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**New York State Commission to Study, Examine and Investigate State Agencies in Relation to Pari-Mutuel Harness Racing Card Indexes to Harness Racing Associations and Stockholders, Witnesses, and Commission Records and Staff B1327**

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## Overview of the Records

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<b>Repository:</b>	New York State Archives
<b>Summary:</b>	This series indexes the people and organizations examined by the commission, commission staff, and some of the records generated by the commission in the course of its investigation. The series also serves as a central reference file to names of people and organizations studied. Separate groups of cards index various categories of information. Each card provides the name and address or location of the individual, company, or harness racing association, along with additional information depending on the category.
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<b>Title:</b>	Commission to Study, Examine and Investigate State Agencies in Relation to Pari-Mutuel Harness Racing card indexes to harness racing associations and stockholders, witnesses, and commission records and staff
<b>Quantity:</b>	3 cubic feet
<b>Inclusive Date:</b>	1953-1954
<b>Series:</b>	B1327

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## Arrangement

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Arranged by category (e.g. returned questionnaires; multiple shareholders; testimony), then alphabetical by name of person, company, or harness racing association.

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## Scope and Content Note

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Separate groups of cards index various categories of information. Each card generally provides the name and address or location of the individual, company, or harness racing association, along with additional information depending on the category. The following categories and types of additional information are included in the series (cards are typed except where indicated): 1) Returned questionnaires (typed and handwritten): date questionnaire received; 2) Unanswered questionnaires; 3) Out of state unanswered questionnaires; 4) Brokers' unanswered questionnaires; 5) Questionnaires returned to Commission for incorrect address (typed and handwritten); 6) Special (one card, marked "Deceased"); 7) Current shareholders (individual or corporate) in Genesee-Monroe, Saratoga, Orange County, Buffalo, Nassau County, Old Country, Mid-State, and Yonkers harness racing associations: number of shares; and occasional notes such as names of relatives and associates, occupation, and comments on background or finances; 8) Current and former Algam Corporation shareholders (individual and corporate): number of shares or notation if a former shareholder; and occasional notes such as names of relatives and associates, occupation, and comments on background or finances (e.g. "Doesn't sound rich enough for this many shares" or "Has criminal record. Trouble maker in garment industry. Questionable associations.");

9) Multiple shareholders (held shares in more than one harness racing association): number of shares from each association; and rare notes such as names of relatives or occupation; 10) Former shareholders (except for Algam Corporation) (about the last one-third of these cards are handwritten): year(s) shares held or acquired; numbers of shares (sometimes); from whom shares acquired (sometimes); and type of stock (preferred, common); 11) Multiple shareholders (handwritten cards upon which typed cards (number 9 above) are based, but information is not duplicated exactly between the two sets of cards): number of shares from each association; and notes such as number of shares of certain associations owned in previous years, occupation, names of relatives and associates, and other financial and business interests; 12) Present stockholders in Mid-State Raceway, Inc. (handwritten and typed): number of shares; certificate number(s) for stock purchase(s); date(s) shares acquired; from whom acquired and amount paid (sometimes); if stock acquired is original issue; and occupation (sometimes); 13) Original stockholders (original issue stock) in Mid-State Raceway (handwritten): number of shares; and date(s) shares acquired and certificate number(s); 14) Concessions held from Mid-State Raceway (handwritten): concession held (e.g. parking); and dates concessionaires questionnaire sent and due;

15) Stockholders in all harness racing associations (incomplete set: very few cards in H-Z portion of alphabet); 16) Raceways (handwritten): name and city of owner or owner-lessor (owner who leases the track to a harness racing association); and name and city of licensee (harness racing association); 17) Licensees (harness racing associations) (handwritten): date licensee questionnaire returned, if any corrections needed, and date corrected questionnaire

returned; name of track(s) at which association ran; and note indicating whether or not a lessor and if a broader questionnaire is thus necessary (some cards refer to the lessor questionnaire cards); 18) Lessors (track owners leasing to a harness racing association) (handwritten): date lessor questionnaire sent and due; track(s) owned; and to which association leased; 19) Owners - not lessors (handwritten): note that questionnaire is to be sent; track owned; track(s) at which owner ran; and reference to licensee questionnaire card; 20) Former licensees (handwritten): note that former licensee questionnaire sent; and track(s) at which licensee ran; 21) Former owners (no cards in this category); 22) Former lessors (handwritten): date questionnaire sent and due; and track formerly owned and to whom leased; 23) Officers, directors, and special stockholders of lessors or licensees (handwritten); whether lessor or licensee stock held; and name of lessor or licensee;

24) Contractors (companies responsible for construction and related work at tracks; it is unclear if these cards refer to stockholders) (handwritten): whether lessor or licensee contractor; name of lessor or licensee; and official position held, if any; 25) Concessionaires (handwritten): dates questionnaire sent and due; association(s) from whom concession held; and type of concession (e.g. programs, food, parking); 26) Testimony (persons who testified before the Commission in public or private hearings): date(s) testimony given (white cards); and testimony date when exhibits submitted (pink cards); 27) General personal and corporate name index to Commission records: notations indicating if a stockholder, if questionnaire received and type, and association(s) with which affiliated; and reference to Commission records in which subject appears (e.g. see - Investigation Reports; Correspondence; Questionnaire - Officers, directors, etc.); 28) Witnesses at private hearings: date of appearance; reporter's pad number; exhibit number; and page number; and 29) Commission staff: position; telephone number; date appointed; and date terminated and reason.

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## Related Information

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### Related Material

B1318Series B1318, Officer, Director, and Special Stockholder Questionnaire Files

B1319Series B1319, Stockholder Questionnaire Files

B1320Series B1320, Concessionaire Questionnaire and Exhibit Files

B1321Series B1321, Litigation Files

B1322Series B1322, Transcripts of Public Hearings

B1323Series B1323, Investigation and Exhibit Files on Individuals and

B1326Series B1326, Questionnaires Returned by Individuals, are indexed at least in part by this series.

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## Other Finding Aids

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### Available at Repository

Container list is available at the repository.

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## Use of Records

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### Access Restrictions

All investigative materials in Moreland Act commission records are indefinitely restricted pursuant to Executive Law sect. 6 and 63.8 and Civil Rights Law sect. 73.8. Requests for access to such materials are referred to the Governor's Office.

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## Access Terms

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- Harness racing--State supervision
- Card files
- Cards (information artifacts)
- Harness racing--New York (State)
- Governmental investigations
- Indexes (reference sources)
- New York (State)
- Investigating
- New York (State). Executive Department