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**New York State Supreme Court of Judicature (Utica)
Recognizance Rolls J0003**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	The recognizance roll is a record of the undertaking of bail, made before a justice of the Supreme Court of Judicature. The roll contains the same information as is found in the plaintiff's declaration, followed by a statement of the obligation of the bail. The recognizance roll was the formal record upon which a plaintiff could bring an action against the defendant's bail.
Creator:	New York (State). Supreme Court of Judicature (Utica)
Title:	Recognizance rolls
Quantity:	1.3 cubic feet
Quantity:	3 boxes
Inclusive Date:	1807-1834
Series:	J0003

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Arrangement

Chronological by filing date.

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Scope and Content Note

The recognizance roll is a record of the undertaking of bail, made before a justice of the Supreme Court of Judicature.

The roll contains the same information as is found in the plaintiff's declaration, followed by a statement of the obligation of the bail. A copy of the bail piece is usually found attached to the recognizance roll. The recognizance roll was the formal record upon which a plaintiff could bring an action against the defendant's bail; the bail piece was merely a memorandum of the undertaking. The dorso of each recognizance roll bears the name of the parties to the action and of the plaintiff's attorney and the date of filing. After 1818, no costs were allowed for

recognizance rolls except in actions against bail; hence there are relatively few recognizance rolls after that year.

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Related Information

Related Material

J0002Series J0002, New York State Supreme Court of Judicature (Albany) Recognizance Rolls, contains related records Series J0003 contains some recognizance rolls filed at Albany.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of this material.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

The Court of Appeals placed these records on deposit at the Historic Documents Collection, Queens College, from 1973-1982.

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Access Terms

- Adjudicating
- Bail
- Courts
- Judicial records

- New York (State)
- New York (State). Court of Appeals
- New York (State). Supreme Court of Judicature