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**New York State Commission to Study, Examine and Investigate State Agencies in Relation to Pari-Mutuel Harness Racing Personnel and Administration Files B1328**

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## Overview of the Records

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<b>Repository:</b>	New York State Archives
<b>Summary:</b>	These records comprise the commission's central operational files documenting the staffing of the commission and the conduct of its investigation. The series includes the executive order creating the commission, correspondence, questionnaires, accounting statements and reports of harness racing associations, memorandums summarizing financial and banking records, lists of individuals and organizations given subpoenas, reports on various issues studied, witness lists, commission opinions, information comparing laws and regulations of horse racing in other states, and staff personnel files.
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## Arrangement

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Arranged by topic or record type, then some files (e.g. personnel folders) alphabetical.

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## Scope and Content Note

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These records comprise the Commission's central operational files documenting the staffing of the Commission and the conduct of its investigation.

The series includes: Executive Order creating the Commission; copies of outgoing correspondence to state agencies (e.g. State Harness Racing Commission, Department of Correction, State Crime Commission, Department of State) and harness racing associations and tracks requesting or acknowledging information, and to individuals indicating that answers to questionnaires were inadequate and requesting more complete answers;

accounting statements and reports detailing the finances and earnings of harness racing tracks and associations and the New York State Harness Racing Commission; interoffice memoranda summarizing the financial dealings of individuals revealed by investigation of banking and other financial records; subpoenas for persons and records; lists of banks whose records are to be subpoenaed and names of persons whose banking records are being sought; lists of persons and corporations subpoenaed for public hearings; rules of procedures for public hearings; lists of witnesses and appearance dates; receipts listing records subpoenaed, records received, and records returned to their owners; reports on union control over hiring at harness racing tracks; final and interim reports on various issues studied; questionnaire forms and tabulations from questionnaire data; tabulations of dividends from harness racing associations to individuals; Commission opinions granting licenses to various harness racing associations; information on laws and regulations in other states and comparisons among these states and New York (states studied were California, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, and Ohio); job application forms and correspondence regarding the positions of accountant, clerk-typist, legal research clerk, lawyer, messenger, mail clerk, secretary, telephone operator, stenographer, and others;

Commission staff personnel files containing application forms, correspondence, and New York State Police investigation reports on employees carried out "for security purposes"; staff attendance and leave accrual record cards; staff work schedules and home address lists; and general office procedures information.

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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
- Subpoenas
- Reports
- Harness racing--New York (State)
- Governmental investigations
- New York (State)
- Job applications
- Investigating
- Personnel records
- New York (State). State Harness Racing Commission
- New York (State). Executive Department