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Inspectors' Notes of Visitation of State Hospitals and Private
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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series was created by the medical inspector for the State Hospital Commission (later the Department of Mental Hygiene) to document observations made on inspection visits to state hospitals, state schools, hospital psychiatric wards, and private mental health care institutions. Narrative notes include date and time of arrival; professional staff on duty; list of staff vacancies; patient census statistics; notes on new admissions; discharges; deaths; and special interviews with patients about complaints regarding care and treatment, accidents, and injuries.
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Arrangement

Roughly chronological and then by institution.

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Besides state hospitals and psychiatric wards of public hospitals, the following private institutions are included: Bloomingdale Hospital, White Plains; Breezehurst Terrace, White Stone; Brigham Hall Hospital, Canandaigua; "Dr. Brooks' House"; Rye; "Dr. Combs' Sanitarium"; Corona; Craig House, Beacon Hill; Crichton House, Harmon on Hudson; and Four Winds, Katonah. Some of the private institutions seem to have housed as few as one patient.

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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 of Mental Health.

Access Terms

- New York (State)
- Reporting
- Reports

- Psychiatric hospitals--Administration
- Psychiatric hospitals--New York (State)
- Mental health facilities--New York (State)
- Inspecting
- Rochester State Hospital (N.Y.)
- Hudson River State Hospital (Poughkeepsie, N.Y.)
- Utica State Hospital (N.Y.)
- Willard State Hospital (N.Y.)
- Bloomingdale Hospital (White Plains, N.Y.)
- St. Lawrence State Hospital (N.Y.)
- Breezehurst Terrace (N.Y.)
- Kings Park State Hospital
- Gowanda State Hospital
- Craig House (Beacon Hill, N.Y.)
- Buffalo State Hospital
- Dannemora State Hospital
- Harlem Valley State Hospital (N.Y.)
- Brigham Hall Hospital (Canandaigua, N.Y.)
- New York (State). State Hospital Commission
- Central Islip State Hospital
- Matteawan State Hospital
- Middletown State Hospital (N.Y.)
- Newark State School (N.Y.)
- Brooklyn State Hospital
- Crighton House (Harmon on Hudson, N.Y.)
- Four Winds (Katonah, N.Y.)
- Manhattan State Hospital
- Binghamton State Hospital