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**Albion State Training School Inmate Admission Registers
B1255**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series consists of registers providing summary information on inmates admitted to Albion State Training School. Volumes 1-7 contain detailed information related to their personal and criminal histories and confinement at the institution. Volumes 8-10 contain one page of summary information on women received at Albion but only up to the time of admission to Albion. Volumes 11-13 consist of three distinct alphabetical indexes to inmates, by last name and with corresponding case number.
Creator:	Albion State Training School (Albion, N.Y.)
Title:	Inmate admission registers
Quantity:	10 cubic feet
Quantity:	13 volume(s)
Inclusive Date:	1894-1948
Series:	B1255

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Arrangement

Numerical by inmate case number.

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Scope and Content Note

This series consists of registers providing summary information on inmates admitted to Albion State Training School from its opening in 1894 to 1948.

Volumes 1-7 relate to inmates received at the institution from January 3, 1894 to June 27, 1931. They pertain to women with inmate numbers between #1 and #3167. The registers include: Admitting Information (e.g., crime, sentence, court); Facts Relating to Family (names, addresses, occupations, religion, education, habits, health, and criminal history); Facts Relating

to Inmate (e.g., where born, residence, character of home life, moral character, criminal history, education, physical characteristics, family, previous institutionalization, and summary of circumstances of crime); Record of Parole (date paroled, conditions of parole, and name and address of person paroled to); and After Facts (relates to the inmate's life after release and includes information on her parole, residence, work, family, and subsequent criminal activity). Occasionally attached to individual pages are clippings from local newspapers relating to an inmate (e.g., attempted suicide, marriage, death, or placement of an infant during the mother's confinement).

Volumes 8-10 contain one page of summary information on each woman received at Albion from July 8, 1937 to March 2, 1948. In July 1931, Albion became an institution for the confinement of women judged to be defective delinquents. The records pertain to women with inmate numbers between #3168 to #4708. The form of the volumes changed from the earlier history registers that comprise volumes 1-7. The receiving blotters in volumes 8-10 contain information relating to the inmate only up to the time of admission to Albion; there is no information on the inmate during confinement or after release. The blotters contain a number of categories of information on each inmate including: personal (physical characteristics, date and place of birth, marital status, religion, habits, education, employment, mental age, etc.); crime (nature of present crime, place, accomplices, sentence); family (birthplace of mother and father, age of inmate when parents died, sequence of inmate in family, name of nearest relative); and criminal history (crimes, sentences, dates of sentences, institutions of confinement).

Volumes 11-13 provide three distinct alphabetical indexes to inmates, by last name and with corresponding case number. The indexes are undated. Cumulatively they cover the lowest case numbers through to numbers in the 5000 range. Thus, they apparently index records found in volumes 1-10 of the series, as well as other cases not found in the volumes. Names from A to Z are indexed in all three volumes. Some entries appear in more than one volume, but each index appears to be unique. All entries are in manuscript, by different hands.

The relationship among the three indexes is unclear. Volume 11 appears to be the most comprehensive, indexing the widest range of case numbers but missing significant numbers in the 4000 through 5000 range. Entries in volume 12 sometimes, but not always, duplicate those in volume 11, and cover only case numbers in the 2000 through 5000 range. Volume 13 contains the fewest total entries, and they are from the middle to upper hundreds through the 1000 range. Researchers should consult all three indexes.

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Volumes 11 through 13 are alphabetical indexes of inmates with corresponding case number.

Volume and roll lists are available.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

Summary information on adult inmates is disclosable under law. State Archives staff will review records containing probation, parole, medical, and juvenile criminal history data and disclose information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law and Personal Privacy Protection Law. The identity of victims of sex crimes is not disclosable. Unless a specific law forbids disclosure indefinitely, all records must be disclosed after 75 years.

Alternate Formats AvailableAlternate Formats Available

Microform, with the exception of Volumes 8-10 (case numbers 3168-4708) that have not been reproduced, is available at the New York State Archives through interlibrary loan.

Alternate Formats Available

Items Online

High resolution images of selected original documents in this series are available in State Archives Digital Collections.

[Inmate admission registers, 1894-1948 in Digital Collections](#)

Administrative Information

Processing Information

Originally accessioned as part of old collection #520, accession -446.

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Access Terms

- Registers (Lists)
- Correctional institutions--New York (State)
- Orleans County (N.Y.)
- Albion (N.Y.)
- People with mental disabilities and crime--New York (State)
- New York (State)
- Women prisoners--New York (State)
- Female offenders
- Reformatories for women--New York (State)
- Incarcerating criminals
- Admitting criminals
- New York State Institution for Mentally Defective Delinquent Women
- Western House of Refuge for Women (Albion, N.Y.)
- New York (State). Department of Correctional Services
- New York (State). State Board of Charities
- Albion Correctional Facility
- New York (State). Superintendent of State Prisons
- New York (State). Department of Correction