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Construction account ledgers B1679

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series records materials costs for construction and maintenance projects conducted at the Syracuse State Institution for Feeble-Minded Children and (successor Syracuse State School for Mental Defectives). Projects include plumbing/drainage systems improvements, wiring or telephone installation, heating system reconstruction, repairs, equipment expenditures, and cost for industries (e.g., farm colonies). Arranged by project and year, entries include expenses, billing date, description of the material or item and the total amount due. Volume 2 is restricted due to severe mold damage.
Creator:	Syracuse State School for Mental Defectives
Title:	Construction account ledgers
Quantity:	0.5 cubic feet
Quantity:	2 volumes
Inclusive Date:	1893-1920
Series:	B1679

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Arrangement

Arranged by account/project and therein chronological.

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Scope and Content Note

The series consists of "special accounts" that list costs of materials used in construction and maintenance projects conducted at the Syracuse State Institution for Feeble-Minded Children (1893-1918) and later the Syracuse State School for Mental Defectives (1919-1920), according to specific legislative appropriations. Typical projects are for improvements in plumbing or drainage systems, wiring or telephone installation, reconstruction of heating system and

stokers, repairs and equipment expenditures, and costs for "developing, maintaining, and extending industries," especially farm colonies (seed, plants, etc.).

Entries are arranged according to project (sometimes name of contractor) and year, often with a citation to the authorizing legislation. Then follows the list of expenses, showing billing date (month and day), description of the material or item (number, type, cost) and the total amount due. Beginning in June 1902 (partly into volume 1), the date bills were paid is marked in red ink. The volumes are sequential, with some very slight overlap because of a few entries dated in the summer of 1908.

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Volume list.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

Volume 2 is Restricted due to severe mold damage, pending treatment.

Access Terms

- Maintaining intellectual disability facilities
- Accounting
- Intellectual disability facilities
- Syracuse (N.Y.)
- Accounts
- New York (State)
- Constructing
- Ledgers (account books)
- People with mental disabilities--Institutional care--New York (State)
- New York (State). Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities
- Syracuse Developmental Center

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- Syracuse State Institution for Feeble-Minded Children
- New York (State). Department of Mental Hygiene