

BRITISH HOME CHILDREN- The Little Canadian Immigrants

Who are the Home Children? - A home child is a young immigrant to Canada who came, under the auspices of one of many philanthropic agencies, from an institution (receiving home) in the United Kingdom to another (distributing home) in Canada.

Poverty in England-

- Population increase
- Growth of the cities
- Child labour
- The housing shortage
- Slum housing
- Overcrowding
- Destitution
- Homeless children

Where did the children come from?

- Workhouse unions
- Reformatories and industrial schools
- Philanthropic homes

What were the main organizations?

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Where to find the Records?

Canadian Archives Records - LAC - <https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/immigration-records/home-children-1869-1930/Pages/home-children.aspx>

- [Home Children Records](#)
- [Home Children - Boards of Guardians](#)
- [Passenger Lists and Border Entries, 1925-1935 - Nominal Indexes](#)
- [Passenger Lists for the Port of Quebec City, 1865-1900](#)
- [Passenger Lists, 1865-1922](#)

- [Archives of Ontario: Toronto Emigration Office Records](#): Includes inspection reports for some British Home Children. <http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/db/hawke.aspx>
- [British Home Child Group International](#): Includes a database and other resources. <http://canadianbritishhomechildren.weebly.com/>
- [British Home Children and Child Migrants in Canada](#): Includes digitized copies of *Ups and Downs*, the British Home Children Registry, British Home Children Burials and many other resources. <http://canadianbritishhomechildren.weebly.com/>
- [British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa – Home Children](#): Includes Home Children Deaths index and other resources. <http://www.bifhsgo.ca/cpage.php?pt=4>

- British Home Children – numerous databases - <http://www.britishhomechildren.com/>
- [Home Children](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~tweetybirdgenealogy/homechild.html): Includes some transcribed lists.
- [Young Immigrants to Canada](https://personal.uwaterloo.ca/marj/genealogy/homeadd.html): Includes some transcribed lists.
- Heritage Canadiana - <http://heritage.canadiana.ca/?usrlang=en> Digitized films for Canadian Archives

For research in the United Kingdom, visit the following websites:

- [Ancestry](#) (subscription required): Includes indexes and digitized records for England, including census and some church records. Ancestry is available free at many public libraries.
- [Familysearch](#): This free website includes indexes and some digitized images for many records from England, including census and some church records. Also use the Catalogue to find out what records are available on microfilm.
- [Former Children's Homes](http://www.formerchildrenshomes.org.uk/): Information about Cottage Homes, orphanages, and other institutions.
- [FreeBMD](#): These indexes to British birth, marriage and death records indicate the quarter of the year in which the event was registered, not the date of the event. The references also provide the registration district, volume and page number for ordering copies. The actual records are not online; they must be ordered from the [General Register Office \(GRO\)](#) in England.
- [London Metropolitan Archives](https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/london-metropolitan-archives/Pages/default.aspx): The LMA holds registers of School Admissions and Discharges, 1840-1911, for the London area. Many of those records are indexed by name and digitized on [ancestry](#) (subscription required).
- [The Children's Homes](http://childrenshomes.org.uk/): Information and resources about orphanages, homes, reformatories, industrial schools, training ships, and hostels.
- [The National Archives](http://nationalarchives.gov.uk/): Use the Guides and the Discovery Catalogue to search for records relating to various organizations and workhouses held at the National Archives and other archives in the British Isles.
- [The Workhouse](http://www.workhouses.org.uk/): Historical information about Union workhouses, schools and homes, including information about where to locate records. You can search the website by a place name or other keyword. You can also access relevant information by clicking on Workhouse Locations.

For British Organization Records

- Barnardo Home Children- <http://www.barnardos.org.uk/index.htm> - Select Contact Us
- Action for Children – former National Children’s home. <https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk> - Select what we do and put “former child migrants” in search blank.
- Quarriers Scotland Home Children - <https://quarriers.org.uk/about-us/genealogy/>

Join a Newsgroup - http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~jfuller/gen_mail_country-can-gen.html

British Newspaper Archives - <http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>

