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**New York State Supreme Court of Judicature (New York)  
Index to Returns of Writs and Executions J0210**

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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 indexes to writs returned by sheriffs and other court officers to the clerks of the Supreme Court at New York City. Indexes to writs returned to the Supreme Court provide date of return, name of attorney, names of plaintiff and defendant, type of writ, and hour returned.
<b>Creator:</b>	New York (State). Supreme Court of Judicature (New York)
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<b>Quantity:</b>	7 volume(s)
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<b>Bulk Date:</b>	1814-1817, 1826-1858
<b>Series:</b>	J0210

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## Arrangement

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Volumes 1-3: by attorney's name, then chronological by return date.

Volumes 4-7: alphabetical by first letter of plaintiff's last name, then chronological by return date.

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## Scope and Content Note

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Indexes to writs returned to the Supreme Court provide date of return, name of attorney, names of plaintiff and defendant, type of writ, and hour returned.

This series consists of indexes to writs returned by sheriffs and other court officers to the clerks of the Supreme Court at New York City. The first three volumes (1814-1817, 1826-1835) contain entries giving name of attorney, date of return of the writ, names of plaintiff and defendant, and type of writ and how returned. The writs indexed are mostly writs of *capias ad respondendum* (cap. or caps.), to which the return is "defendant taken" (*cepi corpus*), "not found" (*non est*), or "writ served"; *feri facias* (fi. fa.), to which the return is "no goods" (*nulla bona*) or "satisfied;" and *capias ad satisfaciendum* (ca. sa.) to which the return is "not found" (*non est*) or "in custody." There are also occasional entries for writs of summons (including original writs), *replevin*, *scire facias*, and attachment. Some of the entries state that the writs were countermanded, by rule of the court on motion of the opposing party.

The entries in the last four volumes (1836-1853, 1856-1858) give date of return, names of plaintiff and defendant, and the return made (names of attorneys and types of writs are not given). No writs of *capias ad respondendum* are included, but until 1847 writs of summons for corporations are entered. Most of the entries are for writs of execution (*feri facias* and *capias ad satisfaciendum*), and after 1847 the format of the volumes does not change. The entries in the volume for 1847-1853 may be returns of executions for judgments signed prior to the judicial reorganization of 1847. However, those in the volume for 1856-1858 are almost certainly returns of executions for the clerk of the new Supreme Court for the city and county of New York.

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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.

### Alternate Formats AvailableAlternate Formats Available

Series is also available in part on microfilm.

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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 1973-1982.

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## Access Terms

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- Adjudicating
- Arrest
- Summons
- Courts
- Lawyers
- Judicial records
- Indexes (reference sources)
- New York (State)
- New York (N.Y.)
- Indexing
- Executions (Law)
- New York County (N.Y.)
- New York (State). Court of Appeals
- New York (State). Supreme Court of Judicature