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New York State Institution for the Blind Inventory Lists B0430

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series lists information on the quantity, description, and value of durable and expendable items in the institution's inventory including furniture and other household furnishings; farm and shop machinery, tools, and implements; livestock; musical instruments; food and provisions; medicine; and other items. Amounts of specific items and their value are often listed by specific room, identified by occupant or purpose.
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Arrangement

Chronological by year, then by general category or functional unit, and then by room.

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Scope and Content Note

This series lists information on the quantity, description, and value of durable and expendable items in the institution's inventory. The records were kept in accordance with Chapter 587 of the Laws of 1865, by which the institution was established. The records are on pages 170-247 of an unlabelled volume which also contains stock lists and balance sheets for the school.

Information is present for supplies of: furniture and other household furnishings (for individual rooms and the chapel, laundry, bakery, etc.); farm and shop machinery, tools, and implements; livestock; musical instruments; food and provisions; medicine; and other items.

Amounts of specific items (e.g. bedsteads, chairs, wardrobes, sheets, gas lighters) and their value are listed, often according to a specific room number identified by occupant or purpose (e.g. "Room 61 - School Room" or "Room H - Mrs. Chase") and within a broad category (e.g. furniture, provisions). Values are totaled intermittently at the right column of each page, and amounts carried over.

A "Recapitulation" for 1881 (p. 211) and a "Summary of Inventory" for 1885 (p. 246-247) total the value of the inventory within categories and provide a grand total for the respective year. Categories for these summaries include: farm (livestock, utensils, produce, park furniture); broom shop (machinery and stock); bead department (stock, work in case); library (miscellaneous and embossed/raised print); medicine (stock in hand); fuel (coal and wood); provisions (vegetables, canned fruit); music (books and instruments); carpenter shop (tools, stock of lumber); furniture (general household and school, map apparatus, etc.); and laundry (soap, borax).

Occasional annotations appear irregularly in the lists referring to unidentified "Journal" or "Folio" numbers.

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Related Information

Related Material

This series is included in a volume which also contains related Series B0428 Institution for the Blind Stock Book.

This series is included in a volume which also contains related Series B0429 Institution for the Blind Balance Sheets.

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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

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Administrative Information

Custodial History

This series is included in a volume which also contains Series B0428, Stock Book, and Series B0429, Balance Sheets.

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Access Terms

- Assisting children
- Maintaining schools
- Schools--Furniture, equipment, etc.
- New York (State)
- Vocational education
- Children with disabilities--Education
- Inventories
- Blind--Education
- Inventorying
- Blind--Institutional care
- Educating blind students
- People with visual disabilities
- Administering schools
- Batavia (N.Y.)
- New York State School for the Blind
- University of the State of New York
- New York (State). Education Department
- New York (State). Bureau for Physically Handicapped Children