

State Archives Grant Programs to Preserve and Promote Archival Records

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New York State
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Knowledge > Skill > Opportunity



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NEW YORK STATE Office of Cultural Education



State Archives Core Functions

Preserve and make available the official records of New York Colony and State

Provide records management oversight and assistance to state agencies

Operate the State Records Center

Provide records management oversight, grants and technical assistance to local governments

Support and provide funding for the work of non-government archives





Records Management for Local Government



In 1976, responsibility for oversight of local government records was transferred to State Archives

A new local government records law was adopted in 1989 to provide grants and increased services to local governments

Monthly webinars provide training on records management issues

New statewide general schedule for retention of local government records was issued in 2020

Grants to improve local governments have led to dramatic improvements in records management, preservation and access statewide





Records Management Grants

Annual grant program for local governments to improve records management

Funding is collected by county clerks through a \$5 filing fee for certain documents

\$270 million in awards since 1989

Awards in project categories including:

- Digitization
- Archival Preservation
- Inventory
- Educational Uses

126 applications and 65 awards in 2022-23 cycle





2022-23 Summary

Major Types of Applications

53
applications
for
digitization

26
applications
for inactive
records
management

8
applications
for files
management

4
applications
for historical
records

20
applications
for shared
services
projects

15
applications
from NYC
agencies



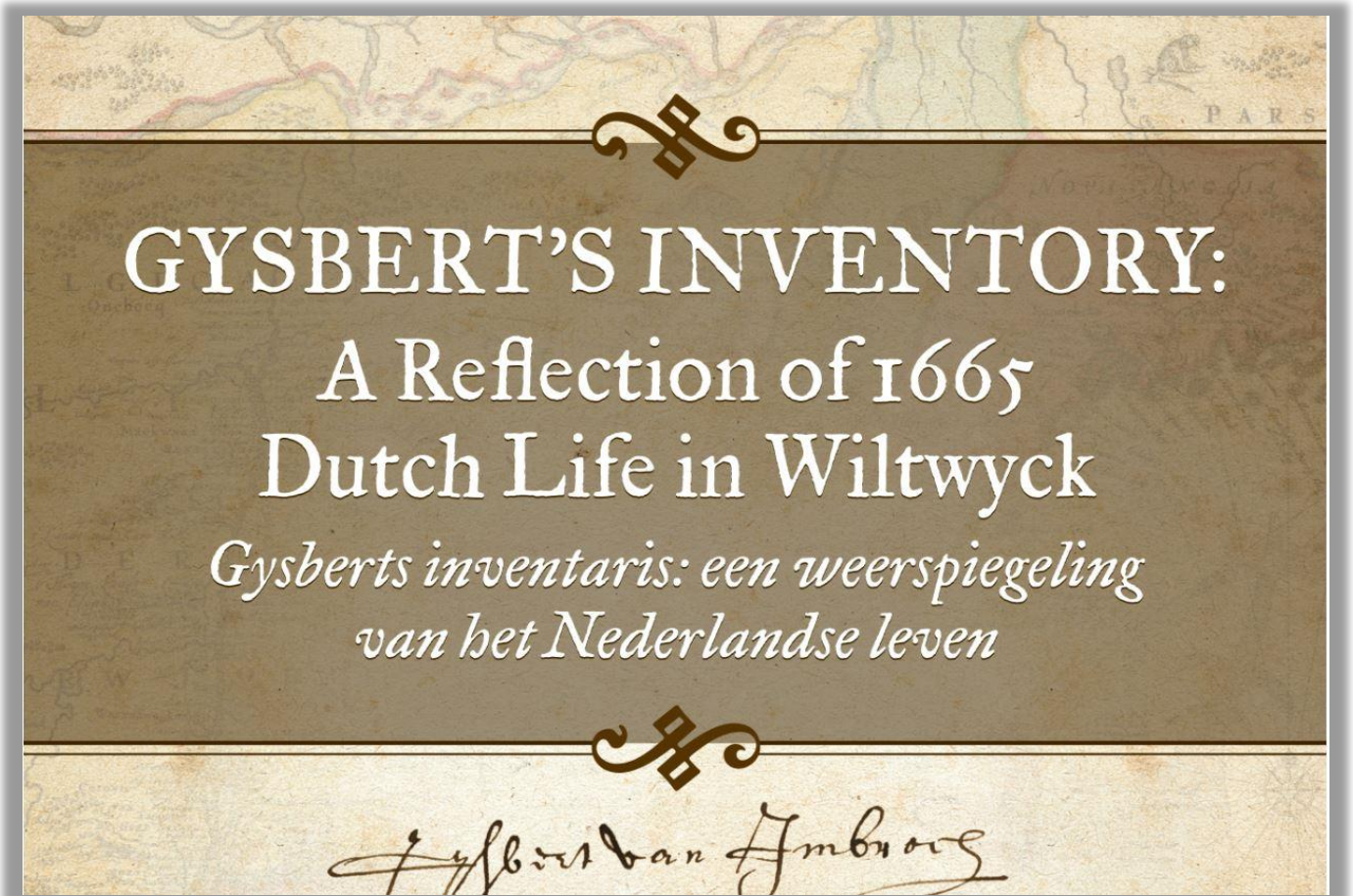


Ulster County Clerk – LGRMIF Project

Ulster County Clerk 2016 LGRMIF Grant

Developed an exhibit around a 1665 court record – inventory of the estate of Gysbert Van Imbroch

- Restored 1665 document
- In-person exhibit
- Online exhibit
- Scavenger hunt
- Teacher guide





Documentary Heritage Program

Assists 4,000 repositories statewide

Grants to improve access. 2021 projects:

- Brooklyn Public Library
- College of Staten Island
- Friends of Alice Austen
- Onondaga Historical Association
- Pratt Institute
- Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe
- Teatro Experimental Yerbabruja Inc.

Training and assessment services:

- **157** assessments over 5 years
- **1,369** participants trained in 2021

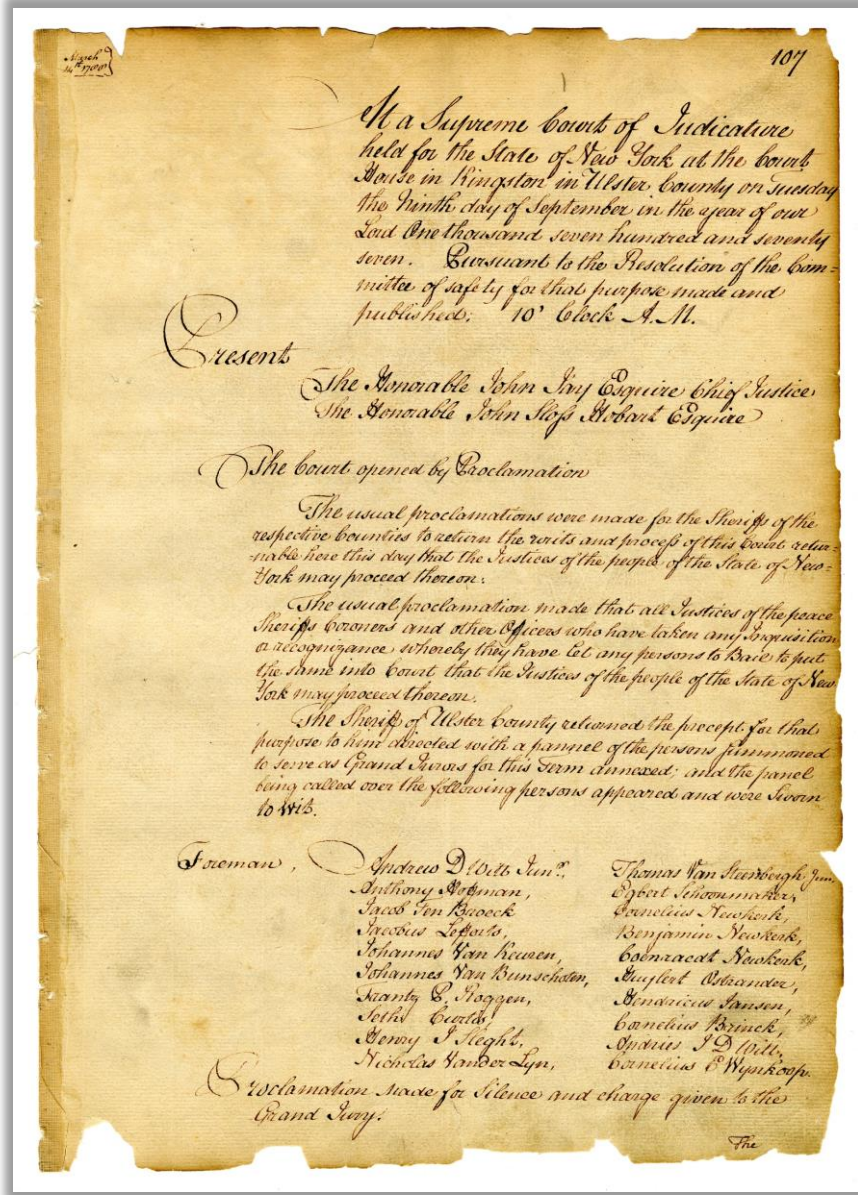




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DOCUMENTARY HERITAGE
& PRESERVATION SERVICES
FOR NEW YORK

Assessment Services

- Archival Needs Assessments
- Strategic Planning Assessments
- Preservation Assessments



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