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**New York State Supreme Court of Judicature (Albany)
Criminal Case Documents J2011**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series consists of documents filed in criminal cases heard and decided by the justices of the Supreme Court of Judicature in their capacity as judges of the Court of Oyer and Terminer in Albany County. Documents include writs of venire facias juratores, commanding the sheriff to empanel a jury; bills of indictment by the grand jury; recognizances of bail for the appearance of defendants and witnesses; records of conviction; and a few other documents of uncertain origin.
Creator:	New York (State). Supreme Court of Judicature (Albany)
Title:	Criminal case documents
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Related Information

Related Material

J0130Series J0130, New York State Supreme Court of Judicature (Albany) General and Special Term Minute Books, contains related records.

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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

- Adjudicating
- Sheriffs
- Courts
- Judicial records
- New York (State)
- Libel and slander
- Appellate courts

- Indictments
- Albany County (N.Y.)
- Crime
- Jury
- Trials
- Criminals
- Appellate procedure
- New York (State). Supreme Court of Judicature
- New York (State). Court of Oyer and Terminer
- New York (State). Court of Appeals
- Freer, Samuel S.
- Croswell, Harry, 1778-1858.