



*New York State Archives*

**Syracuse Developmental Center Exhibit Materials B1692**

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## Overview of the Records

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| <b>Repository:</b>     | New York State Archives  |
| <b>Summary:</b>        | These materials depict children and staff in various therapeutic, educational, and recreational settings, classrooms, buildings, and grounds of the Syracuse State School. Also include are a history of the Syracuse State Institution for Feeble-Minded Children, a portrait of Dr. Hervey Wilbur, and records of the observance of the 125th of the opening of the Syracuse Developmental Center. |
| <b>Creator:</b>        | Syracuse Developmental Center  |
| <b>Title:</b>          | Syracuse Developmental Center exhibit materials  |
| <b>Quantity:</b>       | 2.1 cubic feet   |
| <b>Quantity:</b>       | (circa 43 photographs)   |
| <b>Inclusive Date:</b> | circa 1950-1970, 1979, undated   |
| <b>Series:</b>         | B1692  |

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## Arrangement

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B1692-00: Arranged by exhibit grouping.

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## Scope and Content Note

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B1692-00: Consists of materials originally exhibited by the Syracuse State School and later reconstructed by staff of the Syracuse Developmental Center museum. Images were presumably part of institutional exhibits held at an unknown time and place, and are all that remain from those exhibits.

One folder contains six mounted and captioned black-and-white photographs showing boys and girls of the Syracuse State School in various therapeutic, educational, and recreational settings. Photos apparently date from the 1950s, although there is no attribution.

Remaining materials are apparently part of an unrelated exhibit that traces the history of the Syracuse State Institution for Feeble-Minded Children (1891-1919). Included are 33 black-and-white photographs of buildings, grounds, classrooms, and other facilities of the institution. Images are mounted as groups of 4-6 and captioned.

Also present in the series is a large black-and-white photographic portrait of Dr. Hervey Wilbur, founder and long-serving superintendent of the institution.

B1692-12: This accretion consists of three photographs with captions and an article describing the observance of the One Hundred Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the opening of the Syracuse Developmental Center.

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## Use of Records

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### Access Restrictions

Records depicting students are 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.

Records are also restricted due to fragility, pending treatment. Use with supervision of archivist.

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## Access Terms

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- Exhibiting
- Black-and-white prints (photographs)
- New York (State)
- Children with mental disabilities--New York (State)
- Documenting mentally handicapped
- Anniversaries
- Albumen prints
- 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
- Wilbur, H.B. (Hervey Backus), 1820-1883.
- Syracuse State Institution for Feeble-Minded Children
- Syracuse State School

- New York (State). Department of Mental Hygiene