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**New York State Supreme Court of Judicature (Utica) Special
Bail Pieces J0098**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	The special bail piece is a memorandum filed with the court stating that the defendant has been delivered to bail. It gives the names of the defendant and plaintiff; the name, occupation or rank, and residence of the bail (two persons are named, but generally one is fictitious--"John Doe" or "Richard Roe"); and the type of common law action. There are few bail pieces after 1831 because of the liberalization of bail requirements by the Revised Statutes of 1829 and because bail pieces were now customarily included in the judgment rolls.
Creator:	New York (State). Supreme Court of Judicature (Utica)
Title:	Special bail pieces
Quantity:	15.5 cubic feet
Quantity:	36 boxes
Inclusive Date:	1829-1847
Series:	J0098

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Arrangement

Chronological by year of court term, then alphabetical by defendant's name.

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Scope and Content Note

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It gives the names of the defendant and plaintiff; the name, occupation or rank, and residence of the bail (two persons are named, but generally one is fictitious--"John Doe" or "Richard Roe"); and the type of common law action. The bail piece is signed by the bail and acknowledged before a Supreme Court Justice or a Circuit Judge, a Supreme Court

Commissioner, a judge of the Court of Common Pleas, or other court officer. The amount of the bail bond is not stated. On the dorso of the special bail piece are found the title of the cause, the name of the defendant's attorney, and the filing date. A few bail pieces have exceptions by the plaintiff objecting to the bail. There are few bail pieces after 1831 because of the liberalization of bail requirements by the Revised Statutes of 1829 and because bail pieces were now customarily included in the judgment rolls.

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Related Information

Related Material

J0099Series J0099, New York State Supreme Court of Judicature (Geneva) Special Bail Pieces, contains some Utica bail pieces

J1098Series J1098, New York State Supreme Court of Judicature (Utica) Affidavits of Justification of Special Bail, contains related records

J2202Series J2202, New York State Supreme Court of Judicature (Utica) Special Bail Books, dockets Utica bail pieces through 1826

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Container list is available at the repository.

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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

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- Bail
- Courts
- Judicial records
- New York (State)
- Appellate procedure
- Appellate courts
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- New York (State). Supreme Court of Judicature