-Y)

Field book for VII-3 (Alfred).
Report on contracted lands in Alfred, Allegany County, with comments on improvements and status of debts, made by John H. Brown, winter of 1854. (Roll 431-I)

Report on contracted lands in town of Almond, with comments on improvements and status of debts, made in winter of 1853 by J.H. Brown. (Roll 431-U)

Field book for VII-5 (Burns).

Report on contracted lands in town of Burns, Allegany County, with comments on improvements and status of debts, made by J.H. Brown, January 1853. (Roll 431-3)


Documents include correspondence between Joseph Fellows and John H. Brown concerning Brown's survey, accounts of his expenses, a deposition describing Brown's duties in his employment by Fellows, and a statement showing Brown's services for the Pulteney land office, 1852-57. (Roll 431-X)

C.A. Canfield's survey of contractors for land, 1859.

Documents listing contractors in III-3 (Thurston), III-6 (Frattsburg), IV-6 (Frattsburg and Cohocton), VI-5 (Dansville), and VI-4 (Hornellsville). Lists show gain or loss in acreage of contracted lots as result of Canfield's surveys. Similar sheets for other towns are lacking. (Roll 431-P)

Map Books

"Book of Maps No. 1. Containing Maps of Townships in Ranges 1 to 7 Inclusive."

Thirty-six manuscript maps of townships in Steuben County, towns of Orange and Tyrone, Schuyler County, and the first range of townships in Allegany County. Maps show lots, settlers, streams, etc. Date is ca. 1810-15. (Roll 313-D)

"Maps of Ranges 1 to 7 inclusive Steuben & Allegany Cos."

Thirty-six manuscript maps of townships in Steuben County and first range of townships in Allegany County, made ca. 1825. (Roll 313-E)

Map Book A.

Manuscript maps of towns of Ontario, Arcadia, Sodus, Marion, Galen, Williamson, and Walworth, Wayne County; Canadice and Phelps, Ontario Counties; Seneca Falls, Seneca County; Italy, Yates County; Chili, Webster, Gates, Riga, Greece, and Parma, Monroe Counties. Maps are undated but were made in the early 19th century. Many of the maps are loose and it is hard to determine whether they belonged originally to this or to Map Book B, or to another book now lost. (Roll 508-A)

Map Book B.

Manuscript maps of towns of Sodus, Arcadia, Williamson, Marion, and Walworth, Wayne County; Phelps, Ontario County; Italy, Yates County; Canadice, Ontario County; Eaton, Lebanon, and Madison, Madison County; Riga, Parma, Irondequoit, Webster, Gates, Chili, Penfield, and Mendon, Monroe County. Maps are undated but they were made in the early 19th century. Several maps are detached from the binding. (Roll 508-3)
Miscellaneous Documents

Miscellaneous Correspondence of Williamson, Troup, and others, 1794-1829.
Routine correspondence of Charles Williamson, John Heslop, James Wadsworth, Joseph Fellows, and Robert Troup regarding land titles in the Gore between the Old and New Preemption Lines and elsewhere. (Roll 431-I) 17 items

Letters of Sir John L. Johnstone of London to Joseph Fellows and Robert Troup concerning the title to the estate of the late Countess of Bath, financial affairs of the land agency, etc. The more important letters were published in New York History, 23 (1942), 57-68. 41 items (Roll 507-F)

Letters from Dugald Cameron, 1817.
Letters of Dugald Cameron to Troup, Fellows, and Andrew McNab, concerning agency affairs in Bath, land sales, lumbering, problems with bank notes, turnpikes, a big flood, and building of a new land office on Pulteney Square, 32 items (Roll 431-K)

Documents relating to transfer of the Genesee lands to Sir William Pulteney and others, 1800-1801.
Documents include a copy of Williamson's naturalization; statements and schedules of lands conveyed from him to Pulteney, Hornby, and Colquhoun; proposals and agreements relating to the conveyance and the settlement of Williamson's debts. Also later documents relating to the Pulteney title and agency, 1798-1852. 45 items (Roll 431-O-F)

Documents relating to the title of the Pulteney Estate, 1796-1854.
Deductions of title to Pulteney and Johnstone Estates and for smaller tracts of land; also miscellaneous related documents. 13 items (Roll 431-G)

Original Will of Sir John Lowther Johnstone, Aug. 7, 1811. (Roll 313-C)

Cumulated accounts, 1801-1827.
Statement of lands owned, sales, receipts, and expenses for Pulteney lands, 1801-06; account of interest accruing to the personal estates of Sir William Pulteney and the Countess of Bath, 1808-11; statement of remittances on account of the Pulteney and Johnstone estates, by Robert Troup, 1801-1827. 4 items (Roll 431-H)

Bartles Mill documents, 1822-1824.
Correspondence of Troup, Cameron, Fellows, and Henry Tuthill, regarding mills and lands owned by the Bartles family in town of Bradford, which had reverted to the Pulteney Estate. 32 items (Roll 431-L)

Aldrich & Thurston Purchases Documents, 1823-1828.
Correspondence of Thomas R. Williams and Jonathan Williams with Troup, Fellows, and Cameron concerning Ill-3, purchased previously by William R. Thurston. 21 items (Roll 431-M)
Documents relating to lawsuit of Robert Troup vs. Samuel S. Haight, 1818.

Papers relating to case of Troup vs. Haight in Court of Chancery. Troup tried to recover monies due from Haight during his tenure as sub-agent in Bath. Items include a report by Dugald Cameron on Haight's conduct and summaries of testimonies by land office employees and settlers who had had dealings with Haight. (Roll 431-2, R)

Broadside,

Broadside advertising land, 1824-25, 1846; also broadside supporting bill for publicly funded school district libraries, ca. 1835, and a memorial to the Legislature from John Creig and Joseph Fellows protesting bill taxing alien property, 1851. 5 items (Roll 431-0)

Miscellaneous surveys and reports, 1794-1813.

Report on lands southwest of Bath, 1794; survey and map of Springfield farm, Bath, 1802; surveys of early roads in Steuben County, 1799-1813; and a report on settlers of Dansville (now North Dansville, Livingston County), 1807. 10 items (Roll 431-N)

Wayne County road surveys, 1817-1825.

Map of turnpike from Lyons southward, 1817; plan of Montezuma Turnpike from Palmyra eastward, ca. 1822; map of state road from Lyons to Ridge Road, 1825; map of roads between Clyde and Lyons by Andrew McJab, 1820's; map of the "Blockhouse road" from Clyde to Port Glasgow on Sodus Bay, n.d. 7 items (Roll 507-N)

Papers relating to town of Italy, Yates County, 1817-1853.

Letters on timber thefts, 1817 and 1828; lists of un conveyed lands, 1826 and 1851; memorial of citizens opposing anti-renters, 1846; report on Boggs lot, 1853, mentioning anti-renters. 11 items (Roll 507-I)

Pulteney and Hornby Records Outside the Steuben County Clerk's Office

Letters to Charles Williamson and others, 1791-1807.

Original letters of William Inman to Charles Williamson, 1791-93, on Inman's trip to America and purchase of Genesee lands; two letters of Robert Norris to Williamson, 1792, on opening of the Genesee road; a letter of James Miller to Williamson on problems with Berczy; letters of Hector McKenzie to Williamson and Robert Troup, 1794-1801, mostly on affairs at Bath; copy of letters of Patrick Colquhoun and others, 1791, on transportation of the Germans to America; propositions to Berczy, 1792; and a memorandum "Of the Provisions for the Germans." Also typed copies of the Inman and McKenzie letters. Typed copies (no originals) of two letters of Williamson to Charles Cameron, 1804, 1827, and of 48 letters of John Johnston to Williamson, 1792-1804, mostly on conditions at Williamsburgh. 28 P. S.; and 74 typed letters and documents (Roll 508-I) (Letters held by Henry Hille, Esq., Bath)

Csgood Collection--Charles Williamson-Pulteney Estate Papers, 1783-1809.

Correspondence of Charles Williamson with Robert Norris, Troup, Hector McKenzie, Charles Hall, and others concerning purchase and development of the Genesee
lands, construction of the Genesee road, and operation of Williamson's farm at Williamsburgh. Also correspondence and documents relating to the transfer of title to Pulteney, Hornby, and Colquhoun in 1800-01, and Troup's assumption of duties as land agent. Also other miscellaneous letters and documents through 1809. 300 items (not counting typed copies of originals in this collection) (Rolls 475, all; 476, part) (Held by Rochester Public Library)

Osgood Collection--Pulteney & Hornby Estates Papers, 1811-1890.

Correspondence and documents mostly relating to John Greig's agency for the Hornby Estate, and to the lands in the Hundred Thousand Acre Tract mortgaged to the Connecticut School Fund. Correspondents include Alexander Kingsbury, James Millhouse, Thomas Morris, James Wadsworth, Thomas L. Ogden, and Joseph Fellows. There are also statements of annuities due to Indians; statement of land sales in Steuben and Allegany Counties, 1820-48; schedules of contracts and unsold lands, Hornby Estate; and MS, copies of the survey of the Preemption Line and other documents relating to the line, made for or by George S. Conover of Geneva. 185 items (Roll 476-B) (Held by Rochester Public Library)

Charles Williamson Day Book, 1792-1801.
Daily record of expenditures for travel, entertainment, provisions, roads, and other activities as land agent. (Roll 476-A) (Held by Rochester Public Library)

Charles Williamson Ledger, 1792-1801.
Accounts for travel and household expenses, cattle, roads, Germans, horses, fairs, mills, boating, etc., and for expenses in the Williamsburg, Bath, and Sodus districts. There are also many accounts with individuals. (Roll 476-C) (Held by Davenport Library, Bath)

Pulteney Estate Ledger, 1800-1810.
Ledger of accounts for land sales, surveys, roads, taxes, debts of Charles Williamson, etc., kept by Robert Scot, bookkeeper in Geneva land office. (Roll 476-D) (Held by Davenport Library)

Pulteney Estate Letter Book no. 3, 1803-1808.
Copies of letters from Robert Troup regarding affairs of the Pulteney agency, including investments in turnpikes, collection difficulties, settlement of Williamson's debts, descent of title in the Pulteney family, agricultural improvements, etc. (Roll 476-E) (Held by Elm Cottage Museum, Bath)

Hornby Estate Sales Book, 1804-1837.
Abstracts of contracts and deeds for lands in Steuben and Allegany Counties owned by William Hornby and his heirs. Volume contains personal notations and pasted-in clippings at the beginning and end, by an unknown later owner. (Roll 323-E) (Held by Davenport Library)

Pulteney Estate Map Book, ca. 1820.
Manuscript maps of townships in Steuben County, the first range of townships in Allegany County, Barrington, Yates County, Orange, Schuyler County, and North Dansville, Livingston County. Date is ca. 1820; maps were probably drawn by William R. Bull. (Roll 476-F) (Held by Davenport Library)
Non-Pultency Material

Cameron family letters, 1792-1832.
Four letters of D. John Cameron, father, and William Stewart, uncle, of Dugald Cameron and Charles Cameron, concerning proposed settlement of Scottish Highlanders in the Genesee country, 1792; two letters concerning the estate of Charles Williamson, 1809, 1811; accounts of Charles Cameron with William Stewart, 1812-25; letter of John Cameron, Edinburgh, to his brother Dugald, dated 1832, 13 items (Roll 507-G) (Held by Steuben County Historical Society; gift of Constance D. Clarke)

Cameron-Davenport Documents, 1809-1896.
Deeds to Dugald Cameron, 1809-1825; release to Cameron of right to carry produce to river landing at Bath; two letters to Cameron; invitation to Caledonian ball, Albany, 1828; bills and accounts for labor, medicine, food, etc., charged to the Cameron estate, 1828-31; statement of lands unsold in the estate, n.d. Also miscellaneous papers of the Davenport family; handbills, "To the electors of Steuben and Alleghany," 1816; Geneva Gazette extra edition, Feb. 14, 1828, announcing death of DeWitt Clinton; undated poem, "Capture of Major Andre." (Roll 508-K) (Held by Steuben County Historical Society)

Documents relating to Steuben County Court House and old jail liberties.
Survey of court house and jail lots, 1822; surveys and maps of Bath jail limits, showing streets, mills, etc., 1806-1828; estimate of costs of new jail, 1843, with floor plan and elevation of proposed building. 14 items (Roll 430-D)

Revolutionary War pension application papers, 1820-1828.
(Roll 430-D)
Bacon, Elijah
Baxter, Benjamin
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Cole, William
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Crandall, Hosea
Daley, Silas
Dobie, Fardon
Dunton, David
Poster, Erastus
Fullerston, Joseph
Cates, Jehiel
Gaylord, Jonathan
Gilman, Joseph
Holdridge, John

Hamlin, Daniel
Hammore, David
Hastings, Timothy
Havens, Joseph
Haywood, Josiah
Henry, James
Holdridge, Joseph
Homes, Samuel
Jenks, Dickinson
Johnson, James
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Jones, Jesse
Lochrey, Michael
Moffit, Eli
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Richmond, Edward
Rogers, Henry
Rowley, Timothy
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Sherwood, James
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Smith, David
Spike, Daniel
Stephens, John

Stewart, Charles, 2d
Strong, Nathan
Sutton, Zachariah
Tarney, Matthew
Tillotson, Asahel
Tompkins, Solomon
Turner, William
White, William
Woodard, John

Turnpike papers, 1805-1831
Correspondence of Robert Troup concerning the Susquehannah & Bath and the Lake Erie Turnpike Road Companies; also financial and legal documents of those companies. 27 items. (These papers were filed with county records but may have been part of the land office records originally.) (Roll 431-J)

Plank Road Papers, 1850-1865
Notices of office of various turnpike companies in Steuben County, also certificates of plank road inspectors, survey of Dansville & Wayland plank road, 1850. 32 items (Roll 431-B)

Record of Mortgages taken by Steuben County Commissioners for Loaning Money. Bound book of indentures, ca. 1810-25, with record of payments through the 1850's. (Roll 313-F)

Miscellaneous documents from Steuben County Clerk's Office.
Items include license to Hiram Gleason for ferry across Crooked Lake, 1825; petition for ferry across Seneca Lake, n.d.; petitions for new bridge at Painted Post, 1831, 1846; survey of road in town of Thurston, 1867; documents relating to poor relief, 1820, 1839, 1842; petition for incorporation of village of Prattsburgh, 1848, with list of heads of families and number of persons; acts by Board of Supervisors to erect town of Fremont, 1854, and to annex part of Hornby to Corning, 1855; statistical report on common schools in various towns, submitted by the county clerk to the State Superintendent of Common Schools, ca. 1820, 1821. Also school bill for Bath village school, 1823, giving parents' names; minutes of school district no. 2 meeting, Bath, 1827; memorandum of liquor licenses granted in Bath, 1829; and affidavits submitted to the Steuben County Court concerning building of a new church by the First Presbyterian Union Society in the Town of Pulteney, 1851. (Note: All these documents were found together; some are official court records, others were filed with the county clerk, and still others came from private sources.) 21 items (Roll 431-A)

A. Adsit's receipt book for goods taken from the ware house by teamsters, 1839.
Receipt book for store merchandise received at terminus of Crooked Lake Canal at Hammondsport, giving names and towns of the merchants to which they were transported, and signatures of teamsters. Later used as a scrapbook by Ira Davenport, Jr. (Roll 503-F) ( Held by Elm Cottage Museum, Bath)

Campbell-Erwin Baptist Church Records, 1834-1945.
Two books of records, including minutes, lists of members, etc. (Roll 506-A,2) ( Held by Campbell-Erwin Baptist Church, Cooper's Plains)
THIS IS A REDUCED FACSIMILE OF THE ORIGINAL MAP APPEARING IN THE EXCESSIVELY RARE FIRST EDITION (1798) OF CAPTAIN CHARLES WILLIAMSON'S LETTERS "DESCRIPTION OF THE GENESEE COUNTRY." IT IS THE MOST CORRECT MAP OF PHELPS AND GORHAM'S PURCHASE.
Fulton Land Office Maps in the Steuben County Clerk's Office

The Fulton Land Office Records in Bath include nearly five hundred manuscript maps, mostly of lands belonging to the Fulton Estate. Few are dated, but most were made before 1860. Most of the maps are stored flat in steel map cases, but there are also nine rolled maps and about seventy-five maps of Steuben County townships mounted in the official map books of the County Clerk. A large number of the maps, representing virtually every township or other tract of land in the Fulton Estate, have been photographed, and copies may be purchased from the Steuben County Historian, Bath, N.Y.

Intact map books and maps included with land surveys have been microfilmed. In the lists below the roman numeral is the range number, the arabic numeral the township number, followed by the modern town name. The number of maps of a particular geographic area (usually township) is indicated after the place name. Printed maps are indicated as such.

(Flat maps, Steuben and Allegany Counties)

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VI-3  Hartsville (2)
VI-4  Hornellsville & Fremont (7)
VI-5  Dansville & Fremont (7)
VI-6  Dansville, Wayland, North Dansville (4)
VII-1  Independence (15)
VII-2  Andover (3)
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VII-5  Burns (11)
VII-6  Ossian (2)

(Flat maps, Wayne, Ontario, Yates, Livingston, Monroe, and other counties)

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II-11  Manchester (1)
II-12  Palmyra (1)
II-13  Marion (2)
II-14  Williamson (5)
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III-7  Italy (4)
III-8  Bristol & Middlesex (6)
III-9  Canandaigua (1)
III-10  Canandaigua (2)
III-12  Macedon (2)
III-13  Walworth (2)
III-14  Ontario (1)
IV-7  Naples (1)
IV-8  Bristol (1)
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VI-7  Springwater, Sparta (1)
VI-9  Livonia (1)
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Galen & Savannah (1)
Solcott (1)
Fitzhugh Tract (Huron and Rose) (1)
Junius (Seneca Falls) (1)
Wayne and Eastern Monroe Counties (blank) (1)
One Hundred Thousand Acre Tract (2)
Murray (2)

(Maps of tracts in central and eastern New York)

Lebanon (7)
Madison (4)
Eaton (6)
Nobleborough Patent (4)
Chtago Patent (2)
Sterling (2)
Hannibal (2)
Township no. 8, Old Military Tract (1)

(Maps of Indian reservations)

Cattaraugus Reservation (published) (1)
Tonewanda Reservation (published) (4 copies)
Village of Tonewanda Falls (3 copies)
Fish Creek Reservation (Onondaga County) (2)

(Maps of Gore between Old and New Preemption Lines)

Core near Pennsylvania line (1)
Core from Sodus Bay to near Geneva (1)
Trace west of Sodus Bay bridge (1)
Lots south of Canandaigua Outlet (1)
Seth Reed's location, near Geneva (3)
Lyons and vicinity (3)
Proposed Sodus Canal (1)
Hopetown and vicinity (4)

(Village maps)

Lyons (2)
Sodus Point ("Troupville") (2)
Clyde (6)
Geneva (3)
Phelps (8)
Port Glasgow (Sodus Bay) (1)
Newark (1)
Seneca Falls (with notes on millsites) (1)
Rochester Rapids Tract (2 published, 1 manuscript)
Lockville (Lyons) (1 and a fragment)
Sandy Creek Village (1)
Narrowsburg, Sullivan County (published) (1)
Bath (2)
Albany lots (published) (5 copies)
Corning, part (published with MS. additions, 1855)
(Rolled maps)

Core near outlet of Crooked Lake
Reed & Ryckman’s Location, near Geneva
Core north of Geneva, including village plat
Core south of Geneva
Lots in Rose, Portbay (Huron), Wolcott, Butler, Sodus
Colt’s Allotment in the Core, 1825 (from Lyons to Sodus Bay)
Village of Bath, made for Charles Williamson, ca. 1793 (very poor shape)

(Miscellaneous maps)
Ontario County, 1800, by John Heslop (shows roads, townships, etc.)
Springfield farm near Bath (residence of Charles Williamson)

(Official Map Books)

Manuscript maps drawn of townships in Steuben County for the Pulteney Land Office are found in Map Books 1, 8, 10, 11, 12, and 13. All these maps are indexed, usually under name of modern town. The Official Map Books also contain a few manuscript maps of wider areas, as follows:

Steuben County, 1800, by John Heslop (shows roads, townships, lands of Pulteney, Hornby, and Colquhoun) (Book 11, p. 494)
Steuben County, ca. 1812 (Book 11, p. 495)
APPENDIX: Pulteney-Hornby Materials in Other Repositories

Broome County Historical Society (Roberson Center for the Arts & Science, Binghamton)

FRANKLIN WHITNEY PAPERS.

Collection includes some letters and deeds of members of the Dugald Cameron family of Bath, 1823-49, and letters of the Camerons of Greene and the Davenport of Bath. Letters include references to Robert Troup.

Cornell University (Department of Manuscripts & University Archives, Olin Library)

DAVENPORT FAMILY PAPERS.


JOHNSTONE ESTATE CONTRACT BOOK. 1808-1812. 1 vol.


JOHNSTONE ESTATE LETTER BOOK. 1872-1875. 1 vol.

Copies of letters from Benjamin F. Young, agent at the Bath land office, to settlers in default on payments for land. (#2455)

PULTENEY ESTATE LETTER BOOK. 1801-1812. 1 vol.

Copies of letters of Robert Troup to Sir William Pulteney and his heirs; book is labelled "No. 1." Letters concern the title to the Pulteney estate, Troup's assumption of the agency from Williamson, management of the land offices in Geneva and Bath, trips to the Genesee country, economic development, and investment in turnpike companies. Available on microfilm. (#1371) See Report of the Curator, 1950-54, p. 45.

PULTENEY ESTATE ACCOUNT BOOK. 1848-1878. 1 vol.

Accounts for land sales. Received with records of the Geneva office of Lincoln Rochester Trust Company, 1967. (#2578)

PULTENEY LAND OFFICE RECORDS. 1884-1926. 18 vols.


JAMES READ PAPERS. 1792-1875. 3 vols., 244 items.

Letters and accounts pertaining to Steuben County and the Pulteney Estate, including the day book for 1802-03, cash book for 1792-95, and four letters of Charles Williamson, 1 list of deeds recorded of lands sold by Williamson, and 33 letters to him, 1792-1803. Also letters of Troup, Cameron, Fellows,
and Read; surveyors' maps; indentures; and a letter of accusations against Dugald Cameron, unsigned and undated. From James McCall Estate. (3222y)

Davenport Library (Bath)

PULTENEY ESTATE MAPS AND SURVEYS. 2 vols., 12 items.

Undated maps of various townships in Steuben County, made for the Pulteney Land Office; book of manuscript maps of Steuben County, the first range in Allegany County, and a few townships in Yates, Schuyler, and Livingston Counties, made for the land office ca. 1830. Also a survey of lots in an unidentified township, by C.A. Canfield, ca. 1850.

Elm Cottage Museum (Bath)

PULTENEY ESTATE LETTER BOOK. 1804-1808. 1 vol.

Letter book no. 3 of Robert Troup, containing copies of letters from him concerning agency affairs, sales of Pulteney lands, the Bath & Susquehannah Turnpike Company, affairs of the Ogden Land Company, etc.

Geneva Historical Society

PULTENEY ESTATE GENERAL ABSTRACT BOOK. 1802-1848. 1 vol.

Book includes annual balance sheets; accounts of land sales, agency expenses, and investments in turnpikes and other improvements; and tables of remittances to the Pulteney and Johnstone families in England.

VERTICAL FILE.

File contains two small groups of papers of persons employed by the Pulteney Estate. The James Rees papers, 1785-1840, include receipts, a deed, a bond, and a letter of Dugald Cameron concerning arks in Steuben County, 1799. The Robert Scot papers, 1801-1805, include a deed, receipts, and accounts with Sir William Pulteney. There are also a deed and document signed by Charles Williamson and a statement of bills of exchange remitted by Troup to the estate of Sir John L. Johnstone, 1808-19. The file also contains the original survey field notes of Hugh Maxwell, Augustus Porter, and others for the Old and New Preemption Lines and some of the townships in the Phelps and Gorham Purchase, 1788-89.

Hobart A. William Smith College (Geneva)

ABSTRACT OF LANDS AND CONTRACTS. 1826-1830. 1 vol.

Abstract of unconveyed lands, either unsold or sold under contract, arranged by lot with no names. Covers lands in the "Northern Department" administered from the Geneva Land Office, including Ontario, Yates, Wayne, Livingston, Monroe, and other counties.

Livingston County Clerk's Office (Geneseo)

Official map books include some maps of townships in southern Livingston County which appear to have been executed in the 1790's by surveyors who worked for Williamson. Location of field notes which presumably accompanied the maps is unknown.
New York Public Library

ROBERT TROUP PAPERS.
Papers include rough drafts of letters from Troup to sub-agents, members of the Pulteney and Johnstone families, and others, for the years 1824-32. There are also many business and legal records for Troup's personal interests in New York City. See Robert W. Hill, "The Robert Troup Papers," Bulletin of the New York Public Library, 37 (1933), 574-76.

Newberry Library (Chicago)

CHARLES WILLIAMSON PAPERS, 1775-1808. apx. 1000 items.
Extensive correspondence of Charles Williamson with his family in Scotland and with others in the U.S. and England concerning his development of the Genesee country as agent of Sir William Pulteney and associates. Also correspondence and documents relating to Williamson's career before and after his land agency. See Ruth Lapham Butler, A Check List of Manuscripts in the Edward E. Ayer Collection (Chicago, 1937), pp. 115-16.

Ontario County Historical Society (Canandaigua)

JOHN GREIG-SODUS LAND COMPANY PAPERS, 1815-1866. ca. 85 items.
Papers relating to the survey and sale of property of the Sodus Land Association, mostly in Sodus and Huron, Wayne County, including minutes, letters, agreements, deeds, etc. Most of the letters are addressed to John Greig, agent of the Hornby interests and a prime backer of the Company. Other items include report on proposed Sodus Canal, 1836; list of contracts and farms in Sodus, Huron, and Rose, 1847; MS, maps; cash account book of John Greig; and his obituary, 1856. There is also a report on the condition of the settlers of Hartsville, Steuben County, 1856, made by William H. Bull.

NATHANIEL W. HOWELL PAPERS, 1796-1851. 1 vol.
Volume of mounted legal documents and letters concerning the title to the Pulteney Estate and other subjects. Howell was a Canandaigua lawyer and sometime partner of John Greig.

ROBERT MORRIS PAPERS, 1791-1851 (mostly 1791-1816). 35 items.
Letters (original and photocopy) of Robert Morris, Thomas Morris, and others concerning the purchase of unsold lands of the Phelps and Gorham Purchase and the resale to Charles Williamson.

HOWARD L. CSGOOD COLLECTION, 1781-1847. 1 cu. ft.
Letters of Oliver Phelps, Charles Williamson, John Hornby, Nathaniel Rochester, John Greig, James Wadsworth, and others; legal documents; and other papers relating to the early development of western New York and Rochester. Also two manuscript books of maps by John Heslop, ca. 1799, of townships in the Pulteney-Hornby-Colquhoun purchase.
PULTENY-JOHNSTONE PAPERS. 1791-1862. ca. 140 items.

Documents and letters of the Pulteney and Johnstone families of England relating to land sales and titles. Items include minute book of Pulteney, Hornby, and Colquhoun concerning negotiations for purchase of one million acres from Robert Morris, with original deed for the land, 1791; legislative bills, reports, and legal opinions concerning the Pulteney and Johnstone titles; a few accounts of land sales; book containing report on quality of lands in Steuben County, 1809; memorandum on Williamon's agency by Samuel McCormick, 1803. Also letters, powers of attorney, and other papers concerning the agency of Robert Troup; documents relating to settlement of accounts with John Hornby, 1814-18; and a case submitted by Troup in 1805 describing the chain of the Pulteney title and his own and Williamson's agencies. Purchased in London, 1921. Old printed inventory on galley proof sheets.

ROBERT TROUP PAPERS. 1808-1821. 42 items.

Photostats of letters in Steuben County Clerk's Office from Sir John Lowther Johnstone and others to Robert Troup, concerning the Pulteney Estate. Also original letters of Robert Troup to Col. John Trumbull of London, 1808-12, concerning lands west of the Genesee River, with references to impending war with Britain.

JAMES WADSWORTH PAPERS. 1796-1829. 11 items.

Letters, lease, receipt, and miscellaneous documents relating to lands of the Pulteney Estate west of the Genesee River, for which Wadsworth was agent.

CHARLES WILLIAMSON DAY BOOKS. 3 vols. 1801-1803.

Small sewn booklets; originally part of the Osgood Collection, now kept separately.

MAP COLLECTION.

Collection includes ca. 15 manuscript maps of townships in Steuben, Wayne, Livingston, Ontario, Monroe, Yates, and other counties, showing lots owned by William Hornby (green) and Patrick Colquhoun (yellow). These maps were removed from a bound volume presumably once in the office of John Greig, agent of the Hornby and Colquhoun estates. The maps were later part of the Osgood Collection but are now kept separately.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Vertical file contains a letter of Charles Williamson discussing the building of the Genesee Road and his dispute with Wilhelm Derczy. Among the oversize documents is a copy of the articles of agreement between William T. Franklin, agent of Robert Morris, and Patrick Colquhoun, 1791.

Rochester Museum & Science Center

PULTENY ESTATE DOCUMENTS. 1779-1850 (mostly 1791-1850). ca. 30 items.

Deeds for lands in Harrison, Preston, and Monongahela Counties, West Virginia (then Virginia), and Cneida County; receipts, agreements, and other papers relating to sale of these lands; agreement for sale of Virginia lands to John Greig, 1818, signed by Robert Troup; and an undated journal of a Mr. Johnson to Virginia to view lands of the Pulteney and Hornby estates there. Gift of George E. Wynkoop, 1943.
VERTICAL FILE.
File contains a few documents signed by Charles Williamson.

Rochester Public Library

OSGOOD COLLECTION. 1788-1856. ca. 485 items.
(See description above; on microfilm.)

CHARLES WILLIAMSON DAY BOOK. 1792-1801. 1 vol.
(See description above; on microfilm.)

State University College at Geneseo

WADSWORTH FAMILY PAPERS.
Papers of James Wadsworth, agent for Pulteney lands in the Genesee Valley, include a deed book (no. 15), 1810-64, and deeds and maps of lands in Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Genesee, and Orleans Counties. A letter book (no. 61), 1815-18, contains letters of James Wadsworth to Troup and others concerning agency affairs. The Wadsworth collection also includes two fine manuscript maps of the Phelps and Corham Purchase, made in the 1790's, as well as a number of incomplete or draft maps of the Purchase dating probably from 1788-89. See College & Research Library News, Dec. 1976, Feb. 1978. Microfilm of the papers is available at University of Rochester Library, which also has negative photo-stat copies of some of the maps.

University of Rochester (Rush Rhees Library)

FIELD BOOK AND MAP OF TOWN OF PARMA. 1807. 1 vol.
Field book and map of present town of Parma, Monroe County, made in 1807 by surveyor John Smith for James Wadsworth.

GEORGE J. SKIVINGTOWN COLLECTION. 1753-1962. 10 cu.ft.
Primarily the business papers of John Greig, including correspondence with Thomas Morris, Israel Chapin, Oliver Phelps, Robert Troup, Joseph Fellows, William Jeffrey, and others. There are many references to the disputed title of the Pulteney-Hornby lands and to development of the Sodus Canal and Shaker Tract, later occupied by the Sodus Fourrierite Phalanx. Land papers include contracts, accounts, receipts, legal documents, deeds, surveys, etc., for lands in Monroe, Ontario, Wayne, Yates, Cayuga, and other counties, the Cottingham Tract in the Genesee Valley and the Greig Tract in Rochester, and the Chenango Triangle in Broome and Chenango Counties. There are also depositions of Fellows, Troup, Greig, and others in court of chancery case regarding Pulteney title, 1820-21; list of contracts for landsales in Ontario, Wayne, Yates, Livingston, and Monroe Counties; inventories of the real and personal property of John Greig, including debts owing him for lands, 1850-79. Available on microfilm; copies at University of Rochester and Cornell University.
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