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In re papers J0057

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series document cases brought before the Chancellor by petition and in certain administrative matters. Most cases involved incompetency (i.e., lunatics, infants, drunkards); administration of estates; and insolvent corporate bodies (i.e., churches, banks, railroads). Files include petitions; reports; testimony transcripts; copies of orders; affidavits; inquisitions; bonds for performance of duties; property inventories; documentary evidence and exhibits. The files do not contain decrees. Cases often contain detailed information on the background, behavior, and financial state of individuals or corporations.
Creator:	New York (State). Court of Chancery
Title:	In re papers
Quantity:	21.5 cubic feet
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Series:	J0057

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Arrangement

Alphabetic by subject of each petition (usually a name of an individual or corporation), then numeric by file number.

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Scope and Content Note

This series consists of documents filed in cases brought before the Chancellor by petition and in certain administrative matters (e.g., the required annual financial reports of the New York Life Insurance and Trust Company, and the appointment of court officials). "In Re" means "in the matter of" which is the method in which petition cases and administrative matters were

entitled (e.g., "In the Matter of George Hallock et al, infants," "In the Matter of the New York Life Insurance and Trust Company").

Most of the records in this series concern cases involving matters of incompetency (i.e., lunatics, infants, drunkards); the administration of estates; and insolvent corporate bodies (i.e., churches, banks, railroads). These and other types of cases filed in this series were handled by the court through means other than the enrollment of a decree. Files vary in content but can contain copies or originals of any or all of the following: petitions; Master's and other reports; transcripts of testimony; copies of orders; affidavits; inquisitions; bonds for performance of duties; property inventories; documentary evidence and exhibits.

These files are not enrollments and therefore do not contain decrees. Decrees and special orders pertaining to cases in this series can be found in Chancery Minutes and Register's Minutes of Decrees. Files will usually contain information on the particulars of cases and the findings of the court. Cases involving lunatics, drunkards, insolvent corporations, and disputes over estates often contain detailed information on the background, behavior, and financial state of individuals or corporations.

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Related Information

Related Material

Series J0059, Chancery Minutes, and J0049, Register's Minutes of Decrees, contain decrees pertaining to cases in this series. Series J0040, Record of foreign and out-of-state wills proved, contains additional related records and copies of records from this series.

Series J0058, Index to In Re papers, indexes this series.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

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

Administrative Information

Custodial History

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

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Access Terms

- Adjudicating
- Courts
- Equity
- Judicial records
- New York (State)
- New York (State). Court of Appeals