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**Central New York Institution for Deaf Mutes Audit Book of
School Finances A3362**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	The series consists of entries accounting for bills audited and paid by the treasurer of the Central New York Institution for Deaf Mutes from December 1875 through October 1896. The audits were apparently internal; they were done at varying intervals over the years spanned by the volume. At their most organized, amounts appear under the following account categories: medical; fuel; rent and insurance; stationery and postage; provisions and groceries; furniture and fixtures; labor; salary; contingent expenses; and miscellaneous.
Creator:	Central New York Institution for Deaf Mutes
Title:	Central New York Institution for Deaf Mutes audit book of school finances
Quantity:	1 35mm microfilm roll(s)
Inclusive Date:	1875-1896
Series:	A3362

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Arrangement

Chronological by year or month and therein by account.

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Scope and Content Note

The series consists of entries accounting for bills audited and paid by the treasurer of the Central New York Institution for Deaf Mutes from December 1875 through October 1896. The audits were apparently internal; they were done at differing intervals over the years spanned by the volume. The name of the "accountant" who was responsible for the book is not known. It is possible that figures shown here were collated for use in the annual report of the school.

It was only as the New York State School for the Deaf at Rome, established in 1963, that the facility audited in this volume was wholly owned and operated by New York State. Until that time the school was privately run by a corporation which selected a board of trustees who appointed the superintendent and other officers, including the treasurer. It was established by private benefactors, primarily businessmen, and received supplementary state and local funding for maintenance and education of students.

Entries for the earliest years are sporadic and incomplete. A sole yearly summary (for 1875) appears at the fore of the volume. There are inconsistent, scattered weekly and/or monthly entries for the years 1875 through 1881. There are apparently no entries for 1878. From 1882 through 1896 entries are all dated in January, April, July, and October, with many dates marked "audit."

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The entries are made in manuscript using pencil. Some marks in ink seem to indicate that the accounts were checked against bills or receipts, none of which are found in the series. The writing is often illegible, with individual or company names particularly difficult to decipher. There are a few random notes in the volume (such as one stating the rate of computation per pupil per annum), and there are rough computations of columns of figures throughout.

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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

The microfilm that constitutes this series is available for use at the New York State Archives or through inter-library loan.

Administrative Information

Existence and Location of Originals

Originals held by New York State School for the Deaf at Rome.

Custodial History

This material was microfilmed by State Archives staff in 1993 as part of a grant funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Originals were returned to the School for the Deaf after filming.

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Access Terms

- Oneida County (N.Y.)
- Educating deaf children
- School children's clothing
- Deaf--Education
- New York (State)
- Schools--Accounting
- Financial records
- Auditing schools
- Education--Finance
- Rome (N.Y.)
- Students--Economic conditions
- New York State School for the Deaf at Rome
- Central New York School for the Deaf