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Guide to the

Indentures

1822-1825, 1855

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Summary

Creator: New York (N.Y.). Commissioners of the Alms-House, Bridewell, and Penitentiary

Title: Indentures

Date: 1822-1825, 1855

Size: .21 linear feet (1 box)

Source: Purchased from Municipal Reference Library and Department of Investigation, 1944.

Abstract: The Almshouse and Bridewell Commissioners were appointed by New York City Mayor James Duane in 1784 to supervise the two houses and to provide general relief to poor people living outside the houses. Indentures are for minor girls bound out as servants or apprenticed to learn housekeeping, and infants who were adopted. Printed forms filled in, signed by the principals, and endorsed by the commissioners.

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Creator History

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Scope and Content Note

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Key Terms

Subjects

Almshouses -- New York (State) -- New York

Apprentices -- New York (State) -- New York

Child labor

Girls -- New York (State) -- New York

Indentured servants -- New York (State) -- New York

Poor -- New York (State) -- New York

Poor children -- New York (State) -- New York

Public welfare -- New York (State) -- New York

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Indentures

Geographic Names

New York (N.Y.) -- Social conditions

Names

New York (N.Y.). Commissioners of the Alms-House, Bridewell, and Penitentiary