

## The Bookworm

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Since this issue of *Anglo-Celtic Roots* deals mainly with the Home Children, it was decided that this column should present an up-to-date and expanded list of books and articles about these juvenile immigrants to Canada and Australia, which members can find at the BIFHSGO library. Most titles are self-explanatory; where they are not, I have added a brief note.

### General

Bean, Phillip and Joy Melville. *Lost Children of the Empire*. Unwin Hyman, 1989.

This history of child emigration from the British Isles covers Australia, Canada and Rhodesia.

Kershaw, Roger and Janet Sacks. *New Lives for Old: the Story of Britain's Child Migrants*. The National Archives, 2008.

A well-written, comprehensive overview of child migrants from the United Kingdom to various parts of the British Empire and Commonwealth during the period 1869 to after World War II. It also includes the story of World War II child evacuees.

### General – Australia

Humphreys, Margaret. *Empty Cradles*. Doubleday, 1994.

Australia. Senate Community Affairs Reference Committee. *Lost Innocents: Righting the Record. Report on Child Immigration*. Senate Printing Unit. 2001.

### General – Canada

Bagnell, Kenneth. *The Little Immigrants: the Orphans Who Came to Canada*. Dundurn Press, 2001.

Kohli, Marjorie. *The Golden Bridge: Young Immigrants to Canada 1833-1939*. Natural Heritage Books, 2003.

Lorente, compiled by David. *Bibliography re Home Children*. The Author, 2001.

Lorente, David. *Home Children: Digging Up Their Roots*. Anglo Celtic Annals 1995, pp. 38-42.

Lorente, Kay and David. *An Update on Home Children*. Anglo-Celtic Annals 1996, pp. 22-25.

Lorente, Kay and David, assisted by John Sayers. *Update on Home Children*. Anglo-Celtic Annals 1997, pp. 44-48.

Lorente, David. *Home Children Canada – Update 2000. Whence and...Oh Heavens!... Whither*. Anglo-Celtic Roots (Vol. 7, no. 2) pp. 29-35.

Parr, Joy. *Labouring Children: British Immigrant Apprentices to Canada 1869-1924*. University of Toronto Press, 1994.

Reid, John D. *Researching Canada's Home Children....* Heritage Productions in association with the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa, 2005.

Sayers, John. *Home Children*. Anglo-Celtic Roots (Vol. 8, no. 2) pp. 29-32.

### Dr. Thomas Barnado and His Homes

Corbett, Gail H. *Nation Builders: Barnado Children in Canada*. Dundurn Press, 2002.

Wagner, Gillian. *Barnado*. Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 1979.

A biography of Dr. Barnado.

### Annie Macpherson

Gilchrist, James S. *Marchmont: Distributing Home, Belleville, Ontario 1870-1925*.

Marchmont was one of the distributing homes run by Annie Macpherson.

### William Quarrier and His Homes

Magnussen, Anna. *Quarrier's Story: One Man's Vision That Gave 7,000 Children a New Life in Canada*. Dundurn Press, 2006.

*The Orphan Homes of Scotland: Consumption Sanatoria and Colony of Mercy for Epileptics, Glasgow and Bridge of Weir*. [The Orphan Homes of Scotland, 1938]

Pictures of the homes operated by the Orphan Homes of Scotland.

### **John Middlemore and His Homes**

Herbert, Caroline, Patricia Roberts Pichette, and John Sayers. *A Great Middlemore Moment*. Anglo-Celtic Roots (Vol. 9, No. 1) pp.8-9.

The discovery, in Orleans Ontario, of the descendants of Geoffrey Mealing, who with his brother and sister were brought to Canada in 1907 by Middlemore Homes.

Rimmer, Anne L. *Researching the Middlemore Home Children*. Anglo-Celtic Roots (vol. 10, no. 2) pp. 35-36.

Roberts-Pichette, Patricia. *John Throgmorton Middlemore and the Children's Emigration Homes*. Anglo-Celtic Roots (vol. 8, no. 3) pp. 57-62.

Roberts-Pichette, Patricia. *The Middlemore Project*:

*Part I. Birmingham at the End of the Nineteenth Century*. Anglo-Celtic Roots (vol. 10, no. 4) pp. 103-110.

*Part II. The Middlemore Family and its Origins*. Anglo-Celtic Roots (vol. 11, no. 1) pp. 7-12.

*Part III. John Throgmorton Middlemore (1844-1924)*. Anglo-Celtic Roots (vol. 11, no. 2) pp. 37-42.

*Part IV. The Children's Emigration Homes in England*. Anglo-Celtic Roots (vol. 11, no. 3) pp. 70-76.

*Part V. Voyage to Canada*. Anglo-Celtic Roots (vol. 11, no. 4) pp. 119-123.

*Part VI. Guthrie Home, London, Ontario*. Anglo-Celtic Roots (vol. 12, no. 1) pp. 11-17.

*Part VII. Guthrie Home, London, Ontario*. Anglo-Celtic Roots (vol. 12, no. 2) pp. 34-42.

*Part VIII. The Switch to the Maritimes*. Anglo-Celtic Roots (vol. 12, no. 3) pp. 76-83.

*Part IX. Middlemore Home, Fairview Station, Nova Scotia*. Anglo-Celtic Roots (vol. 12, no. 4) pp. 106-114.

*Part X. The War Years and Their Aftermath*. Anglo-Celtic Roots (vol. 13, no. 1) pp. 5-13.

*Part XI. The End of Middlemore Activity in the Maritimes*. Anglo-Celtic Roots (vol. 13, no. 2) pp. 41-48.

### **Biographies of Home Children**

Several of the above books and articles also contain brief accounts of individual children.

Harrison, Phyllis. *The Home Children: Their Personal Stories*. Watson and Dwyer, 1979.

McClure, Dulcie I. *Florence Field: Home Child*. Anglo-Celtic Roots (Vol. 12, no. 2) pp. 49-51.

Pettit, Mary. *Mary Janeway: the Legacy of a Home Child*. Natural Heritage Books, 2000.

Price, William R., as told to Eileen Sheila Hill. *Celtic Odyssey*. Dorrance, 1970.

Staples, Michael Anthony. *Middlemore Memories: Tales of the British Home Children*. Unipress, 2003.

### **Lists of Home Children**

*Alphabetical List of Boy Emigrants to Canada 1886 to 1915*. Heritage Renfrew Home Children Committee, n.d.

A list of boys sent to the Gibb Home in Sherbrooke, Quebec.

McEvoy, Patricia and Joyce Carrol, compilers. *A List of Roman Catholic Home Children (Child Immigrants) Whose Records are at the Father Hudson Archives, Coleshill, Birmingham, UK*. Father Hudson Society, 1999.

For readers who would like to know more about the background of these children and their families and the condition of poor people in the British Isles, the following books are recommended.

### **Workhouses**

Higginbotham, Peter. *Workhouses of the Midlands*. Tempus.

Based on the author's massive website <[www.workhouses.org.uk/poorlaws](http://www.workhouses.org.uk/poorlaws)>, this is a handy book about the workhouses of the nine Midland counties.

Longmate, Norman. *The Workhouse: a Social History*. Pimlico, 2003.

May, Trevor. *The Victorian Workhouse*. Shire Publications, 1997.

O'Connor, John. *The Workhouses of Ireland: the Fate of Ireland's Poor*. Anvil Books, 1995.

### **The Poor**

Chinn, Carl. *They Worked All Their Lives: Women of the Urban Poor 1880-1939*. Carnegie House, 1989.

Describes the lives of working-class women of central Birmingham, most of whom were physically strong, fiercely protective of family and community and worked all their lives from when they were toddlers until they died.

Mayhew, Henry. *London Labour and the London Poor: Volume I, the London Street-folk*. Dover

Publications, 1968.

Reprint of a 4-volume study of the sub-culture of poverty in England during the mid-nineteenth century.

McLaughlin, Eve. *The Poor are Always With Us: the Victorian Poor and After*. Varney's Press, 1994.

Orwell, George. *The Road to Wigan*. Penguin, 1989.

In 1936, the author was commissioned by the publisher Victor Gollancz to visit and write about areas of mass unemployment in Yorkshire and Lancashire.

Upton, Chris. *Living Back-to-Back*. Phillimore, 2005.

Back-to-back housing was once the most common type of housing in England for poor urban workers, especially during Victorian times.