



*New York State Archives*

## **New York State Historian Appointment Books B1374**

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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 appointment/account books created by the State Historian to track activities, through brief journal entries, and expenses of the office. Both journal and account entries frequently refer to the indexing and publishing projects in which the office was engaged, while journal entries generally refer to progress on work assignments, work completed, travel, and appointments.
<b>Creator:</b>	New York (State). State Historian
<b>Title:</b>	Appointment books
<b>Quantity:</b>	0.5 cubic feet
<b>Quantity:</b>	7 volumes
<b>Inclusive Date:</b>	1897-1907 (with gaps)
<b>Series:</b>	B1374

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## Arrangement

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Chronological.

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## Scope and Content Note

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This series consists of seven appointment/account books created by the State Historian from 1897 to 1907 to track activities and expenses of the office. The beginning of each book contains spaces for daily journal entries. The account portion of each book lists expenditure, amounts, and total balance available.

Both journal and account entries frequently refer to the indexing and publishing projects in which the office was engaged. Some of these projects included the indexing and publishing of the public papers of Governors George Clinton and Daniel Tompkins, the Council of

Appointment Minutes, the Ecclesiastical Records of the State of New York, and the papers of Sir William Johnson.

Journal entries tend to be very brief and sporadic. They generally refer to progress on work assignments, work completed, travel, and appointments. Notable entries are a description of events on Inauguration Day 1897, personal thoughts on Governor Frank Black's abilities and prospects, a description of an interview with the new governor concerning the work of the Office of State History (1897), descriptions of undergoing surgical procedures while anesthetized with cocaine and chloroform respectively, and reactions to the sinking of the battleship Maine (1898).

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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.

### Items Online

[Appointment books, 1897-1907 \(with gaps\)](#)

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## Access Terms

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- Public history--New York (State)
- Diaries
- Public historians--New York (State)
- Managing
- Appointment books
- Documenting
- Account books
- New York (State). Education Department. Office of State History
- Hastings, Hugh, 1856-1916.