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**New York State Institution for the Blind Ledger Accounts  
B0431**

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## Overview of the Records

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<b>Repository:</b>	New York State Archives
<b>Summary:</b>	This series consists of ledger accounts for the Institute of the Blind, created while the institution's facilities in Batavia were under construction. Entries are listed under categories such as construction, steam heating apparatus, and furniture, as well as by individual company account names. Each entry includes date, description, and price.
<b>Creator:</b>	New York State Institution for the Blind
<b>Title:</b>	Institution for the Blind ledger accounts
<b>Quantity:</b>	0.2 cubic feet
<b>Quantity:</b>	1 volume(s)
<b>Quantity:</b>	1 35mm microfilm roll(s)
<b>Inclusive Date:</b>	1866-1868
<b>Series:</b>	B0431

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## Scope and Content Note

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The records in this series are ledger accounts apparently produced in accordance with Chapter 587 of the Laws of 1865, which created the institution and required that records of daily operations be kept. During the period covered by these records, the school buildings in Batavia, New York were under construction and commissioners appointed by the governor were charged with contracting for that construction and leasing a temporary building (which was never officially occupied) until the construction was complete.

The records in this series apparently document expenses incurred during this transition period of the institution's founding, but there is no indication if the information pertains to the permanent or the interim site (in Binghamton). The Batavia facility officially opened in September 1868. The records are on pages 1-81 and 101-102 of a volume labeled "Ledger" which also contains book lists and annual reports of the institution after it was renamed as the New York State School for the Blind (Chapter 563 of the Laws of 1895). The volume was obviously reused decades after this series was produced.

The accounts are in no particular order and are listed intermittently within the volume, which contains many blank pages. Entries are listed under broad categories including construction,

expense, steam heating apparatus, and furniture, as well as by individual company account names. Information for each entry includes date, description, and price. Most often amounts are totaled and a balance carried forward.

For more information researchers may consult the earliest annual reports of the institution, available at the New York State Library.

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## Related Information

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### Related Material

This series is included in a volume which also contains related Series B0432 Institution for the Blind Book Lists.

This series is included in a volume which also contains related Series B0433 School for the Blind Annual Report of Accounts.

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## Other Finding Aids

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### Available at Repository

Volume contains original index references to account names that are crossed over and only partially legible.

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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.

## **Alternate Formats AvailableAlternate Formats Available**

Microfilm is available for use at the New York State Archives or through interlibrary loan.

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## **Access Terms**

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- Accounting
- School buildings--Design and construction
- Assisting children
- Maintaining schools
- New York (State)
- Accounts
- Vocational education
- Children with disabilities--Education
- Blind--Education
- Blind--Institutional care
- Educating blind students
- Education--Finance
- People with visual disabilities
- Administering schools
- Batavia (N.Y.)
- Ledgers (account books)
- 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