

“Whence Received”

As early as 1871, the Home’s administrators regularly began to record “Whence Received,” meaning the city and state in which each child was living at the time of admission. This information documents the increasing number of children admitted to the Home from places outside of New Orleans even before the Home established a formal relationship with B’nai B’rith District Grand Lodge No. Seven and its member states: Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas. Beginning in 1875, B’nai B’rith agreed to create a fund for the Home into which each of its members paid a set amount of regular dues. In exchange for this vital funding, the Home agreed to admit eligible children recommended by the fraternal organization’s participating chapters, and to seat several B’nai B’rith representatives as voting members of the Home’s board.

This “Whence Received” data reveals the distance the children journeyed, as well as the large number of cities and towns that served as points of origin within each state. As shown in the following table, the Home admitted 1302 children from 9 states, which in turn encompassed 127 distinct towns and cities. Not surprisingly, the largest number of children (445, 34%) were admitted from Louisiana, with 118 (26%) of the Louisiana children admitted from towns and cities outside of New Orleans.

<u>STATE</u>	<u># CHILDREN</u>	<u># TOWNS/CITIES</u>
Louisiana	445	34
Texas	394	33
Tennessee	155	5
Alabama	127	14
Mississippi	99	22
Arkansas	55	11
Oklahoma	15	4
Florida	10	3
California	2	1
TOTAL REPORTED	1302	127

Whence Received – Louisiana

<u>CITY/TOWN</u>	<u># CHILDREN</u>
Alexandria	1
Assumption Parish	1
Baton Rouge	9
Bayou Lafourche	4
Bayou Sara	5
Bogalusa	2
Carrollton	3
Charenton	4
Covington	1
Crowley	2
Delhi	1
Donaldsonville	5
Franklin	1
Glenmora	1
Gretna	1
Jackson	2
Lafayette	2
Lake Charles	2
Lake Providence	2
Luling	1
Meinden	3
Monroe	5
Natchitoches	2
New Iberia	1
New Orleans	327
Oakdale	2
Opelousas	6
Port Hudson	3
Rosedale	2
St. John Parish	2
St. James	5
Shreveport	27
Vermillion	1
Wilson	8
Total	445