



New York State Archives

**New York State Board of Charities Census of Children in
Poorhouses B1524**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series consists of examination records of children aged 2-16 residing in county poorhouses and almshouses at the time of a special census. Examination form provides date; county in which facility is located; examination number(s); and answers to 26 questions on child identity, personal/family history, siblings, economic circumstances of parents, moral character, mental health, causes of dependency, and the likelihood of future independence. Often a section for remarks provides additional information.
Creator:	New York (State). State Board of Charities
Title:	Census of children in poorhouses
Quantity:	0.2 cubic feet
Quantity:	1 volume
Inclusive Date:	1881
Series:	B1524

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Arrangement

Alphabetical by county.

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Scope and Content Note

The volume records examinations of children between the ages of 2 and 16 years residing in county poorhouses and almshouses at the time of a special census. The volume apparently holds one examination form completed for each child residing in each county facility.

For each county the form shows who conducted/submitted the record, with the date; county of the facility; examination number (from as few as none to as many as 10); and answers to a series of 26 questions on child identity, personal/family history, siblings, economic

circumstances of parents, moral character, mental health, causes of dependency, and the likelihood of future independence. Often a section for remarks provides additional information.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

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

Administrative Information

Custodial History

This accession resulted from a project undertaken by Archives staff in 1997 to accession or reintegrate estrayed or unidentified records.

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Access Terms

- Census records
- Children--Institutional care
- Protecting children
- New York (State)
- Providing welfare services
- Almshouses--New York (State)
- Poor children--New York (State)
- Child welfare