

Court Cases Related to the Erie Canal

Parties	Description of Case	Year Filed
Holmes Hutchinson & Horatio Seymour against Julius Bushnell & Richard Chapman		1846
Oliver Toole against The State of New York	Forty-seven acres taken for Erievill Reservoir from Toole in a previous case as part of the Erie Canal expansion. This case involves an additional 1.2 acres appropriated resulting in making Toole's grist mill inoperative. Damages awarded amounted to \$4755.93.	1851
George Norton & Valentine Ogden against Jermoe Reeves & others	Collision of two boats on the Erie Canal at New Boston	1852
Daniel Walrath & Marcus C. Walrath against William Redfield	Bill of exceptions. Case concerning damages to saw mill caused by dam built by Redfield to divert water into the Erie Canal resulting in loss of earnings for Walrath	1854
Alvah Hotchkiss against Ezra Bond Jr.	Mill dam caused damage to farm lands.	1855
William A. Rowley against "Haight & Butler"	Failure to pay wages in connection with enlargement of the Erie Canal	1856
John W. Conley against The State of New York	Award for damages caused by the enlargement of the Erie Canal	1856
Edward Fuller against The State of New York	Award for appropriation of lands for the enlargement of the Erie Canal	1858
Chancey Togood against William McArthur & Alford C. Dodge	Failure to pay wages in connection with enlargement of the Erie Canal	1860
Andrew Mitchell against William Phillips & others	Boat accident with another boat on the Erie Canal	1867
Milton B. Jarvis against Robert Robinson & others	Damages to boat on Erie Canal caused by collision with another boat.	1870

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Jeremiah Cooper against Newcomb Field	Affidavits of several individuals regarding the location of the wastegate located between Phelps and Madison streets	1870
John Tubbs an insolvent debtor	List of debts.	1874
Caroline Lohr against Webster Hotchkiss	Collision of two boats on the Erie Canal in Schenectady County.	1878
Michael Dorrان, Highway Commissioner for the Town of Lenox against the New York West Shore and Buffalo Railway	Alteration of highway for RR Crossing over the E	1882
Julia Goodwill against Hawley Goodwill	Adultery case. Hawley Goodwill, a canal boat operator, allegedly in adulterous relationship, holding two children against their will, mistress in charge of children, living on boat.	1884
C. Will Chappell against Jason T. Wallace et al	Village of Oneida using canal feeder as sewer necessitating the cleaning of the feeder repeatedly. Oneida sewer system described.	1897
Patrick H. Bird v. Clinton Beckwith and John V. Quackenbush	Bird was hired by Beckwith and Quackenbush to haul stone to various points on the Erie Canal. Bird complains that his boat was damaged due to negligence of Beckwith and Quackenbush in the loading and unloading of stone from his boat.	1899
Eason Taber against The National Contracting Co.	Taber complains that the National Contracting Co. entered upon his property and removed soil, sand, and granvel for the improvement of the Erie Canal. National Contracting Co. denies claim.	1902