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**New York State Court of Chancery Registers of Causes and  
Matters J0073**

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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 summary chronological records of actions taken and documents filed in cases heard by the Vice-Chancellors. Cases include both adversarial cases commenced by complaint ("causes"), and those commenced by petition ("matters").
<b>Creator:</b>	New York (State). Court of Chancery
<b>Title:</b>	Court of Chancery Clerk's registers of causes and matters
<b>Quantity:</b>	24 cubic feet
<b>Quantity:</b>	48 volume(s)
<b>Inclusive Date:</b>	1823-1847
<b>Series:</b>	J0073

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## Arrangement

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Numerical by circuit, then chronological by date of first action in a case.

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## Administrative History

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Rules of the Court of Chancery directed the Clerks of the various circuits to keep a record of "titles of causes with memoranda of the proceedings in such cases."

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## Scope and Content Note

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This series consists of summary chronological records of actions taken and documents filed in cases heard by the Vice-Chancellors. Cases include both adversarial cases commenced by complaint ("causes"), and those commenced by petition ("matters").

The names of the parties in a case and their attorneys, as well as a chronological listing of each document filed and action taken and its date, are recorded for every case. The format for recording this information varies slightly from year to year and between circuits. The actions taken by the complainant and defendant are occasionally listed in separate columns while in other places they are listed together. Some of the entries date several years after a case was commenced. The registers do not contain information on the substance of filed documents, preliminary motions and orders, and final decrees.

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## Related Information

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### Related Material

J0055Series J0055, Register of guardians, receivers, and committees

J0085Series J0085, Clerk's register of petition cases

J0095Series J0095, Clerks' registers of causes

JN321Series JN321, Clerks' registers of causes. Case files and minute books of the Court of Chancery for the 1st Circuit are held by the New York County Clerk's Office, 31 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007. The minute books have been microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah. Those files are indexed by respondent or petitioner in the following published work: Indices to Notices of Suits in Equity

Filed in the Office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, from 1823, to December 31, 1855 . . . , 8 vols. (New York: 1857), available at the New York State Library.

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## Other Finding Aids

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### Available at Repository

Alphabetical index by last name of complainant in each volume.

Volume list is available at the repository.

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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 Historical Documents Collection, Queens College, from about 1966-1982.

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## Access Terms

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- Courts
- Equity
- New York (State)
- Court records
- New York (State). Court of Chancery (6th Circuit)
- New York (State). Court of Chancery (3rd Circuit)
- New York (State). Court of Chancery (1st Circuit)
- New York (State). Court of Chancery (7th Circuit)
- New York (State). Court of Chancery (5th Circuit)

- New York (State). Court of Chancery (4th Circuit)
- New York (State). Court of Chancery (8th Circuit)
- New York (State). Court of Chancery (2nd Circuit)