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**New York State Circuit Court (1st Circuit) Engrossed Minute
Books JN518**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	The engrossed minute books contain the minutes, in fine handwriting, of civil trials and other proceedings in regular terms of the Circuit Court and in additional "sittings" in the city and county of New York. All actions were commenced in the Supreme Court of Judicature and an issue roll was sent to the Circuit Court if a trial was required. Trial minutes include the names of plaintiff and defendant, attorneys, jurors, and witnesses, and may list documents introduced as evidence. The minutes state the amount of money judgment awarded by jury verdict after trial, or by jury inquisition if the defendant defaulted. The minute books also contain entries of motions and orders, fines against non-appearing jurors, and naturalizations of aliens.
Creator:	New York (State). Circuit Court (1st Circuit)
Title:	State Circuit Court (1st Circuit) engrossed minute books
Quantity:	3 cubic feet
Quantity:	9 volume(s)
Quantity:	2 35mm microfilm roll(s)
Inclusive Date:	1784-1817, 1824-1827
Series:	JN518

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Arrangement

Entries are chronological by date of sitting, then by date of trial or other court action.

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Scope and Content Note

The engrossed minute books contain the minutes, in fine handwriting, of civil trials and other proceedings in regular terms of the Circuit Court and in additional "sittings" in the city and

county of New York. A Supreme Court justice presided. All actions were commenced in the Supreme Court of Judicature and an issue roll was sent to the Circuit Court if a trial was required.

Trial minutes include the names of plaintiff and defendant, attorneys, jurors, and witnesses, and may list documents introduced as evidence. The minutes state the amount of money judgment awarded by jury verdict after trial, or by jury inquisition if the defendant defaulted. The minute books also contain entries of motions and orders, fines against non-appearing jurors, and naturalizations of aliens. (Almost all of the naturalization orders appear during the years 1795-1799.)

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Naturalizations of aliens are indexed at the end of the first two volumes.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

Use and reproduction of fragile documents may be restricted.

Alternate Formats AvailableAlternate Formats Available

Volumes for 1824-1827 are available on microfilm.

Microfilm 2 rolls; 35 mm.

Alternate Formats Available

Items Online

High resolution images of selected original documents in this series are available in State Archives Digital Collections.

[State Circuit Court \(1st Circuit\) engrossed minute books, 1784-1817, 1824-1827](#)

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Volumes for 1824-1827 were destroyed after microfilming.

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

- Courts
- Court Records Project
- New York (State)
- New York (N.Y.)
- Court records