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**New York State Department of Correctional Services
Downstate Correctional Facility Inmate Case Files W0016**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	Downstate Correctional Facility, located in Dutchess County, N.Y., is a maximum security correctional facility for male felons. Inmate case files describe in great detail the family and social background, arrest, confinement, and release/parole of incarcerated men.
Creator:	New York (State). Department of Correctional Services
Title:	Downstate Correctional Facility inmate case files
Quantity:	38 cubic feet
Inclusive Date:	1976-2002
Series:	W0016

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Arrangement

Rough numerical by DIN number.

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Scope and Content Note

This subseries of the general inmate case files series, Series 14610, consists of inmate case files relating to men who were incarcerated in Downstate Correctional Facility. Inmate case files describe in great detail the family and social background, arrest, confinement, and release/parole of inmates. The content of the case files reflects the role of each institution.

Beginning with inmates released after 1956, only the following case files categories were transferred to the State Archives: inmates who died in custody, sex offenders, inmates of certain minority ethnic groups, inmates who received life sentences, and a 2% sample of all inmates who were released from any correctional facility. All other case files were destroyed.

W0016-97: This accretion consists of a sample of approximately 50 case files relating to inmates confined at Downstate Correction Facility during the years 1976-1981. The files relate to inmates with identification numbers between 73A0357 and 81A3646.

W0016-08: This accretion contains a 2% sample of case files of inmates incarcerated in Downstate Correctional Facility, the majority of whom were released from 1988-1992. In addition to the sampled case files, prisoners receiving life sentences, sex offenders, inmates who died in custody, and inmates of Asian and Native American ethnicity are included when available.

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Folder lists are available at the repository.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

Summary information on adult inmates is disclosable under law. State Archives staff will review records containing probation, parole, medical, and juvenile criminal history data and disclose information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law and Personal Privacy Protection Law. The identity of victims of sex crimes is not disclosable. Unless a specific law forbids disclosure indefinitely, all records must be disclosed after 75 years.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This subseries was transferred under RDA 14610 by the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision.

Processing Information

W0016 is formally part of Series 14610, Department of Corrections and Community Supervision Inmate Case Files. To improve access, Series 14610 was divided into "W" subseries corresponding to individual correctional facilities.

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Access Terms

- Correctional institutions--New York (State)
- Fishkill (N.Y.)
- Prison sentences--New York (State)
- Administering correctional facilities
- New York (State)
- Prisons--New York (State)
- Corrections--New York (State)
- Monitoring prisoners
- Criminals--New York (State)
- Case files
- Incarcerating criminals
- Dutchess County (N.Y.)
- Prisoners--New York (State)
- Inmates of institutions--New York (State)
- Downstate Correctional Facility