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**Thomas Indian School Journal Accounts B0642**

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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 a detailed chronological record of financial transactions at Thomas Indian School. Entries record transaction (items purchased, quantity, unit cost, and cash receipts); name of the merchant or disbursing officer; total amount of transaction; and date. Also included is a certificate of appointment of George I. Lincoln as agent of the Onondaga Indians; a watercolor painting of flowers, signed by Aleck George; and lithograph, "What We Have We'll Hold!" depicting a nationalistic theme, copyright 1900.
<b>Creator:</b>	Thomas Indian School
<b>Title:</b>	Thomas Indian School journal accounts
<b>Quantity:</b>	36 cubic feet
<b>Quantity:</b>	14 volume(s)
<b>Quantity:</b>	3 item(s)
<b>Quantity:</b>	5 35mm microfilm roll(s)
<b>Inclusive Date:</b>	1879-1914
<b>Series:</b>	B0642

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## Arrangement

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Chronological by date of transaction.

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## Scope and Content Note

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These volumes contain a detailed chronological record of financial transactions at the school. Entries generally describe the transaction (items purchased, quantity, unit cost, cash receipts), name of the merchant or disbursing officer, total amount of transaction, and date.

The procedures for the original entry of these transactions varied slightly over time and are reflected in these journals. Through September 1894 the record of original entry (volumes 1-7) served the dual purposes of cash journal (cash receipts and disbursements are recorded on facing pages) and voucher register (disbursement entries include chronologically assigned voucher numbers in red ink). Beginning in October 1894 transactions are recorded in the format of a conventional general journal (volumes 8-9) and include page references to ledger accounts (series B0643). Starting in October 1895 all transactions were recorded in a voucher register (volume 11), while food and provisions were entered in a special journal (volume 9, part) and other transactions entered in a general journal (volume 10). In December 1897 original entry format reverted to that of a general journal and each entry includes ledger account titles and page numbers (volumes 12-14).

Also included in the series are three distinctive, but apparently unrelated, items originally found in volume 12: certificate of appointment of George I. Lincoln as agent of the Onondaga Indians residing on the Allegany, Cattaraugus, Tuscarora, and Tonawanda Reservations, March 16, 1898; a watercolor painting of flowers, signed by Aleck George; and lithograph, "What We Have We'll Hold!," depicting a nationalistic theme, copyright 1900.

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## Related Information

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### Related Material

Series B0643 Thomas Indian School Ledger Accounts contains related records.

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## Other Finding Aids

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### Available at Repository

The following are available at the repository: separate typed name index to accounts for volume 11 only; volume list; microfilm roll list.

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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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## Administrative Information

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### Custodial History

Three loose items found in volume 12 of the series were separated out by Archives staff for display purposes.

Master microfilm was transferred to the RC for storage by TL 95-1.

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## Access Terms

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- Indian agents
- Indians of North America--Child welfare
- Accounting
- Assisting children
- Schools--Records and correspondence
- Cattaraugus Indian Reservation (N.Y.)
- Onondaga Indians
- Managing accounts
- Indians of North America--Orphanages
- New York (State)
- Accounts
- Indians of North America--Education
- Account books
- Erie County (N.Y.)
- Iroquois (N.Y.)
- Journals (Bookkeeping records)
- Education

- Administering schools
- Thomas Asylum for Orphan and Destitute Indian Children
- Lincoln, George I.
- New York (State). Department of Social Welfare
- New York (State). State Board of Charities
- New York (State). Department of Charities