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Overview of the Records

Repository: New York State Archives

Summary: Fishkill Correctional Facility, located in Dutchess County, N.Y., is a medium 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: Fishkill Correctional Facility inmate case files

Quantity: 323 cubic feet

Inclusive Date: 1939-2004

Series: W0019

Arrangement

W0019-98F: Arranged as sample cases (Boxes 1-81) or as central monitoring cases (Boxes 86-116), and therein alphabetical by inmate name.

Other accretions roughly numerical by DIN or consecutive number.

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 Fishkill 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.
W0019-94A: This accretion contains a 2% sample of case files of inmates released from Fishkill Prison/Correctional Facility after 1956.

W0019-98F: This accretion consists of case files of a sample of inmates who were in custody at Fishkill Correctional Facility from 1976-1980. Case files of a few female inmates are included.

W0019-05: This accretion contains a 2% sample of case files for inmates incarcerated in Fishkill Correctional Facility. In addition to the sampled case files, files for prisoners receiving life sentences, sex offenders, inmates who died in custody, and inmates of Asian and Native American ethnicity are included when available.

W0019-08A: This accretion consists of case files of inmates released from Fishkill Correctional Facility. The records document prisoners' time leading up to their release from the facility. There are general records dealing with prisoners' health as well as some other basic forms. Some of the files contain records of prisoners' pay and probation proceedings. In some instances there are photos of prisoners and their prisoner ID cards. The information and records found in each prisoner's file varies.

W0019-21: This accretion documents inmates whose sentences reached maximum expiration dates in 2003-2004. Records only document inmates categorized under specific felony and central monitoring classes: Class A-1, CMC A status; Arson (1st, 2nd); Kidnapping (1st, 2nd); Conspiracy (1st); Coercion (CMC A, class D only).

Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Folder lists for each accretion except W0019-94A are available at the repository.

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

W0019-13, W0019-19, W0019-21: This accretion was transferred under RDA 14610 by the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision.

Processing Information

W0019 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.

Access Terms

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