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Guide to the

**Harlem Commons Syndicate correspondence**

1874-1911

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## Summary

**Creator:** Harlem Syndicate, Inc

**Title:** Harlem Commons Syndicate correspondence

**Date:** 1874-1911

**Size:** .1 linear feet (1 folder)

**Abstract:** The Harlem Syndicate was formed in the late 19th century with the object of building and operating inland wharves and basins on the Harlem River. The Syndicate held that the land did not belong to the City of New York, but to the descendants of the original settlers of New Haarlem. The papers consist of letters from Henry C. Kooken and others mainly to Abner and Oscar De Graff relative to the recovery of rights, or payment of damages in connection with the common lands of the town of Harlem, New York

**Access:** Advance notice required.

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## Key Terms

### Geographic Names

Harlem (New York, N.Y.) -- History

Harlem River (N.Y.) -- History

### Subjects

Land claim associations

Land companies -- New York (State) -- New York

### Occupations

Landowners -- New York (N.Y.)

### Names

Harlem Syndicate, Inc  
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