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**New York State Court of Chancery Writs of Fieri Facias and  
Writs of Attachment JN391**

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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 writs of fieri facias, ordering a sheriff to sell a defendant's property in order to pay money owed to a complainant; writs of attachment, ordering a sheriff to arrest a defendant who was in contempt of court; and related documents.
<b>Creator:</b>	New York (State). Court of Chancery
<b>Title:</b>	Writs of fieri facias and writs of attachment
<b>Quantity:</b>	0.2 cubic feet
<b>Inclusive Date:</b>	1842-1844
<b>Series:</b>	JN391

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## Arrangement

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By document type.

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## Scope and Content Note

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This series consists of writs of fieri facias, ordering a sheriff to sell a defendant's property in order to pay money owed to a complainant; writs of attachment, ordering a sheriff to arrest a defendant who was in contempt of court; and related documents.

Writs were issued in proceedings before the Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor in the First Circuit. The writ of fieri facias, also termed an "execution," was issued when the proceeds of a foreclosure sale of mortgaged property were insufficient to pay the defendant's debt, or when the defendant failed to pay court costs owing to the complainant. The writ of attachment was issued when a defendant was in contempt of court because he had failed to answer the defendant's bill of complaint, to obey a writ of injunction, or to appear before a Master in Chancery to give evidence.

This series also contains examples of several other document types, including writ of ne exeat, ordering a sheriff to arrest a defendant who was about to depart the state; and "commission of rebellion," ordering any public officer to arrest a defendant who was in contempt for repeatedly failing to appear in court.

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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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### Acquisition Information

These records were transferred by the New York State Unified Court System, Office of Court Administration in 2017.

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## Access Terms

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- Writs
- Courts
- New York (State)
- Court records
- New York (State). Court of Chancery (1st Circuit)