

KCPL 21 Covington Protestant Children's Home, Records, 1880-1943
29 Volumes

Introduction:

The records of the Covington Protestant Children's Home, now known as the Children's Home of Northern Kentucky, consist of 29 record books for the years 1880-1943. The record books provide detailed information on the daily operation and residents of the Children's Home.

Donor Information:

The Covington Protestant Children's Home Records were loaned to the Kenton County Public Library in September 2014 by the Children's Home of Northern Kentucky.

Organizational Sketch:

The Covington Protestant Children's Home was founded in 1880 by Amos Shinkle, a successful Covington businessman and philanthropist. Shinkle would remain active with the Children's Home until his death in 1892. The Home was originally located at the corner of 14th Street and Madison Avenue in a building designed by Cincinnati architect Samuel Hannaford and funded by Shinkle. The building was dedicated on December 19, 1882, and the first children were admitted the same month.

By the 1910s the neighborhood around the Home had been heavily industrialized, so the Board began to seek a new site. In 1924, a fundraising campaign was started and in 1926 the Home moved to a new location near Devou Park, where it still operates today as the Children's Home of Northern Kentucky. The web site for the Home is available here: <http://www.chnk.org/>.

A complete history of the Children's Home can be found on the Kenton County Public Library web site: <http://www.kentonlibrary.org/genealogy/regional-history/covington/childrens-home-of-northern-kentucky-covington-protestant-childrens-home>.

Scope and Content:

The collection offers a unique view of an orphanage in an industrialized city during the late 19th and early 20th Centuries. The records document the founding of the Home from the creation of the Board in 1880 to the acceptance of the first children in December 1882.

The Record Books are organized into two series: **Administrative** and **Organizational**. The **Administrative** series includes records books related specifically to the incoming and outgoing residents of the Home for the years 1882-1922. The material is rich in genealogical and historical information. Volumes include information for admittance, adoption, custody, and visitor registration.

The **Organizational** series is comprised of the Board of Trustees and Board of Managers meeting minutes, a Treasurer's record book, and record books related to donations/fundraising. The minute books begin with the first meeting of the Board of Trustees in April 1880. The miscellaneous folder contains loose material found in various record books and includes letters of inquiry regarding residents of the Home and the 1907 annual report.

Folder List:

Administrative Series:

- f. 1 Admittance Record Book, December 1882-June 1896
- f. 2 Admittance Record Book, December 1882-December 1902
- f. 3 Admittance Record Book, June 1896-March 1913
- f. 4 Book of Resident Notes, January 1883-December 1914
- f. 5 Book of Resident Notes, February 1883-April 1902
- f. 6 Custody Record Book, January 1883-February 1911
- f. 7 Custody Record Book, July 1883-September 1884
- f. 8 Adoption Record Book, April 1884-June 1922
- f. 9 Visitors Register, February 1883-October 1901; Expenses 1902, May 1907-January 1908
- f. 10 Record of Visitors, 1941-1942
- f. 11 Expenditures, December 1882-March 1907

Organizational Series:

- f. 12 Secretary's Book of the Board of Trustees, April 1880-January 1895
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- f. 26 Secretary's Record of Donations, 1883-1907
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