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**New York State Industrial School Weekly Record of Female
Inmates' Behavior and Badges Earned A3116**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	Inmates earned a badge for 16 consecutive weeks of good behavior; after earning 4 badges they were eligible for parole. This series consists of information about behavior and badges earned including grades for behavior; date grade recorded; number of badges earned; number of consecutive weeks of good behavior; inmate's name and number; date paroled; and date recommitted or returned from parole. Records are restricted.
Creator:	New York (State). State Industrial School
Title:	Weekly record of female inmates' behavior and badges earned
Quantity:	0.2 cubic feet
Quantity:	1 volume
Inclusive Date:	1889-1900
Bulk Date:	bulk 1889-1895
Series:	A3116

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Scope and Content Note

In 1871 the discharging committee suggested, and the board of managers approved, a ruling directing that a record of every inmate's conduct be kept in a "Badge Book." Under the badge system initiated in 1871, inmates earned a badge for 16 consecutive weeks of good behavior; inmates were eligible for parole when they had earned 4 badges and a good home was found for them. A grade of "1" was given for good behavior, "2" for worse behavior, and so on. The badge system was first described in the "Twenty-Third Annual Report of the Managers of the Western House of Refuge" (February 1872).

This volume recording grades for behavior provides date grade recorded; number of badges earned (sometimes); number of consecutive weeks of good behavior toward earning a badge (sometimes); inmate's name and number; grade for behavior during the past week; date paroled; and date recommitted or returned from parole. The volume was kept regularly until June 1895. From July 1895-December 1900, the only information recorded was inmate name

and number; if paroled, discharged, or returned, and occasionally the date; and if died, and sometimes the date and/or cause of death.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

Restricted in accordance with Executive Law, Section 501-c(1)(b), relating to confidentiality of individuals in custody of the Division for Youth (now Office of Children and Family Services).

Access Terms

- Administering reformatories
- Juvenile delinquents
- Juvenile detention homes
- Juvenile delinquents--Rehabilitation
- Inmate records
- Juvenile delinquency
- Juvenile corrections
- New York (State)
- Female offenders
- Monitoring detention centers
- Youth--Services for
- New York (State). Division for Youth
- New York (State). State Agricultural and Industrial School