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**New York State Supreme Court of Judicature (Geneva)  
Precepts and Precipes J7026**

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## Overview of the Records

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<b>Repository:</b>	New York State Archives
<b>Summary:</b>	This series contains precepts and precipes from the Supreme Court of Judicature. The precept is a writ commanding a sheriff to arrest a judgment debtor and imprison him until he pays the costs of an action for which he has been taxed and has refused to pay. Precipes are instructions to a court clerk to make out a writ. These are short statements of the title of a cause, kind of writ required, and the form of action.
<b>Creator:</b>	New York (State). Supreme Court of Judicature (Geneva)
<b>Title:</b>	Precepts and precipes
<b>Quantity:</b>	0.4 cubic feet
<b>Quantity:</b>	1 box
<b>Inclusive Date:</b>	1829-1847
<b>Series:</b>	J7026

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## Arrangement

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By record type.

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## Scope and Content Note

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The precept is a writ commanding a sheriff to arrest a judgment debtor and imprison him until he pays the costs of an action for which he has been taxed and has refused to pay. Each precept bears instructions to the sheriff as to the amount to be collected. The sheriff's return sometimes states whether the defendant was found or not, and whether the judgment was satisfied. The series also includes a few precipes, or instructions to a court clerk to make out a writ. These are short statements of the title of a cause, kind of writ required, and the form of action. Certain provisions relating to precepts for costs are found in legislation of 1840, but there is no section of the Revised Statutes of 1829 relating specifically to this process.

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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 Historic Documents Collection, Queens College, from 1973-1982.

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## Access Terms

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- Adjudicating
- Arrest
- Writs
- Summons
- Sheriffs
- Writs
- Courts
- Judicial records
- New York (State)
- New York (State). Court of Appeals
- New York (State). Supreme Court of Judicature