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Thomas Indian School Register of Visitors A1911

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	The series consists of a one-volume manuscript roll of visitors to the Thomas Indian School over a twenty-five year period. Entries include visitor's name, address, and date of visit.
Creator:	Thomas Indian School
Title:	Thomas Indian School register of visitors
Quantity:	0.1 cubic feet
Quantity:	1 volume(s)
Quantity:	1 35mm microfilm roll(s)
Inclusive Date:	1881-1906
Series:	A1911

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Arrangement

Roughly chronological by date of visit.

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Scope and Content Note

The series consists of a one-volume manuscript roll of visitors to the school over a twenty-five year period. The register apparently continues a practice that originated earlier in the school's administration (see series A1909, Register of Trustees, Indian Children, and Visitors) and which formed a separate component in later years, as reflected by a book being dedicated solely to recording visitors.

Each entry in the register gives visitor's name, address, and date of visit. No totals or other administrative uses of the register are apparent. The reason for the visit is not listed, but given the nature of the school it may be inferred that visitors could be concerned family members, prospective adoptive parents, or interested educators or social welfare agents. The majority of visitors came from New York State, but there are also addresses from other states

(Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Michigan, Florida, and Washington, D.C.) and nations (Canada, England, and China).

In later years the entries are somewhat disordered and appear less complete, suggesting either a drop-off in visitors or a less strict adherence to accounting for visitors.

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Related Information

Related Material

Series A1909 Register of Trustees, Indian Children, and Visitors contains related records.

Series B1932 Register of Indian Children contains 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 the New York State Archives or through interlibrary loan.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

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

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Access Terms

- Indians of North America--Child welfare
- Monitoring
- 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
- Thomas Asylum for Orphan and Destitute Indian Children
- New York (State). State Board of Charities