Marchmont Home, Belleville, 1870-1925

1. Belleville Public Library has the following sources of information on the Marchmont Home and children who were brought there:

a) Local files: Mostly clippings from the Intelligencer, ca. 1970's to present, including some newspaper photos. Some history of the Marchmont Home. Many newspaper items with reminiscences of local people who came to this area as "Home" children. No lists of children.

b) Three binders containing information from the Intelligencer and other sources, ca. 1860's to early 1900's. Includes clippings about Marchmont Home staff, arrivals of new groups of children, some miscellaneous items about individual children. Accompanied by card index to names of children found in newspaper items in binders. No official lists or documents from the Home.

c) Belleville Public Library book collection: -- Several books on child immigrants to Canada, but only one book specifically on the Marchmont Home. These books may be borrowed on interlibrary loan: --

- The little immigrants: the orphans who came to Canada. / Bagnell, Kenneth. 305.23 Bag 1980.
- Marchmont : distributing home, Belleville, Ontario, 1870-1925/ / Gilchrist, James S. 362.70869109713585 Gil
- The home children: their personal stories / Phyllis Harrison 362.730922 Hom
- Empty cradles. / Humphries, Margaret. 305.906945 Hum
- Labouring children: British immigrant apprentices to Canada, 1869-1924./ Parr, Joy 331.31 Par
- Barnardo. / Wagner, Gillian. 362.73092 BarW

2. Hastings County Historical Society Archives

Card index to the archives lists several files, which contain mostly newspaper clippings, including information on people connected with Marchmont Home, such as: Rev. Robert Wallace, William Merry, Ellen Agnes Bilbrough, Annie Macpherson. No lists of children or other original documents from the Home.

Hastings County Historical Society,
154 Cannifton Road North,
Cannifton, Ontario K0K 1K0

3. Addresses in the U.K.

Several British organizations sent children to Canada. Barnardo's was probably the most prominent, but it was not the only one. For information on family members who were in care at Barnardo's, write to:

Barnardo's After Care Section
Tanners Lane Barkingside
Ilford, Essex
4. Internet Resources

National Archives Click on ArchivaNet and then on Home Children. Use Search the Database to enter a name and get information on age, name of ship, year of arrival, etc., or click on "Need Help?" for details on using the search functions and obtaining passenger lists on microfilm.

Young Immigrants to Canada: This site is worth visiting. Lots of links to information about Home Children.

Home Children 1869 - 1930: Name Search

Immigration Records 1925-1935

5. Microfilm

Some of the documents from the Marchmont Home are available from the National Archives on microfilm. Reels C-4688, C-4689, C-4691, C-4732 and C-4733 include lists of children's names, place of origin, state of health, etc., as well as other documents from the Home, 1892-1925. Index to microfilm in our collection. Out-of-town researchers can borrow it from:

Library and Archives of Canada
395 Wellington Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N3

Note: due to budget cuts, LAC has suspended material loaning at this time.