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Remco Torenbosch

Holland Land Company

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A Gunter's chain was a surveying instrument used to measure, divide, and define land. Developed in seventeenth-century England, its standardised system made vast territories measurable and comparable. Here, the chain refers to the Holland Land Company, an Amsterdam-based consortium of Dutch banks and investors that acquired more than three million acres in Western New York in the 1790s. Through surveying, this territory was divided into ranges, townships, and individual lots that could be administered, owned, exchanged, and speculated upon.

Manufactured by Mathieson of Glasgow, the chain connects histories of European finance, colonial land surveying, industrial production, and territorial expansion. It traces a process through which landscape became property, property became an asset, and territory became legible to capital.

The work is part of Torenbosch's ongoing research into the Holland Land Company and the infrastructures through which land is measured, organised, and transformed into financial value.

Remco Torenbosch is a visual artist whose practice explores and unveils systems of political economic governance, making visible the mechanisms through which global economic power is organized, legitimized and sustained. His work has been exhibited at: Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam, Victoria and Albert Museum London, Kunsthaus Zürich, Kunsthalle Wien, Fondazione Antonio Ratti Como, Nieuwe Instituut Rotterdam, GAMeC Bergamo, De Appel Amsterdam, among others. He has been a lecturer at several institutions including: Yale School of Art New Haven, ArtCenter Pasadena California, IULM University of Milan, among others.

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