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**Thomas Asylum for Orphan and Destitute Indian Children
Register of Trustees, Indian Children, and Visitors A1909**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series consists of a journal listing trustees, instructors, Indian children, visitors, and contributors. Information includes a list of trustees including name, address, election date, and remarks on position held; list of children admitted to the asylum including name, Indian nation, reservation, age, whether parents are living, dates removed or died, and remarks on the latter; register of visitors including name, address, and date of visit; and quarterly average number of children in the asylum per year.
Creator:	Thomas Asylum for Orphan and Destitute Indian Children
Title:	Register of trustees, Indian children, and visitors
Quantity:	0.1 cubic feet
Quantity:	1 volume
Inclusive Date:	1855-1881
Series:	A1909

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Arrangement

Arranged by subject. Lists of children admitted and visitors to the asylum are chronological by year.

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Scope and Content Note

The series consists of an unsigned manuscript journal book (with entries in ink and pencil) entitled "Register Containing the Names of Trustees, Instructors, Indian Children, Visitors and Contributors." The volume was apparently kept as a regular tool of school administration, and as such is a record of the school's operating capacity and visitor activity.

The series contains the following information: list of trustees of the asylum, 1855 (pp. 6-7), giving name and address, date of election, and brief remarks on position held; list of children admitted to the asylum, 1856-1881 (pp. 16-67, 102-113), giving child's name, Indian nation, reservation, age, whether father or mother are living, dates removed or died, and remarks (usually concerning date of discharge, death, removal, or return); register of visitors to the asylum, 1857-1865 (pp.70-100), giving name, address, and date of visit; and average number of children in the asylum per year, 1856-186[2?] (pp. 376-377), broken down in quarterly ranges of months within the year.

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Related Information

Related Material

A1911Series A1911, Register of Visitors and

B1932Series B1932, Register of Indian Children, contain related records.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of this material.

Alternate Formats AvailableAlternate Formats Available

Microfilm is available for use at New York State Archives through inter-library loan.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Accessioned from the NYSL as old collection number 248, accession number -375.

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Access Terms

- Indians of North America--Child welfare
- Assisting children
- Schools--Records and correspondence
- Monitoring schools
- Cattaraugus Indian Reservation (N.Y.)
- Indians of North America--Orphanages
- New York (State)
- Guest registers
- Indians of North America--Education
- Erie County (N.Y.)
- Iroquois (N.Y.)
- Indians--Education
- Education
- Administering schools
- New York (State). State Board of Charities
- Thomas Indian School