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**New York State Supreme Court of Judicature (New York)  
Writs of Commission J0014**

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## Overview of the Records

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<b>Repository:</b>	New York State Archives
<b>Summary:</b>	This series consists of writs of commission, issued under seal of the Supreme Court of Judicature, directed to commissioners appointed to take depositions under oath from witnesses residing in other states or countries. The return to the writ consists of the answers of the witness, transcribed by the commissioners and certified by them. Attached to the writ and the return are the interrogatories, and occasionally cross-interrogatories, submitted by attorney for parties to the action.
<b>Creator:</b>	New York (State). Supreme Court of Judicature (New York)
<b>Title:</b>	Writs of commission
<b>Quantity:</b>	0.8 cubic feet
<b>Quantity:</b>	2 boxes
<b>Inclusive Date:</b>	[ca. 1802-1862]
<b>Series:</b>	J0014

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## Scope and Content Note

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This series consists of writs of commission issued under seal of the Supreme Court of Judicature (or, after 1847, unsealed commissions issued by the Supreme Court), directed to commissioners appointed to take depositions under oath from witnesses residing in other states or countries.

The return to the writ consists of the answers of the witness, transcribed by the commissioners and certified by them. Attached to the writ and the return are the interrogatories, and occasionally cross-interrogatories, submitted by attorney for parties to the action. They were originally filed or kept in the office of the Supreme Court of Judicature in New York City, and it is not known why they were sent to the Court of Appeals in Albany. Rules for issuance of a writ of commission were entered in the minute books of the Supreme Court of Judicature for New York City, now on file in the New York County Clerk's office.

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## Related Information

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### Related Material

J0126Series J0126, New York State Supreme Court of Judicature (Utica) Motions, contains related records.

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## Use of Records

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### Access Restrictions

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

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## Administrative Information

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### 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

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- Adjudicating
- Writs
- Trials
- Courts
- Judicial records
- Witnesses
- New York (State)
- New York (State). Court of Appeals
- New York (State). Supreme Court of Judicature