

CANAL ACCOUNT BOOK

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library.
Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs,
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Alexander Barkley.
- Title:** Canal Account Book.
- Dates:** 1872-1874.
- Abstract:** This is an account book of Alexander Barkley, Canal Commissioner, covering the dates 1872-1874. Financial information is recorded for three canals in New York State: Erie, Champlain, and Black River canals. Expenditures are listed for locks, aqueducts, bridges, towpaths, state scows, dredging, ice breakers, docking, dams, tools, cleaning creeks, walls, salaries, and some additional categories.
- Quantity:** 1 volume.
- Identification Number:** Archives & Manuscripts: Account Books

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Alexander Barkley was Commissioner of the Eastern Division of the New York State Canals from 1872 to 1874.

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

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INDEX TERMS

Topics: Canals—New York (State)—History—Sources.

Places: Black River Canal (N.Y.)—History—Sources.
Champlain Canal (N.Y.)—History—Sources.
Erie Canal (N.Y.)—History—Sources.

Important People: Barkley, Alexander.

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