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**New York State Adjutant General's Office Transcriptions of  
War of 1812 Payrolls for New York State Militia Units B0811**

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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 payrolls transcripts kept by the regional paymasters of the United States Army. They record payments to regiments in the New York State Militia, Volunteers and Sea Fencibles (soldiers responsible for the defense of the Port of New York) in the War of 1812. Information may include: commanding officer; soldier's name; rank; dates of appointment or enlistment; to what time engaged or enlisted; amount paid in lieu of clothing and traveling expenses; total paid; and remarks.
<b>Creator:</b>	New York (State). Adjutant General's Office
<b>Title:</b>	Transcriptions of War of 1812 payrolls for New York State Militia units
<b>Quantity:</b>	8.5 cubic feet
<b>Inclusive Date:</b>	1812-1815
<b>Series:</b>	B0811

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## Arrangement

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Numerical by stamped number and therein roughly by name of paymaster and voucher number.

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## Scope and Content Note

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This series consists of transcripts of payrolls kept by the regional paymasters of the United States Army recording payments to regiments in the New York State Militia. Governor Daniel D. Tompkins appointed the regional paymasters to administer the distribution of funds obtained from the United States War Department. These funds were entrusted to the regional paymasters who then delivered them to the regimental paymasters. Payments to the New York State Militia, Volunteers and Sea Fencibles (soldiers responsible for the defense of the Port of New York) are included in these rolls.

The top of the payroll forms includes spaces for information such as: captain's name; colonel's name; regiment's name; regiment's number; company's home county; and where they were stationed.

Many of the rolls include the name of the captain or other direct commanding officer and the name of the colonel under which the regiment served, but few include the name and number of the regiment, the company's home county, or where they were stationed.

Beneath this information are columns labeled: name of soldier; rank; dates of appointment or enlistment; to what time engaged or enlisted; amount paid in lieu of clothing and traveling expenses; total paid; and remarks.

The columns labeled "dates of appointment" and "to what time engaged or enlisted" contain dates that mark a pay period rather than total service time. Remarks about discharges and how much pay soldiers were allowed for the return trip home, when and where soldiers died, desertions, and other conditions for pay stoppage are included.

These payrolls were sequentially numbered using a mechanical stamp and red ink. The arrangement is not consistent and it seems likely that the documents were numbered for inventory or control purposes.

Series B0810, Abstracts of Payrolls for New York State Militia Units that Served in the War of 1812, consists of payroll cards for individual soldiers who served in that war. The information listed in the payroll cards was abstracted from the payrolls contained in this series (B0811), and at the bottom of each of these cards is the number of the payroll from which it was abstracted and often the name of the paymaster and the respective voucher number.

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## Related Information

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### Related Material

B0810Series B0810, War of 1812 abstracts of payrolls for New York State militia ("Payroll Cards"), references the War of 1812 payrolls found in this series

A0020Series A0020, War of 1812 certificates of claim and related records, contains related records

A3352Series A3352, Claim applications for service in the War of 1812, contains related records.

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## Other Finding Aids

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### Available at Repository

Folder and roll lists are available.

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## Use of Records

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### Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of the material.

### Alternate Formats AvailableAlternate Formats Available

Microfilm is available at the New York State Archives.

Microfilm: 5 reels; 35 mm.

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## Administrative Information

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### Custodial History

Collation date ca. 1880s.

One payroll page, (#1675-1676, 2nd Artillery Regt.) which was missing at the time the series was originally accessioned, was transferred to the Archives by a private citizen and refiled in November 2008. Exact provenance of the returned sheet is unknown.

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## Access Terms

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- United States--History--War of 1812
- Documenting military personnel
- Military history, Modern--19th Century

- New York (State)--History--War of 1812--Veterans
- New York (State)--History--War of 1812
- New York (State)
- United States--Militia--Pay, allowances, etc.
- Military records
- New York (State)--Militia
- Payrolls
- New York (State). Division of Military and Naval Affairs
- Tompkins, Daniel D., 1774-1825.