

EDINBURG TOWN RECORDS: A Guide to the Collection

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library
Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs,
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Edinburg (N.Y)
- Title:** Town of Edinburg Records.
- Dates:** 1804-1861, 1865-1886, 1877-1881 and undated.
- Abstract:** The records of Town of Edinburg, Saratoga County, N.Y. cover the years 1804-1861, although some records are undated. Records include assessment lists for highway work; reports of school commissioners, trustees of school districts and commissioners of excise; minutes of the Board of Excise; and lists of voters. There are also oaths or other documents submitted by various town officials when appointed.
Addition: Record Book covering the years 1865-1886.
- Quantity:** 0.6 cubic feet (2 boxes).
- Identification Number:** Archives & Manuscripts: Municipal Records

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

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Addition: Record Book covering the years 1865-1886. The book is a cardboard-covered account book measuring 12 ¼ inches by 7 ¾ inches. The book contains the

following types of records: Commissioners Certificates, Register of Dogs, Appointments of Assessors, School Districts, Elections, financial audits by the Town Board, and records of the Town Road Districts, along with lists of the persons who owe labor on the roads and how many days they owe.

ORGANIZATION OF THE RECORDS

Folders arranged chronologically; Record Book (the Addition) in Box # 2.

INDEX TERMS

Topics: Roads—New York (State)—Edinburg.
Schools—New York (State)—Edinburg.

Places: Edinburg, (N.Y.)—History—Sources.

Important People: Haviland, John G.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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NOTE: Photograph of Soldiers' Monument in Glens Falls was transferred to CPL Photograph Collection, oversize photographs. Two deeds of John G. Haviland, Queensbury, N.Y., dated 1835 and 1839, have been transferred to the Deeds collection, since the people involved are not from the Town of Edinburg, nor are the properties located there.

PROVENANCE

Documents were in a large brown folder labeled, "John G. Haviland, - Personal; Republican, 14th A.D.; Muniments, 1790 - Town of Edinburg, Saratoga County, N.Y."

Addition: Donated 2/27/13 by Nancy Fish, 87 Reynolds Road, Fort Edward, who got it from her cousin Gordon Fish of Fort Edward, who found it in the basement of a house.