Summary


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.

Access: Advance notice required.

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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