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**New York State School for the Blind Ledger Accounts of
Supplies and Special Appropriations B0438**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series consists of ledger accounts for supplies and expenditures funded by special legislative appropriations to the State School for the Blind. Accounts are for food and other supplies, and special appropriations such as musical instruments, building repairs, typewriters, library books, and grounds maintenance.
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Arrangement

Arranged by type of account, therein chronological by month and day.

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Scope and Content Note

This series consists of ledger accounts for supplies and for expenditures funded by special legislative appropriations to the school. Renamed from the New York State Institution for the Blind by the Laws of 1895, Chapter 563, the school's purpose, and the purpose of the special appropriations granted to it by the legislature, was to provide blind students with the best

possible academic and vocational development and an environment emphasizing physical progress and the "wise use of leisure."

The accounts in the series are divided between those for supplies, which are at the beginning of the volume, and special appropriations, which begin on page 500. The supplies accounts are divided into those for food and non-food items.

The postings to these accounts are either daily or monthly and include quantity and price in the case of supplies accounts, and a brief description and amount in the case of special appropriations accounts. Year and chapter numbers for pertinent legislation (ca. 1885-1900) are also cited in the heading of each special appropriation account. The legislation typically itemizes use of discrete funds, renews appropriations for unexpended balances, and/or sets additional amounts to complete projects authorized under prior legislation (ca. early 1880s).

The supplies accounts are for specific items which fall into the general categories of: food; household stores; cookery and glassware; fixtures; furniture; household and kitchen utensils; hospital and medical supplies; shop, farm, and garden; amusements; and miscellaneous.

The accounts for special appropriations are for supplies and improvements such as: providing an addition to be used as a boys' industrial department; musical instruments and repairs to pianos; library books, embossing machines, and apparatus; new harness and carriage; typewriters and tables; hospital buildings and furnishings; cement walks; erection and equipping of a gymnasium; purchase of heating, bathing, and draining apparatus; roofs, gutters, pipes, etc.; the sanitary disposal of sewage; watchman's clock system; and improvements to dormitories and general repairs to facilities.

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Food item accounts: indexed alphabetically in the volume.

Non-food items: indexed alphabetically in a separate index.

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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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Access Terms

- School children--Food
- Accounting
- Assisting children
- Maintaining schools
- New York (State)
- 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)
- University of the State of New York
- New York (State). Education Department
- New York (State). Bureau for Physically Handicapped Children
- New York State Institution for the Blind