Putnam County Archives

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Introduction

Scope of the collections

The Putnam County Archives was established to identify, collect, preserve, and make accessible records created by and for the government of Putnam County, its affiliated agencies, and its municipalities. The County Archives hold records that have long-term governmental, historical, and legal importance.

The County Government Archives document collection contains nearly 200 series. The records begin officially in the year 1812 when Putnam County separated from Dutchess County, although numerous documents and/or copies as far back as the Revolution are also included. The archives collection arbitrarily extends 100 years to approximately 1912, but many series go through World War II and some records, e.g. the records of the County Charter Commission, may be from recent years. The primary concentration of the records is the 19th Century and the early 20th Century. A directory follows this introduction.

Also in the County Historian’s Office

There are other places to turn for historical sources that are not records of Putnam County Government. The County Historian’s office also maintains the Historian’s Collection and the Historian’s Library.

The County Historian’s Library holds a collection of books, periodicals and files relating to Putnam County history and genealogy. The Library also has county newspapers (some on microfilm), microfilm and many indexes of federal censuses to 1930, microfilm of public records held in other repositories, cemetery records, and family history files and books. It is open to the public during regular office hours (9:30 to 4:00 weekdays); it is a research library but not a lending library. For more information about the library, look up Library on the County Historian’s home page (www.putnamcountyny.com/historian). A listing of library holdings may be found in our Handbook for Putnam County History and Genealogy available for sale in the Historian’s Office.

The Historian’s Collection consists of non-governmental historical records in variety of formats. For a full description, click on Historian’s Collection on our home page, www.putnamcountyny.com/historian. Briefly, the Historian’s Collection consists of the following:

The Document and Records Collection consists of a variety of papers such as family genealogy, correspondence, diaries, scrapbooks, directories, essays, personal
papers of prominent private and political figures, business records of civic organizations, account books, indentures, deeds, certificates and historical reference.

The Map and Aerial Photograph Collection documents the history of land use and ownership in the county. The collection contains more than 800 maps, original and photocopies, from the American Revolution to present day and over 350 aerial photos. The more frequently utilized maps are by O’Connor (1854), Beers (1867), and T.H. Reed (1876). The aerials are dated 1933, 1963, 1986/7. The map collection is indexed.

The Photograph Collection contains over thousands of images dating from the mid-19th Century to present day, and includes a significant number from the files of The Patent Trader and The Putnam County Courier. The photography collection is indexed by subject, and many photos have been scanned.

The Publications and Pamphlets Collection (1862 to present) features government, civic, political party, and tourism brochures and is accessible through a database.

The Cassette and Digital Recordings Collection (audio and video) consists of oral history, special events, local events, and special programs. number of CDs and digital tapes, this part of the collection is expected to grow substantially. It is indexed in this directory.

Miscellaneous Artifacts, souvenirs, memorabilia, ordinarily related to archival collections.

The County Historian’s Office welcomes researchers. However, students below college level should use their school or local libraries for term paper research. We do reserve the right to deny access to persons who show by their behavior that they violate the standard practices, ethics and courtesies of research inquiry. Access may also be denied for records deemed to be confidential.

Other Historical Resources in Putnam County

A great deal of information about each town and village in Putnam County can be gathered from local governments and from local historical societies and libraries. For instance, vital records (births, marriages, and deaths) from 1880/82 are kept by town and village clerks, although some (Kent’s and Putnam Valley’s) are available in the Historian’s Office. The town and village historians also maintain files of historical material as do the local libraries. One should also look at the holdings of the local historical societies and museums - especially, the Putnam History Museum (formerly the Putnam County Historical Society and Foundry School Museum). For contact information on all of the clerks, municipal historians, libraries and historical societies, click on Town and Village Links on our home page www.putnamcountyny.com/historian.

A Note on Court Records

The various series of court records held by the Putnam County Archives can be difficult to navigate. An 1823 critic noted that “the records of the court [NY] have never been kept in a proper state for easy recurrence, preservation, and prompt and safe removal in case of necessity.” Not only did the courts themselves change as the nation matured, but the indexing and filing systems used in the county changed as well; and, without documentation of those changes, it is left to interpretation to describe the contents and connections among the various series.

The arrangement and description of these records has been influenced by the manner and timing of their receipt in the archives. Not all records of the same series were received together and at the same time. This has led to duplicate groupings and overlap of dates in multiple folders. Filed records from different courts seem to have a long history of being inter-mixed in the County Clerk’s Office. This often occurred when a case was appealed from the court of original jurisdiction to a higher court.

Court records received by the archives had no obvious or easily discernible order. The fact that they were received piecemeal did not improve the situation. Tightly folded papers were securely bound in various packets, some with labels, most not. Box descriptions included discontinuances, old county clerk records (unidentified), transcripts, recognizances, motions, undertakings, petitions, bonds, injunctions, notice of appeals, court calendars, stenographer’s notes, court minutes, justice returns, and a favorite, “assorted papers”. As different series of various courts each could contain some of the papers or actions just noted, it became an impossible task to know how rigorously to organize the various records for ease of access. Gathering all documents for a given case with all ancillary filings, motions, etc. was not usually feasible although in many instances, records of cases appealed from Common Pleas have been filed together.

Only two series have case numbers – 034 Surrogate’s Court Records, Probate, and 045 Judgment Records/Roll from the Courts of Common Pleas, Supreme Court, Oyer & Terminer, and Putnam County. These records are reasonably easy to work with. Several other series – 013 Putnam County Court of Common Pleas, 1812-1848, 017 Putnam County Court Records, 046 Putnam County Court Orders and Rules, 047 Putnam County Supreme Court Civil Actions and related documents, 054 Orders of Discontinuances, are sometime possible to cross-reference. The records of the Court of Common Pleas have been indexed in COURTS.DTF and the names of the parties appear in the Names Access Database.

In general, it does not appear that case files containing the entire trail of actions were kept. In fact, many court records may be lost: in the 1980s many boxes of records of the court of common pleas were destined for a landfill until “rescued” by the then-county historian. Be aware that records that ought to be found in one series may have been filed in another. It will take many years to index and cross-index all the court series.
Outline of Courts’ Functions

The following information has been abstracted and condensed from Duely & Constantly Kept, (1991), published by NYS Court of Appeals and NYS Archives and Records Administration, Albany.

New York’s Supreme Court of Judicature was established in 1691 and modeled after the English court system. The Supreme Court Judges rode circuit and sat for fixed terms in any locality. It was a court of both original jurisdiction (major criminal cases, civil actions over £20 pounds, all real property actions) and appellate jurisdiction in both civil and criminal cases. After 1693 most cases were tried in county court: the court of common pleas in civil cases and the court of general sessions of the peace in criminal cases. The jurisdiction of each court overlapped with that of the Supreme Court. To make it more confusing, the Supreme Court was a court of Oyer and Terminer when it indicted or tried a criminal case and a circuit court when it acted as a court of original jurisdiction in an important civil case. With only minor changes, this court structure continued until court reorganization in 1847.

After 1847 and the creation of the Court of Appeals, the county clerks maintained the courts’ trial records. The Supreme Court (NY State) mostly reviewed the proceedings and judgments of lower courts with limited jurisdiction. These lower courts were divided into civil and criminal branches. Courts of oyer and terminer remained branches of the Supreme Court until 1896. The county courts of common pleas and courts of general sessions were replaced with county courts having jurisdiction over lesser civil and all felony cases. The changes in the county courts are reflected in Series 113, Court Minutes which identifies courts as Common Pleas 1812-1847, County Court 1848-1857, County Court and Court of Sessions 1858-1895, and County Court 1896-1936. The county judge was also the surrogate.

Until 1847, there were few changes in the town courts of justices of the peace. After 1826, they were elected in each town. (In Putnam County towns, they do not appear to have been elected until 1831.) Justices sat in minor civil cases in their towns. Three justices or a judge and two justices could sit together as a county court of General Sessions or Special Sessions in criminal matters. Their records of convictions were filed with the county clerk.
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Guide to Series by Subject

Use this guide to find a series number; then proceed to the series description below for more detailed information. When requesting a record, please note the series number, box or volume number and folder, if known. Those series marked IN PROCESS may not be available to researchers, or their use may be limited. Occasionally, the guide will direct you to a related series with the prefix HC. These are non-governmental records in the Historian’s Collection.

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Bonds, Sureties

. 004 Sheriffs’ Bond and Appointments, 1812-1916, 1925
. 040 Miscellaneous Bonds issued within Putnam County, 1808-1913
. 088 Orders Appointing Receivers
. 092 Tax Collectors’ Bonds, 1818-1951
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. 093 Bonds and Undertakings, 1878-1886
. 099 “Committees” 1882-1893 (13 bonds)
. 113 Bonds Recorded by Towns in County Court Minutes, 1823-1855
. 142 Administrators’ Bonds, 1895-1925
. 143 Bonds of Executors and Trustees, 1915-1939
. 144 Corporation Sureties, 1908-1933
. 145 Bonds Filed by Town Officers, 1929-1947
 SEE also 051 Oaths of Office, 1815-1918
. 157 Bonds and Undertakings Required by Courts, 1849-1919
. 172 Bonds of County Officials, 1828-1936
 SEE also 021 DB #1 U3: Bonds of loan commissioners, 1823-40

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. 096 New York State Census, Putnam County, 1915, 1925
. 097 New York State Agricultural Census, Putnam County, 1860

Coroner

. 021 Coroner, Records Filed with County Clerk 1822-96, DB #1, I
. 052 Coroner, Inquests, 1820-1913
. 069 Coroner, Inquests Index, 1820-1973
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- 021 Miscellaneous Records filed with County Clerk, 1795-1941
- 044 Promissory Notes and Receipts filed with County Clerk, 1799-1854
- 095 County Clerk, Cash Book, 1912-1934
- 107 County Clerk, Statement of Income from Mortgage Tax, 1906-1929
- 135 Annual Reports of Corporations and Associations, 1853-1935
- 139 Monthly Reports of Hunting and Fishing Licenses, 1908-1938
- 182 Survey of Historical Records in Putnam County, WPA project, 1936

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- 007 Board of Supervisors, Bills and Allowances Tendered, 1812-1897
- 010 Putnam County Charter Commission Papers, 1977
- 026 Board of Supervisors, Journal of Proceedings and Minutes 1846-1979
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- 127 Code of Putnam County, 1997-
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- 020 Putnam County Planning Board publications 1960-1988
- 028 Putnam County Planning & Development Commissions 1927-1931
- 099 Putnam County Technical Report and summary 1963
- 110 Putnam County Solid Waste Management 1988
- 111 Putnam County Police Consolidation Commission
- 125 NYS DEC Sewerage Study 1972
- 131 Route 22 Transportation Project Report 2000
- 134 New York City vs. Putnam County Assessors 1904-1937
- 147 Aerial Photos 1933, 1963, 1987
- 166 Putnam County Plan for Children, Youth and Families Resource Guide, c. 2004
- 171 New York City Watershed Memorandum of Agreement - Jan. 21, 1997

County Services

- 024 Putnam County Directory and Tax Levy 1948 – to present
Court House

- .160 Work on Court House, 1926, 1932
- .161 New Putnam County Courthouse project, 2001-2008
  
  SEE also HC203, HC404-5, HC509-7 C-H

Courts, Note on Organization

We have attempted to divide court records into civil, criminal, or surrogate courts; but sometimes court functions overlapped, the records were physically comingled, or individual cases were broken up as they wound their ways through the system. And filing systems and court functions changed over the years. The organization is as rational as it was possible to make it. We suggest that researchers consult Series .129 or .058, which contain indexes that may be helpful in pointing to other series of court records.

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- .037 Jury lists, 1813-1952
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- .062 Grand Jury Minutes, 1855-1922
- .154 County Court Records, other, 1844-1932
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- .015 Justice Court Records, 1813-1891
- .045 Judgment Records, Court of Common Pleas, Supreme, Oyer & Terminer, Putnam County Court, 1812-1913 (numbered cases)
- .046 Orders and Rules, Supreme Court, 1878-1937 (vol. & pg. no.)
- .047 Putnam County Civil Actions & related documents, 1819-1872 (vol. & pg. no.)
- .054 Orders and Discontinuances, 1878-1936
- .057 Transcripts of Judgments, 1812-1935
- .058 Index to Judgments, 1812-1954 (series 045)
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- .060 Satisfactions of Judgments, 1835-1937 (numbered files)
- .063 Supreme Court Orders, 1859-1939
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.076  Taxable Transfers, 1892-1965
.077  Taxable Transfers Index, 1920-1945
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.142  Administrators’ Bonds, 1895-1925
.143  Bonds of executors and trustees, 1915-1939
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.150  Wills, 1812 - 1931
.151  Letters of Administration, 1812 – 1905
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. 182 Survey of Historical Records in Putnam County, WPA project, 1936
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. 184 Letters of Guardianship, 1812-1975
. 185 Guardian’s Bonds, Administrator’s Bonds, 1890-1948
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. 081 Grantee Index for Deeds 1870-1929
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. 137 Enrollment roll for NYS militia, 1917
. 163 Military Exemptions WW1, 1917
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Jeremiah Kelley  
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136 Military Draft Notices, Patterson, 1863
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Note that transcribed and indexed town record books for Carmel (1795-1839), Kent (1788-1886), Patterson (1795-1863), and Putnam Valley (1839-1916) are available in the library.

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Note that the transcribed and indexed Account Book of the Overseers of the Poor for the South Precinct of Dutchess County (1768-1812) is available in the library.
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<td>archives box</td>
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Extent:  
1-3 Oversized,  1813, 1848-1878  A6 D1
4-5 Oversized,  1883-1903, gaps, 1940-1943  A6 D2

#1 Volume  1796, 1799, 1817-1829  red Volumes A1-U1-S7
#2 Volume  1830-1843

Arrangement:  chronological

Description:  Statistical and financial reports of county school commissioners who compiled statistics for the rural schools in each town. The statistics were compiled from reports submitted to the commissioners by the trustees of each rural school district. Information recorded included expenses and income, number of days school kept, and attendance records. The volumes include all districts for all towns 1817-1829 except some missing years for Kent. Prior to 1817 all records are of Patterson.

Series 002  Trustees of Common Schools Reports

Extent:  Volumes in red binders

# 1 Volume  1849-1856  A1U1S7
# 2 Volume  1857-1858
# 3 Volume  1858-1860
# 4 Volume  1860-1862

Document Boxes
#1 DB  1863-1866  A2U1S3
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#4 DB  1879-1880
#5 DB  1885-1920
#6 DB  1921-1923
#7 DB  1924-1929
#8 DB  1930-1932
#9 DB  1933-1935
#10 DB  1935-1936
#11 DB  1937-1941
#12 DB  1889

Arrangement:  chronological, then by town, including joint district that encompassed more than one town (or county).
Description: Annual reports prepared by the trustees of common schools that were submitted to the county commissioners (series 001) Reports include names, wages and length of service of teachers; parents and guardians of children, including number of children (occasionally names) eligible to attend; income and expenditures; number of books in school library (sometimes lists of titles); descriptions of buildings and grounds. Some years’ records state whether or not the teachers had attended a teachers’ institute or whether the county superintendent had visited or inspected a school during the year.
SEE also Series .021 DB 1 K 1813-28

Series 003 Election Returns, 1812-1921

Extent: # 1 Volume 1838-1916 County Canvass Register

# 1 Shared Volume #3 1812-1837 A1-U5-S9

Volumes in red Binders A1U1S7

# 1 Volume 1816-1837
# 2 Volume 1838-1844
# 3 Volume 1845-1851

# 1 AB 1849-1869 A2U2S2-3/4
# 2 AB 1870-1921 gaps

Arrangement: chronological

Description: Reports to the County Clerk of election results for towns, county, and state from the town inspectors and the Board of Canvassers. Some reports show votes on referenda and constitutional amendments. Included is a poll book for Putnam Valley (1863) listing all qualified voters and their “sympathies”, Democrat, Abolition, or Doubtful. Also included are some certificates of oath of office, filings regarding nominations, copy of seal of Commissioners of Elections (1911), certification of registration, declination of nomination, party appointments, election district boundaries (many of these documents were bound together by year, so they are being kept together in this series)
SEE also Series 118 for more poll books.

Series 004 Sheriffs, Bonds and Appointments
Extent: # 1 Volume 1812-1851 red binder A1U2S7
# 1 DB 1850, 1852-1916,1925 A2U1S3-13

Arrangement: chronological

Description: This is a record of cash Bonds, as required by New York State law, to be posted by newly elected sheriffs to insure they will faithfully execute their offices. Bond amounts ranged from $5000 in 1812 to $10,000 in 1851. The sheriffs made appointments of undersheriffs. Between 1841-1851 some documents record the office of the sheriff in locations other than the courthouse.

Series 005 Commitments to County Jail Records

Extent: # 1 Shared DB 1817-1894 A2U1S4-1

Arrangement: chronological

Description: This is a record of prisoners committed and discharged to the county jail as ordered by the Court of Special Sessions. Many offenses are minor, such as intoxication. Among this data are two booklets with lists of prisoners’ names by date of their incarceration that Sheriff R.R Barrett submitted to the Board of Supervisors.

Series 006 State Inspections of County Jail Reports

Extent: 1 folder in shared DB 1905-1947 A2U1S4-1

Arrangement: chronological

Description: This series includes reports by the inspector from the New York State Commission on Prisons regarding the Putnam County Jail. The reports describe the physical conditions of the jail and comparisons with accepted standards. In 1905 the inspector reported that the three cells are “practically dungeons - utterly unfit for human habitation” and the women’s section was “objectionable, not to say intolerable.” Other comments by the inspector pertain to uncorrected problems. These reports were submitted to the Board of Supervisors.

SEE also HC524, 033 1906; 160

Series 007 Board of Supervisors, Bills and Allowances
### Tendered, 1812-1897, gaps

**Extent:**
- **# 1 Volume** 1812-1828 red binder  
  A1U2S7
- **# 2 Volume** 1829-1833 red binder

#### #1 DB
- before 1820, 1840, 1850-1917, 1930, 1933, gaps*
  
  A2U1S8-13

#### # 1 AB
- 1866-1879
  
  A1U1S1

#### # 2 AB
- 1880-1897
  
  A1U1S1

### Records in Red Binders and Archie Boxes:

**Arrangement:** chronological

**Description of volumes in red binders and contents of archive boxes:** Record of invoices submitted by towns and individuals & 3rd parties for payment by the county government. The types of bills presented were for services of the assessor, road commissioners, election clerks and inspectors, constables for keeping and transporting prisoners, and justices of peace for examining prisoners and transporting them to jail. Other reimbursements requested were planks for bridges, damages for laying of roads, court attendance, assessments, supplies and medical expenses including those from lunatic asylums, etc.

### Records in Document Box:

**Arrangement:** These records were received by the County Archives at a later date and were processed separately. They help fill in some of the missing dates. Many of these bills were numbered (by hand) consecutively but no relationship was found with the supervisors minutes (Series .026) where many of approved expenses are listed in a numerical order. These records are ordered chronologically and not in their numeric order. Also, it is unknown why and who and when these papers were numbered. Some numbering appears contemporary to the documents, other appears to be much later. The records prior to 1877 – but not all of them – are numbered. In 1877, they seem to have switched to a lettering system, and many receipts/bills are identified with a letter. There appears to be a direct connection with series .094, ledgers from the treasurer’s office which start with volume A in 1877. Some of the receipts in series .007 match the letter designations in these volumes.

**Description:** These are mostly bills presented to the county and receipts. Included are purchases, military, poor house, NY State, towns, district attorney, schools, constable, judge, witness, justices, jury, sheriff payroll, clerk payroll, judgments, Putnam County National Bank checks, prisoners board, circulars, state (tax) receipts, roads, bounty on foxes, jail repair, food bills for poor house, asylum bills from upstate and out of state.
One folder of military receipts, 1849-1866 gaps, has been segregated because of the special interest of some researchers. There are likely more that are still mixed in.

Of possible interest: 1866 West Point Foundry; 1866 remonstrance against publishing Board of Supervisors proceedings again; wood lot for poor house; 1877 letterhead Brewster House, Nathaniel Hancock Furniture; 1871 letterhead Phoenix Factory, C. W. Budd Brewsters; 1842 letter to Lewis Ludington and West & Putnam Republican; 1914 Fowler Electric Carmel letterhead; 1906 Cold Spring Recorder invoice; 1900 purchase of coal hods and hickory shirts; 1914 Putnam County Courier invoice; 1901 Charles E. Dalzell Cold Spring invoice; 1916 John W. Donegan Carmel invoice; 1914 Eaton Kelly invoices; 1916 John Y. Mekeel funeral and furniture burial of man killed on railroad track; 1915 Donegan & Patterson Carmel livery; 1916 Edward Ganong funeral for Hiram Able; 1915 Seymour Van Tassel successor to L. W. Jaycox groceries Nelsonville; 1836 044 Enoch Crosby agreement meat shop; 1852 pre-nuptial agreement; 44--1837 stampless postmark Cold Sp Commissioners of Loan for loaning the surplus revenue of the United States for the County of Putnam NY.

SEE also Series .25, .026, 033.which may contain similar records and .29 and .112 which have additional “poor” records. Due to the nature of receipt (somewhat piecemeal) of these records and its influence on subsequent processing, records of several established series are mixed – treasurer, county bills, and loan commissioners records, or reference thereto, may all be found in 007, .021, 025, 026, 033, and 094.

Series 008 Apportionment of State Money for Common Schools

Extent: 1 folder (shared Document Box) 1822-1860 A2U1S4-2

Arrangement: chronological

Description: These records are the result of the notification by New York State of the money appropriated by the State Legislature for the support of common schools in each town. This allocation is reported to the County Treasurer for distribution based on the population for Putnam County according to the most recent census. The school commissioners in each town apportioned the monies to each common school within their town.

SEE also Series 021 vol. 1 L, 1796

Series 009 Deeds and Indentures filed with the County Clerk
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Map File – 2 deeds (Boyd, Cushman)  

**Arrangement:** Deeds recorded in *volumes* are chronological according to the date of filing of the deed in the County Clerk’s office. Researchers should be aware that a deed may be filed years after the document was actually executed or the property acquired by gift or inheritance.

Deeds collected in *document boxes* were numbered by the Historian’s Office as they were processed and indexed. There is no order. Apparently, these deeds were never collected by their owners after they were recorded or the deeds were retained by the owners and found their way to the County Archives. Eight deeds have been added from the Putnam History Museum in 1912, mostly Horton from Southeast except one from Ridgefield.

**Description:** Deeds and indentures are land record transactions between individuals that were required to be filed with the County Clerk. Information in deeds will include the following: name of the grantor (person selling or giving the real property), the grantee (person receiving the property), description of the parcel with metes and bounds, including, frequently, the names of neighboring property owners. The price may be given as well as any particular conditions of sale. Metes and bounds are often difficult to understand, particularly because measurements (chains, links, etc.) are unfamiliar and because surveyors’ landmarks (e.g. chestnut tree, pile of rocks, etc.) have disappeared. The Historian’s Office has instructions on how to read and understand metes and bounds in a deed.

Multiple books seem to exist for some periods, the recording dates overlap – perhaps one kept by county clerk, another by deputy clerk, etc.

Because of their fragility or condition, some deeds and some volumes may be subject to restrictive handling. *On volume P the binding and pages are loose, volume H also.*

**NOTE:** Some finding aids are available in the Historian’s office for searching for particular deeds. *There are grantor-grantee indexes 1812 to 1929 in databases as well as volumes: .081 Grantee Index for Deeds 1870-1929, .082 Grantor Index for Deeds*
1870-1929, .083 Grantor/Grantee Index for Deeds 1812-1911, and .124 Forfeitures. Researchers should also consult the series of mortgages (.012, .084 and .087.)

Series 010  Putnam County Charter Commission, 1977

Extent: # 1 AB 1977 A1U1S1

Arrangement: topically, indexed

Description: The commission papers were collected and donated by Judy Aydelotte, Chair of County Charter Commission. The collection includes newspaper articles, management study, letter to the editor, transcripts of meetings, Board of Supervisors report, drafts of the charter, working papers, and correspondence. (Included are copies as of 1974, 1977 and 1984; also county organization chart and map of legislative districts.)

Series 011  Commission for the Bicentennial of the American Revolution, 1974-77

Extent: # 1 AB 1974-1977 A1-U1-S1

Arrangement: topical

Description: Papers of the Commission collected for the purpose of celebrating the Bicentennial. Information includes the Bicentennial Wagon Train, newspaper clippings, correspondence, fund-raising activities, poster contest, quilt, plates, commission reports, calendar, local coordinators’ reports, minutes, applications and grants to local groups, financial papers, receipts, account books, and publications of “the Correspondent.” Also “A Bicentennial Message” from President Gerald Ford.

SEE also series HC208, Sybil Ludington bicentennial postage stamp

Series 012  Mortgages filed with County Clerk

Extent: DB 1817-1856 A2U1S4-5
        AB 1791-1856 A1U1S1-5
        Volumes A-Z 1812-1859 A7-RS
        Volumes #27-111 1859-1932
Document Box (1817-1856)
Arrangement:
10 folders, 001-250 (chronological) 1817-1856
1 folder satisfactions and cancellations
1 folder legal notices of mortgage sales
1 folder unsorted

Archives Box (1791-1856)
Arrangement: grouped by type, then chronological
Real property, 7 folders 001-140, 1820-1869
Satisfactions, 4 folders, 1810-1857
Foreclosures, 4 folders, 1837-1899
Chattel mortgages, 6 folders 001-100, 1832-1859

Volumes, 1812-1932
Arrangement: chronological by date filed with county clerk, not date of mortgage satisfaction, or foreclosure

Description: A mortgage is the pledging of property, real or chattel, to a creditor as security for the repayment of the debt. The mortgage gives the name or names of the debtor, the creditors, the amount and terms of the mortgage, and a description of the real, personal or business property pledged. The mortgage documents as registered with the County Clerk show financial information that includes liens, cancellations of liens against property, and property descriptions, and assignments of mortgages to a third party, if any. Restricted handling.
SEE also .056 Satisfactions of Mortgages, .087 Assignment of Mortgages, and .073 Statements affidavits, and appraisals relating to mortgages.

NOTE: Some finding aids are available in the Historian’s Office. Series .084 is an index of the volumes above. MORTGAGE.DTF, CHATTEL.DTF, and CANCEL.DTF are indexes to some of the folders in the document box and archives box.

Series 013 Putnam County Court of Common Pleas, 1812-1848
Extent:
# 1 DB 1812-Feb 1814 A2U1S4-6-14
# 2 DB Jun 1814-Jun 1815
# 3 DB Oct 1815-Jun 1816
# 4 DB Oct 1816-Jun 1817
# 5 DB Oct 1817-Oct 1818
# 6 DB Feb 1819-Jun 1820
# 7 DB Oct 1820-Oct 1822
# 8 DB Feb 1823-Sep 1831
# 9 DB Feb 1832-Feb 1842
Arrangement: chronological by year and term, then by surname of plaintiff

Description: This civil court endured from the earliest colonial days to the major court revision in 1847. Among the documents are plaintiffs and defendants, the charge, venires, clerks’ reports, pleas, appointments of commissioners, citation papers, guardian Bonds, writs of inquiry and inquisition, affidavits, discharge papers, sheriffs’ certificates, certificates of sale, dockets of cause, calendars, warrants, summonses, etc.

NOTE: A case first heard in the Court of Common Pleas may have been appealed to a higher court. In this case, all records relating to that case have been grouped with the court of first instance, in this case Common Pleas. The records in Series.013 have been entered in a database (COURTS.DTF) and the names have been entered in the Master Name Access file in the Historian’s Office. Other indexes that may be useful for cases that were appealed may be found in Series.058, and 129. See also 015, 113.

Series  014  Putnam County Supreme Court Records, 1813-1943

Extent:  
# 1 AB  1815-1874  A1-U1-S1, S2
# 2 AB  1913-1943
# 3 AB  1875-1921 gaps
# 4 AB  1847-1928  A2U3S4-2
# 5 AB  1848-1907  A2U3S4-3
# 1 DB  1813-1843  A2U1S5-1-4
# 2 DB  1844-1849
# 3 DB  1849-1854
# 4 DB  1855-1881 gaps, 1891, 1896
# 5 DB  1899-1923 gaps  A2U2S4-3
# 1 Volume  1846-1881  A5-RS1
# 2 Volume  1882-1910

Archive Boxes

Arrangement: Roughly chronologically and by type of record. These records were received in the County Archives separately and are yet to be arranged and integrated in records in document boxes below. IN PROCESS.

NOTE: No known index. Not entered into database.
Description: Documents are: summonses and complaints, petitions, orders to show cause, judgments, enrollment decrees, affidavits, Venires, notices of trial notes of issue, satisfactions of cases, copy pleadings, depositions, calendars, jury lists, briefs, minutes and court costs as well as fines assessed against those men not reporting for jury duty. Archives box # 4 contains grand jury transcriptions (See also 062). Various papers from various courts. Post script – this series appears to be mostly civil, although the existence of grand jury transcripts and some of the recognizance would suggest that there are some criminal cases included as well.

Archives box # 2 has Supreme Court calendars 1928-1935
NOTE: of special interest – Also note Towners train accident 1927.

Archives box # 4 contains grand jury transcriptions (See also 062). Various papers from various courts. Post script – this series appears to be mostly civil, although the existence of grand jury transcripts and some of the recognizance would suggest that there are some criminal cases included as well. Type of record and actions includes: undertaking (& notice of appeal) (on order for arrest) (on appeal) (on injunction) (justification, acknowledgement etc.), bonds, guardian bonds. Creators include Supreme Court (most), Court of Appeals, Putnam County Court. Of potential special interest: 1859 Poughkeepsie Mutual Fire Insurance Co., 1853, 1856 New York & Harlem Railroad Co., 1850 Statement and confession of judgment without action, 1849 Brooklyn special term, 1892 voluntary dissolution of the Mahopac Iron Ore Company, 1867 Robert P. Parrott vs. Daniel Degroot and others, 1880 New York City & Northern Railroad Company, 1889 Mary G. Paulding vs The West Point Foundry Association et al, 1900 numerous revocations of liquor tax certificates, 1876 Mary Jane Faurot as plaintiff in 11 cases all dismissed, 1853 complaint of non-payment and watered milk Archibald Sears vs. Richard Rollins, 1880 Lewis Roberts vs. NY Boston & Hartford RR, 1913 Putnam House (Tonolo) case. NOTE also: 1900 Norman Plass (see also box 5) vs. Henry Muller revoking liquor tax certificate – 2 maps of Cold Spring showing residences within 200 feet of the bar. (The maps were inside the heavy paper envelope.) Located with maps – 05083, and 05384

Archives Box #5 contains 3 folders Bd. Of Supervisors, 1894-1896; 3 folders other actions, 1875-1889; 9 folders injunctions and other actions, 1848-1909. Of potential special interest: 1848 Gouverneur vs Warner and Plumbush farm; 1884 Mead vs VanScoy fouling spring; 1899 Habeas Corpus and Stephen Kelley, also 1900 Dexter, 1876 Denike vs Highlands Chemical & Mining Co, 1896 Carmel constable (J.W. Hazen) record book of arrests, costs, etc. and dispute with county.

Document Boxes

Arrangement: chronological

Description: Various court records from Supreme Court.
NOTE: no known index. First 3 document boxes entered in COURTS.DTF database and names entered in Name Access Database in Historian’s Office.
Of potential special interest in Document Box #1: 1815 suit of Overseers of the Poor of Patterson on vellum with good seal imprint.

Volumes:

Arrangement: chronological by term – circuit, oyer and terminer, supreme

Description: Court minutes – supreme court, circuit court, court of oyer and terminer
NOTE: No known index. Not entered into database.

Series 015 Putnam County Justices Court Records, 1813-1931 (gaps)

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Arrangement: chronological

Description: The transcripts of the Justices Court record data as plaintiff and defendant’s names, docket date, civil awards and court costs. The transcripts include judgments, affidavits, amended returns, and Bonds on appeal. Summons, orders of removal, discharge papers, sheriffs’ certificates, court calendars, jury lists warrants, subpoenas, orders for the execution of judgment.
In Volume 1 executions and satisfactions are noted on the margin of the pages along with a notation of the County Clerk’s payments for his services. Archives box 1 has some records from the Court of Common Pleas.
SEE also Series 149 and 013.
Of potential interest: 1882 George S Barnhart forgery; 1861 tavern license to Frost in Southeast (DB 1)
Series 016  **Putnam County Court of Sessions Records**

**Extent:**
- #1 Shared Volume #3  1812-1878  A1-U5-S9
- #1 AB  1812-1911  A1-U1-S2

**Arrangement:** chronological

**Description:** The Sessions Court is a criminal court. Transcripts of the court session include dates, location, judges, sheriff, constables, statement of panel of the Grand Jury and Petit Jury. The cases’ transcript list the names of the participants, indictments, decisions, damages, bonds posted for defendants, and jury panels.

*SEE also series 155, 068 (Record of Convictions, local courts)*

*SEE database COURTS.DTF for index to Archives Box #1*

*Of potential special interest: 1885 report by District Attorney of every person convicted of a crime at February term, also 1896.*

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Series 017  **Putnam County Court Records**

**Extent:**
- #1 DB  1830-1917, gaps  A2-U1-S5-5
- #1 AB  1817-1901  A1-U1-S2
- #2 AB  1902-1910
- #3 AB  1911-1923
- #4 AB  1924-1936

**Arrangement:** chronological

**Description:** The records of this series contain documents from the Courts of General and Special Sessions. The documents include recognizance bonds, recognizance for bastardy, indictments, affidavits, jury lists, minutes, subpoenas, venires, warrants, appeals (mostly 1850s and earlier), certiorari, subpoena, etc. Some of the records in the archives boxes in this series have file numbers; from about 1880 on most have book and page references. Once a name, date, file number, etc. has been identified, and/or a record has been located through other means, further research may turn up additional records in this series.

*SEE also 154*

*NOTE: The processing of this series is ongoing. When working with Archives Box #1, it was discovered that numerous cases with file numbers (mostly early cases) refer to judgments in series 045.*

*Of potential special interest: 1858 re county jail, also 1860; 1885 Carmel School District 12 application to acquire site for a school house; 1858 county jail now fit and safe for confinement; 1841 Lewis Ludington Chancery and sale of Fishkill Iron Company land.*
Series 018 **Putnam County Court of Oyer and Terminer Records**

**Extent:**
- #1 DB
  - 1813-1835
  - A2-U1-S5
- #2 DB
  - 1836-1892, 1895
- #1 Shared Volume #3
  - 1823-1855, 1861
  - A1-U5-S9

**Arrangement:** chronological

**Description:** This Court indicted and tried felonies such as assault, theft, and murder. The transcripts also include affidavits and orders. The documents note the name of the defendant, judge, jury, officials, indictment, and decision.  
*Of special interest: the trial of George Denny, May 27, 1844, who was convicted of murder. He is the only person ever executed (by hanging) in Putnam County. Also of interest: 1871 order for (464) additional jurors.*

Series 019 **Field Books and Land Surveys**

**Extent:**
- #1 Oversized records
  - 1813-1832
  - A6-D3
- #1 DB
  - (document drawer)
  - A2U1S4-2

**Arrangement:** chronological

**Description:** This series includes the land survey of various properties. Documents record owners’ names, location, measurements, diagrams, and various calculations. Often they are simply sketches of metes and bounds with names or even town shown.

Series 020 **Putnam County Planning Board & Department Publications, and related**

**Extent:**
- #1 DB
  - 1960-1990
  - A2U1S5-8
- #2 DB
  - 1960-1990
  - A2U2S4-12

**Arrangement:** topical / chronological

**Document Box #1**

2/19/2015
Description: The publications featured in this series are some of the most recent in the archives. They were compiled to assess Putnam County’s current status and “plan” for the future. Information presented includes education, transportation, economic development, infrastructure, population, age & sex, land use, housing, employment, comprehensive plans and open space plans. See box list, which includes the following:

1977  Putnam County Data Book (browsable copy in library)
1965  Putnam County Data book (browsable copy in library)
1971  Putnam County Goals and Objectives
1971  Zoning
1984  Putnam County Data Summary
1988  Comprehensive Park and Open Space Plan
1986-91 Misc Planning Dept bulletins
1970  census tract map
1990s  Challenges for the 1990s

Document Box #2
Description:
1974  Putnam County Guide Plan – for land development
1978  Putnam County Traffic Safety Comprehensive Plan
1978  Putnam County Transportation Plan
1979  Environmental Review Processes of Putnam County
1979  Putnam County Energy Emergency Contingency Plan (EECP)
1979  Report of Planning Department to County Executive
2005  Putnam County Pathways, linking Putnam’s Open Space, Historic, Cultural and Economic Resources, in collaboration with the Hudson River Valley Greenway, resource map. See also map 01
123
2008/09  Putnam Trailway, map and flyer, 2008/09, Planning Department
2010  Putnam Trailway, guide to “Old Put,” Historian’s Office

Series 021  Miscellaneous Records filed with the County Clerk

Extent: #1 Volume 1795-1895 A1-U2-S7
   #1 DB 1797-1899 A2U1S6-1
   #2 DB 1891-1931, gaps A2U2S4-13
   #1 AB 1900-1912 A1U1S3-4
   #2 AB 1912-41, gaps A1U1S3-3

Arrangement: by topic in Vol. #1 and Document Box #1, chronological in Archives Boxes
Description: The county clerks filed and/or recorded virtually all important records, claims, proceedings, appointments, elections results, agreements, certifications, deeds, mortgages, oaths of office, court records, liens, etc. The county clerks also carried on extensive correspondence and kept their own account books. Most of the clerks’ records constitute archives series of their own (e.g. Series 009, Deeds; Series 013, Court of Common Pleas, et al.) This series includes miscellaneous records that do not fit into the larger series.

Contents of vol. #1:

A An Act to Divide the County of Dutchess, June 12, 1812
B Correspondence between boards of supervisors of Putnam and Dutchess concerning disputed claims after division. Oct. 1812
C An act to alter the times of holding court, Nov. 10, 1812
D Apportionment of taxes among the towns, 1813 – See also 022
E (1-7) Town meetings of the Town of Franklin. 1795-1823. (See microfilm in library of original records book held by the New-York Historical Society, 1795-1863)
F Journal of Proceedings of Board of Supervisors, Oct. 1829 (All other records of proceedings between 1812 and 1845 no longer exist.) See also 026
G Record of expenditures of Southeast for care of poor, 1817-1822 (See also Series 029)
H Ferry rates filed by Samuel Gouverneur, 1826
I Valuations of real property in towns, 1815-16
J Manumission of “Toner”, age 17, by Aaron Haynes, 1805
K Application to drain a swamp, 1817
L Apportionment of school monies among Dutchess towns, 1796
M Records relating to Revolutionary War service of William Rowland & Jeremiah Kelley
N Record of sale of shares by Philipstown Turnpike Company, 1816-17
O Records relating to construction of courthouse and jail, 1814
P Settlement between Loan Officer John Patterson and Board of Supervisors, 1818
Q Complaint by Hamilton Fish that his assessment is unfairly high, 1895
R No index. Not entered into database.

R Assembly nomination acceptance by Hamilton Fish (1894?)

Contents of document box #1:

A Receipt book, 1821-1827, maintained by Jonathan Morehouse, County Clerk, 1818-23 (in small box), lists court cases and marriages (re-located in Archives Box #1)
B 1873 certificate of location of NY Boston Montreal RR through Putnam and Dutchess
C Liens filed by West Point Foundry against steamship companies, 1858-59
D  Oaths of office, 1813-63 — judge, clerk, poor, highway, excise commissioners.  
SEE also 051  Of special interest: 1843 Robert P. Parrott as judge, oath of 
janitor 1917,1823 (and other years) bonds of Daniel Kent and Lewis Ludington et al. SEE als folder U, below.

E  Construction (and other) contracts between private individuals, including 
specifications for buildings, 1844-57, 1892, 1896; 1886 contract for Porter steam 
gine, New Economizer boiler, and Brennan stone crushe, 1896 NY&NRR 
lease of equipment

F  Certificates to practice medicine in Putnam County, 1797-1843

G  Naturalization of William Free, 1834

H  Contracts for postal route for Edwin Fowler & Fowler’s sale of route to Isaac 
Merrick, 1845-47

I  Coroner’s Records filed with County Clerk, 1822-96 See also 052

J  Records relating to roads, 1802-08

K  Records relating to common schools, 1813-28 (Patterson)

L  Indenture for assignment of judgment, 1856, Angevine Sprague and Charles C. 
Calling

M  Records relating to asylums, 1845-95

N  Agreements relating to the sale or lease of land, structures, shops, rooms, and 
livestock, 1813-39

O  Agreements relating to the sale or lease of land, structures, shops, rooms, and 
livestock, 1840-60

P  Listings of recording fees for deeds and mortgages filed by banks, 1856

Q  Papers relating to military bounty lands, 1854-66

Q1  Papers relating to military pensions – Revolutionary War: Obediah Howland, 
Jabez Berry, Jonathan Crane, James Croft, Elisha Gifford, and Reuben Ganong. ( 
Croft – good example of county seal)

Q2  Papers relating to military pensions – War of 1812: Benjamin Wise and Ferdinand 
Robinson.

Q3  Papers relating to military pensions – Civil War: Roger Maher, John D. 
McDonald, William Hineys, and Louis Young.

Q4  Miscellaneous papers relating to military pensions: Joseph Haight, Isaiah Moss, 
Peter Barrett, and Josiah Woolsey

R  Miscellaneous routine correspondence of county clerks, 1812-99 (14 folders) 
Of special interest in this folder: 1825-29 invention for making hats; 1830 fishing 
in Peach Pond; county bills (like series 007); 1854 militia books, enrollment of 
Militia of the State; 1855 census marshals; 1865 war funds; 1872-76 town 
counts.

S  Returns relating to the state-wide liquor licensing ballot question, 1846

T  Bond between Daniel Thorn and Charles Simpkins for sale of land, no date

U  Miscellaneous oaths of office 1841-1932 – This new folder supplements folder D 
the documents in this folder were received at a later date, therefore they have 
been kept separate.  Both county and town level, judge, clerk, highway 
commissioner, treasurer, coroner, probation officer, stenographer.  Also 
appointments, revocation thereof, resignations
Oaths of office, Franklin (Patterson) town officials, 1796, 1799, 1812 (attorneys), 1814.

Bonds of Loan Commissioners, 1823-1840, gaps. SEE also folder D, above.

Miscellaneous filings; for example – application for discharge from prison 1857, filed from other jurisdictions, Tables of Commutation of Sentences for Good Behavior 1883, sentence 1891, Philipstown land of Presbyterian Church of Yorktown 1859, certifications, Rules and Regulations NYC water supply and contamination 1917, letter of Mrs. Perrin Cushman of Bath, Michigan, returning old deeds 1908, claim (like mechanic’s lien) 1856, 1894 nomination acceptance letters (2).

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Assignments, Other, 1891-1931, gaps. Various assignments filed with county clerk: of interest, a certain Railroad car float with the New York and Northern Railway Company, 1889 (this looks like an early lease financing agreement); also locomotives; also assignment of interest, land, contracts, etc.

Miscellaneous documents from Putnam County History Museum: 1897 grant of water rights from Noel Sanborn and James Paulding to the Village of Cold Spring. Deed search (?) from 1846 forward, James McCabe and Seymour Birdsall. Boice/Boyce (Simon, Matthew) papers; wills, letter, receipts; also mentioned - Davenport (Sarah), Scriver, Shaver, Garrison; copies (some originals very likely in archives); 1818-1896; Original copy of will of Katherine Murray 1866 Irish indenture for lease of property between Richard Giles and Richard Montgomery, 1835. Possibly related to Dorothy Giles (1892-1960) of Philipstown, author, “A Brief History of the American Revolution in the Hudson Highlands” among others. Her father was Dr. Richard Giles. Parchment?

Miscellaneous correspondence of county clerks, judgments of other jurisdictions filed in Putnam, Receipt book, 1821-1827, maintained by Jonathan Morehouse, County Clerk, 1818-23 (in small box, located in Archives Box 1), lists court cases and marriages.

Folder: Tax Sales - Cold Spring and Nelsonville tax sales and certificates of redemption, 1926-1950. (AB2)
Folder: Improvement Districts - Town and village improvement districts filings, franchise, 1929-1946 (AB2)

Series 022  Records of Taxation and Assessment

Extent:  # 1 DB  1859-1922  A2-U1-S5-9

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# 1 Oversized , D#3 1910 A6-D3

Arrangement: chronological

Description: This series includes the records of the Board of Supervisors’ management of taxes and assessment. The documents include tax rates, levies, assessments regarding road machines, petitions of assessors, papers from the State Board of Tax Commissioners, records of the Board of Assessors, resolutions passed, accounts of unpaid taxes and exemptions.

SEE also 021 Vol. 1 – D

Series 023 Putnam County Almshouse: Record of Inmates

Extent: # 1 Volume 1875-1914 A1-U5-S6
# 2 Volume 1915-1930

Arrangement: chronological

Description: This volume has entries for 1379 persons who were inmates of the County Almshouse. The information includes names, admittance and discharge, age, sex, color, residency, education, occupation, cause of dependence, birthplace, parents, and relatives. Although the first entry was made in 1875, the first volume includes persons who were already in the almshouse at that time and may have been there for years. An indexed list of names may be found in “County Farm & Other Institutions” by Glendon E. Wheeler, a copy of which is in the library.

NOTE: Some records in this series may be considered sensitive, and it is suggested that data be used for research and statistical purposes only. Restrictive handling due to the fragility of the volumes Researchers may be required to use microfilm.

Series 024 Putnam County Directory and Tax Levy

Extent: # 1 DB 1948-49, 1951-81 A2U1S5-10/11
# 2 DB 1982- 2012

Arrangement: chronological

Description: These booklets were compiled annually by the Real Property Tax Department and printed by the county printing department until 2007. They contain the names of county officeholders, boards and commissions, town and village government
elected and appointed officials, equalization rates, tax levies for county, towns and villages, garbage, park, lighting, water and improvement districts and water districts and school districts. Since 2008, the same information has been gathered and archived by the County Historian’s Office.

Series 025  **Putnam County Treasurers’ Office records**

**Extent:**  
#1 Oversized D#3  1870, 1879-1887  A6-D3  
#1 shared DB  1819-1952, gaps  A2U1S5-12  

**Arrangement:** chronological

**Description:** This series contains invoices and receipts from town collectors, accountings with individual towns, accounts of taxes collected and spent, expenditures to institutions, bond proceeds and interest payments. Also included is miscellaneous correspondence with the State Treasurer’s Office & Loan Committee, Western Union Telegraph Co. and New York State Lunatic Asylum. Tax refunds 1900, IRS letter, misc. 1923-28, Series 5 Bonds records.  

*Of special interest are 5 original bonds issued in 1872 for building a County Clerk’s and Surrogate’s Office.*  

*SEE also series 041*

Series 026  **Putnam County Board of Supervisors Minutes and Proceedings, 1829, 1846-1955/79**

**Extent:**  
#1 Volume  1846-56  A5-RS1,RS2  
#2 Volume  1857-72  
#3 Volume  1872-84  
#4 Volume  1885-93  
#5 Volume  1894-1905  
#6 Volume  1918-26  
#7 Volume  1926-30  
#8 Volume  1930-34  
#9 Volume  1932-42  
#10 Volume  1943-46  
#11 Volume  1947-52  

Shared DB  1947-55  A2U2S4-8  

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Arrangement: chronological (except for shared document box)

Description:

Volumes:
Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors, the governing body of Putnam County until 1979 when it was replaced by a Legislature. The minutes include resolutions & laws, annual reports, statistics on taxes, detailed accounts of the Poorhouse, jail, resolutions, memorials, pension approvals, and salaries of officials and judges. The annual expenses by the Clerk, Inspector, Highway Overseer, Assessor, Inspector of Elections, and keeper of Poor Farm are recorded in the minutes. All proceedings prior to 1846, except for the year 1829, are lost. For 1829 proceedings see Series 021, vol. 1 F.

NOTE: Proceedings of 1829 and from 1846 through 1875 have been transcribed in MSWord and may be found in the library, that is Vol. 1 1829, 1846-1854, Vol. 2 1855-1872, and Vol. 3 1872-1875. Beginning in 1876, the proceedings were printed, and these books may be found (except 1879, 1891) in the library up to 1979.

Shared Document Box:
Folder 1: Mimeographed minutes, 1947-955, gaps, most 1955, and some related correspondence
Folder 2: Minutes 1953, large format paper; road issues
Folder 3: Miscellaneous correspondence
SEE also 007, 033

Series 027 Putnam County Legislature Proceedings

Extent: Annual Printed Volumes 1980 – to date Library
     DVD recordings of meetings 6/2010 to date Archives

Arrangement: chronological

Description: This series contains the minutes of meetings and public hearings of the County Legislature with reports attached that include equalization rates, summaries of budgets, summary of adopted County Budget and index. From 1980 to 2009 the Proceedings Annual printed volumes in library.

Beginning in June 2010, the Legislature has deposited DVD recordings of its meetings in the County Archives. IN PROCESS.
Series 028  Putnam County Planning and Development Commission Proceedings

Extent:  # 1 Volume  1927-1931  A5-RS2

Arrangement:  chronological

Description:  The series records the minutes of the commission created by the authority of NYS Legislature which permitted boards of supervisors to appoint commissions to advise the supervisors on constructions of roads within a county and to issue bonds to construct such improvements. This volume includes a hand-drawn map of county roads and schedule and cost of roads.

Series 029  Overseers of the Poor Reports and Indentures for Apprenticeship

Extent:  # 1 shared DB  1813-1902  A2U1S5-12

Arrangement:  chronological

Description:  Included in this series are reports from the Overseers from various towns in the County. The Overseer prepared these annual reports for the Secretary of State to show accounts of allowances owed by the County to the Overseers. The reports also contained the roster of persons residing at the Poorhouse. The indentures for apprenticeship placed children in private homes, where they would be taught a trade or skill. In exchange for their labor, children were to be educated, clothed, and provided with occupational training until they reach their majority, 18 for females and 21 for males. While most of children are between 10 and 14, some indentures document that children as young as 3 years old were placed in this manner. Some children were indentured by the Overseers of the Poor and others by their parents. The indentures are in two folders arranged chronologically.

SEE also 040, Folder 4

Series 030  Overseers of Highways and Commissioners of Roads Reports

Extent:  #1 DB  1815-1917  A2U1S5-13

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Arrangement: chronological

Description: The series contains the records of the overseers of highways and commissioners of roads. During the 19th century, roads were laid out by commissioners of roads in each town, and compensation was paid to those landowners whose property was taken for a public road. People who believed that they were inadequately compensated for their land might appeal to the Court of Common Pleas. At each annual town meeting, pathmasters were appointed to maintain set portions of roads in their towns, using their own draft animals if necessary. Pathmasters usually owed a day or two of labor. Those who did not perform their required work and non-resident owners and businesses were assessed an amount of money in lieu of labor. Between 1907 and 1909, each of Putnam's towns adopted the "money system" whereby taxes instead of labor were levied on property owners for the maintenance of roads.

SEE also 040 Folder 8 and Oaths of Office. See also records of town meetings in library for appointments of overseers and commissioners and for information on laying out or altering roads.

Series 031 Petition, Licenses and Recognizances for Liquor and Tavern Permits

Extent: #1 DB 1812-1878 A2U1S5-14 (Philipstown, Southeast, Reports of Commissioners of Excise)
#2 DB 1812-1878 A2U1S6-2 (Carmel, Kent, Patterson, Putnam Valley, and several documents received at a later date, not in database, 1855, 1857, 1921)

Arrangement: by town, then chronological

Description: This series contains petitions to, licenses issued by, and bonds in favor of Commissioners of Boards of Excise to sell liquor in taverns and inns, where it would be consumed on the premises, in grocery stores, where the liquor was consumed off the premises, and in stores where liquor was sold for medicinal purposes. In the early licenses, licensees swear that they will not keep a disorderly tavern or inn or permit cockfighting, playing with cards or dice, keep any billiard, any other gaming table or shuffleboard. The certificates note name, location, and type of establishment and cost of permits. The cost varies according to nature of the selling of liquor such an ‘ordinary’ store (cash and carry) or a tavern or inn where the liquor would have been consumed on premises. There are some annual reports from the Commissioners of Excise and petitions.
to the commissioners to grant and not to grant licenses. Note also 1919-20 IRS approval during Prohibition in both Southeast and Carmel.

SEE also 035, DB#1

For index, SEE database TAVERNS.DTF

Series 032  Board of Supervisors Ordinances

Extent:     # 1 Volume  1880-1882  A5-RS2
Arrangement:  chronological

Description: This volume contains laws enacted by the Board of Supervisors. A typical ordinance regulated the support of paupers (1880) when the Keeper of the Poorhouse was charged with maintaining a register of persons and prohibited from admitting anyone without written permission. Also in 1880, the Keeper was ordered not to allow any children between the ages 2-16 to reside in the Poorhouse. By an 1881 ordinance, the Board approved the establishment of a fire district in the Village of Brewster to “procure a supply of water and apparatus.”

SEE also 029 Apprenticeships

Series 033  Board of Supervisors Various Records

Extent:     # 1 AB  1856-1927, 1954-55, 1979  A1U1S3-?  (bulk 1927)
Arrangement:  chronological, topical

Description: Included in this series are some minutes (1915,1919,1927). The main topics of discussion were the construction and improvement of county roads and highways, improvements and additions to the county office building, contractual agreements, and bids. Documents also include compensation allocated to town officials, county land purchases and appropriations, mortgage tax apportionment, town abstracts (expenditures), tax related matters.

Items of potential interest: folder 1865  report on county poorhouse.

SEE also 007, 026

Series 034  Surrogate’s Court Records, Probate

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Description: The records in this series originated in the Surrogates’ Court and include letters of administration, estate inventories, guardianship, sworn statements regarding the testator, the appraisal of the estate, and the proving of the will. Some folders include copies of the testators’ wills.

NOTE: Probate records by name of testator are included in Master Name Index in Historian’s Office.

SEE also .150 Wills, .151 Letters of Administration, .152 Letters Testamentary, and .153 Record of Old Estates and HC530 Barbara Buys’ abstracts of Dutchess and early Putnam wills.

Series 035 Election Notices

Extent: # 1 Shared Volume #4 1892-1910 A1-U5-S10
      # 1 DB 1911-1917 A2U1S5-12

Arrangement: chronological

Shared Volume:

Description: Election notices as required by law were posted as public notices for the election to State and County offices. In the case of a vacancy of office by death the posting of a death certificate was required in order to fill the office. The public notice as required stated election date the name of candidate and the office sought. Typical offices for election were for State; Governor, Secretary of State, Controller(Treasurer), Attorney General, State Engineer & Surveyor, Justices, and Senator for the 24th district - Putnam. Amendments to the Constitution, proposals such as the expansion of the Erie Canal (1895) and the improvement of the Palisades Interstate Parkway (1910) were published along with the election notice.

Document Box:

Description: Petition for submission of Local Option Questions under Section 13, Liquor Tax Law.

Series 036 Putnam County Department of Public Welfare Records

Extent: # 1 AB 1936-1977 A1-U1-S3

Arrangement: chronological
**Description:** The records held by the Public Welfare system include the financial, annual and monthly reports, correspondence relating to the County Home, case listings of Department of Social Services, advisory committee minutes, new releases, safety codes and inspections of the County Home, and records related to the phasing out of the County Home.

### Series 037  Jury listings

**Extent:**
- # 1 Document Box 1813-1840 A2U1S6-3/4
- # 2 Document Box 1841-1877
- # 1 Archives Box 1818-1931 A1-U1-S4
- # 2 Archives Box 1932-1955
- # 3 Archives Box 1937-1952, by towns 1938-1953

**Arrangement:** chronological

**Description:** The documents in this series are listing of prospective jurors. The Trial and Grand Jury listings are divided by towns within the County. The Grand Jury and Trial jury list for 1937-1952 for Supreme and County Court are listed as a county-wide drawing. The lists record names and occupations. In early entries occupations are often described as yeomen and gentlemen.

*NOTE:* Early jury lists were entered in JURY.DTF and in the Master Name Index in the Historian’s Office.

SEE also .007 for payments to jurors.

### Series 038  Putnam County Board of Elections

**Enrolled Voters**

**Extent:**
- # 1 DB 1911, 1912 A2U1S6-5/6
- # 2 DB
  - Patterson 1975-1976
  - Putnam Valley 1975-1976
  - Philipstown 1975-1976
  - Southeast 1975-1976
Carmel 1957-1958, 1977

Arrangement: chronological

Description: The enrollment listings show the voter’s name, residence, political party, and district number. The Board of Elections maintains enrollment books from 1912 to present.

SEE also .118 Election Poll Books for additional voter information.

Series 039 Putnam County Keeper of the County Poorhouse Reports

Extent: # 1 Folder in shared DB 1865-1914 A2-U1-S6

Arrangement: chronological

Description: This series includes financial reports of revenues and expenses of the daily operation of the Poorhouse that were prepared by the Keeper for the Board of Supervisors. The Poorhouse was also known as the Poor Farm and as the Almshouse.

SEE also Series 023, 029, 036, 049, and 112 for other poorhouse documents, Series 007 for county payments, and Proceedings of Board of Supervisors in library for annual report of Almshouse keeper.

Series 040 Various Bonds filed with Putnam County

Extent: # 4 folders – shared DB 1804-1913 A2U1S6-7

Folder 1 1804-1859, 1911
(between 2 individuals; some court, surrogate and official related; 1804 with a Van Rensselaer; 1911 official)
Folder 2 1814-1843
(recognizance, guardian, etc.)
Folder 3 1848-1913
(officials)
Folder 4 1928-1931
/projects / contracts

Arrangement: chronological within folders

Description: The documents are bonds filed for projects and officials under contract to Putnam County. The information on the Bond is names of obligor and obligee, monetary value, and conditions of the obligation. The bond would define the responsibilities and expectations of office or project. This type of bond was generally applied to public
officials as an insurance policy against legal misconduct or mishap on their part while performing their public responsibilities.

Folder 1 may also contain bonds for administration, arbitration, appeal, superintendent of the poor, county sealer of weights and measure – some collectors bonds were removed to series 092, but other types of bonds might still be found in this series. Folder 3 contains bonds such as surrogate, superintendent of the poor, and supervisor, and perhaps others.

See also Series .004 Sheriffs’ Bonds and 092 Tax Collectors’ Bonds

Series 041 Putnam/Dutchess County Loan Offices Records

Extent: # 1 vol, 1823, 1842 A2U1S6-7???,
1 folder in shared DB 1817-1868
1 folder, 1824-1847, additional items received and processed at a later date.
Arrangement: chronological

Description: This series features the financial records pertaining to loans issued by the county’s loan officers to private individuals. The records are statements of repayments, receipts from clerks and Commissioners of Loans, abstracts, ledger of loans (mortgages) issued in the year 1823. Most pages in the volume are blank.

See also Series 007 DB1 Board of Supervisors Bills etc.; 021, Vol. 1 P; 085 Loan Commissioners Mortgages; 025 Treasurers’ Office Records; 090 and 091 US Deposit Fund.

Series 042 Putnam County Circuit Court records

Extent: 2 Folders - DB 1823-1871 A2U1S6-8
Folder #1 1823-1856 (gaps), minutes etc.
Folder #2 1825-1871 (gaps), court calendars

Arrangement: chronological

Description: This series contains the minutes of the court, calendars, lists of jurors and witnesses statements, affidavits, and judgments or verdicts. The Supreme Court judges rode circuit as a court of oyer and terminer and as a criminal trial court.
Series 043  Tax Collectors’ Books

Extent:

# 1 DB  Carmel  1831, 1857-79, gaps  A2-U2-S3-1/11
# 2 DB  Carmel  1880-96
# 3 DB  Kent  1857-82, gaps
# 4 DB  Kent  1883-1907, gaps
# 5 DB  Patterson  1860-88, gaps
# 6 DB  Patterson  1889-99, gaps
# 7 DB  Philipstown  1858-80, gaps
# 8 DB  Putnam Valley  1859-1879, gaps
# 9 DB  Putnam Valley  1880-1896
# 10 DB  Southeast  1859-80, gaps
# 11 DB  Southeast  1881-1896

Arrangement:  by towns, then chronological

Description:  The Tax Collector’s Books include alphabetical listings of names of businesses and individuals, property values and acreage, personal holdings, property tax due, assessment of highway labor, uncollected taxes, state, school, county, dog taxes, recapitulation for the town, aggregate valuation of the county and a list of town allowances requested by the clerk. Also summation by tax type, ‘military roll,’ receipts for money forwarded to the county, and other data. Not all books have all the same information.

Series 044 Promissory Notes and Receipts

Extent:  # 1 Document Box  1799-1854  A2-U1-S6-8

Arrangement:  chronological

Description:  This series features documents that are various unsecured notes and receipts filed with the County Clerk. The names of the parties involved are recorded as well as date of issue, terms of agreement and payments.

Series 045 Judgment Records/Roll from the Courts of Common Pleas, Supreme Court, Oyer & Terminer, and Putnam County, 1812-1913
| Extent: | # 1 AB #002-500 | 1812-1835 | A1-U1-S4 |
| # 2 AB #501-800 | 1835-1851 |
| # 3 AB #801-946 | 1851-1854 |
| # 4 AB #0947-1099 | 1854-1856 | Supreme A1-U1-S6, S8; U2-S1 |
| # 5 AB #1100-1249 | 1856-1858 |
| # 6 AB #1250-1404 | 1858-1860 |
| # 7 AB #1405-1555 | 1860-1863 |
| # 8 AB #1556-1657 | 1863-1865 |
| # 9 AB #1658-1769 | 1865-1869 |
| # 10 AB #1770-1896 | 1866-1868 |
| # 11 AB #1897-2001 | 1867-1869 |
| # 12 AB #2002-2098 | 1869-1871 |
| # 13 AB #2099-2208 | 1871-1872 |
| # 14 AB #2209-2299 | 1873 |
| # 15 AB #2300-2370 | 1873 |
| # 16 AB #2371-2467 | 1874-1874 |
| # 17 AB #2468-2563 | 1875 |
| # 18 AB #2564-2626 | 1876 |
| # 19 AB #2627-2699 | 1876 |
| # 20 AB #2700-2784 | 1877-78 |
| # 21 AB #2785-2849 | 1878 |
| # 22 AB #2851-2899 | 1879 |
| # 23 AB #2900-2963 | 1879-80 |
| # 24 AB #2964-3001 | 1880-81 |
| # 25 AB #3002-3033 | 1881-82 |
| # 26 AB #3034-3067 | 1882-83 |
| # 27 AB #3068-3104 | 1883-84 |
| # 28 AB #3105-3136 | 1884-85 |
| # 29 AB #3137-3154 | 1884-85 |
| # 30 AB #3155-3195 | 1885-86 |
| # 31 AB #3196-3226 | 1885-87 | #3220 missing |
| # 32 AB #3227-3244 | 1886 |
| # 33 AB #3245 | 1886-89 |
| # 34 AB #3245 | 1886-89 |
| # 35 AB #3246-3290 | 1885-87 |
| # 36 AB #3191-3319 | 1887-89 | A1-U5-S1-S5 |
| # 37 AB #3320-3356 | 1888-90 |
| # 38 AB #3357-3388 | 1887-90 |
| # 39 AB #3389-3422 | 1889-90 |
| # 40 AB #3423-3454 | 1889-90 |
| # 41 AB #3455-3495 | 1890-91 |

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Arrangement: numeric/chronological

Description: The records from this series’ courts are primarily civil suits and many relate to their corresponding cases found in the Court of Common Pleas, Supreme, Oyer & Termer, and Putnam County courts. If a case is discovered here via its file number, there may be related records in series 018 but without the file number. Cases with numbers higher than 5655 may be requested through the County Clerk’s Office.

SEE Series 058 Judgment Index for case # 001-6400. EXAMPLE: Box 5 # 100-1249, #1200, Budd Sloat vs William Sloat, found Series 129 vol A p 98 current action #1200 (satf 9-2-1854 file no. 323), found Series 057 Transcripts of Judgments vol. 1 ’S’ p. 16 (aug 30, 1858 $117, may 5, 1858 $36); found Series 058 Judgments Index vol. 3 p. 769.
Series 046 Putnam County Court Orders and Rules

Extent:
# 1 AB  1878-1895  1/22-1/254 (book/page)  A1-U1-S5,S6
# 2 AB  1885-1899.
# 3 AB  1900-1910  2/3-2/114
# 4 AB  1907-1912
# 5 AB  1912-1922  2/210-2/448
# 6 AB  1922-1932  2/462-2/532, 3/1-3/559
# 7 AB  1933-1937, 1883-1937

Arrangement: numeric

Description: These documents originated in the Supreme Court. “Orders” are granted motions and “Rules” are granted applications based on known standard procedure. Some orders may include those have an interlocutory nature that settle an intervening matter; for example, Sprague V. Putnam County  Board of Elections (1912) for failure to file a certificate of nomination. Other orders are dispositions, appeals, and affidavits.  
SEE supplement Series 046 boxes and folders are chronological.  
SEE Series 129 for general index.  SEE also 063 for index.  (file ID will be book volume and page)

Series 047 Putnam County Supreme Court
Civil Actions and related documents

Extent:
# 1 AB  1819-1879  A1-U1-S6, S8 and A1-U2-S1,S2
# 2 AB  1860-1871
# 3 AB  1871-1877
  SEE Series 129, vol. A, for index to above records
# 4 AB  1878-1939
# 5 AB  1879-1900
# 6 AB  1902-1910
# 7 AB  1890-1902
  SEE Series 129, vol. 1, for index to above records
# 7 AB  1890-1902
# 8 AB  1902-1910
# 9 AB  1910-1915
#10 AB  1915-1918
#11 AB  1917-1960
Arrangement: numeric/chronological

Description: This series contains various court documents such as summonses, complaints, affidavits, orders, petitions, and causes. Examples of causes may be land disputes, discharge of mortgages, assault & battery, debt, etc.

NOTE: Of potential special interest is Browning v. Browning ("Peaches" v. "Daddy"), a famous divorce case, in Archives Box #24.
NOTE also: The reference number (volume and page) in Series 129, although not indexed by name, is easy to locate in Series .047.
SEE also See Series 058 Judgment Index for cases #947-2208

Series 048  Supervisors’ Account Book, Putnam Valley, 1855-1909
Extent: # 1 Flat Document Box  1855-1909  A1-U3-S7
Arrangement: chronological

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Description: This account book kept by various Putnam Valley supervisors shows receipts from County, excise fund, dog fund, state school money and disbursements to overseers of the poor, persons suffering sheep damage, school district trustees, support of bastard children, and infrastructure maintenance. The auditors' annual report is included. This information shows the evolution of the board of auditors to a town board.

Series 049 Putnam County Board of Child Welfare Reports

Extent: #1 Document Box 1922-1938 A2U1S6-10
Arrangement: chronological

Description: This series includes the minutes, reports, financial statements, etc. relating to the aid to dependent families and the names of the Board. The minutes show examination of cases for consideration, allowances granted, expenditures, and balance on hand. Reports of the State Board of Charities show information on general inspection of the Putnam County Board of Child Welfare (1922).

Series 050 Records of accounts relating to mortgages and collateral, including court and trust funds “Court Fund Ledger”

Extent: #1 Volume 1876-1948 A5-RS3
Arrangement: chronological

Description: This series originally consisted of 2 volumes, only volume 1 is available at the present time. The information in vol. 1 relates to mortgages and collateral, court trust funds, etc., and various courts: supreme, surrogate, county.

Series 051 Oaths of Office, Civil and Military, 1815-1918

Extent: #1 volume 1812-1850 Militia and civil oaths A1-U3-S7
#2 volume 1865-1918 Civil oaths of office

Arrangement: chronological
Description: Volume #1 contains oaths of office taken by members of the New York State militia. Each member swore to uphold the constitutions of the US and NYS, to perform his duty to the best of his ability, and to refrain from dueling. The second half of volume #1 and all of volume #2 contain signatures of those taking oaths for notary, judge, sheriff, turnpike commissioner and other civil offices in the county; also oaths of school officials, resignations, clerk’s certificates, officers’ undertakings filed. SEE also Series 021 DB#1 (D) Oaths, 1813-63, U, Oaths, 1915-1922

Series 052  Putnam County Coroner’s Inquests

Extent: # 1 AB 001-204 1820-1883 A1-U2-S4,S5
# 2 AB 205-364 1883-1892
# 3 AB 365-474 1892-1898
# 4 AB 475-614 1899-1903
# 5 AB 615-794 1904-1909
# 6 AB 795-1014 1909-1913

Arrangement: numeric

Access: Pursuant to §677(3)(B) of the County Law 1965 allows inspection by the District Attorney of the County, the next of kin and others. For purposes of access to the Archives “Others” is interpreted as the public.

Description: The documents are the recording of date by the Coroner’s Office pertaining to deaths occurring under suspicious circumstances. The records show name of deceased, date, finding of the coroner. SEE Series 069 for index. SEE also Series 021 DB 1-1
NOTE: of special interest are inquests into accidents at Tilly Foster Mines and the NYC and Harlem River Rail Road in #3.

Series 053  Guardianships, Infancy Proceedings regarding sale of real estate

Extent: # 1 AB 1857-1896 A1U2S5,S6
# 2 AB 1901-1912
# 3 AB 1913-1925

Arrangement: chronological and numeric
**Description:** This series contains various legal documents; petitions, appointments, orders, bonds, reports of agreement, releases, etc. pertaining to the management of real property owned by minors, through the power of attorney of their legal guardian. 
*SEE Series 129 for general index. File identification will by book volume and page after 1890.*

### Series 054 Orders of Discontinuances

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**Arrangement:** Book, page and chronological

**Description:** This series include such documents as stipulations of discontinuance, affidavits, notices, etc. pertaining to the discontinuance of various civil actions in Putnam County. 
*SEE Supplement Series 054 box listings and years.  
SEE Series 129 for general index. (file ID will be book volume and page)*

### Series 055 Naturalization, Declarations of Intention

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**Arrangement:** chronological
**Description:** The documents are declarations sworn in Supreme Court for the intention of becoming a U.S. citizen. The data noted are name of immigrant, renunciation of allegiance to another government or sovereign, physical description; race, height, distinctive marks, also birth date and place, current residence, port of entry as immigrant and ship’s name. In Volume 2 each immigrant was to swear to not being an anarchist or polygamist. The signature of the immigrant appears on each affidavit except that some are marked with an X. The affidavits contains a wealth of information for genealogy and immigrant population studies.

*SEE also Series 115, 116, 117, 126 for related naturalization records.*

*NOTE: Names entered in database IMMIGRAT.DTF and Master Name File.*

*NOTE: Series 116 is an index to archives boxes*

### Series 056  
**Satisfactions of Mortgages filed with Putnam County**

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**Arrangement:** chronological

**Description:** This series contains the recording of mortgage satisfactions filed with the Putnam County Clerk by a creditor advising that the debt has been paid and the mortgage satisfied.

*SEE Series 058 to determine if a satisfaction has been filed, then look for the satisfaction number here.*

*SEE also Series 012 where mortgage satisfactions and cancellations are included with copies of mortgages. These are indexed in database CANCEL.DTF.*

### Series 057  
**Judgments (civil) By the Putnam County Courts**

**A:** Transcript(s) of Judgments

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### Arrangement:


### Description:

The volumes contain listing of judgments with no known link to any other series. Entries in Vol. 1 note names of defendants, damages, date, attorney, notes/satisfactions. Vol.s 2-5 note defendant, whom judgment in favor of, where, damages/cost, filed & docketed, attorneys, return on execution, and satisfaction.

*NOTE: Satisfaction file # can be found in Series 060.*

### B1: Judgments

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#### Arrangement:

chrono/various

#### Description:

This appears to be a stand-alone volume with mixed records. Pp. 1-26 are Supreme Court and miscellaneous records. Pp. 28-40 are judgments. Pp. 44-77 are assignments of judgments. Pp/275-78 are instructions for Elliot book typewriter. Other pages unused. *Index unknown.*

### B2: Judgments

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#### Arrangement:

chronological with alpha index by defendant.

#### Description:

Supreme Court judgments and recordings of various judgments and other courts. Vol. #1 has pre-printed forms (3 per page) alternating with blank pages, each separately chronological, with index in front by defendant. Later pre-printed pages only sporadically filled in. Blank pages are used for full text of judgment. Vols 2-7 have no pre-printed forms.
NOTE: There are no case numbers and any known link to other series. Researcher needs to know date/period and defendant name to use these volumes.

C: Transcripts of judgment - Many courts

Extent:  
#1 AB  #0001-1199  1844-1870  A1-U3-S3  
#2 AB  #1200-2875  1870-1894  
#3 AB  #2876-3450  1895-1911  

Arrangement: numeric and chronological

Description: One page filings listing amount, parties, date, attorney, and court.

Description: These are the official transcripts issued by the Supreme Court, and Court of Common Pleas on civil actions and special proceedings. The transcripts are informational in nature and do not describe the trial in detail. The data noted is names of defendant and plaintiff, papers filed, assignment number, when and where perfected, damages and costs, attorneys and results (satisfied or not satisfied.)

NOTE: Index is volume 1 Series 058 for boxes 1-3

Series 058  Judgments (civil) Index(es)


Extent:  
#1 Volume (A-Z)  1845-1954  A5-RS4,RS5  

Arrangement: Alpha by defendant, then chronological

Description: Volume is an index for various court cases found in AB #1-3 in Series 057 (C) Series 057. Gives file number, satisfaction date and satisfaction file number. Single line entries

B: Index to Judgments – Defendants A-Z, 1812-1954

Extent:  
# 2 Volume (A-L)  1812-1954  
# 3 Volume (M-Z)  1812-1954  

Arrangement: by defendant alphabetical, chronologically within the alpha section, please note the case number to locate the individual case. Starting 1938 file numbers take the format – “file# - year”. Case numbers higher than 4500 may be requested through the County Clerk’s Office.
**Description:** This series is an index to Series 045, boxes 1-70. It is similar to Series 129 but after judgment, if any, has been rendered. Index includes names of defendants, year, plaintiffs’ names, and judgment number. The three volumes give additional information pertaining to satisfactions and partial satisfactions under “Remarks”. The documents associated with the satisfaction numbers are located in Series 060, Satisfactions of Judgments 1854-1937. Single line entries

**Series 059  Assignment of Unsatisfied Judgments by Putnam County Courts**

**Extent:** # 1 Archives Box 1854-1936 A1-U3-S4

**Arrangement:** chronological

**Description:** The series contains records of the assignment of a third party by the court to act as a referee either pending or in completion of a civil case. These actions are the result of cases originating in the Supreme Court. This series may sometimes refer to recordings in a deed book.

**Series 060 Satisfactions of Judgments by Putnam County Courts**

**Extent:** # 1 AB # 1-1297 1832-1905 A1-U3-S3,S4
# 2 AB #1298-2195 1814-1938
  (executions 1814-1861; 1916-1919 not numbered; 1929 warrant for satisfaction)
# 3 AB executions 1861-1938
# 4 AB executions #122-1227 1838-1937

**Arrangement:** chronological

**Description:** This series contains civil records from the Supreme and County Courts. The records include the satisfied and unsatisfied settlement of estates and damage cases brought by individuals against individuals and businesses. One page filed satisfactions (not assignments as on folder); executions against property of unsatisfied judgments; and partially satisfied judgments. Some judgments numbers listed in red ink. SEE Series 058, vols. 2 &3 by defendant name, under the “remarks” column to aid in location of material.,
Series 061  Indictments

Extent:  
# 1 DB  001-261  1839-1883  A2U1S6-11/13
# 2 DB  262-389  1884-1901
# 3 DB  390-473  1902-1910

Arrangement:  numeric

Description:  This group of documents contains indictments handed up by grand juries charging a party with the commission of a crime, and include affidavits and orders, testimony, motions, etc. Mostly from the county and supreme courts. No known links to other series. The meaning/use of the file numbers 001-473 is undetermined. Index unknown.  
SEE also Series 062 Grand Jury minutes, 016, 17 and 018 for other indictments

Series 062  Grand Jury Minutes

Extent:  
# 1 DB  1855-1908  A2U1S6-14, S8-1-2
# 2 DB  1909-1913
# 3 DB  1914-1917
# 4 DB  1917-1929  A2U2S4-5

Arrangement:  chronological

Description:  This series contains the transcripts of the grand jury as called by the district attorneys’ office to hear testimony and render a decision for or against indictment. The grand jury also addressed non-criminal issues. Examples of such inquiry is the examination of the conditions in the county jail in 1855; and the 1885 grand jury’s examination of county jail and recommendation for a new anteroom to hold the jury because the conditions in the court house are “poor” especially during the winter (no heat). The transcripts in most, however not all, cases have a listing of the men called for duty. (SEE also series 154 for numerous grand jury lists, especially 1917-1932) Failure to report for duty for whole or part of the session was subject to a fine, and some are noted in the transcripts. Also included are some instructions to the Grand Jury.  
No known links to other series except Series 061 Indictments and 014, AB 4 Supreme Court Records.
Of potential special interest: 1929 investigation of county poor house; 1929 removal of bridge over tracks of NYNHHRR at North Brewster, 1909 sale of liquor.

Series 063  Supreme Court Orders, county recording thereof

Extent:  

- #1 Volume 1859-1869 A5RS5,RS6
- #2 Volume 1869-1876
- #3 Volume 1876-1878
- #4 Volume 1878-1882
- #5 Volume 1883-1886
- #6 Volume 1887-1890
- #7 Volume 1891-1896
- #8 Volume 1896-1899
- #9 Volume 1899-1901
- #10 Volume 1902-1909
- #11 Volume 1909-1939

Arrangement: chronological entries, but each volume indexed by defendant, some with dates

Description: This series is the record of State Supreme Court orders filed with Putnam County. An example of some orders are the revocation of a revoking of the liquor tax, New York City recover of land for the Croton dam and reservoir, cancellation of the 1873 mortgage made in Dutchess and decided in the Putnam County Courts, and a bankruptcy estate sale. This appears to be an index for Series 046. Also, some actions in series 154 County Court Records may be indexed in this series.

Of potential special interest: Boyds Corners Reservoir I, 346-376; NYC Water Supply, Kirk Lake, IV, pp. 170-222; Mahopac Falls Rail Road, V pp. 152-180; NYC Water Supply SB Howes, privies on watershed land, VIII, p. 88; 1922 auction of Borden property, XI, p. 122

Series 064  Lis Pendens

Extent:  

- #1 Volume A 1824-1864 A5RS6

Arrangement: chronological

Description: The documents are notices by the court pending a suit in which the court will acquire power over real property. The court acts as a holding agent until the trial is
completed. The record includes filing date, complainant and defendant. A listing of ‘equity notices.’ (Fragile volume: all pages ‘repaired’ some time ago with ‘new backing,’ making some entries difficult to read)
SEE Series 065 for index.

Series 065  Lis Pendens Index to Defendants

Extent: #1 Volume (A-L) 1812-1961 A5RS6
#2 Volume (M-Z) 1812-1961

Arrangement: alphabetical

Description: Index to court notices include date of action, defendant and plaintiff, liber and page, cancellation if applicable. Index for Series 064.

Series 066  Bail Book

Extent: #1 Volume A 1812-1844 A5RS3

Arrangement: chronological

Description: This is the bail record from the Court of Common Pleas. Data includes date, name, residence, title (yeoman, gentleman). The affidavits of charges record the plaintiff and defendant, motions, decision by judge, appointment of guardian of “infant” (child younger than 14). There are approximately 6 miscellaneous cases from 1847 from the Supreme Court at the end of the book and at the very end is an 1839 appointment of deputy sheriff for Putnam County.
No known link to other series.

Series 067  Notes of Issue

Extent: #1 AB 1878-1930 A1U3S4
#2 AB 1931-1939

Arrangement: chronological

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Description: This is a notification filed with the court indicating that defendant and plaintiff are ready for trial.
SEE supplement Series 067 lists by box, folder, year.

Series 068 Records of Convictions

Extent: # 1 Volume (Index) 1855-1956 A5RS6

# 1 AB 1-2399 1855-1896 A1U3S4
# 2 AB 2400-4817 1896-1916

Includes folder (gaps) 1926-1933

Arrangement: chronological

Description: This series contains records of convictions in the town justice courts. The convictions were filed with the county courts. The offenses committed primarily concern public behavior, e.g. disorderly conduct, intoxication, assault and battery, vagrancy, or persons without a visible means of support (not classified as incompetents or habitual drunkards). These records include, but are not limited to, defendant’s name, charge, judge, date of conviction, county, and docket number. The volume contains an index to the case numbers of the records of convictions found in the two archives boxes. Information in this series may be valuable for statistical and historical purposes. There is a folder of questionnaires (1926-33) in box #2.
SEE also Series 016, Report of Convictions 1885 (County Court)

Series 069 Coroners’ Inquests Index

Extent: # 1 Volume 1820-1973 A5RS6

Arrangement: alphabetical

Description: The Index is listed by name, surname, given name, date filed, name of coroner, date of death, and file number.
SEE Series 052 for files listed in index, but only up to # 1014 (index goes at least to # 2905)

Series 070 Marriage Licenses and Certificates 1908-1935

Extent: # 1 AB 1910-1912 A1U3S4,S5,S6

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Arrangement: Boxes #1 by town, Box #2-10 numeric, in general chronological, records tend to group by town.

Description: Since 1882, marriages have been recorded by town and village clerks. During this period only (1908-1936) they were also filed with the County Clerk. The documents in this series are affidavits for license to marry. The forms include demographic information pertaining to the bride and bridegroom, former marriages, ages, current residences, mothers’ and fathers’ names and country of origin for both. Box #1 largely filled out and signed by applicants. SEE Series 122 for volumes that serve as indexes (using name of bride and bridegroom) for the records in this series. They have much the same information.

Series 071  Executor’s Oaths

Extent: # 1 Volume 1868-1887 A5RS6

Arrangement: chronological with alpha index

Description: This volume is the recording of oaths or affidavits assigning an executor to the estate of the deceased. The data includes name of the deceased, name of executor, residence, date of oath, signatures of the surrogate court clerk and executor. Pre-printed pages, 2 per page, book is full. An executor’s name can be found if known from the alpha index; otherwise consult probate records Series 034 for date of death and check this volume chronologically.

Series 072  Title Searches, 1850-1936

Extent: # 1 AB 1850-1899 A1U3S6,S8
# 2 AB 1900-1915
# 3 AB 1916-1924
# 4 AB 1925-1936
Arrangement: chronological, date of search or transfer(s)

Description: This series shows the County Clerk’s recording of the results of a search. Searches are conducted to determine the clear title to a land record (deed). The Clerk would search for any attachments such as a lien or attachment to the deed that would encumber the title.
Index UNKNOWN
Note: of special interest: folder 1 in AB#1 contains a 1887 broadside of Putnam Co. Fair (scan available)

Series 073 Mortgages; statements, affidavits, and appraisals, 1905-1930

Extent: # 1 DB 1905-1930 A2U1S8-3

Arrangement: chronological, numeric

Description: This series consists primarily of statements of the owners of mortgages that provide the terms and conditions of those transactions, as well as mortgagee, mortgagor, and owner of mortgage. The mortgages are numbered by date of filing. A variety of other documents also related to the administration of the New York State Tax Law are included in this series.
SEE also Series 012.

Series 074 Mortgage Tax Distribution Sheets, 1930-1935

Extent: # 1 DB 1930-1935 A2U1S8

Arrangement: chronological

Description: The documents in this series present determinations of the New York State Tax Commission in apportioning mortgage tax receipts among the counties and towns in which the subject property is located. They are statements of advances that describe advances made in accordance with the Tax Law under corporate trusts or prior advance mortgage.
SEE also Series 075, 086 mortgage tax apportionment and list

Series 075 Mortgage Tax, Certificates of Determination

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Apportionment, 1910-1929

Extent: # 1 AB 1910-1929 A1U3S8

Arrangement: chronological

Description: This series consists of the recording of certificates issued by the New York State Tax Commission apportioning mortgage taxes among political subdivisions. [See series 074 for earlier records of the same type]

SEE also Series 074 and 086 mortgage tax apportionment and list

Series 076 Taxable Transfers, 1892-1965

Extent: # 1 Volume 1892-1920 A1U5S8
# 2 Volume 1920-1945 A1U5S9
# 3 Volume 1945-1965

Arrangement: chronological

Description: Taxable transfers are the recordings of estate administrations. It is organized by date and place of death, name of decedent, date of letters of testamentary, whether testate or intestate, executor and address, estimated value of estate; real and personal, heir-in-law, residence, relationship, amount or value of estate, and person or shares.

SEE Series 077 for index to Vol. 2

Series 077 Taxable Transfers Index, 1920-1945

Extent: # 1 Volume 1920-1945 A1U5S8

Arrangement: alphabetical

Description: Index for Series 76, Vol. 2, recording by name and page numbers.

Series 078 Transfer Tax, 1922-1943

Extent: # 1 Volume 1922-1943 A1U5S8
Arrangement: chronological

Description: This series features the filings received from the Department of Taxation and Finance by the County Clerk to post a release of lien and statement of estate tax by an executor.

Series 079 Insolvent Assignments, 1814-1915

Extent: # 1 Volume 1880-1908, 1914-1916, 1924-1941 gaps A5RS7
Alpha index: references to recordings in deed libers (many blank pages),
# 1 AB 1814-1857 A1U3S8 &
# 2 AB 1861-1882 A1U4S1
# 3 AB 1882-1890
# 4 AB 1890-1898
# 5 AB 1898-1912
# 6 AB 1912-1915

Arrangement: chronological

Description: Statements are court certificates indicating the terms of bankruptcy and satisfaction. Information includes assignment of property of monetary payment, statement of services, value as evidence, Order of Bond assignee, accounting claims upon estates by executors for insolvent estates. Shows some creditors’ submission of claims, notarized statements, and public notices. Related documents include, but are not necessarily limited to, assignment and its recording, the latter may be in a deed book; inventory of assignor; order for publication of notice to creditors; petition for order for publication; bond; bond approval; petition for final accounting; order for creditors to appear (citation); citation and proof of service; account of proceedings; final decree and summary statement; receipt of creditors. (These related documents may be in the volume, the boxes, other series, or some as yet unidentified location.)

Index UNKNOWN
SEE also series 175 Assignees
Note: of possible potential interest: 1879 S.G. Hunt, Wool hat manufacturers, Brewsters Station

Series 080 Putnam Valley Assessment Roll 1932

Extent: #1 DB 1932 A2U2S3
**Arrangement:** alphabetical

**Description:** Published by Arthur P. Collignon and printed by *The Highland Democrat* the 1932 assessment roll for Putnam Valley is organized by name and business name, location, description, assessed value. The summary at the end of the booklet notes taxation aggregate, totals, and rate.

*SEE also Series 134 box #13 folders 3 & 4 1911 and 1913 Southeast assessment rolls, and box #15 1909-11 & 1914 Philipstown assessment rolls.*

**Series 081  Grantee Index for Deeds**

**Extent:**
- # 1 Volume (A-D) 1870-1929 A2U2S7
- # 2 Volume (E-K) 1870-1929
- # 3 Volume (L-R) 1870-1929
- # 4 Volume (S-Z) 1870-1929

**Arrangement:** alphabetical

**Description:** Index arranged by Grantee (purchaser) of property. Each entry records the names of both Grantee and Grantor, date, volume, and page of entry in Series 009, Deeds.

*SEE Series 009 Deeds*

**Series 082  Grantor Index for Deeds**

**Extent:**
- # 1 Volume (A-D) 1870-1829 A2U3S8
- # 2 Volume (E-K) 1870-1929
- # 3 Volume (L-R) 1870-1929
- # 4 Volume (S-Z) 1870-1929
- # 1 Shared Volume #1 1912-19174 A1U2S8
- # 2 Shared Volume #2 1918-1923 A1U2S8

**Arrangement:** alphabetical

**Description:** Index arranged By Grantor (seller) of property. Each entry records the names of the Grantor and Grantee, date, volume, and page of entry in Series 009. Deeds.

*SEE Series 009, Deeds*
### Series 083  Grantor/Grantee Index for Deeds, 1812-1911

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**Arrangement:** alphabetical

**Description:** This series of volumes contains dual grantor/grantee indexes for early Putnam County deeds to 1911. Information recorded are names, dates, liber, and page and dates. See Series 009, Deeds

### Series 084  Mortgage Index, 1859-1923

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|             | # 1 Shared Volume #1 | 1918-1920 | A2U2S8 |
|             | # 2 Shared Volume #2 | 1912-1917 |        |

**Arrangement:** alphabetical, both by mortgagor and mortgagee, then chronological

**Description:** This index to the recording of mortgages includes date, liber, mortgagor, mortgagee, page, and when satisfied (only a few). This information is not complete in all volumes. A cursory examination suggests a reason for the overlap of some volumes. In the mid-1880s, for example, there are 3 volumes that cover a similar period, but there do not appear to be any duplicate recordings. However, one book appears mostly to have been recorded by the Deputy Clerk, another by the Clerk, and the third consists of preprinted forms that have been filled out and filed. Considering the tedious and laborious nature of writing out fully all recordings in the record book, it is easy to imagine that with any significant volume of filings a single clerk might easily be overwhelmed.

**NOTE:** of potential special interest: B114 John Jacob Astor 1815,
Series 085  Loan Commissioners Mortgages, 1786-1842, gaps

Extent:  #1 Volume  front  1792-1828, 1842 (71pp)  A5RS7
         back  1786 (15pp), 1790 (1p)
         # 2 Volume  1808-1828

Arrangement:  Vol. #1: mixed; Vol. #2: chronological

Description:  Indexed alphabetical, indentures executed by individuals with the County. The record registers names, collateral, conditions and repayment. All pages but one have a corner cut page where the original signature was fixed. This may be a method for giving a receipt for a satisfied loan. The front part of the book consists of preprinted pages (‘eighteen hundred…’) or forms of the New Loan-Officers of the County of Dutchess established by a law passed by the New York State legislature entitled “An act for loaning monies belonging to this state.” Those executed after 1812 are with Putnam County. The back part of the book consists of preprinted pages (‘seventeen hundred…’) or forms of the Loan-Officers of the said County established by a law entitled “an act for emitting the sum of two hundred thousand pounds in bills of credit, for the purposes therein mentioned.” Principal is to be repaid one tenth each year from 1791 to 1800. These ‘pages’ have been glued to the original pages in the book – all of the original page except a small strip having been removed. The original bound pages are the same forms as in the front, but they are bound to be read from the back of the vol. Interest and principal payments are listed on the back of the documents.
SEE also Series 041, 090, and 091.

Series 086 Mortgage Tax List, 1906-1921

Extent:  # 1 Volume  1906-1921  A5RS7

Arrangement:  chronological

Description:  Entries are mortgagor, mortgagee, date, volume and page, location, principal, mortgage tax, and remarks. Information may include statement and case number filed.
SEE also Series 074, 075 mortgage tax apportionment

Series 087 Assignment of Mortgages, 1906-1908
Description: The series records the assignment of a mortgage contract to a third-party other than the original mortgagee. The term “assumed” mortgage may be interchanged with “assignment”. This activity was taken in the finalizing of estates. 
SEE also 012.

Series 088  Orders Appointing Receivers, 1874-1906, gaps

Description: This is a debtors’ proceeding whereby through a court ordered action a third party, the receiver, is appointed to prevent the debtor from evading his debt. The defendant is “enjoined and restrained” from making any transfers of the property before satisfying the debt. The court assigned the monetary costs and fees. Entries in volume index to folder.

Series 089  Court Directed deposits with the County Treasurer, 1892-1923

Description: This series features the financial recordings of the filings of referee’s reports, decrees, and orders in accordance with the law of 1895, 1AW Chapter 544. The information consists of date of filing, title of action, type of filing, Court of issue, name(s) of attorney, book and page of the recording, amount of money, person whom the order is directed to be paid, currency of payment, due date, and awards.

Series 090  U.S. Deposit Fund, 1837-1846
Arrangement: chronological

Description: This series contains the records of Loan Commissioners in conjunction with Putnam County loan program to individuals. Volume 1837-1846 features printed forms of indentures (31 pages) with date, name, town, witness, loan amount, property description, and termination date. Lower portion of page is cut away possibly as a receipt when loan was satisfied. Volume 1837-1855 (44 pages) lists name, date, purpose of loan, terms, interest, and principal. There is a loose receipt at page 44. See also Series 041, 085, and 091.

Series 091 U.S. Deposit Fund Minute Book, 1837-1873

Extent: # 1 Volume 1837-1873 A3U2S7

Arrangement: chronological

Description: This series is related to series 090. It consists of the minutes of the meeting of commissioners of the Fund for the purpose of receiving principal and interest on the loans. Commissioners met the first Tuesday in October as required by law. The transcript includes an affidavit issued by the Board of Supervisors of examination and satisfaction. See also Series 041, 085, and 090.

Series 092 Tax Collector Bonds, 1818-1951, gaps

A: Record Books with List of Filings

Extent: # 1 Volume 1820-1908 A3U2S7
# 2 Volume 1909-1951

Arrangement: alphabetical

Description: Most entries are for tax collectors filing performance guarantees either personal or with surety(s) listed. The records note the name of the collector, collector’s residence, type of bond, date and amount of bond, and date satisfied. A few appear to be other public officials’ bonds and a few between individuals. There are no known connections with other ‘bond’ series (079, 093, 142-145).

B: Bonds Filed
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Extent:  #1 Archives Box  1818-1936  A3U2S8-1
Fldr 1  1818-1830
Fldr 2  1831-1840
Fldr 3  1841-1850
Fldr 4  1851-1860
Fldr 5  1861-1870
Fldr 6  1871-1880
Fldr 7  1881-1885
Fldr 8  1886-1890
Fldr 9  1891-1900
Fldr 10  1906-1912
Fldr 11  1913-1917
Fldr 12  1918-1920
Fldr 13  1921-1925
Fldr 14  1926-1929
Fldr 15  1930-1933
Fldr 16  1934-1935
Fldr 17  1936

Arrangement:  chronological

Description:  These are the actual bonds that were filed. Some may also evidence satisfaction. Some of the satisfactions are recorded on the original bond, others are recorded on separately filed satisfactions (see folders 18-22). There may be some satisfactions in folders 1-17, and there may be some bonds in folders 18-22.

C:  Satisfactions Filed

Extent:  #1 Archives Box  1877-1943  A3U2S8-1
Fldr 18  prior to 1900
Fldr 18a  1903
Fldr 19  1907-1912
Fldr 20  1913-1915
Fldr 21  1916-1923
Fldr 22  1930-1943

Arrangement:  chronological by filed date

Description:  Most of these documents appear to be individually filed. There may be some satisfactions in folders 1-17, and there may be some bonds in folders 18-22. Several documents in folder 22 relate to bonds from the 1800s for which satisfaction was filed in 1943! File dates of numerous satisfactions are many years after the bond date.

D:  Other / Miscellaneous Collector Filings

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### Arrangement:

Satisfactions – chronological by filed date

### Description:

Records in D came to the archives at a later date than those in A-C. In the interest of processing time, they have not been inter-filed. They may fill in some of the gaps in A-C. See also Series 040 where there may also be some collector bonds mixed in, most likely F1 and F3.

### Series 093 Bonds and Undertakings, 1878-1886

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### Arrangement:

alphabetical

### Description:

The documents contain the recording of the bonds and financial actions. Entries include type of bond or loan, title of cause, court, acknowledged, date, approved, filed, conditions (guardian, appearance in court, estate), and remarks. The types of bonds are assignee, sheriff, and undertaking for appeal or attachment. Most entries are supreme court; a few are county court and court of sessions. Most entries appear to be individuals and sureties posting bond to a court for an action. Types of bonds are guardian, trustee, undertaking (various), assignee, bond on attachment, and a few by officials. There are no known connections with other ‘bond’ series (092, 142-145), but there remains unprocessed material. Series 093 may be an index to Series 004 or an index for undertakings. This is not yet verified.

### Series 094 Putnam County Ledger, 1877-1945, gaps and Cash Book, 1910-1912, 1923-1943, gaps

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#11 Volume Jan.1941-July1941
#12 Volume July1941-Dec.1941
#13 Volume Dec.1941-June1942
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#15 Volume Jan.1943-Aug.1943
#16 Volume 1877-1909 (ledger)

Ledgers
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#13 Volume (N) 1936
#14 Volume (O) 1937
#15 Volume (P) 1938
#16 Volume (Q) 1939
#17 Volume (R) 1940
#18 Volume (S) 1941
#19 Volume (T) 1942
#20 Volume (U) 1943
#21 Volume (V) 1944
#22 Volume (W) 1945

location:

Arrangement: chronological

Description: This series is the recording of the accounts receivable and disbursements of the General Ledger from the Office of the County Treasurer. The records include such categories as returned real taxes, dog licenses, payments by the County for damage done...
by dogs, child welfare payments, Grand Juror payments, and salaries for officials, highway workers etc. An example of the data recorded is the 1933 ledger recording payments for the orders of Emergency Work Bureau Projects N-16, N-17, N-15 and the STAR Highway development. The volumes by alpha B-W have numerous accounts including those as Tax Sale Records and Tax Redemptions.

SEE also 007, Board of Supervisors Bills and Allowances, for the physical receipts of some items recorded in the ledgers. SEE also 033.

**Series 095  Putnam County Clerk’s Cash Book, 1912-1934**

**Extent:**
- # 1 Volume 1912-1922 A3U5S7
- # 2 Volume 1928-1931
- # 3 Volume 1931-1934

**Arrangement:** chronological

**Description:** The Clerk’s Cash Book is the recording of the fees for recording documents and notary service. The data noted is date, time, name, cost, document or service, notary; for County, State, certified copy, and naturalization for County, State.

SEE also Series 021 DB 1, A, for 1818-1823

**Series 096  New York State Census, Putnam County 1915,1925**

**Extent:**
- # 1 Volume 1915 A3U5S7
- # 2 Volume 1925

**Arrangement:** geographical by town

**Description:** Between 1825 and 1925 (except 1885), the state conducted a census. These are the only two known to exist in entirety for Putnam County. The 1915 and 1925 censuses are demographic in format. Data collected and reported are organized by town, street, residence, family name, relationship to head of the family, color/race, sex, age, nativity (country of Birth), citizenship (number of years in U.S., citizen or alien, date and place naturalization), occupation, and place of institutionalization if applicable. There are several entries of African Americans who have entered their nativity as former slaves. This collection of demographics is good source of for tracking family histories, immigration and naturalization, community studies; business, residential grouping by nationality, etc.

SEE library in County Historian’s Office for copies of state census of 1845 for Kent and Philipstown. See also statistical totals for Putnam County and its towns for 1835-75 in the library.
Series 097  New York State Agricultural Census, Social Statistics, Putnam County, 1860

Extent:   # 1 Oversized, Document Drawer #4  1860 A5D4

Arrangement: information by towns

Description: The census includes the six towns of Putnam County. The data reported is statistical in nature, such as assessed value of real estate and personal property, schools and number of pupils, libraries, religious institutions, seasonal crops, annual taxes, funds received by taxation, public funding, pauperism, and crime. This census is a concise “snapshot” for Putnam County in the prewar Civil War period. Researchers may find the census interesting for the study of urban and agricultural communities.

Series 098  Judge Southard, correspondence copies, 1902-1904

Extent:   # 1 Volume 1902-1904 A3U6S7

Arrangement: chronological

Description: This workbook contains the legal correspondence of the Judge. It is primarily brief letters of reply and has little in-depth information. Most of the correspondence is written in script, however it has not been determined that it is in the Judge’s hand or his clerks’. The text contents are less remarkable than the type of paper, ink, and copy method employed.

Series 099  “Committees:” Lunacy, Incompetents, and Habitual Drunkards, 1848-1923

Extent:   # 1 Box 1848-1879 A1U4S1,S2
# 2 Box 1880-1883
# 3 Box 1881-1890
# 4 Box 1885-1892
# 5 Box 1892-1911
# 6 Box 1901-1914 (small group, 1-13, of bonds from committees, 1882-1893)
Arrangement: chronological, by name

Description: The “Committees” are those persons committed by private individuals or the public welfare system to asylums through Court Orders. This was a small population that because of old age, mental illness, retardation, alcohol abuse, and infirmity could not live in the County Poorhouse. The records include some persons for whom the court order was contested, examined and dismissed or the person released at a later date. Information in this series is valuable for statistical and historical reporting, and confidentiality is to be respected. See box #6 for bonds from committee.

Ask Archivist to see supplement to Series 099 for box, folder, name and year listing.

Series 100  Stallion Records, 1887-1906, 1909

Extent: # 1 Shared Volume #4 1887-1906 A1U5S10
# 1 Oversized, Drawer #4 1909 poster A6, D4

Arrangement: Various

Description: The Clerk documents filings for the registry of Stallions by use of the public notice. The notice advertises the horse’s pedigree, farm and former and present owners, physical description, may include availability for stud and its record of notable ancestors and offspring. The volume features newspaper notices, handbills pasted onto the pages. The Clerk dates and signs the notice. The poster was found folded inside the volume. It is not signed nor dated; but nevertheless, an interesting document to view – light bay Clydesdale, King George – a separate document registered this stallion in 1909, but it was not listed in the book – the files document is housed with the oversize poster

Series 101 Veterinary Medical Register

Extent: # 1 Shared Volume #4 1894-1912 A1U5S10

Arrangement: chronological

Description: Beginning at page 400 of shared Volume #1 the registration shows the name, date, College of Veterinary Medicine that is governed by the Board of Regents Medical Examiners, endorsement, and licensed.

Series 102  Physicians and Surgeons Register

Extent: # 1 Volume 1880-1970 A3U6S7
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Arrangement: alphabetical to 1949, chronological to 1954 then skip 1970.

Description: This volume is a registration of doctors practicing in Putnam County. The printed forms show name, residence, place of birth, date of graduation and institution, date of registry and signatures. All entries are male.
SEE also Series 021 DB1 (F) for certificates to practice medicine 1797-1843

Series 103 Dentists and Dental Hygienists Register

Extent: # 1 Volume 1896-1969 A3U6S7

Arrangement: alphabetical

Description: This is a record of affidavits by dentists and dental hygienists registered and recorded by the County Clerk. Each entry includes name, address, educational institution, graduation date, dates and signatures. All the registrants are male except for one female dental hygienist.

Series 104 Assumed Name Register

Extent: # 1 Volume 1903-1938 A3U6S7

Arrangement: alphabetical

Description: This is a record of persons conducting businesses under an ‘assumed name.’ The assumed name is the registered business name as the primary title and the owner’s name as the secondary title. This data shows that many businesses of the period were service and entertainment such as bar & grills, casinos, taverns, hardware stores, garden and landscaping services, garages, department stores and inns. Since this data spans the economic period of the turn-of-the-century prosperity, World War 1, and the Great Depression era it may offer compare/contrast evidence into the economic and social trends of an agricultural economy.

Series 105 Architects Register

Extent: # 1 Volume 1923-1954 A3U6S7

Arrangement: chronological
**Description:** This register contains six entries of certificates stating name, birthplace, birth date, current address, where certificate to practice obtained (i.e. college), date of graduation, signatures of applicant and Deputy Clerk, and date recorded.

**Series 106   Farm Names Register**

**Extent:** #1 Volume 1913-1937 A3U6S7

**Arrangement:** chronological

**Description:** This is a record of new farms registered in a 24-year period. The registration reads much like a deed stating name of owner, property description, notation of deed’s liber and page. The more notable farms are the politician Stuyvesant Fish’s Continental Village Farm, Glenclyffe Farm, and Canopus Hollow Farm and entertainer Ray Bloch’s Hollybrook Farm.

This volume is such a modest offering of registrations it seems suspect that so few farms were registered in this period. A possible explanation for this may be found if the researcher would examine Series 104, Assumed Name Register, for growth of non-farm businesses in the same time period.

**Series 107   County Clerk’s Statement of Income from Mortgage Tax**

**Extent:** #1 DB 1905-1929 A2U1S8

**Arrangement:** chronological, see supplement for folder 1-9 by year.

**Description:** The records are statements from the Clerk to the County Treasurer indicating the cash receipts or mortgage taxes received by the Clerk. The records also show the disbursements made by the Clerk from those revenues for items such as salaries, bond premiums, printing, stationary, postage, and sundries. The balance of the receipts minus the expenditures is recorded as a transfer entry to the County Treasurer. The State Board of Commissioners has audited these records. 

SEE also Series 074, 075, 086, and 164.
Series 108  Professional Engineer or Land Surveyor Affidavits, 1924-1951

Extent: # 1 Volume 1924-1951 RS7

Arrangement: chronological

Description: In accordance with state laws, the professional register recorded the affidavit by name of person, residence, birth place, birth date, date of license, number of license.

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Series 109  Putnam County Technical Reports, 1963

Extent: # 1 Shared DB 1963 A2U2S3-13

Arrangement: topical, 2 reports

Description: Goodkind & O’Dea Planning Consultants prepared the reports. The study was funded in part by the Federal Urban Renewal Administration for the New York State Department of Commerce. This is a good summary and statistical data pertaining to Putnam County, including population, land use, highways, water supply, and general county planning.

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Series 110  Putnam County Solid Waste Management, 1988-89

Extent: # 1 DB 1989 A2U1S8-6-7
# 2 DB 1988

Arrangement: topical

Description: In the 1880s, garbage companies and garbage districts throughout the county were finding few places for disposal of solid waste because landfill space was becoming scarce and expensive. Seeking a county-wide solution, the county engaged the firm of William F. Cosulich Associates of Woodbury, NY, to develop a Solid Waste Management Plan, which was finalized in 1989. This series includes the plan, an analysis of the waste stream, recycling and separation, and the siting of a landfill. It also includes the generic, draft and final Environmental Impact Statements in compliance with the NYS Environmental Quality Review Act of 1975, and statements and studies from opponents of the plan. Ultimately, the site selected for a landfill in Patterson created such an uproar
that a county executive who supported the plan was defeated in 1990 and the legislature rescinded its earlier vote to approve the plan. 

See also HC212 PRIDE for the organization and campaign of opponents of the plan and HC408 (#124-#127) Archived Vertical Files.

Series 111  Putnam County Police Consolidation Commission, 1988 – Policing in Putnam

Extent: # 1 item, shared DB 1988 A2U2S3-13

Arrangement: none

Description: Report on Analyzing the Alternatives for Policing in Putnam. 


Series 112  Superintendent of the Poor records

Extent: # 1 Fldr, shared DB 1830-1852 A2U1S5 -12

Arrangement: mixed chronological

Description: The Superintendent of the Poor reported directly to the Board of Supervisors. The operation and direction of the welfare system in each town, Village, district was his responsibility. The records are mixed and includes deeds pertaining to acquiring land for the poorhouse, appointments, agreements, and bonds.

Series 113  Putnam County Court Minutes

Extent: # 1 Volume 1812-1860 A5RS1
# 2 Volume 1879-1935

Arrangement: chronological by term of court, then by plaintiff

Description: The Volumes are titled County Court Minutes and record the actions between private parties from 1812-1936. The minutes are those of the Court of Common
Pleas up to the February 1847 session. Starting with the September 1847 session the minutes are those of the Putnam County Court. The February 1857 session is identified as the County Court and Court of Sessions which endures through the September 1895 session after which it is termed simply County Court starting with the February 1896 session. At the end of vol. 1 are entered numerous bonds by town officials (tax collectors) as well as miscellaneous recordings from 1823-1855, several pages of appointments, and summary of bonds recorded by town 1830-1855. No known index. 

SEE also Series 013.

Series 114  Putnam County Inter-Office Telephone Directory

Extent:       #1 DB  1977—2007   A2U2S3 -12
Arrangement:  chronological

Description: The directories contain the names, titles, departments and telephone numbers of Putnam County offices. It was printed by the county printing department and discontinued when the printing department was abolished.

Series 115  Naturalization, Petition and Records

Extent:       #1 Volume 001-151  1905-1919   A1U4S6
              #2 Volume 152-250  1919-1922
              #3 Volume 251-350  1922-1927
              #4 Volume 351-390  1927-1939
Arrangement:  chronological, numeric

Description: A naturalization petition is a written application given by an immigrant stating a number of demographic facts pertaining to his or her personal history. The petition contains several parts. The demographic portion of the petition include: name, residence, occupation, date and place of birth, date and place of emigration, port of arrival, name of vessel, date and place of declaration, marital status, spouse’s name, children names and birth dates, and date of last entry into the United States, signature of petitioner and date. The “affidavit” portion of the petition contains names, occupations, and residences of witnesses supporting the petitioner. The “order of the court” record shows the date admitted to citizenship or the reasons for petitioner’s denial. The certificate is numbered and dated. In a number of records additional documents relating to the original application are appended to the petition. This collection of volumes contains approximately 90% male petitioners and 10% female petitioners.
SEE also Series 021 DB1 G, 055, 116, 117, 126 for additional information
Entered into database IMMIGRAT.DTF and in Master Name Database.

Series 116  Naturalization, Final Application

Extent:  #1 Volume  1840-1906  A1U4S7

Arrangement: alphabetical

Description: The records within the alpha sections show name, date, residence, nationality, type application, witnesses, residences of witnesses and remarks. Entries for years 1840-1894 contain only year of application, name and record number. It appears that this information was transferred from an unidentified source. Entries for the years 1895-1906 contain more demographic data.

SEE also Series 055, 115,117,126 for additional information.
NOTE: This register provides an alpha index of names found in boxes in Series 055.

Series 117  Naturalization, Affidavits

Extent:  #1 Volume  1861-1895  A1-U4-S7

Arrangement: chronological

Description: Naturalization affidavits are printed statements of declaration of facts given voluntarily by the immigrant. The requirements of the affidavit were that the person seeking naturalization shall have resided in the United States or territories for a minimum of five years and renounced allegiance to their country of origin. The affidavit is in part: I, (name) do solemnly swear, that I will support the constitution of the United States, and that I do absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign Prince, Potentate, State, or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to (former crown and country.)

Witnessed, dated and signed.

SEE also Series 055,115,116,126 for additional information
Entered in database IMMIGRAT.DTF
Series 118 Miscellaneous Election Poll Books, Patterson and Kent, 1917-72

Extent:  
#1 Volume Patterson 1st ED 1917 A1U5S9  
#2 Volume Patterson 2nd ED 1919  
#3 Volume Patterson 2nd ED 1924  
#4 Poll list Kent 1872  
#5 Poll Book Putnam Valley 1863  
Campaign for the Union

Arrangement: alphabetical #1-3, #4 random 1-273

Description: Pursuant to the election laws of New York State §355 Poll Clerks are required to document an election by recording the number and name of the voter, residence, number of ballot given and number of ballot returned. The book is a printed record book. The November 1917 volume has the “General Duties of Poll Clerks”, a concise explanation of duties.  
Restricted handling –Poll Books in poor condition.

Series 119 Town Books of Frederickstown and Fredrick (now Kent) 1841-1886

Extent:  
#1 Volume 1788-1840 A2-U1-S7  
#2 Volume 1841-1886

Arrangement: chronological

Description: The town books are early accounts of the Town Clerk’s recording of the decisions and elections at the annual town meeting including the offices of supervisor, town clerk, town justices, assessors, fence viewers, collectors, poor masters, constables, commissioners and overseers of Highway, pound masters, and school commissioners. Also included are election results for state offices. The Town Clerk recorded the granting of licenses to sell alcohol to hotel owners, affidavits involving personal property, local regulations regarding animal control, and the declaration of the unfit status of a man to serve in the army.  
NOTE: These volumes have been microfilmed. They have also been transcribed and indexed by Glendon E. Wheeler and are available in the Historian’s Library.

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Series 120  Register of Electors 1917

Extent:  #1 Volume, Patterson  1917  A1-U5-S9

Arrangement:  Alphabetical

Description:  The Register of Electors for 1917 contains similar information as the Poll Books of series 118. The November 1917 Poll Book can be cross referenced in part to the Register. The Register records more demographic information.

Restricted handling – register is paper and in poor condition.

Series 121  Surrogates’ Court Minutes 1830-1955

Extent:  #1 Volume  1830-1836  A9U1,U2,S8,S9
          #2 Volume  1836-1844
          #3 Volume  1844-1853
          #4 Volume  1854-1859
          #5 Volume  1859-1860
          #6 Volume  1864-1867
          #7 Volume  1867-1870
          #8 Volume  1870-1872
          #9 Volume  1872-1875
          #10 Volume  1875-1877
          #11 Volume  1877-1879
          #12 Volume  1879-1882
          #13 Volume  1882-1884
          #14 Volume  1844-1886
          #15 Volume  1886-1887
          #16 Volume  1887-1889
          #17 Volume  1889-1890
          #18 Volume  1890-1891
          #19 Volume  1892-1895
          #20 Volume  1893-1894
          #21 Volume  1894-1896
          #22 Volume  1896-1898
          #23 Volume  1898-1900
          #24 Volume  1900-1901
          #25 Volume  1901-1903
          #26 Volume  1903-1905
          #27 Volume  1905-1911
          #28 Volume  1910-1914
Arrangement: chronological.

Description: The Surrogates’ Court is the place of finalization of wills and their estates. The record shows demographic information, simple inventory or complex inventories through a series of schedules. Surrogate’s Court minutes record the process of probating a will, e.g. granting letters of administration, appointing guardians, examination of witnesses, etc.

NOTE: Each volume has an alphabetical index for that volume; however, to use the volumes alone requires knowing the approximate date of the name sought. It is easier to locate a name by using the MSWord index for the 143 archives boxes in Series 034, Surrogate’s Court Records. The supplement for Series 121 contains the month and year of each volume.

Series 122 Marriage Records 1908-1935

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Arrangement: Indexed alphabetical by bridegroom and bride

Description: Since 1882, marriages have been recorded by town and village clerks. During this period only (1908-1936) they were also filed with the County Clerk.
The Marriage records begin with volume Ø 1908-1918 as a simple recording of the Groom and Bride. Beginning volume #1 the format changes to 3-part form, the License, the Certificate, and the Affidavit. The first form is the Marriage License, stating basic demographic information such as name, address, age, occupation, parents name and county of origin, color “race”, number of marriages, widow or divorced, and a statement referring to a testimony for “not” having a venereal disease. The second is the Marriage Certificate stating the person who performed the ceremony, date, place, and witnesses. The third is the Affidavit for the license to Marry, a brief form repeating the same demographics. The fourth is a Certificate of Consent and is only required if one of the parties is under the age of 21.

Note: These volumes may be used as an index to locate documents in Series 070, Marriage licenses and certificates. The information recorded is the same in both places, except for the title of the person performing the ceremony which is more likely to be included on the individual forms. Both certificates and volumes appear to be filled out by the clerk – except box #1. To search by name, use database MARRIAGE.DTF or Master Name Database.

Series 123 Surrogates’ Court correspondence 1919-1922

Extent: #1 Volume 1919-1922 A9U3S8

Arrangement: chronological

Description: This volume contains hand written copies of correspondence to officials and persons inquiring to the settlement of estates.

Restricted handling, paper is fragile, ink light.

Series 124 Commissioners of Forfeitures, Middle District, Philipse Patent, 1780-1786

Extent: #1 Volume 1780-1786 (photostat) A2U5S6

Arrangement: chronological, indexed by name of purchaser

Description: The series consists of deeds by the New York State Commissioners of Forfeitures to lands forfeited by landowners who had been found guilty of treason for their adherence to the British Crown during the American Revolution. Most of the land sold in what would become Putnam County were in six of the nine lots owned by
patentees Susannah (Philipse) and Beverly Robinson and Mary (Philipse) and Roger Morris. The deeds as recorded are the documentation with metes and bounds of forfeiture sales by to various purchasers, most of whom supported the patriot cause or who were, at least, neutral. This volume is a photocopy; the original is in the Dutchess County Historical Society collection.

NOTE: To better understand this volume, the size of the parcels, abutting landowners, etc., consult the Henry S. Conklin maps (1887) located in the archive Map Collection. The Conklin maps were created in 1887 from surveys drawn from the forfeiture deed descriptions.

Series 125 New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Sewerage Study-Putnam County 1972

Extent: Spiral bound book (shared DB) A2U2S3-13

Arrangement: by subject

Description: This study contracted by NYS for Putnam County was developed by Howard A. Kelly Associates. It provides a variety of environmental data, comparison study, population growth predictions, and a long range plan for water pollution control facilities for a fifty year period.

Series 126 Naturalization, Register of Oaths 1861-1906

Extent: #1 Volume 1861-1906 A1U4S7

Arrangement: chronological, indexed

Description: This Register of Oaths differs from the declaration of intention as the outside binding indicates. The Intentions of Declaration, Series 055 are sworn applications containing demographic information. The Register of Oaths are records of the action performed in court pertaining to the “intention” of becoming a citizen of the United States and renouncing of a former allegiance. The oaths are printed forms with space provided for the renunciation and signature. See Series 055, 115,116,117 Naturalization for additional information.

NOTE: Entered into database IMMIGRAT.DTF.
Series 127  Code of Putnam County, 1997- 2007

Extent:  
#1 shared DB (Supplements to #14)  1997-2007  A2-U2-S3-14
# 2 DB (Supplements #15-#19)  2007 -  A2U2S4-10

Arrangement:  numeric, by section, updates separate and not inserted

Description:  Putnam County laws as adopted by the Putnam County Legislature. Three ring binder, 1997 Code with updates as of 5/20/98 (supplement 2), 8/10/99 (supplement 3), 5/30/00 (supplement 4), 4/10/01 (supplement 5, inserted), 6/10/02 (supplement 6), 7/30/02 (supplement 7), 1/25/03 (supplement 8), 7/15/03 (supplement 9), 3/1/04 (supplement 10), 7/15/04 (supplement 11), 8/1/05 (supplement 12), 5/15/06 (supplement 13), 6/15/07 (supplement 14). It appears no other updates, except the 4/10/01 update, have been made to the book.
DB #2 contains updates: 5/15/08 (supplement 15), 11/15/08 (supplement 16), 9/1/09 (supplement 17), 9/1/10 (supplement 18), 7/1/11 (supplement 19). Also a second departments code book, mostly 2002 and 2004, which is included in case there are pages that are not present in the other groupings. It is the intent of the Archives to keep all supplements intact as received and not to replace or discard any pages that have been updated, but to retain all changes.

Series 128  NYS Audit of Putnam County 1914

Extent:  1 Volume in shared DB  A2U2S3-14

Arrangement:  by subject


Series 129  Civil Actions and Special Proceedings, County and Supreme Court – 1812-1932

Extent:  
Volume A  # 1 to 2746  1812-1877  A4U1S7
Volume 1  # 2596 to 3993  1878-1900
Volume 2  # 3920 to 6480  1900-1925
Volume 3  # 5096 to 6457  1926-1932
Arrangement: Each vol. indexed alpha by defendant. Entries made chronologically as cases filed, progress dates noted, case numbers assigned (but not sequentially, i.e. not same as chronological order), not all cases have numbers. Similar to Series 058, but is just a recording of cases as they are brought (file numbers assigned later).

Description. Volume A is the recording of the civil actions by the County Clerk: pp. 1-216 civil actions, most with file numbers; pp. 216-219 current actions, no file numbers; pp. 220-395 blank, pp.396-443 overflow of alpha index; lists defendant, plaintiff, file number, type of action, date. An index for Series 045.

This series may be a record of all actions brought. If a judgment were issued, see series 058; if a Supreme Court order was issued, see series 063. If the action proceeded ‘far enough’ (and the procedure was in effect), it may have been given a file number, in which case it may be found in series 045. If procedure was different (or at a different time), and if there is no file number given, it may be found in series 017 by referring to the book number and page number where it is found in this series (129). If a file number has been generated as above, there may also be an entry in series 057, copy of which may be in each location.

Series 130  **Putnam County Budgets, 1952-90, gaps**

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Arrangement: by department

Description: County budgets adopted by Board of Supervisors (before 1980) or by Legislature and County Executive.

Series 131  **Transportation Project Report, 2000**
Extent: 2 volumes in DB 2000 A2U1S8-9

Arrangement: topical

Description: Route 22 design report, Sept 2000, July 2000 (Appendix C). Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the widening of Route 22 from the end of 684 north to Doansburg Road (Putnam Lake Road)

Series 132 Putnam County annual report, 1990

Extent: 1 Volume 1990 A2U21S8-9

Arrangement: chronological

Description: Audit prepared for the Putnam County Department of Finance for the year ending 31 December 1990. Audit was conducted by Bennett Kielson Storch & Kremen. The report includes an unaudited statistical section.

Series 133 Real Property Tax Maps, 1995-99, gaps

Extent: #1 Volume Kent 1995 A4U2S7
#2 Volume Putnam Valley, Southeast 1995
#3 Volume Carmel 1997
#4 Volume Carmel 1998
#5 Volume Kent, Patt., Philipstown 1998
#6 Volume Putnam Valley, Southeast 1998
#7 Volume Carmel 1999
#8 Volume Kent, Patt., Philipstown 1999
#9 Volume Putnam Valley, Southeast 1999

Arrangement: by town and village, then numeric by section

Description: Tax maps are part of a state-wide system of map, section, and lot number for each parcel. They are used by the town assessor and by the taxing authorities. These maps were prepared by James W. Sewall of Old Town, Maine.
Series 134  New York City vs. Putnam County Assessors, 1904-1939

Extent:  
# 1 Archive Box  Carmel -  A2U1S1-6  
  Testimony: Books vol. 1 through 8 ; Filed 2/8/1926
# 2 Archive Box  Carmel -  A2U1S2- 1-6  
  Testimony: Books vol 9 through 11; Filed 2/8/1926  
  # 1 Folder - Tax Protest-Certiorari-Appeal: Filed 1904  
  # 2 Folder - Tax Protest-Certiorari-Appeal: Filed 1905  
  # 3 Folder - Tax Protest-Certiorari-Appeal: Filed 1906-1907  
  # 4 Folder - Tax Protest-Certiorari-Appeal: Filed 1908-1909  
  # 5 Folder - Tax Protest-Certiorari-Appeal: Filed 1910-1911

# 3 Archive Box  Carmel -  
  # 1 Folder - Tax Protest-Certiorari-Appeal: Filed 1912-1916  
  # 2 Folder - Tax Protest-Certiorari-Appeal: Filed 1917-1921  
  # 3 Folder - Tax Protest-Certiorari-Appeal: Filed 1922 – all towns  
  # 4 Folder - Tax Protest-Certiorari-Appeal: Filed 1923-1928  
  # 5 Folder - Tax Protest-Certiorari-Appeal: Filed 1929-1933  
  # 6 Folder - Tax Protest-Certiorari-Appeal: Filed 1934-1938  
  # 7 Folder - Tax Protest-Certiorari-Appeal: Filed 1939 - 1917-1938 settlements

# 4 Archive Box  Carmel -  
  # 1 Folder – Stenographer’s Minutes - 1916  Book 1  
  # 2 Folder - Stenographer’s Minutes - 1916  Book 2  
  # 3 Folder - Stenographer’s Minutes - 1916  Book 3  
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  # 4 Folder - Stenographer’s Minutes - 1916  Book 8

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  # 2 Folder - Stenographer’s Minutes - 1916  Book 10  
  # 3 Folder - Stenographer’s Minutes - 1916  Book 11

# 7 Archive Box  Kent -  
  # 1 - 5 Folders – Testimony Book – Vol. I - V:  Filed 1925
# 6 - 12 Folders – Tax Protest-Certiorari-Appeal:
Filed 1903 – 1913
# 6 Kent 1903-1904
# 7 Kent 1903, 1905, small appeal book
# 8 Kent 1903-1906
# 9 Kent 1907-1908
# 10 Kent 1909-1910
# 11 Kent 1911-1912
# 12 1913 - all towns

# 8 Archive Box Kent - A2U2S1- 1-6
# 1 - 10 Folders – Tax Protest-Certiorari-Appeal:
Filed 1913 – 1937
# 1 1912 – all towns
# 2 Kent 1914-1916
# 3 Kent 1917-1919
# 4 Kent 1920-1922
# 5 Kent 1916, 1923, 1926
# 6 Kent 1923-1928
# 7 Kent 1929-1931
# 8 Kent 1932-1933
# 9 Kent 1935-1937
# 10 Kent 1917-1929 Stipulation of Discontinuance

# 9 Archive Box Kent -
# 1 - 4 Folders – Stenographers Minutes –Vol. I - IV:
1917-1919
# 1 Oct. 1917 – Jan. 1918
# 2 Jan. 1918 – Dec. 1918
# 3 Jan. 1919 – Aug. 1919
** Note: BROKEN spine, papers loose
# 4 Sep. 1919 – Dec. 1919

#10 Archive Box Southeast -
# 1 – 4 Folders – Testimony Books – Vol. I & II
Papers on Appeal, filed 1911 for 1905, notice of appeal, assessed valuations are suggested
# 5 – 10 Folders - Tax Protest-Certiorari-Appeal:
Filed 1897 – 1910
# 5 1897, land descriptions, Double Reservoir I
# 6 Southeast 1902-1904
# 7 Southeast 1903-1905, small appeal book
# 8 Southeast 1904-1906, small appeal book
# 9 Southeast 1907-1908
# 10 Southeast 1909-1910
| #11 Archive Box | Southeast - | #1 – 10 Folders - Tax Protest-Certiorari-Appeal: Filed 1911 – 1936 |
| #2 Southeast 1911 |
| #3 Southeast 1905-1912, small appeal book |
| #4 Southeast 1905, 1914-1915, small appeal book |
| #5 Southeast 1915-1916 |
| #6 Southeast 1918, 1919, 1921 |
| #7 Southeast 1920-1924 |
| #8 Southeast 1926-1929 |
| #9 Southeast 1930-1932 |
| #10 Southeast 1935-1936, also against Putnam County |

| #12 Archive Box | Southeast - | #1 - 4 Folders – Stenographers Minutes –Vol. I - IV: 1917 |
| #1 Nov. 1919 – Jun. 1920 |
| #2 Jul. 1920 – Dec. 1920 |
| #3 Dec. 1920 – Feb. 1921 |
| #4 Feb. 1921 – Jul. 1921 |

| #13 Archive Box | Southeast - | #1 & 2 Folders – Stenographers Minutes –Vol. V - VI: 1917 |
| #3 & 4 Folders – Assessment Rolls – 1911 & 1913 |
| #1 Oct. 1921 – Feb. 1922 |
| #2 Mar. 1922 – Jun. 1922 |
| #3 1911 alpha by resident, non-resident, and incorporated companies |
| #4 1913 alpha, some personal property, some companies |
| SEE also 045 box 61 No 4208, 4209, 4218 for similar actions with Southeast, and perhaps for all towns. |

| #14 Archive Box | Philipstown - | A2U2S2- 1-2 |
| #1 – 14 Folders - Tax Protest-Certiorari-Appeal: Filed 1909 – 1937 |
| #1 1909 |
| #2 1910 |
| #3 1911-1912 |
| #4 1909-1914 |
| #5 1917-1918 |
| #6 1919-1920 |
New York City protested the assessed valuation of its property in Putnam County – water works improvements related to the reservoirs were included in the valuations and New York City argued that they should not. The valuations were upheld by the courts, the City appealed, compromise was finally reached in 1939. Starting in 1897 in Southeast, protests seemed to have been filed against each town respectively every year until settlement.

Testimony may be found from engineers, commissioners, officials of the Aqueduct Commission, Board of Water Supply, and other offices as well as people involved in real estate, accounting, etc. and local individuals such as D. H. Knapp, A. E. Nichols, D. F. Valentine, A. S. Burgess, E. Wegmann, E. F. Joyce, A. E. Budd, O. and W. F. Bailey, E. G. and G. W. Horton, G. W. Birdsall, J. E. Tower, and others.
Much interesting insight is contained in the various testimony about the construction of the dams and aqueduct of the New Croton water system and the magnitude of the entire project.

Jurisdictions include: New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, 2nd Judicial Department, Brooklyn; Supreme Court, 9th Judicial District; 2nd Judicial District, and possible others.

Types of documents found in this collection include: Bill of Costs, Order of Allowing Writ, Petition, Motion to Quash, Writ of Certiorari, Return, Protest to Assessors, Order and Stipulation, Stipulation and Order of Discontinuance, Stipulation of Discontinuance, etc.

SEE also note on Southeast above on location of possible additional files (for all towns)
SEE also 043 Tax Collector’s Books
SEE also 080 for 1932 Putnam Valley assessment roll.
SEE also map collection for many reservoir maps

Series 135  Annual Reports of Corporations and Associations

Extent:    #1 Archives Box (1853-1935)                 A2U2S2-5

Arrangement: Folder, alphabetical by name of corporation, then chronological.

Description: Corporations and some associations doing business in Putnam County filed their annual reports and reports of elections of officers and directors with the County Clerk. There are records of companies mining and smelting iron, making ice, running ferryboats, developing land, quarrying, etc. For some companies, these are the only corporate records known to exist. Some companies have their own folder, others are grouped in miscellaneous folders for iron mining, associations, corporations, etc.

Ainsworth Boiler Covering Co., 1885-87
Beech Island Marble Co., 1891-1905
Brewster Iron Mining Co., 1873 and 1879 (see Iron mining, miscellaneous)
Burton Company, 1899-1902
Carmel Club, 1893 (see Associations, miscellaneous)
Clinton Stephens Co., 1896 (see Corporations, miscellaneous)
Cold Spring and Nelsonville Water Works Co., (see Corporations, miscellaneous)
Cold Spring Light Heat and Power Co. 1899-1925 (gaps)
Croton Falls Construction Co., 1907-10
Croton Magnetic Iron Mines, 1882 and 1896 (see Iron mining, miscellaneous)
Dean-Westbrook Bridge Co., 1899 (see Corporations, miscellaneous)
Dutchess-Putnam Medical Society, 1916 (see Associations, miscellaneous)
Erie Railway Steamboat Co., 1862 (see Railroads and steamboats, miscellaneous)
Garrison and West Point Ferry Co., 1854-1900 (gaps)
Garrison's Mining Co., 1864-65 (see Iron mining, miscellaneous)
General Chemical Co., 1899-1900 (see Chemical companies, miscellaneous)
Hartwell Lumber Co., 1935 (see Corporations, miscellaneous)
Highlands Chemical and Mining Co., 1873-82
Highlands Chemical Co., 1888-98
Highlands on Hudson Land Co., 1894-1910 (gaps)
Hudson Counties Title & Mortgage Company, 1927 (Newburgh) (see Corporations, miscellaneous)
Hudson River Broken Stone and Supply Co, 1889-90 (see Quarrying, miscellaneous)
J.B. & J.M Cornell Co., 1903-08
Kentwood Company, 1912-23
King Granite Co., 1890-1900
Klawqua Company, 1900 (see Corporations, miscellaneous)
Lake Mahopac Improvement Co., 1872-80
Literary Union of Carmel, New York, 1882-96
Mahopac Elgin Creamery Co., 1906-20
Mahopac Iron Ore Co, 1880-90
Mahopac Land Co., 1878-89
Moreton Iron Ore Co., 1880-90 (see Iron mining, miscellaneous)
National Ice Co., 1895 (see Ice companies, miscellaneous)
New York and Fishkill Iron Co., 1865-66 (see Iron mining, miscellaneous)
New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Co., 1898 (see Railroads, miscellaneous)
North River Mining and Quarrying Co., 1852-53 (see Quarrying, miscellaneous)
Northern Ice Co., 1888 (see Ice companies, miscellaneous)
Our Lady of Loretto Roman Catholic Church (see Churches, miscellaneous)
Peekskill Granite Co. Inc., 1917 (see Quarrying, miscellaneous)
Philipstown Crushing Co., 1896 (see Quarrying, miscellaneous)
Putnam County Agricultural Association (see Associations, miscellaneous)
Putnam County Chemical Works, 1885-87 (see Chemical companies, miscellaneous)
Putnam County Ice Co., 1882-86
Putnam County Trust Co., 1916-18
Ryder Farm, Inc. 1915-16
Sackett and Wilhelms Lithography and Printing Co., 1902-08
Smalley Inn, Inc. 1913 (see Corporations, miscellaneous)
Smith's Rail Road Air Light Co., 1864-65 (see Railroads, miscellaneous)
St. Andrew's Church, 1921 (see Churches, miscellaneous)
St. Mary's in the Highlands, 1919 (see Churches, miscellaneous)
St. Philips in the Highlands, 1909 (see Churches, miscellaneous)
Tilly Foster Iron Mines, 1883-98
Union Society of Southeast, 1912 (see Associations, miscellaneous)
United Ice Lines, 1890-92 (see Ice companies, miscellaneous)
West Point Foundry Association 1884-95
Series 136 Military Draft Notices, Patterson, 1863

Extent: 1 small notebook 1863 A1U3S7

Arrangement: none

Description: Pursuant to the Enrollment Act, men whose name had been drawn in the military draft during the Civil War were to be personally served with a draft notice. This notebook records the attempt to serve notices to each drafted man in Patterson and whether service was successful. The notebook was found among the tax collectors' books (Series 043) and was bound like them.

Series 137 Militia Enrollment Book, 1917

Extent: 1 volume A1U3S7

Arrangement: alpha (roughly)

Description: In 1917, all men in Putnam County between 18 and 45 were required to be listed in the enrollment book for the NYS Militia, whether or not they were exempt from military service. Enrollees are listed with their town, mailing address, date of birth, occupation, and exempt status.

Series 138 Health Department, 1969-1996

Extent: 1 document box 1969-96 A2U1S6-10

Arrangement: chronological

Description: a petty cash book

Series 139 Hunting, Trapping, Fishing licenses, 1908-1938

Extent: # 1 archive box 1894-95, 1908-1924 A2U2S2-6

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# 2 archive box 1925-1933 A2U3S1-1
# 3 archive box 1934-1938 A2U3S1-2

**Arrangement:** chronological, by town

**Description:** Monthly report. Filed with the County Clerk, resident and non-resident, lists name, license number, and residence; boxed as received from the Clerk, some tied in packets; some annual reports 1921-1932, gaps unknown; special deer license 1928, 1929, 1932, 1933, possibly others; 1936 duplicate reports from county clerk Percy L. Barker, misc communications from NYS Conservation Dept.

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**Series 140** County Historian’s Office, ca. late 1970s, 1990-2011

**Extent:** 3 document boxes and 2 oversize flat boxes

**Arrangement:** topical

**Description:**

**Document box #1:**
- Folder 1-4 Department budget requests by line, justifications, and program descriptions
- Folder 5 Letterheads
- Folder 6-7 Annual Reports, 1989-
- Folder 8-9 Archives Room, plans, layouts, archives consultant, and LGRMIF Grant
- Folder 10 Archives Directories 1992, 1998

**Document Box #2**
- Folder 1-3 Handbooks 1991, 2000-13
- Folder 4-8 Putnam County Days (County Birthday)
- Folder 9 Putnam County History Days 2003, 2005, 2006 and Putnam County History Conference 2012

**Document Box #3:** Publications and Programs
- Folder 1 Directory of Service Provided by Putnam County (1995)
- Folder 2 Old House Program & Historic Presvrtion
- Folder 3 Listing of exhibits created by Historian’s Office & flyers
- Folder 4 History of Putnam Rail Trail
- Folder 5 “How to” pamphlets about genealogy and the archives
- Folder 6 Historical Chapters in NY Walkbook (Hudson Highlands) by Sallie Sypher
Folder 7 Historic Preservation, miscellaneous
Folder 8 Red Mills Historic Park, 2000-2002

NOTE: Not all publications of the Historian’s Office are in this series. In addition to those items included in Series 140, it should be noted that the following publications are housed in the Historian’s library or elsewhere in the Archives.

Workbooks edited by Horace E. Hillery
Putnam County History: The Last 100 Years. Patterson, 1957.

Putnam County Directory and Tax Levy Booklets (Series 24) since 2009

Miscellaneous articles in Putnam County Bicentennial book (in Library)

Putnam County Men in the Civil War (Compiled and edited by Carol Bailey and Catherine Wargas. Rhinebeck NY: Kinship, 2008. (in Library)


Town Records, Town of Putnam Valley, NY, 1839-1912. Transcribed and indexed by Christina Mucciolo and Christine O’Connor. (in Library)

Patterson (N.Y.) Town Records, 1795-1863. Transcribed and indexed by Christina Mucciolo. 2007. (in Library)


South Precinct Review, 2 issues of newsletter of County Historian Fredric Shaw, 1974. (in Series 170)

“Digging in the Archives: Looking for Putnam’s Miners” by Sallie Sypher in Mining Putnam’s Treasures: Forging America’s Identity, 2004. (in Library)

Flat Document Box #1 A2U2S5-3

These records and memorabilia originated in Putnam County History Weekend, Oct. 1-2, 2005, celebrating the 140th anniversary of the end of the Civil War.
# 20 folder placemats distributed locally; multiple copies
# 21 folder  color posters, 3 copies
# 22 folder  posters, drafts
# 23 folder  placemats distributed locally, drafts

Flat Oversize Document Box #2  A2U2S5-4

Putnam County History Weekend, Oct. 1-2, 2005, Celebrating 140th Anniversary of the end of the Civil War; program, uncut, full sheet; one draft on back of Ossining brochure; 2 large posters on foam board

Putnam County History Day, 4 Oct 2003, Revolution, international, posters (2) + duplicates and map of Sybil Ludington ride

Series 141 _Administrators’ Oaths, 1868-1941_

Extent:  
# 1 volume  1868-1889  A2U2S8-2
# 2 volume  1889-1906
# 3 volume  1906-1922
# 4 volume  1922-1941

Arrangement:  chronological

Description:  Oaths of administrators appointed by the court to settle the estate of a deceased

Series 142 _Administrators’ Bonds, 1895-1925_

Extent:  
# 2 volume  1895-1911  A2U2S8-4
# 3 volume  1911-1925

Arrangement:  chronological

Description:  Bonds posted by appointed administrator(s) of an estate to guarantee fulfillment of the obligation to settle the said estate

Series 143 _Bonds of executors and trustees, 1915-1939_

Extent:  
# 1 volume  1915-1939  A2U2S8-1
Arrangement: chronological

**Description:** Bonds posted by executor(s)/trustee(s) of an estate to guarantee fulfillment of the obligation to settle the said estate – approx 25 pages with entries

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**Series 144**  
**Corporation Sureties, 1908-1933**

**Extent:**  
# A volume 1908-1916 A2U2S8-3  
# B volume 1917-1933

Arrangement: chronological

**Description:** Bonds posted by appointed administrator(s) of an estate, through and with a surety company, to guarantee fulfillment of the obligation to settle the said estate

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**Series 145**  
**Surety/Bonds filed by local/county officials, 1929-1948/1915-1946**

**Extent:**  
# 1 archives box 1929-1940 A2U3S1-3/4  
(Majority from Kent, Carmel, Patterson, Southeast)  
Fldr 1 1929-32, 1934  
Fldr 2 1935-36  
Fldr 3 1936-38  
Fldr 4 1938-39  
Fldr 5 1940  
# 2 archives box 1941-1948  
(Majority from Kent, Carmel, Patterson, Southeast)  
Fldr 6 1941-42  
Fldr 7 1943-44  
Fldr 8 1945-46  
Fldr 9 1947-48  
(County Officials)  
Fldr 10 1915-27  
Fldr 11 1928-30  
Fldr 12 1931-35  
Fldr 13 1936-40  
Fldr 14 1941-46
Arrangement: chronological

Description: bonds, surety, some county level and others, most from towns, filed with county clerk
SEE also: Series 004, 040, 051, 092, 093, 142, 143, 144
Of potential special interest: 1963 Judd Patterson Supervisor bond,

Series 146  Affidavits for Witness Fees, 1890-1943

Extent: 1 archives box 1890-1943 A2U3S1-5
Fldr 1 1890-97
Fldr 2 1898-1904, 1906-10
Fldr 3 1911-18, 1920-29
Fldr 4 1930-33
Fldr 5 1934-37
Fldr 6 1938-43

Arrangement: chronological

Description: Bonds, appointments, undertaking filed. From county, supreme, sessions courts

Series 147  Aerial Photos

Extent: # 1 volume 1933 A2U1S7
# 1 DB 1963
# 2 DB 1986-87

Arrangement: grid

Description: Aerial photos of the entire county taken at different times and from different altitudes. Index maps available.
Restricted handling
SEE also: HC803C 15, 16, 17 for digitized copies (400 dpi) from county clerk’s office

1933, Film Order # 76, Scale 1:22500, Aero Service Corp, Photographed 1933

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Series 148  Appeals 1849-1911

Extent:  # 1 document box (14 folders)  1849-1911  A2U2S4-1

Arrangement:  chronological

Description:  Notice of Appeal from various courts, order to stay proceeding, return on appeal, notice of exceptions and perhaps others.  May be listed in Series 129, but may be no pointer (in 129) to this series.  

It is interesting to note, and it may be nothing more than coincidence, that an action in 1869 Fldr 2 is numbered 1957, and it has the exact same filing date, Feb 27, 1869, as number 1957 found in Series 045 box 11, but they are not related.

Series 149  Justices Returns, 1850-1924, gaps

Extent:  # 1 archives box  1850-1869  A2U3S1-6, S2-1-2
              # 3 archives box  1870-1882
              # 3 archives box  1883-1924

Arrangement:  chrono

Description:  These records were received by the archives listed as ‘justices returns.’  Also included were Court of Sessions records which have been separately filed in series 155.  Most are civil, but there are a few criminal.  These Justice Court records do not appear to be related to those in series 015.  Most are from Justice(s) Court or County Court.  These records are mostly appeals.  Most are identified as ‘Justices Returns’ or ‘(Justices) Return on appeal’.  It is not known if records for appealed cases were segregated from those that were not appealed, thus leading to the/a difference in this series and series 015.  Other documents in this series include notice of appeal, stay of proceeding, order of filiation 1890, testimony, 1890 undertaking on appeal justice court, Folder 3 of 3 1878 contains a bill of items; 1893 George Cusno vs NY and New England RR Co.; 1897 John H Post account book; 1898 Jacob Stahl and Patterson tenant in Crosby house; Leonard Carey Patterson and buckboard wheels.  

IN PROCESS.  NEEDS INDEXING

Series 150  Wills, 1812 - 1931


Arrangement:  Chronological
**Description:** Complete text of recorded wills probated by Putnam County Surrogate Judge

*Index in process*

**Series 151  Letters of Administration, 1812 – 1905**

**Extent:** 6 vols. (Libers 2 & 3 missing)  
**Arrangement:** chronological

**Description:** Complete text of Surrogate Judge’s authorizations to administer estates of persons who died intestate.

**Series 152  Letters Testamentary, 1830 - 1905**

**Extent:** 7 vols.  
**Vol A-1  1830-1848**  
**Arrangement:** chronological

**Description:** Surrogate Judge’s record of authorizations to executors after a will was proved to enter into their duties. Volumes include orders appointing special guardians for minors, authorizing the sale of testator’s property to pay creditors; enjoining executors to do their duty (sometimes because legatees not receiving their inheritances).

**Series 153  Record of Old Estates, 1812 - 1875**

**Extent:** 3 volumes  
**Arrangement:** chronological

**Description:** Surrogate Court records that include administrators’ bonds and undertakings; wills; declinations of executors; petitions and orders to have deceased’s property sold; guardians bonds; claims of dower rights.
Series 154 County Court Records, other, 1826-1936

Extent:  
# 1 archives box 1826-1882 A2U3S2-3-5  
# 2 archives box 1882  
Estate Daniel D. Chamberlain  
# 3 archives box 1883-1914 A2U3S2-6  
# 4 archives box 1921-1936

Arrangement: chronological

Description: These records would appear to be the same type of actions as series 017; however, no commonality could be discovered. Unlike series 017, these documents have no volume and page reference. They are perhaps criminal records. They were also received by the archives totally independently of the records in series 017, and have therefore been designated as a separate series. It is suggested that both series be consulted.

Type of record includes (court) (additional) (rough) minutes (from 1844 through 1917 most of the documents are minutes; thereafter grand jury records predominate), decisions, opinion, list of decisions, printed Newburgh decisions 1862, printed decisions rendered 2nd district Brooklyn 1864, findings, evidence, calendar, jury list, excused from jury service, affidavit (of merit), verdict, instructions to grand jury, petition of Highway Commissioners to assess damages, receiver’s bond, appointment of trustee, petition, affidavit, notice of pendency, mechanic’s lien. Courts include Supreme Court in Equity, Common Pleas, County Court, General Sessions, Supreme Court, different terms and/or circuits, Oyer and Terminator.

Numerous foreclosures were found mixed in; they have been put in series 012 AB#1, folders 1-4. Numerous Grand Jury testimony transcripts were mixed in (mostly 1917-1923) and they were inter-filed with series 062 Grand Jury Minutes.

Several large format and very brittle documents, mostly printed court decisions, have been filed separately and are in process.

No known index. Not in database. Some actions may be indexed in series 063 Supreme Court Orders, county recording thereof, viz. 1865 James W Horton Agt James Fowler recorded in vol 1 series 063 page 252.

Of potential special interest: 1913 Rt. 22 action, 1884 Village of Cold Spring vs. the New York Central and Hudson river Rail Road, 1884 Mary Gouverneur vs. Tilly Foster Iron Mines, 1893 Smith vs. several insurance companies, 1893-94-95 others vs. the New York Central and Hudson river Rail Road, 1892 Village of Cold Spring and Health Dept., 1883 The New York and New England Rail Road Company, 1885 Bills of Costs, 1881
School District 3 Town of Kent petition to acquire land, 1903 NY Central and Hudson River RR vs. Stuyvesant Fish, 1849 Habeas Corpus

### Series 155 Criminal Court Records, 1845 – 1934, gaps

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**Arrangement:** chronological

**Description:** Type of record and actions includes: Order of Filiation, (bench) warrants (1853-1885), bail, proceedings, examination, notation sent to Sing Sing for 2 years Feb 15, 1888, complaint, seizure of property, information, charge of rape, deposition, burglary, larceny, robbery, first, second, and third degree, murder, stenographer’s transcript, assault, forgery, slot machines, violation of liquor tax law, murder threat, misdemeanor, felony, selling liquor on Sunday, perjury, carrying and using metal knuckells (knuckles), violation of election law, arson, minutes, (not) a true bill (criminal law – if grand jury decides a trial is necessary – “a true bill,” otherwise, “not a true bill”), conviction, undertaking, refund of bail, notation sentence suspended, gambling, obstructing view of billiard room, arraignment, bigamy, abstract, seduction under promise of marriage, order, malicious mischief, receipt for delivery of prisoner to Albany Penitentiary 1879 and discharge in spite of inability to pay fine. Creators include: Justices Court (return), Court of (Special) Sessions, County Court of Putnam County, Police Court, Supreme Court

SEE also Series 016

Of potential special interest: 1893 NY Milk and Cream Bottling Co, Carmel, sentenced to Sing Sing for 4 years 1906, 1907 Jennie Ruth Burch murder 200 extra jurors – see also Series 063 V. 10 p. 375 for order, 1908 NY State liquor tax certificate, 1908 NYC & HRRRCo waybill, 1909 bigamy, 1919 David Ditchek for anarchy includes booklets and letters, 1922 Travis et al and 1923 Barrett, dwi 1924, kidnapping 1923, 1929 Timko theft of Hupmobile, 1932 blackmail including rather amateur blackmail letter, 1883 Hustis seduction under promise of marriage, 1881 ‘prisner’ examination, 1909 liquor tax John Cruthers Patterson Charles Swanson Towners Station and others

### Series 156 Recognizances and other criminal papers, 1837-1919
Extent: # 1 archives box 1837-1919, gaps A2U3S3-5

Arrangement:

Description: These would appear to belong together with records in Series 155, but since they were bundled separately, they are being cataloged separately. Mostly recognizances and undertakings – an obligation of record or a promise (to do something). Type of record and actions includes: bail bond, bail before indictment, recognizance, undertaking for bail, undertaking to keep the peace, recognizance to keep the peace, surety, dismissed, undertaking after indictment, bond for appearance, shooting, recognizance on peace warrant, discharged, recognizance to answer, indictment, recognizance of prisoner (to grand jury), recognizance taken out of court to answer indictment, noll pross entered, assault & battery, some noted as discharged. Creators include: Justices Court, Court of Special Sessions, Court of Sessions, County Court, Court of Oyer and Terminer.

Series 157 Undertakings and Bonds, 1849-1919

Extent: 1 document box 1849-1919 gaps A2U2S3-2

Arrangement: chronological

Description: Undertakings: to obtain injunction; justification, acknowledgement, etc.; to obtain order of arrest; on appeal; substitution; on arrest; on processing order of arrest; on attachment; of bail; on appeal from judgment, from order; notice of appeal and undertaking; after indictment; on injunction; on removal; bonds; injunction bond; of guardian; receiver’s bond. Mostly Supreme Court, also county court. IN PROCESS, SEE also Series 093

Series 158 Insurance Certificates, 1886-1936

Extent: 1 archives box 1852-1936, gaps A2U3S3-6

Arrangement: chronological

Description: Certificates of authority to act as agent in New York State, issued by the State of New York Insurance Department. Also corporate certificates authorizing companies to transact business in New York State, renewal certificates for out of state and foreign insurance companies, and affidavits of inability to procure sufficient insurance coverage in New York State. Through about 1889 most are foreign and out of state companies, and after about 1911 they are just certificates of authority for agents.

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Series 159 Work on County Office Building, 1927-29
Extent: 1 folder in shared DB
Arrangement: chronological
Description: 1927 agreement for additions, 2 blueprints of floor plan; 1929 retaining wall.
SEE also Series 007 and 033

Series 160 Reconstruction of Court House, 1926, 1932
Extent: 2 folders in shared DB
Arrangement: none
Description: In 1925 the Board of Supervisors voted to award a contract to reconstruct the courthouse. (In November, 1924, the board had voted to engage William S. Beardsley “to prepare plans and specifications and supervise the construction of a new Court House to take the place of the one recently destroyed by fire…” ) These records include a 1925 contract for remodeling and repair of courthouse to George D. Campbell for $33,260.00 (Standard Documents of the American Institute of Architects). Indemnity Bond for George D. Campbell, London & Lancashire Indemnity Co. and 1932 Contract for replacement of ceiling in courthouse to Kenneth T. Newcomb $690.00. Specifications for Labor & Materials for metal ceiling. Blueprint for metal ceiling
SEE also Series 006, 007, 026, and 033 and HC524, HC404-5, HC509-7 C-I

Series 161 New Putnam County Courthouse Project, 2001 – 2008
Extent: 2 folders in shared DB
Arrangement: chronological
Description: These records relate to the construction of a new county courthouse following years of findings by New York State that the 1814 courthouse was inadequate and dangerous and repeated orders to remedy the deficiencies. Included in the folders: The environmental assessments required under the State Environmental Qualify Review Act, the floor plans and building section plans for the courthouse; the traffic analysis required by SEQRA, the ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 2, 2008, and an illustrated booklet produced by Preiss/Breimeister, Architects. SEE also HC 203, HC404-5, HC509-7 C-I

Series 162 Election Expenses, 1898-1919, gaps

Extent: 4 folders in shared DB 1898-1919 A2U1S8-12
Folder 1, 1898-1899
Folder 2, 1902-1906
Folder 3, 1911-1912
Folder 4, 1913-1919

Arrangement: chronological

Description: Candidate’s statement of expenses incurred while running for office; also statements by political party of receipts and disbursements.

Series 163 Military Exemptions WW1, 1917

Extent: 1 folder in shared DB 1917 A2U1S8-14

Arrangement: F1, groups
F2, A-M individuals
F3, N-Z individuals

Description: Claims of exemption from military service filed with County Clerk. 2 fire departments included, and several members of religious orders. Most were filed in June 1917 as a result of certificates received notifying liability to service in the Militia.
IN PROCESS [to be flattened]

Series 164 Mortgage Tax Collection Letters, 1924-1935

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Extent: 2 folders in shared DB 1924-1935, gaps A2U1S8-12
   #1 Folder 1924-1929
   #2 folder 1931-1935

Arrangement: Chronological

Description: Letters sent out from the County Clerk for collection of mortgages tax as a result of a review by the State.
SEE also Series 107

Series 165 Certificates of Qualifications as Examiner in Lunacy, 1883-1953

Extent: #1 shared DB 1883-1953 A2U1S8-14

Arrangement: F1 1937-1953
   (NYS circulars of names of certified examiners)
   F2 1885-1940, gaps, 1952
   (Petitions to the State Commission in Lunacy for certificate as examiner in lunacy; later State Commission for Mental Defects, still later Department of Mental Hygiene)

Description: IN PROCESS

Series 166 Putnam County Integrated County Plan for Children, Youth and Families Resource Guide

Extent: 70+page report, in shared DB 2004 A2U1S8-11

Arrangement: none

Description: See title

Series 167 Town Planning and Zoning Records

Extent: 5 folders in shared DB 1956-1990 A2U1S8-11
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Folder # 1
Town of Putnam Valley, NY General Development Plan - 1965
Town of Putnam Valley, NY Master Plan – 1990
Folder # 2
Town of Southeast, NY Comprehensive Plan – 1960
Folder # 3
Town of Kent, Zoning Ordinance, 1956
Folder # 4
Town of Kent, Brochure, Chamber of Commerce, 1972
Folder # 5
Town of Kent Plan, 1973

Arrangement: topical

Series 168 Putnam County Emergency Planning

Extent: 1 folder in shared DB 1989-present A2U1S8-11

Arrangement: chronological

Description: Following the 1979 partial melt-down at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Reactor in Pennsylvania and the subsequent release of radiation, the Federal Government required all owners of reactors to develop emergency plans for those living near reactors. Since the south western part of Putnam County was within a ten mile radius of the nuclear reactors at Indian Point, in Buchanan, Westchester County, the reactor owners, with the cooperation of town and county officials, were required to develop plans for nuclear emergencies in that zone. As part of the plan, Putnam County has mailed to each household within the 10-mile radius a booklet describing emergency procedures that includes evacuation routes, measures to deal with radiation, school evacuations, emergency bus routes, etc. The booklets are revised periodically (usually annually) by the Putnam County Emergency Management Department.

Series 169 Putnam County-CSEA Contracts, 1988-95

Extent: 1 folder in shared DB 1988-1995 A2U1S8-11

Arrangement: chronological

Series 170  Putnam County Newsletters, 1974-2008, gaps

Extent: 2 folders in shared DB 1974-2008, gaps A2U1S8-12

Arrangement: chronological

Description: Newsletters published sporadically by Putnam County:

Folder 1:
County Affairs, Putnam County Employees Newsletter, Vol 1, No. 1, 1985;
The Putnam County News, Vol 1, No. 1, June 2001

Folder 2:
Sybil’s Call, Vol. V, No. 1 (Mar. 2005) – Vol VI, No. 6 (July 2007);
SEE also Series 140 for South Precinct Review(1974-75)

Series 171  New York City Watershed Memorandum of Agreement - Jan. 21, 1997

Extent: # 1 shared document box 1997 A2U1S8-12

Arrangement: Per table of contents

Description: From the office of Jim Gordon, Watershed Administrator. Agreement with 7 watershed counties that “would allow existing development to continue and future growth to occur in a manner that is consistent with the existing community character and planning goals of each of the Watershed communities.”

Series 172  County Treasurer Bonds

Extent: # 1 shared DB 1828-1936 A2U1S8-14
#1 Folder 1828-1899
#2 Folder 1900-1936
Arrangement: chronological

Description: Bonds provided by county employees and officials—treasurer, clerk, poor commissioner, consisting in general of the following, which have not been separated:
- 1860-1915, gaps
- 1884-1918, gaps
- 1867-1913, gaps, 1933
- 1823-1876, 1897-1915, gaps
- 1894-1915, gaps
- 1932-1938, gaps
- 1913-1915, gaps

- Poor House (SEE also 029)
- District Attorney
- Judges, Fiduciary Ct
- County Treasurer (SEE also 025)
- County Clerk
- Nursing Assn
- Supt Highways (SEE also 030)

These records were received in the archives at a later date than those in Series 040. They have been processed separately and not interfiled.

Series 173 Monthly Report of Convictions, 1913-1922

Extent: # 1 DB 1913-1922 A2U2S4-6

Arrangement: chronological by town

Description: Monthly report by justice of the peace listing name, offense, date, conviction, and sentence. Convictions are required to be filed in the county.

Series 174 Attachments, 1835-1891

Extent: # 3 folders shared DB 1835-1891 A2U2S4-7
- Folder #1 #1-#25
- Folder #2 #26-#40
- Folder #3 #41-#50

Arrangement: numeric

Description: Types of documents: Attachment, warrant of attachment, undertaking on obtaining attachment, aft for attachment, undertaking, inventory, affidavit of warrant of attachment, Bond on attachment, inventory on attachment.
- #1-#26: 1835, 1837, 1844, 1855, 1860, 1865 Oyer and Terminer, Circuit Court, Supreme Court, some with inventory listed.
- #26-50: 1873-1882, 1887-1891 gaps
Series 175 Assignees, 1861-1903

Extent: 1 folder in shared DB 1861-1903 A2U2S4-7

Arrangement: 1-33, chronological

Description: These were tied in a bundle marked “Assignees. 1 to 33.” They are bonds given by those to whom an individual’s property is assigned for the benefit of his (the individual) creditors. They appear to be part of the court files in series 045. Example: Assignee No. 1, 1861, Jacob K. Nelson, found series 129 vol 1 page 118, listed as file No. 1467. Series 045 box 7 contains file No. 1467. SEE also series 079 Insolvent Assignments

Series 176 Jury, Other

Extent: 1 folder in shared DB 1843-1875 A2U2S4-8

Arrangement: chronological

Description: Records include affidavit from juror, payment for indigent jurors, and fines for non-attendance 1853

Series 177 County Executive Reports

Extent: 2 folders in DB 1986-present A2U2S4-14

Arrangement: # 1 Folder 2004, 05, 09, 11, 12
    # 2 Folder 1986-present, gaps

Description: Folder #1 contains Executive Budget reports for 2004-05, 09, and 11. Folder #2 contains State of the County Addresses delivered to the Legislature:
    David D. Bruen 1986
    Peter C. Alexanderson 1987-90
    MaryEllen Odell 2012-13

Series 178 Brewster-Patterson State Highway, 1911-12

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Extent: 4 Folders in shared DB 1911-1912 A2U2S4-8

Arrangement: chronological

Description: Patterson section (what is now Route 22) of Brewster-Patterson State Highway Road No. 5203. Application of Board of Supervisors to acquire property required for highway improvement. Typed testimony – 1911, 82 pages; 2 volumes 515 pages 1912, extra copy volume 1.

Series 179  **Office for the Aging**

Extent: 1 folder in shared DB 1983, 2009 A2U2S4-7

Arrangement: none

Description: 1983 information booklet “Services and Opportunities for Older People”; 2009 Fall/Winter Senior Guide newsletter, 2010 newsletter

Series 180  unused number

Series 181  **Land Parcels and Value, 2003**

Extent: 2 Folders 2003 A4U2S7

Arrangement: Listed by town, exemption code, and last name; also listing of parcel numbers by last name

Description: Lists from Real Property System include parcel ID, owner’s name, address, account number, school district, land value.

Series 182  **Survey of Historical Records in Putnam County, WPA project, 1936**

Extent: 6 Folders 1936 A2U2S4-11

#1-4 County Clerk records; 230 surveys
#5-6 Surrogate’s Court; 53 surveys
Arrangement: numeric

Description: Unbound records and volume forms filled out by several individuals for record title, size and quantity, dates, location, condition, and a description of the records. This was a Works Progress Administration project in 1936. Folders contain either original documents or copies. The numbers within a folder are not consecutive, but between the folders, it appears all consecutive numbers are present. They have been foldered as received.

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Series 183 Real Estate Orders (Transfers), 1813-1958, gaps

Extent: 5 volumes 1813-1958 A7
Volume 1A 1813-1846
Volume 1B 1848-1857
Volume 1C 1857-1886
Volume 2 1886-1902
Volume 3 (not accounted for)
Volume 4 1947-1958

Arrangement: chronological

Description:
Volume 1A listed as: “Names of persons for whose Debts lands are sold,” and “Names of persons obtaining order,” and also a few “Names of Widows applying for Dower.”
Volume 1B entries listed as: “Real Estate Orders entered in Letters Testamentary Liber A-1.” (A very quick cross check indicates that some but not all entries in this volume may also be in volume A-1 Series 152.)
Volume 1C entries listed have no definition as above
Volume 2 entries listed have no definition as above
Volume 4 entries listed have no definition as above

Example: Mary Ann Duggan, Volume 2, p. 85 Application to sell/mortgage property to pay bills; also recorded Series 065 Volume 1 Lis Pendens p. 221; and Series 034 Probate box 52 # 2728 (lis pendens refers to book 3 p. 85 but that is clearly not the book it was recorded in – also the lis pendens does not have the file number on it – it may have gotten separated from the rest of the documents in Series 034)

SEE also, for possibly related material, Series 034 Surrogate’s Court Records - Probate, 065 Lis Pendens Index

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Series 184  Letters of Guardianship, 1812-1975, gaps

Extent:  Volumes I-V  1814-1898  A5a
        Volume 1  1812-1815, 1822
        Volume 2  1815-1829, 1843, 1845, 1847
        Volume 3  1830-1851
        Volume 4  1852-1869
        Volume 5  1870-1898
        Volumes VII #9868-11483  1961-1975

Arrangement:  Alphabetical index, guardianship letters entered chronologically

Description:  Letters of guardianship granted by the Putnam County Surrogate for a child under the age of 21 on the death of his or her father. Letters are granted, usually to an adult male relative, to represent the interest of a minor who has inherited real or personal property until the child attains the age of 21. In early records, the guardian is to see to the care and education of the minor and to secure and improve real property that he or she owns.

NOTE:  In Volume 7, records seem to have sequential file numbers until 1969 when there is a change to sequential numbers and the year. Not all file numbers are in the volume.

Series 185  Guardians’ Bonds, Administrators’ Bonds, 1890-1948

Extent:  1 Volume  A5a

Arrangement:  chronological

Description:  Contents: bond as guardian (pre-printed pages), bond as administrator of intestate (pre-printed pages), and bond as administrator of estate.

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Series 186  Putnam County Bicentennial Celebration &
Committee

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Series 187  Index to Probate, 1812-1950

Extent: 1 volume  1812-1950  A5a

Arrangement: chronological by letter

Description: This index to Series 034 (Probate Records) was probably created no earlier than 1909. It identifies all probate proceedings by decedent’s name. There is also a printout from a MSWord file of all the probate records in the Archives.

Series 188  Public Health Nursing Service, Putnam County, 1959

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Arrangement: n/a

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