



*New York State Archives*

**House of Refuge for Women Inmate Case File of Nellie Fultz  
A3287**

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## Overview of the Records

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<b>Repository:</b>	New York State Archives
<b>Summary:</b>	The series consists of the case file of Nellie Fultz, who was committed to the House of Refuge for Women for petit larceny. Documents include warrant of commitment; defendant's statement of examination; record of conviction and sentence; official record and report book; inmate identification photographs; authorization to "receive, open, read, deliver, destroy, retain, or return" letters received by the inmate; correspondence and newspaper clippings related to custody battle for her infant; and a discharge certificate.
<b>Creator:</b>	House of Refuge for Women (Hudson, N.Y.)
<b>Title:</b>	Inmate case file of Nellie Fultz
<b>Quantity:</b>	0.2 cubic feet
<b>Inclusive Date:</b>	1898-1903
<b>Series:</b>	A3287

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## Scope and Content Note

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The series consists of documents forming the case file of Nellie Fultz, a twenty-two-year old housekeeper who was convicted of petit larceny for taking money and clothing from her employer and committed to the House of Refuge for Women at Hudson, New York. It is unclear how or why this individual case (#955) was separated from other female inmate case files.

Documents include warrant of commitment (1895); defendant's statement of examination; record of conviction and sentence (1898); official record and report book (1898-1903); inmate identification photographs; authorization for the superintendent to "receive, open, read, deliver, destroy, retain, or return" letters received by the inmate while in custody; correspondence and newspaper clippings regarding a custody battle for the inmate's female infant, involving the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children and charges of religious bias (1903-1904); and a discharge certificate (1903).

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## Use of Records

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### Access Restrictions

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

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## Access Terms

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- Hudson (N.Y.)
- Prisoners
- Monitoring female inmates
- Women prisoners
- Correctional institutions
- Prisons
- Custody of children
- Case files
- New York (State)
- Female offenders
- Incarcerating women
- New York (State). Prison Department
- New York (State). Department of Correctional Services