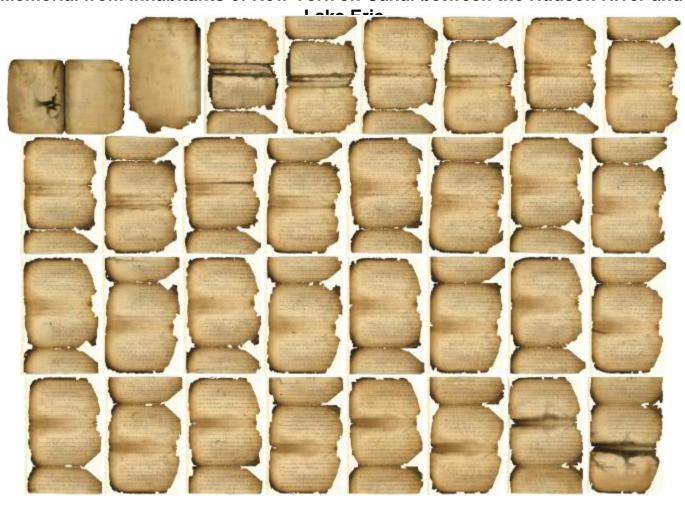
Memorial from Inhabitants of New York on Canal between the Hudson River and



Canal Commissioner DeWitt Clinton's petition to a joint committee of the New York State Senate and Assembly to create a canal system between the Hudson River and Lake Erie, later known as the Erie Canal.; This document, known as the "New York Memorial", was signed by several respected New York citizens, and effectively began the movement in the state to create a canal system. Copies were circulated throughout the state, and resulted in a separate petition signed by more than one hundred thousand New Yorkers to begin work on the Erie Canal.; This document was partially burned in the State Capitol fire of 1911.

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