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# Guide to the New York County jury census, 1816-1821

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## Summary

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**Record Group:** RG 021: New York County Clerk

**Title of the Collection:** New York County jury census

**Creator(s):** New York County (N.Y.). Clerk's Office

**Date:** 1816, 1819, 1821

**Abstract:** This collection consists of bound volumes containing tally sheets of jury census returns for the city and county of New York. The tallies were taken to determine the eligibility of jurors and list persons and property by ward number for the years 1816, 1819, and 1821. Of particular demographic interest in these three censuses is the inclusion of women with identification by name, residence, age, and occupation or social status, during a time period when women were ineligible to serve as jurors.

**Collection #:** REC 0055

**Extent:** 2.5 cubic feet (21 volumes in 9 containers)

**Language:** English

**Physical location:** 31 Chambers St., Shelf 20005-20009

**Repository:** New York City Municipal Archives, Department of Records and Information Services, 31 Chambers St., New York, NY 10007

**Immediate Source of Acquisition:** The collection was transferred from the Queens Borough Public Library to the Municipal Archives in 1991 (accession number 1991-044).

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**Preferred citation:** Identification of item, date; New York County jury census, 1816-1821; REC 0055; Series name; box number; folder number; Municipal Archives, City of New York

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## Scope and Content Note

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This collection is comprised of 21 bound volumes of tally sheets of jury census returns for the city and county of New York, organized by ward. The tallies were taken to determine juror eligibility and list persons and property with varying degrees of descriptive detail. For example, for 1816 and 1819, the returns are given in a double-page tabular format with column headings for the following categories: names of inhabitants, number of houses, name of street, occupation, freeholds of \$150, age, reason for exemption from jury, and total number of jurors; the number of male and female white inhabitants, aliens, colored inhabitants not slaves, slaves, freeholders of £100 and upwards, freeholds of £20 and under £100, tenants renting \$5 per annum, total number of inhabitants, and a column for remarks.

For the 1821 census, the returns, in similar format, include data in these categories: name of the head of each family, number and street of residence, number of male inhabitants of the same family age 21 or upwards in four classifications according to value of freeholds and debts, military service and tax exemption or commutation. Other data includes: number of acres of improved land occupied by each person, as well as tallies of cattle, horses, sheep, and yards of various types of cloth manufactured by each family, and a count of mills, factories, distilleries, asheries, and machinery. Each tally is identified with this description: "RETURN, made pursuant to the Act, entitled, 'An Act to provide for taking a Census, and for other purposes,' passed March 16, 1821, from the City and County of New-York."

Each volume concludes with a numerical recapitulation for the ward. Not all wards are represented for each census year. Of particular demographic interest in these three censuses is the inclusion of women with identification by name, residence, age, and occupation or social status, during this period when women were ineligible to serve as jurors.

## Arrangement

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Volumes are arranged chronologically by year and then numerically by ward number.

## Key Terms

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### **Names**

New York County (N.Y.). Clerk's Office

### **Places**

New York County (N.Y.)

New York (N.Y.)

New York (N.Y.) -- Politics and government -- To 1898

### **Subjects**

Census

Demographic surveys

Household surveys

Jurors

Municipal government -- New York (State) -- New York

### **Occupations**

Government employees

Town clerks

### **Material Types**

Census records

## Container List

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**Note:** The volume covering Ward 1, 1821, is missing pages 40, 41, and 42.

Box #	Volume #	Title	Date
1	1	Ward 1	1816
1	2	Ward 2	1816
2	3	Ward 3	1816
2	4	Ward 5	1816
3	5	Ward 8	1816
3	6	Ward 10	1816
4	7	Ward 1	1819
5	8	Ward 3	1819
6	9	Ward 4	1819
6	10	Ward 5	1819
7	11	Ward 6	1819
7	12	Ward 7	1819
8	13	Ward 8	1819
8	14	Ward 9	1819
8	15	Ward 10	1819
9	16	Ward 1	1821
9	17	Ward 2	1821
9	18	Ward 5	1821
10	19	Ward 6	1821
10	20	Ward 7	1821
10	21	Ward 9	1821