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**Willard State Hospital Court Papers Relating to Patients'
Legal Matters B1430**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series consists of court papers, and correspondence relating to legal proceedings involving patients at Willard State Hospital. Material includes notices, petitions, transcripts, and affidavits relating to appointing representatives for legally committed patients to manage their property and affairs including estate settlements, release of dower rights; attempts to secure payments, and other legal matters.
Creator:	Willard State Hospital (N.Y.)
Title:	Willard State Hospital court papers relating to patients' legal matters
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Arrangement

Alphabetical by last name of patient.

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Scope and Content Note

The series consists of various court papers for legal proceedings involving patients at the Willard State Hospital (formerly Willard Asylum). The bulk of material includes notices, petitions, affidavits, and transcripts by which the superintendent of the hospital applies for "a committee of the person and estate" to be appointed as representative of legally committed ("alleged incompetent") patients. Other applications involve matters of estate settlement, release of dower rights, attempts to secure payments, or other agreements to which a legally committed patient is a party in a legal matter. Envelopes or covers of the documents may show the patient's date of death, case number, and/or references to case books or other records.

B1430-02: This accretion consists of copies of petitions of the Superintendent of Willard State Hospital to the Supreme Court for special proceedings to appoint committees to manage the property and persons of individual incompetents committed to the hospital. Orders granting the appointments are also included. This accretion also contains correspondence and copies of correspondence among the Assistant Attorney General, the Superintendent of Willard, the Hospital Attorney, the local county clerk's office, and a special financial agent of the Dept. of Mental Hygiene concerning matters relative to the appointment of committees (trustees) for incompetent patients, and court authorizations and cancellations of payment of patient expenses.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

Restricted in accordance with Mental Hygiene Law, Section 33.13, relating to confidentiality of clinical records. Access is permitted under certain conditions upon approval by the Office of Mental Health.

Access Terms

- Legal documents
- Protecting patients
- Administering psychiatric hospitals
- Willard (N.Y.)
- Mentally ill--Care
- Insanity (Law)
- Seneca County (N.Y.)
- Affidavits
- Transcripts
- New York (State)
- Psychiatric hospitals--Law and legislation
- Legal notices
- Psychiatric hospital patients--New York (State)
- Petitions
- Willard Psychiatric Center (N.Y.)