



New York State Archives

**Syracuse State Institution for Feeble-Minded Children Record
of Deaths B1662**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series records deaths of residents at the New York State Asylum for Idiots (1851-1890), later known as the Syracuse State Institution for Feeble-Minded Children (1891-1895). Basic information includes number, name, age, sex, date admitted, and date of death. Following are more detailed narratives on "description of case" (physical characteristics, mental development), "history of case" (medical), "causes of death," and "post-mortem appearance." When no autopsy was performed, the latter category typically includes brief information on disposition of the body.
Creator:	Syracuse State Institution for Feeble-Minded Children
Title:	Record of deaths
Quantity:	0.25 cubic feet
Quantity:	2 volumes
Inclusive Date:	1851-1895
Series:	B1662

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Arrangement

Numerical by assigned consecutive number (corresponding to date of death).

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Scope and Content Note

This series records deaths of residents at the New York State Asylum for Idiots (1851-1890), later known as the Syracuse State Institution for Feeble-Minded Children (1891-1895). All pages carry the heading "Death Record" and provide for the same type of information, although headings do not reflect the institution's name change in 1891.

Volume 1 notes those (numbers 1-100) with a date of death from November 1851 through March 1884. There is a partial surname index (numbers 1-75) at the fore of the volume. Volume 2 notes those (numbers 101-201) with a date of death from April 1884 through May 1895. There is no index for this volume.

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Related Information

Related Material

B1647Series B1647, Admission, Discharge, Death, and Transfer Records, contains related records.

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Volume list is available at the repository.

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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 for People with Developmental Disabilities.

Access Terms

- Registers (Lists)
- Monitoring intellectually disabled residents
- Recording deaths
- Autopsy
- New York (State)
- Children with mental disabilities--Mortality--New York (State)
- Administering intellectual disability facilities
- Intellectual disability facilities patients
- Syracuse (N.Y.)
- People with mental disabilities--Institutional care--New York (State)
- New York (State). Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities
- Syracuse Developmental Center
- New York (State). Department of Mental Hygiene