

Unclaimed Property Relating to Museum and Military Property

The following information corresponds to §233-aa of the New York Education Law and §335.1(f.1) of the New York Banking Law. For more information, refer to those sections of the statute.

What We Do With Reported Items

The New York State Comptroller's Office of Unclaimed Funds maintains a list of certain properties that have been left in museums, historical societies, zoological gardens, aquariums, botanical gardens, arboreta and other institutions which are presumed to be abandoned. Items in this category that are currently held by these institutions are listed on our website for 180 days so claims to the properties can be established. If the museum does not receive contact from any person who can provide documentation or other evidence establishing an ownership interest in the property prior to or within 30 days following the conclusion of the unclaimed funds registry posting, the museum acquires title to the property.

We also maintain a list of military awards, medals, and decorations that were found among the contents of abandoned safe deposit boxes. Military items are held by the Division of Military and Naval Affairs. These items will remain on our website until they are claimed. If you think you may be the entitled owner of a listed military item, you must contact the Division of Military and Naval Affairs to claim the item.

How to Report Museum and Military Property

1. Click on the [Excel Spreadsheet](#) link and enter the date, organization name, contact name, phone number and address into the Excel spreadsheet.
2. Enter a description of the property with as much detail as possible, acquisition date (or approximate date), property owner name and address.
3. Submit your report via email to NYSRPU@osc.ny.gov or mail it to

New York State Comptroller's Office,
Office of Unclaimed Funds,
110 State Street,
Albany, NY 12236

4. If you are reporting military property, you must also make arrangements to have the items delivered to the Division of Military and Naval Affairs where the items will be stored and/or displayed in the [New York State Military Museum and Veterans Research Center](#). Contact them at:

New York State Military Museum and Veterans Research Center
61 Lake Avenue
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866