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Syracuse State School Record of Paroles/releases B1664

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series records those released "on parole" from the Syracuse State School, formerly the Syracuse State School for Mental Defectives (until 1919). Most volumes simply list name, date of parole, and date of return or discharge. Occasionally there are references, with dates, to escapes (elopement) or the reason for parole. There are rare mentions of transfer or death.
Creator:	Syracuse State School
Title:	Syracuse State School record of paroles/releases
Quantity:	1 cubic foot
Quantity:	(9 volumes)
Inclusive Date:	1918-1968
Series:	B1664

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Arrangement

Chronological by parole/discharge date; or alphabetical by surname.

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Scope and Content Note

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The first volume is a small handbook (4 x 6 inches) that shows date admitted (from 1916); name; reason paroled (vacation, work); whether returned or discharged; and date. Arrangement is chronological by discharge date (1918-1919).

Volume 2 is an alphabetical boys parole book ("From July 1, 1924") that shows name, date paroled, and date returned. The bulk of parole dates range from 1924-1926. A county is sometimes shown, presumably of original residence. Elopements are listed for the years ending June 1924 to June 1925, and the year ending July 1926. Volume 3 is an alphabetical girls parole book ("From July 1, 1924") with the same format and date range as the prior volume. It shows elopements for years ending June 1925 and July 1926.

The next two volumes pertain to patients paroled for home visits. Volume 4 lists females (paroled 1945-1967) and volume 5 lists males (paroled 1946-1968) chronologically by date of parole. Information includes parole date; patient name; address at time of admission (blank); length of parole (when to be returned); to whom paroled (name and relationship); address; result of parole (date of return, often blank).

Volume 6 is a docket book "Begun July 1, 1931" of boys and girls paroled from as early as 1928 to 1932 (bulk 1931). Arranged alphabetically by name, it shows name, date paroled, and date returned, discharged or transferred (only occasionally). The final three volumes continue the same format: volume 7, for parole dates 1936-1940; volume 8, for parole dates 1936-1945; and volume 9, for parole dates 1945-1952.

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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

- Releasing intellectually disabled residents
- New York (State)
- Lists (document genres)
- Monitoring mentally handicapped
- Children with mental disabilities--New York (State)
- Administering intellectual disability facilities
- Intellectual disability facilities patients
- Syracuse (N.Y.)
- Releases
- People with mental disabilities--Institutional care--New York (State)
- New York (State). Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities
- Syracuse Developmental Center
- Syracuse State School for Mental Defectives
- New York (State). Department of Mental Hygiene