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Overview of the Records

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| Repository: | New York State Archives |
| Summary: | This series consists of annual reports of the Western House of Refuge for Women. The reports include a list of officers and Board of Managers members; remarks about monthly meetings; lists of appropriations items relating to maintenance, equipment, construction and reports from the Superintendent, departments, farm operation, and parole program. Also included are yearly statistical tables totaling inmates by crime; county of commitment; occupation; age; religion; nationality and other categories; and photographs of buildings and the grounds. |
| Creator: | Western House of Refuge for Women. Board of Managers |
| Title: | Annual reports |
| Quantity: | 0.2 cubic feet |
| Quantity: | 16 volumes) (1 microfilm reel |
| Inclusive Date: | 1902-1922 |
| Series: | B1279 |

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Arrangement

Chronological.

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Scope and Content Note

This series consists of printed copies of eight annual reports of the Western House of Refuge for Women at Albion covering the years 1902, 1905, 1908, 1910, 1916, 1918, 1919, and 1922. During this period, the institution was under the supervision of the State Board of Charities. These reports were submitted to the legislature by the institution's Board of Managers, who were given comprehensive responsibilities in the authorizing legislation (Chapter 238 of the Laws of 1890). There are duplicate copies for three of the reports.

The reports begin with a list of members of the Board of Managers and other officers, and remarks to the legislature by the president of the board. These remarks typically feature comments on board membership and monthly meetings, and lists of items of appropriation (under general maintenance, repairs and equipment, new construction) and reappropriation (citing original appropriations bill). Included in the body of the reports are individual reports from various sections of the institution including Superintendent, Treasurer, Medical Department, and the School and Industrial Department. Included also are reports of the institution's farm operation and parole program.

The reports include statistical tables giving totals of inmates committed for each year according to categories such as: crime; county of commitment; occupation; age; religion; nationality; and nationality of parents.

The reports also reproduce sections of the law (usually amendments) relating to commitment procedures of inmates and to the operation of the institution. Finally, three of the reports (for 1905, 1910, and 1922) are illustrated by photographs of various buildings and views of the grounds.

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Folder list.

Reel list.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

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

Alternate Formats AvailableAlternate Formats Available

Microform is available at the New York State Archives through interlibrary loan.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

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

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Access Terms

- Photographic prints
- Albion (N.Y.)
- New York (State)
- Women prisoners--New York (State)
- Reformatories for women--New York (State)
- Managing prisons
- Female offenders--New York (State)
- Incarcerating criminals
- Bills (legislative records)
- Annual reports
- Tables (documents)
- New York (State). Prison Department
- New York (State). Department of Correctional Services
- New York (State). State Board of Charities
- Albion Correctional Facility
- New York (State). Superintendent of State Prisons