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Nineteenth Biennial Report

of the

Board of Control

of the

Colorado State Home

for

Dependent and
Neglected Children



From

July 1, 1931

To

June 30, 1933



Cry of a Lonely Heart

BY E. PEARL DANCEY

I want a boy,
A small boy,
A not so very-tall boy,
A boy of ten, eleven, or perhaps
thirteen;
A boy that I can talk with,
And take a long walk with,
Then home again, to chatter over
What we've seen.

A gay little square boy,
A sure of playing-fair boy,
A boy I can mother, and humor,
and pet;
A boy who will love me,
And never weary of me . . .
D'you know a boy like this
that I can get?

A motherless, tired boy,
An ambition-tired boy,
A boy that I can pamper in every
small whim;
A hungry little sad boy,
A dirty little bad boy . . .
I want a boy . . . who needs me
as I need him!

[With Permission of Good Housekeeping]

FACTS
CONCERNING THE STATE HOME FOR CHILDREN

This is the only state institution for the care of the dependent, neglected, and maltreated children of Colorado.

No church collections are solicited.

It is supported by state appropriations.

No county or individual contributions are received.

The children are all committed by the Juvenile or County Courts of the various counties of the state.

The county pays the court cost and expense of transportation for the children to the Home.

There are desirable children now in the Home, to be placed in good families upon adoption or special contract.

The court and other expenses for adoption papers are paid by the individuals securing them.

The State Agents receive no commission on the children received, or on those placed in private homes.

The members of the Board of Control serve without compensation.

“The said Board are hereby made the legal guardians of the persons and estates of all children admitted to said Home, pursuant to law, which guardianship shall continue during the minority of such children, except in cases where, under this act, the guardianship may be cancelled by resolution adopted by said Board.” (From Section 5 of Chapter 26, Session Laws, 1895.)

For placing a child no remuneration is required or re-

ceived of the counties or individuals who are charitably disposed.

Parents are not encouraged to part with their children.

According to Chapter 26, Session Law of 1895, all children free from chronic or contagious disease, who are dependent upon the public for support, and those who are neglected, maltreated, or in evil environment, are eligible as inmates of the State Home.

BOARD OF CONTROL

Anna Reynolds Morse, President.....Denver
 Shelby Paxton Thomas, Vice President.....Denver
 Permelia Curtis Porter, Secretary.....Denver
 Anna McN. Whitaker.....Denver
 Robert L. Stearns.....Denver

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 Edith G. Cole.....Assistant Superintendent
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 M. E. Logan }
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 Charles K. Phillips, D. D. S.

LIST OF PERSONS THAT HAVE SERVED ON BOARD

	Served From	To
Mrs. Dora E. Reynolds.....	1895	1916
Mrs. Sarah L. Curtis.....	1895	1916
Mrs. Louise L. Arkins.....	1895	1906
Mrs. Anna M. Cochran.....	1895	1899
Mrs. Caldwell Yeaman.....	1895	1896
Mr. Tyson Dines.....	1896	1907
Mrs. Lucy M. Hughes.....	1899	1905
Mrs. Mary A. Ingersoll.....	1905	1911
Mrs. Helen L. Grenfell.....	1906	1909
Mr. John F. Shaforth.....	1906	1907
Mrs. Lucy M. Hughes.....	1907	1913
Mr. Edward J. Wilcox.....	1907	1913
Mr. John T. Barnett.....	1913	1915
Mrs. Clara L. Hunter.....	1911	1919
Mr. William V. Hodges.....	1915	1919
Mrs. Margaret Patterson Campbell.....	1913	1929
Mrs. Permelia Curtis Porter.....	1916	Present Time
Mrs. Anna Reynolds Morse.....	1916	Present Time
Mrs. Anna McNamara Whitaker.....	1919	Present Time
Mr. Peter Hagner Holme.....	1919	1932
Mrs. Shelby Paxton Thomas.....	1930	Present Time
Mr. Robert L. Stearns.....	1933	Present Time



LIST OF SUPERINTENDENTS

Dr. Rose Kidd Beere, from 1895 to January 1, 1898.

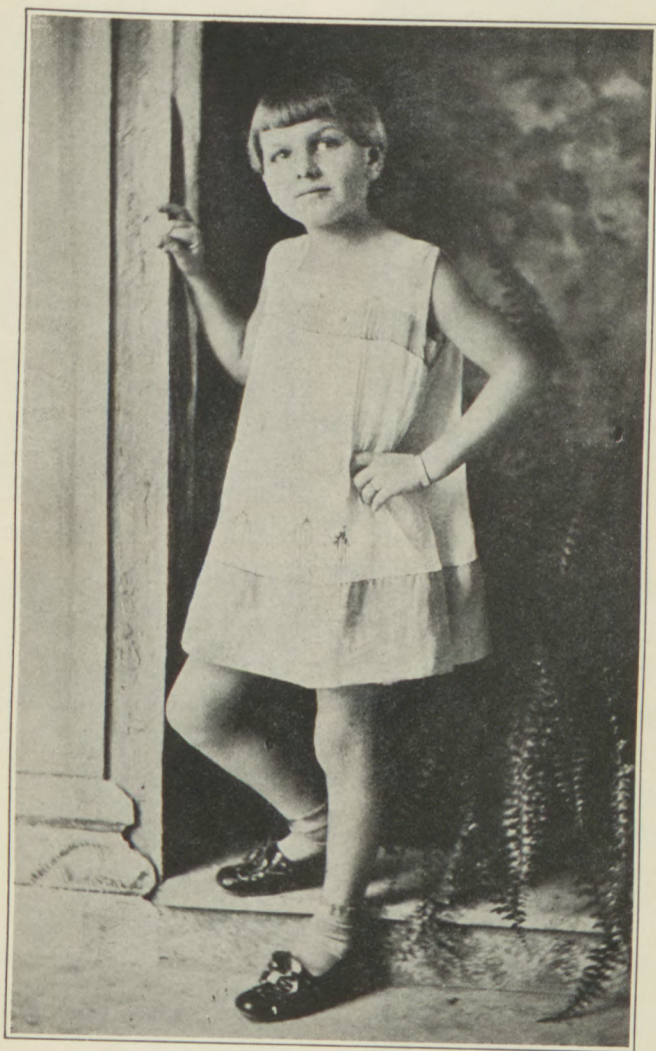
H. W. Cowan, from January 1, 1898, to September 1, 1912.

Dr. O. P. Wright, from September 1, 1912 to September 17, 1912.

W. B. Rankin, Acting Superintendent, September 17, 1912, to October 14, 1912, and from November 14, 1924, to December 31, 1924.

C. A. Donnelly, from October 14, 1912, to November 14, 1924.

John L. McMenamain, from January 1, 1925, to present time.



LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

2305 South Washington Street,

Denver Colo., July 1, 1933

To the Honorable

Edwin C. Johnson

Governor of Colorado,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir: On behalf of the Board of Control of the Colorado State Home for Dependent and Neglected Children, I have the honor to submit to you herewith the Nineteenth Biennial Report of the Board of Control and the Superintendent for the period July 1, 1931 to June 30, 1933.

The Board takes this occasion to state that, during this period, as in those preceding, we have received most courteous co-operation from all officers, employes, institutions and other departments of the State of Colorado with whom our work has brought us in contact.

Very respectfully yours,

ANNA REYNOLDS MORSE,
President, State Board of Control.



REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT
DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE TWO YEAR PERIOD,
JULY 1, 1931 TO JUNE 30, 1933

Appropriation for Period July 1, 1931 to June 30, 1933.....	\$210,000.00
Less amount returned to state treasurer by executive order	8,000.00
	\$202,000.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$69,923.49	
Provisions	25,013.62	
Clothing	18,584.51	
Household Furnishings	7,058.49	
Furniture and Fixtures	5,201.04	
Lights and Power	3,991.01	
Automobile Expense	2,369.94	
Insurance	1,721.85	
Coal	7,148.01	
Gas	2,095.71	
State Agency	5,846.60	
Drugs and Instruments	6,383.99	
Hospital	3,283.95	
General Expense	3,157.60	
School	831.27	
Office Expense	1,945.25	
Telephone and Telegraph	943.57	
Laundry	1,568.62	
Water	4,394.95	
Burial	817.50	
Implements and Tools	1,336.91	
Provender	8,620.96	
Animal Misc.	935.55	
Farm and Garden	1,012.00	
Buildings and Upkeep	11,704.45	
Stock	824.00	
Heating Plant and Repairs	2,040.73	
Board and Room	250.10	
Revolving Account	500.00	
New Building	2,494.33	
		\$202,000.00
Less Revolving Account	\$ 500.00	
Less Applied to New Girl's Dormitory	2,494.33	2,994.33

Actual cost of operating Home for Biennium

\$199,005.67

Appropriation for the biennial period was \$210,000.00, but, through an executive order issued on January 30, 1933, \$8,000.00 was deducted, leaving \$202,000.00. From the above amount is to be deducted \$500.00, used to increase our revolving cash account, and a surplus of \$2,494.33, which we were authorized to apply to the construction of a new Girl's Dormitory. Total operating expenses were, therefore, \$199,005.67.

Costs as Follows:

		Per Child		
		Year	Month	Day
Based on average yearly population in Home	347	\$286.75	\$23.90	\$.78
Based on total admittances for two years	765	260.14	21.68	.71
Based on total number under jurisdiction:				
In Home	347			
Supervised outside Home	778	1125	88.44	7.37
			.24	

DURING the two year period covered by this report, 765 new commitments were received—an average of 32 per month; this is a decrease of 9 percent under the 31 month period covered by our last report—December 1, 1928 to June 30, 1931.

Due to prevailing economic conditions difficulty was encountered in securing free homes for the older children, although completed adoptions reached an all time high of 430, or an average of 18 per month.

The average daily population in the Home increased from 268 for the preceding period to 347 for the present one, or 30 percent. The highest population for any one day was 395 in November, 1932; the lowest 269 in July 1931. The capacity of the Home is 200, and, as a result of the overcrowded condition the Board was compelled on November 15, 1933, to ask all County and Juvenile Judges in Colorado not to send any more children without first conferring with the Superintendent, and until the population could be reduced through placements, only the most extreme cases could be accepted. This was the first time in the history of the Home that such action had to be taken. In all probability, this, rather than any improvement in economic conditions, accounts for the decline in number of admittances under the preceding period. During the winter of 1932-33, the housing condition became so acute, after all basements had been converted into living quarters, we were compelled to move a family of small girls to the janitor's living quarters in the basement of the Dora E. Reynolds School.

Our Home School (The Dora E. Reynolds) accommodates

children only through the Sixth Grade, and, during the past two years have had sixty children in Grant Jr. High School and fifteen in South Denver High School. On account of the excess population in the Home, the preparation of school lunches became more of a task than our kitchen could accommodate, but the Denver Schools came to our rescue and provided lunches at Junior High for 10 cents each and at High School for 15 cents each. This has made higher learning quite attractive.

The past eight years have witnessed notable changes in the numbers of dependent and neglected children committed to the Home. For the 28 years ending November 30, 1924, total commitments were 2900. For the next eight years and seven months to June 30, 1933, commitments were 2930; a greater number of commitments in the last eight and a half years than in the preceding twenty eight years, with little change in laws and an increase in the population of the State of about 1 percent a year.



MOVEMENT OF POPULATION

Under jurisdiction July 1, 1931.....	1038	
Admitted during period 1931-2.....	391	
1932-3.....	374	765
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Dismissed permanently:		1803
Adopted	430	
Self-supporting	39	
Returned to Parent	10	
Returned to Counties	55	
Married (before dismissal)	9	
Attained Majority	9	
Died in Institution	25	
Died in Private Homes	15	592
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Under jurisdiction June 30, 1933.....		1211

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Status of Above 1211 as Follows:

In Trial Homes for Adoption.....	320	
With Own Parent on Trial.....	109	
Special Contract (Free Homes).....	349	
Special Indenture (relatives other than parents).....	53	
Left Private Home	14	
Escaped from Institution	22	
In Other Institutions	14	
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Total Under Jurisdiction Outside of Institution.....	881	
In Institution June 30, 1933.....	330	1211
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Average placed per month.....		45
Average daily attendance.....		347
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		Boys Girls Total
Number died in Institution under one year of age.....	16	4 20
Number died in Institution over one year of age.....	2	3 5
Number died in Private Homes under one year of age.....	4	4 8
Number died in Private Homes over one year of age.....	5	2 7



SUMMARY FOR THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS

Number received to June 30, 1933.....		5830
In Homes on trial.....	443	
In Homes adopted.....	2205	
In Homes special contract (free homes).....	438	
Returned to parents.....	566	
Married, attained majority, self-supporting.....	1113	
Died.....	341	
Returned to counties.....	345	
Returned to guardian.....	2	
Returned to counties (temporary commitments).....	47	
Present in Home, June 30, 1933.....	330	5830

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STATE AGENCY—THREE AGENTS

FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD, JULY 1, 1931—JUNE 30, 1933—

Number of Visits

To children in foster homes.....	5,566
To applicants for children.....	719
To references, prospects, county officers and others in connection with the placements of children.....	9,555
TOTAL.....	15,840

Mileage—

By railroad.....	Miles	66,221
By automobile and bus.....	Miles	86,638
TOTAL.....		152,859

EXPENSES: (Not including salaries of agents).....\$5,713.07

CHILDREN ADMITTED DURING BIENNIUM

	1931-32			1932-33		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Under 6 Months	82	89	171	82	94	176
6 to 12 Month	8	10	18	8	16	24
1 to 2 Years	8	10	18	7	7	14
2 to 3 Years	10	8	18	5	4	9
3 to 4 Years		2	2	5	8	13
4 to 5 Years	8	3	11	5	1	6
5 to 6 Years	7	4	11	9	3	12
6 to 7 Years	11	7	18	5	10	15
7 to 8 Years	4	5	9	4	11	15
8 to 9 Years	6	8	14	6	10	16
9 to 10 Years	8	7	15	5	8	13
10 to 11 Years	11	4	15	5	4	9
11 to 12 Years	8	7	15	10	4	14
12 to 13 Years	15	9	24	9	6	15
13 to 14 Years	5	5	10	3	4	7
14 to 15 Years	4	7	11	3	6	9
15 to 16 Years	3	5	8	1	5	6
16 to 17 Years	1	2	3		1	1
	197	194	391	172	202	374
Averages	4.7	4.3	4.5	3.88	3.95	3.91

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CHILDREN IN HOME JUNE 30, 1933

	June 30, 1932			June 30, 1933		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Under 6 Months	8	5	13	6	1	7
6 to 12 Months	2	2	4	3	1	4
1 to 2 Years	1	2	3	3		3
2 to 3 Years	3	1	4	2	2	4
3 to 4 Years	3	2	5	1		1
4 to 5 Years	4	2	6	6	1	7
5 to 6 Years	4	1	5	7	2	9
6 to 7 Years	13	3	16	12	4	16
7 to 8 Years	19	4	23	10	8	18
8 to 9 Years	19	9	28	17	13	30
9 to 10 Years	19	15	34	16	13	29
10 to 11 Years	21	18	39	25	16	41
11 to 12 Years	16	15	31	23	18	41
12 to 13 Years	18	7	25	24	15	39
13 to 14 Years	12	7	19	11	16	27
14 to 15 Years	8	9	17	10	13	23
15 to 16 Years	6	4	10	3	7	10
16 to 17 Years	1	6	7	3	12	15
17 to 18 Years		3	3		3	3
18 to 19 Years		3	3		2	2
19 to 20 Years	1	2	3			
20 to 21 Years					1	1
	178	120	298	182	148	330
Average ages		B	G			
	6 30 31	9.4	10.6	9.67		
	6 30 33	9.56	11.2	10.38		

CHILDREN FORMALLY ADOPTED
DURING BIENNIUM

County	1931-32			1932-33		
	Boys	Girls		Boys	Girls	
Adams	2		2			1
Alamosa	1	2	3		1	1
Arapahoe	2	3	5	4	7	11
Archuleta						
Baca	1		1		1	1
Bent				1	1	2
Boulder	8	3	11	2	4	6
Chaffee				2	1	3
Cheyenne						
Clear Creek					1	1
Conejos	1		1	1		1
Costilla						
Crowley		1	1	1		1
Custer		1	2			
Delta	1	1	2	2	1	3
Denver	50	47	97	43	63	106
Dolores				1		1
Douglas	1		1	1		1
Eagle						
Elbert	1	1	2		3	3
El Paso	4	3	7	1	5	6
Fremont				1		1
Garfield				1		1
Gilpin						
Grand		1	1			
Gunnison		2	2		2	2
Hinsdale						
Huerfano					2	2
Jackson						
Jefferson	2		2	2		2
Kiowa				1		1
Kit Carson						
Lake						
La Plata	1		1	2		2
Larimer	2	1	3	1	2	3
Las Animas	1	2	3		2	2
Lincoln		1	1			
Logan	1	3	4		4	4
Mesa	2	2	4	7	5	12
Mineral						
Moffat		1	1			
Montezuma	1		1			
Montrose		1	1	1	1	2
Morgan	2	1	3	2	2	4
Otero	1	1	2		1	1
Ouray				1	1	2
Park						
Phillips	1	1	2	1	1	2
Pitkin						
Prowers	2	1	3			
Pueblo	1	4	5	2	8	10
Rio Blanco	1		1			
Rio Grande		1	1	1		1
Routt					1	1
Saguache					1	1
San Juan						
San Miguel						
Sedgwick	1	1	2			
Summit						
Teller	1	1	2			
Washington						
Weld	1	6	7	3	3	6
Yuma				2		2
	93	92	185	87	125	212

CHILDREN FORMALLY ADOPTED DURING BIENNIUM---CONT'D

Other States

	1931-32			1932-33		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Arizona		1	1			
Connecticut				1		1
Illinois				1		1
Kansas	2		2	1	1	2
Maryland				1		1
Nebraska		3	3	3	8	11
New Mexico	1		1			
New York				1		1
Texas	1	1	2			
Wyoming	1	1	2	3	2	5
	5	6	11	11	11	22
Grand Total	98	98	196	98	136	234
Biennial	196	234	430			
Average Ages	2.15	1.6	1.88	2.2	2.2	2.2

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AGES OF CHILDREN ADOPTED

	1931-32			1932-33		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Under 6 Months	11	12	23	10	10	20
6 to 12 Months	33	43	76	31	65	96
1 to 2 Years	25	22	47	20	26	46
2 to 3 Years	8	7	15	11	10	21
3 to 4 Years	8	5	13	9	4	13
4 to 5 Years	3	2	5	5	4	9
5 to 6 Years	2	3	5	4	4	8
6 to 7 Years	3		3	3	2	5
7 to 8 Years				4	3	7
8 to 9 Years	1		1	1	1	2
9 to 10 Years	2	1	3	1	1	2
10 to 11 Years				3	3	6
11 to 12 Years				2	2	4
12 to 13 Years	1		1	1	1	2
13 to 14 Years		2	2			
14 to 15 Years						
15 to 16 Years		1	1			
16 to 17 Years	1		1			
	98	98	196	98	136	234
Average Ages	2.15	1.6	1.88	2.2	2.2	2.2

CHILDREN ADMITTED FROM COUNTIES

	1931-32			1932-33		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Adams	1	2	3	1	3	4
Alamosa	3	5	8			
Arapahoe	11	9	20	16	24	40
Archuleta						
Baca	6	6	12	1	4	5
Bent						
Boulder	2	2	4	2	1	3
Chaffee	6	3	9	7	9	16
Cheyenne					1	1
Clear Creek	1		1		4	4
Conejos				1		1
Costilla						
Crowley						
Custer	1	5	6		3	3
Delta		3	3	3	5	8
Denver	106	106	212	96	95	191
Dolores						
Douglas						
Eagle						
Elbert		1	1			
El Paso	4	5	9	3	6	9
Fremont	1		1	3	3	6
Garfield						
Gilpin						
Grand		1	1		1	1
Gunnison		1	1			
Hinsdale						
Huerfano	1	4	5	4	3	7
Jackson						
Jefferson				2	2	4
Kiowa						
Kit Carson						
Lake						
La Plata	1		1	1		1
Larimer	6	5	11	3		3
Las Animas		2	2	1		1
Lincoln	1	2	3	1		1
Logan	2		2		1	1
Mesa	12	5	17	4	2	6
Mineral						
Moffat						
Montezuma						
Montrose	3	4	7	1	2	3
Morgan	10	10	20	1	1	2
Otero		2	2	2	1	3
Ouray					3	3
Park						
Phillips		1	1	2	4	6
Pitkin						
Prowers		1	1	1	2	3
Pueblo	5	1	6	1	1	2
Rio Blanco						
Rio Grande	4	1	5			
Routt	3	2	5	2	4	6
Saguache						
San Juan						
San Miguel				2	1	3
Sedgwick						
Summitt						
Teller				1	1	2
Washington	1		1	1		1
Weld	7	3	10	7	9	16
Yuma	1		1	2	6	8
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	197	194	391	172	202	374

PARENTAL STATUS OF 765 CHILDREN ADMITTED TO
HOME DURING BIENNIAL PERIOD,

July 1, 1931—June 30, 1933

Both Parents in their Own Home	55
Both Parents Dead	10
Father Dead	36
Mother Dead	79
Illegitimate Birth	405
Parents Divorced	19
Parents Separated	45
Both Parents Deserting	8
Father Deserting	59
Mother Deserting	21
Father Insane	3
Mother Insane	11
Father in Prison	9
No Information	5
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TOTAL	765

NATIVITY OF CHILDREN ADMITTED TO HOME
 DURING BIENNIAL PERIOD,
 July 1, 1931—June 30, 1933

Arkansas	3	
California	4	
Colorado	660	86.3%
Idaho	2	
Illinois	2	
Indiana	1	
Iowa	2	
Kansas	20	
Massachusetts	2	
Michigan	3	
Minnesota	3	
Missouri	10	
Montana	2	
Nebraska	8	
New Mexico	4	
New York	1	
Ohio	6	
Oklahoma	8	
Oregon	5	
South Dakota	1	
Texas	2	
Utah	1	
Washington	1	
Wisconsin	1	
Wyoming	5	
Unknown	8	
Total	765	

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