

Name	Classification (child, adoptive family, etc.)	Date of document	Collection Call Number	Notes
Hill, William Winston, Dr.	potential adoptive family potential adoptive family	10 Dec. 1873	BJ/B222/1	J. L. Swan writes to Hollingsworth about a family in Rockport, Indiana that has 3 or 4 young sons. The couple, William Hill and Sister Hill, are upstanding in the community and Mrs. Hill "yearns" for a daughter. He asks if the Home has a "sprightly girl of a good family of from 9-to-13 years of age." The P. O. box of the Hills is in Sanborn Knot Co., Indiana. Letter is marked Vincennes, Ind. J. S. Phelps writes to Hollingsworth on behalf of his business partner, Winston, and Winston's wife, Phelps' cousin. Letter is marked Louisville, KY
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Kay, Alice Staylore, Wilfred (?) C. Wright, Charles	birth mother potential adoptive man potential adoptive family	12 April 1875	BJ/B222/1	Adoptive family writes to Mary Mollingsworth for information about the girl they just adopted (name, age, residence, name of mother, etc.). The girl claims her mother's name is Alice Kay. Letter is marked Frankfort, KY. Jas. H. Williams writes to Hollingsworth about a friend visiting Louisville to "procure a little boy from the 'Home.'" Letter is marked Bowling Green, KY. Wright writes on his wife's behalf to be notified when a little girl comes to the Home that they may adopt. Letter is marked Louisville, KY. Arthur Peter writes to Mary about a woman who cannot provide for her two children and needs to go to the hospital. He asks for the children to be put in the Home. Letter is marked Louisville, KY. J. K. Nuriselly (?) writes to Mary that Frannie Moore reached his home and was well in appearance. She was met by Mrs. Sarah C. Ratliff, who also wants to "subscribe for us orphan friend for Frannie's sake."
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Turpin, Mrs.	birth mother	21 Aug 1877	BJ/B222/1	A group of attorneys from Owen County write to certify that Roberts is a "person of good moral character" who wants to adopt an orphan girl. Letter marked Owenton, KY. Mary writes about a Mr. Jones who is looking for a child, and says that Lula might suit him. Lula is a "beautiful child" of 6 years, whose father Cornealius Toten is giving by legal consent. Letter is marked Louisville.
Moore, Frannie	orphan (probable)	29 July 1878	BJ/B222/1	
Roberts, Willy K.	potential adoptive father	6 June 1879	BJ/B222/1	Willie and Frank McKeown are admitted to the Home at the order of Judge Hoke. Willie born 25 Feb 1873; Frank born 21 Aug 1876. Letter is marked Louisville, KY. A neighbor, Jas. Svan(?) Chatta writes to Hollingsworth that an adoptive mother, Mrs. Donahue, died and that he remembers the little boy must be returned to the Home. Letter marked Shelbyville, KY. Mrs. Breese writes requesting "necessary bonds" to adopt two little girls. In the next letter, she says that the eldest daughter's birth date is listed as May 29 1868, but that that would make her 12 years old and her husband was told she was 9 years old. Letter is marked Nashville, Tenn. Herring writes to Hollingsworth about five little girls whose father died in April and whose mother (his sister) is unable to care for them. The girls are currently in McCracken County, KY with their sick mother. Letter is marked Georgetown, KY. An employee of the Kentucky Institution for the Education and Training of Feeble-Minded Children (Frankfort, KY) writes to Hollingsworth to tell her that Alice (who used to be at the Home) is dying and he cannot reach her mother. The "President" of a home (W. H. Harris) writes to the Home to ask if an orphaned girl whose adoptive parents have both died should be returned and under what conditions. The deceased are Mr. and Mrs. Willis Grimes. Mrs. Hill was adopted but is now likely old enough to live away from the home; Mimi is younger. Letter is marked Danville, KY.
Toten (or Totem), Lula	orphan	March 1874	BJ/B222/1	
McKeown, Willie and Frank	orphans	11 Aug 1879	BJ/B222/1	Sleagall writes to say that he lost his grandson and wants to adopt a young boy to "make a man" of. Letter is marked from Scotts Sta (?) A third party (D. L. Bleigh, maybe of the police department) writes on behalf of a "hard" adoptive mother who wants to return her two children to the Home. Location: Louisville, KY W. L. Charles Hiebert (or Hicebest?) writes "Let Mr. Harris have Anna Laura Doyle. He has executed the papers." Letter is marked from Louisville, KY. Harris writes to Weller from Danville, KY about a father who left his family 3 weeks ago and hasn't been seen since. A body was found in the river, however, and is assumed to be his. Harris wants to send his orphaned children to the Home. Baily writes to the Home from Louisville, KY about a "little orphan boy" in her town. The boy is 12 months old and "very delicate," and is currently living with his half-sister and a widow with two children, but she cannot keep him long-term. W. L. Nellensoul (?) writes to say that the mother (Mrs. French) of an adopted boy from the Home has died and they are taking the body to Madison, Indiana to be buried. He isn't positive the boy's name is McHidden, and they lived in Cambellsburg, Kentucky. Letter is marked from Danville, KY. Mrs. Settle writes that her mother cannot take in an orphaned girl named Nellie because she has never seen her before. She also says that her adopted daughter, Elma, has been beaten without Mary's knowledge at the Home because she has bruises and cries out when she tries to change her. She asks for a picture of her birth mother, named Mrs. Jackson, and offers to send a picture of Elma. Letter is marked from Seneca, Kansas. John Q. A. Stewart, the Superintendent of the the Kentucky Institution for the Education and Training of Feeble-Minded Children in Frankfort, KY, writes to a doctor asking him to fill out a form to have Perneice Moody admitted to the Institution. Jesse writes to ask to adopt a little girl, and says that he is a house keeper and can provide references. Letter marked Cunningham, KY. J. N. Beadle writes to the Home to place a sex-week old orphan girl whose father committed a type of fraud and whose mother "lost her mind" due to the crime and is institutionalized. She is staying with her grandmother, but she is too old and frail to keep her long, and other members of the family cannot keep her. Letter marked Mayfield, KY.
Donahue, Mrs. Joseph	deceased adoptive mother	29 March 1880	BJ/B222/1	
Breese, Mr. and Mrs.	potential adoptive family	10 May 1880	BJ/B222/1	An adoptive father, S. J. Harrison, writes to the Home on behalf of Stella, a newly adopted girl from the Home. She wants to tell her brothers that she is doing well in her new home. He also mentions that he has found a home for one of her brothers still in the home, the Beasley's. Letter marked Hartford, CN. In a second letter to the Home, Harrison gives more information about the Beasley family. Mr. Beasley is 32, has a wife, no children, owns his own home, and has a stable living. He offers Stella's brother Walker to live with the Beasley's, and her other brother Green to live with a farmer near them named Mr. Jas. Thomas. Wm. K. Withers writes to the Home about a boy he adopted on October 27th, 1881. He is now about 12 years old and has become "unmanageable," having run away twice. Withers asks if he should return the boy or "have the court find him out." Letter marked Louisville, KY. telegraph written to the Home that says to "send some one to glencoe after five orphan children" Hamscott writes from the Central Kentucky Lunatic Asylum asking after his/her little children. Hamscott wants to know if there are well and if they have been adopted to send their address. Letter marked Anchorage, AK.
Herring, John A.	Brother of birth mother	25 June 1880	BJ/B222/1	
Nestface, Alice	orphan	12 Dec 1880	BJ/B222/1	Fannie Nash (likely the wife of Chas. E. Nash, the Pastor of Carrollton Baptist Church according to letterhead) writes to the Home about a women on a nearby farm with six children who cannot afford to feed them all after a drought. She says they will starve if she doesn't give them up. Letter marked Carrollton. L. H. Shuck, Reverend of the First Baptist Church in Paducah, KY writes to the Home to ask if a two year old boy named Albert can stay at the home. His father left his mother, who is now very poor and "cannot do justice to the child." The mother wants to know if she can have Albert back after a few years.
Grimes, Mimi	orphan	7 March 1882	BJ/B222/1	
Sleagall, P.L.	potential adoptive father	16 June 1883 (?)	BJ/B222/2	An adoptive father, S. J. Harrison, writes to the Home on behalf of Stella, a newly adopted girl from the Home. She wants to tell her brothers that she is doing well in her new home. He also mentions that he has found a home for one of her brothers still in the home, the Beasley's. Letter marked Hartford, CN. In a second letter to the Home, Harrison gives more information about the Beasley family. Mr. Beasley is 32, has a wife, no children, owns his own home, and has a stable living. He offers Stella's brother Walker to live with the Beasley's, and her other brother Green to live with a farmer near them named Mr. Jas. Thomas. Wm. K. Withers writes to the Home about a boy he adopted on October 27th, 1881. He is now about 12 years old and has become "unmanageable," having run away twice. Withers asks if he should return the boy or "have the court find him out." Letter marked Louisville, KY. telegraph written to the Home that says to "send some one to glencoe after five orphan children" Hamscott writes from the Central Kentucky Lunatic Asylum asking after his/her little children. Hamscott wants to know if there are well and if they have been adopted to send their address. Letter marked Anchorage, AK.
Quinn, Miss Henrietta Doyle, Anna Laura	adoptive mother orphan	6 Sept 1883 25 March 1884	BJ/B222/2 BJ/B222/2	
Harris, W. H.	concerned citizen (?)	31 Oct 1884	BJ/B222/2	Fannie Nash (likely the wife of Chas. E. Nash, the Pastor of Carrollton Baptist Church according to letterhead) writes to the Home about a women on a nearby farm with six children who cannot afford to feed them all after a drought. She says they will starve if she doesn't give them up. Letter marked Carrollton. L. H. Shuck, Reverend of the First Baptist Church in Paducah, KY writes to the Home to ask if a two year old boy named Albert can stay at the home. His father left his mother, who is now very poor and "cannot do justice to the child." The mother wants to know if she can have Albert back after a few years.
Baily, Sallie	concerned citizen (?)	5 Nov 1884	BJ/B222/2	
McHidden	orphan	22 July 1885	BJ/B222/2	Fannie Nash (likely the wife of Chas. E. Nash, the Pastor of Carrollton Baptist Church according to letterhead) writes to the Home about a women on a nearby farm with six children who cannot afford to feed them all after a drought. She says they will starve if she doesn't give them up. Letter marked Carrollton. L. H. Shuck, Reverend of the First Baptist Church in Paducah, KY writes to the Home to ask if a two year old boy named Albert can stay at the home. His father left his mother, who is now very poor and "cannot do justice to the child." The mother wants to know if she can have Albert back after a few years.
Settle, Elma	orphan	17 April 1885	BJ/B222/2	
Moody, Perneice Mabsy, Jesse J.	orphan prospective adoptive father	12 Feb 1886 30 Aug 1886	BJ/B222/2 BJ/B222/2	Fannie Nash (likely the wife of Chas. E. Nash, the Pastor of Carrollton Baptist Church according to letterhead) writes to the Home about a women on a nearby farm with six children who cannot afford to feed them all after a drought. She says they will starve if she doesn't give them up. Letter marked Carrollton. L. H. Shuck, Reverend of the First Baptist Church in Paducah, KY writes to the Home to ask if a two year old boy named Albert can stay at the home. His father left his mother, who is now very poor and "cannot do justice to the child." The mother wants to know if she can have Albert back after a few years.
McKirman	orphan	24 Dec 1886	BJ/B222/2	
Harrison, Stella	orphan	23 May 1887	BJ/B222/2	Fannie Nash (likely the wife of Chas. E. Nash, the Pastor of Carrollton Baptist Church according to letterhead) writes to the Home about a women on a nearby farm with six children who cannot afford to feed them all after a drought. She says they will starve if she doesn't give them up. Letter marked Carrollton. L. H. Shuck, Reverend of the First Baptist Church in Paducah, KY writes to the Home to ask if a two year old boy named Albert can stay at the home. His father left his mother, who is now very poor and "cannot do justice to the child." The mother wants to know if she can have Albert back after a few years.
Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. Dave	prospective adoptive family	28 May 1887	BJ/B222/2	
Martin, John Arrasmith, Alfred	orphan unknown	16 June 1887 18 June 1887	BJ/B222/2 BJ/B222/2	Fannie Nash (likely the wife of Chas. E. Nash, the Pastor of Carrollton Baptist Church according to letterhead) writes to the Home about a women on a nearby farm with six children who cannot afford to feed them all after a drought. She says they will starve if she doesn't give them up. Letter marked Carrollton. L. H. Shuck, Reverend of the First Baptist Church in Paducah, KY writes to the Home to ask if a two year old boy named Albert can stay at the home. His father left his mother, who is now very poor and "cannot do justice to the child." The mother wants to know if she can have Albert back after a few years.
Hamscott, H. J.	birth parent	22 July 1887	BJ/B222/2	
Nash, Fannie L.	concerned neighbor/ wife of pastor	16 Aug 1887	BJ/B222/2	Fannie Nash (likely the wife of Chas. E. Nash, the Pastor of Carrollton Baptist Church according to letterhead) writes to the Home about a women on a nearby farm with six children who cannot afford to feed them all after a drought. She says they will starve if she doesn't give them up. Letter marked Carrollton. L. H. Shuck, Reverend of the First Baptist Church in Paducah, KY writes to the Home to ask if a two year old boy named Albert can stay at the home. His father left his mother, who is now very poor and "cannot do justice to the child." The mother wants to know if she can have Albert back after a few years.
Louis, Albert	orphan	10 Sept 1887	BJ/B222/2	

Russell, William	adoptive father	21 Sept 1887	BJ/B222/2	Russell writes to the Home to "vehemently deny" that he and his wife have been abusing the two children they adopted. The Russell's neighbors wrote to the Home saying that they have been physically abusing their children, but Russell claims that it is a personal fight the families have been having and that the Smiths are making up the claims. He offers to send the children to the Home right away to be examined for bruises. Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Blackiver, W. B.	concerned citizen (?)	23 Sept 1887	BJ/B222/2	Blackiver writes to Br. Nelley (?) about the case discussed above. He says that he understands any decision that is come to regarding the alleged abuse of the Russells and that there is another issue at hand regarding the neighbors, but also that there are "certain facts that cannot be set aside" that point to possible abuse. For example, the children have been removed from school and Blackiver says that he cannot attribute that to the character of the principal and the teacher. His overall tone indicates he believes that the adopted children are being abused. Letter marked Louisville KY.
Jackson, Maggie Elmira	orphan	30 Sept 1887	BJ/B222/2	H. C. Settle writes to Miss Weller and Son, Louisville, KY from Seneca, Kansas. He says that "we" have decided to adopt Maggie, or "Elma" as they call her, and she will be their heir. He asks for a "certified copy of the apprenticeship papers" to adopt her "under the Laws of the State of Kansas." Letter marked Seneca, KS.
Huggins, J. D.	prospective adoptive father	4 Oct 1887	BJ/B222/2	Mr. Huggins writes to Mr. N. L. Neller to say he has sent filled bonds and asks how "the child" is to be gotten to South Carolina. He asks if the child can be sent by the R. R. company and says Mrs. Lyle is "anxious to know the name of the child's parents." Letter marked Newberry, S. C.
Cummins, Mary and Allen	deceased parents (birth or adoptive?)	12 Oct 1887	BJ/B222/2	Susie Mullins Livingston writes to the Home about six children left "in a helpless condition" after both of their parents have died. However, the letter later states that "there mother is opposed to sending them away but they need assistance and I think you will be satisfied of it when you investigate and learn there condition."
Settle, H. C.	adoptive father	15 Oct. 1887	BJ/B222/2	H. C. Settle writes again to Miss Hollingsworth from Seneca to ask why the copy of the apprenticeship papers he asked for have not yet been sent. He says that these are necessary to make their adopted daughter Elma their heir, and states in underlined, large letters "we are now ready to take this step in Justice to our Darling and I hope we will not be retarded." A check for three hundred dollars is with the letter dated Nov 2nd 1887.
Penny, A. R.	?	5 Nov 1887	BJ/B222/2	A. R. Penny writes to N. L. Weller, chairman [illegible] that the children Bro. Barron wrote to them about are in a "very helpless condition," as their father and mother are both dead. He goes on to say that he's "hoping you can receive the children." Letter marked Stanford, KY.
Heybus children	orphans	9 Nov 1887	BJ/B222/2	G. M. Davison writes to H. L. Heller that the "blank for the Heybus children need. I return ours to you." Unclear what this means; Davison is an attorney and could have sent three blank checks, two of which were "soiled," and asks for them to be returned. Letter marked Stanford, KY.
Williams, Mary	orphan	21 Nov 1887	BJ/B222/2	Hollingsworth writes to Weller that Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Haines "selected" Mary Williams, born March 3rd, 1876.
Slaughter, Mary Ellen	orphan	Aug 1887 (undated)	BJ/B222/2	Hollingsworth writes to the "Board of Gentlemen" that a Mrs. John Oserton (Osertint?) wants to return the 10 year old girl she adopted last October from the Home. The girl, Mary Ellen Slaughter, was recommended to the Home by her mother Mrs. Slaughter, and the Osertons find her "every way untrustworthy can't rely upon her at all" and "gives a very sad account of her." Mrs. Oserton wants to "take a younger child."
Greer, Mr.	Birth father (?)	6 Dec 1887	BJ/B222/2	Thoman Rodman- President of the Farmer's Bank of Kentucky- writes a vague letter to Weller that a man named Mr. Greer was "slow in consenting," but willingly gave his children to the Home. He never wants to hear from his wife again, but would like to hear from his children. Letter marked Frankfort, KY.
Tucker, Effie	orphan	6 Feb 1888	BJ/B222/2	J. T. Tartar writes to the Home that Effie Tucker has been examined by Dr. W. F. Scott and is free of disease. Letter marked Somerset, KY.
Peter, Mr. Arthur	concerned citizen (?)	18 Feb 1888	BJ/B222/2	J. H. Caseldine writes to Peter that the girl he was trying to secure a place for in the Home has been adopted by her aunt. Caseldine thinks the girl would have been better off in the Home, and thanks Peter for his "noble undertaking." Letter marked Emmence, KY.
Ellooten (Ehooten?), Ms. J.	Birth mother	11 June 1888	BJ/B222/2	Weller writes to Ms. J. Ellotten in Donover, KY that he received her letter and needs her to complete bonds before a clerk or notary in order to complete the paperwork. Then she can send her two "litttle girls" to the Home with the paperwork.
Cubbage, Joseph	prospective adoptive father/employer	30 June 1888	BJ/B222/2	Geo. A. Cubbage of Litchfield, KY writes to Weller to ask to adopt a child from the Home on behalf of his uncle, Joseph Cubbage. Joseph wants a "healthy boy not less than 9 years old," and Geo wants to ensure that the Home has such a child before he makes the trip. In a second letter to Hollingsworth on 3 Aug 1888, he writes that he is sick and will be to the Home in a week or so. He also states that his uncle will not adopt the boy, and "if the boy cannot be had as an apprentice," to please write at once.
Brown, Mrs. Fannie	prospective adoptive mother	24 Sept 1888	BJ/B222/2	Correspondence between Weller and Ms. Shelby Wilson; Weller asks her to confidentially give a reference of character for a prospective adoptive mother, Mrs. Fannie Brown. Wilson writes back that she doesn't know the woman, but that she is 21 or 22, lives with her husband, seems to be kind but is very poor and wouldn't "be able to do much for a child." Letter marked New Liberty Owen Co. KY.
Bangs, Amanda	orphan	2 Oct 1888	BJ/B222/2	Weller writes to Ms. Joseph Dulany recognizing her correspondence with Hollingsworth regarding a child named Amanda Bangs from Rockcastle County, KY. He states that if she is "sound in mind and body" and her parents are both dead, to send her and relevant papers to the Home.
Givens, Mrs. Thos. R.	prospective adoptive mother	19 Oct 1888	BJ/B222/2	Givens writes to the Home from Union Co. KY to inquire about a little girl "not under nine years old" with "an amiable disposition who is capable of nursing a baby."
Long, Mary	orphan	16 Nov 1888	BJ/B222/2	Long writes Weller to tell him how their newly adopted girl, Mary, is doing. He says she is very sweet and is adjusting well and is well loved by both he and his wife. He asks for any birth information they have on Mary to be sent so that it can be included in their family Bible. He then lists her "mates" who "Mary send her love to," including: Gassie, Sallie, Merry Bell Brown, Mollie Cot, Evaloma Sperrits, Nrussinice (?) Dickens, Cleven Dickens, Hattie Stemper, Maggie Halloween, Mirnice (?) Jacksons. Letter is marked Mayfield, KY.
Bassett, R. J.	concerned citizen (?)	28 Jan 1889	BJ/B222/2	Bassett writes to Hollingsworth that the "woman at the poor house" wants to send her two babies to the Home on the last of next month. Letter is marked Leitchfield, KY.
Harrod, Mr. J. W. and Mattie R.	prospective adoptive parents	18 Feb 1889	BJ/B222/2	Weller writes to the Harrods that there was an outbreak of scarlet fever at the Home and they cannot send a child away until it is gone.
Givens, Mrs. T. R.	prospective adoptive mother	25 Feb 1889	BJ/B222/2	Givens writes again to the Home to send for a little girl between 9 and 10 who is "good looking, amiable" and obedient. She goes on to say that she wants the child by apprenticeship and to send her to Flourmay, KY. She asks if she is able to return the child and for a "child who has neither mother nor father." Letter is marked Flourmay, KY.
Rickman, Lula	orphan	6 March 1889	BJ/B222/2	Arthur Peter Ch(?) or H. D. Moore writes to the Home about Lula Rickman, a girl whose parents have died (Ian and Susan Rickman). She has about \$450, which Moore says will go to the Home to "take charge of for her benefit." Letter marked Ashland, KY.
Greens (?), C. L.	potential employer	5 April 1889	BJ/B222/2	Greens writes to the Home inquiring about a girl he may apprentice. Letter is on LBOH paper.
May, Ida	orphan	11 May 1889	BJ/B222/2	Geo. A. Cubbage of Litchfield, KY types to Weller on behalf of his friend, Mr. Moses Terry. Terry wants to "take" Ida May (adopt or apprentice?) and needs papers prepared. Cubbage explains that if she is delivered to the railroad, his friend Mr. Dugan will deliver Ida to Mr. Terry. He also asks Weller to "notify Miss Cilla Owen." In a second handwritten letter, Cubbage introduces Weller to his friend Mr. S. F. C. Woolridge, who is to deliver Ida to Mr. Terry. He mentions that Ida will live with Mr. Terry and his mother. Letter is marked Big Clifty, KY.
Whitmer, Etta	orphan	14 May 1889	BJ/B222/2	Q. B. Coleman (co. judge and attorney, Muhlenberg co.) writes to the Home about Etta Whitman, a "distitute little child" whose father is dead and mother is incarcerated. Coleman says she will be sent by Bro. J. H. Craig. Letter is marked Greenville, KY.
Givens, C. L.	prospective adoptive mother/employer	27 May 1889	BJ/B222/2	Givens replies to a letter from Weller to say that a girl she intends to adopt will not be used as a servant, but will be treated as a child of her own. Letter is marked Owensboro, KY.

Long, Jossie and Lana	orphans (?)	6 June 1889	BJ/B222/2	John D. Taggart, President of Fidelity Trust and Safety Vault Co., writes Hollingsworth to ask if Jossie and Lana Long can go to his offices to prepare papers to "testify she is alive." Unclear on who is alive. Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Coleman, Q. B. Marshbune, Dr. H. H.	County judge and Baptists Sunday School teacher potential adoptive father	15 June 1889 24 July 1889	BJ/B222/2 BJ/B222/2	Coleman writes to Weller to ask if there are any boys or girls 9 and above that can be "secured" by Baptist families. He also asks under which conditions they "bind" children, and that he can find homes for 2 or 3 children. Letter marked Greenville, KY.
Hunt, George	concerned citizen (?)	17 July 1889	BJ/B222/2	B. F. Montague writes to the Home to provide a reference for Dr. H. H. Marshbune and says he is a gentleman of culture and good character. Hunt writes to Weller about a boy he references he has written about before. Because the letterhead is A. R. Penny and marked Stanford, KY, it can be insinuated that this is the same little boy that A. R. Penny spoke of.
Aulick, Charlie	orphan	26 July 1889	BJ/B222/2	J. W. Eades, a deacon in the Baptist Church at Pleasant Grove Hopkins County and a farmer, writes to W. L. "Willer" in response to a letter of the 23rd. He says he wants Charlie Aulick as an apprentice but also that he will treat him as a son. He has daughters at home but needs "a boy to assist me in my old age." Letter marked Nebo, Kentucky. In a letter from 12 March 1895, Eades writes to Hollingsworth again regarding Charlie. He asks for her to send information on Charlie's father, who is now 15 years old and "plenty larg enough to work." He says "he is a very bad boy wont mind and sets worse." He says that he is so bad he doesn't want to turn him back to the Home, but wants to send him back to his father. He states that in December, his house burned down and his wife is very sick. Letter marked Madisonville, KY.
Pierce	Birth father	10 Aug 1889	BJ/B222/2	George Hunt writes to Weller in regards to a little boy he has apparently written about before. The father of the boy is Mr. Pierce, and "sister Jani in Caldwell" is also mentioned. He hopes the boy is taken care of. Letter marked Stanford, KY.
Shuttleworth, J. A.	Son of adoptive father	16 Aug 1889	BJ/B222/2	Shuttleworth writes to Weller that his father is "verry well please with Boy" and "may be able to make a useful man of him." Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Givens, H. L. Hellen and Lowe	Prospective adoptive parents	2 Sept 1889	BJ/B222/2	Givens writes again to the Home to say she now wants a little boy about nine or ten who is "good disposed and quite brilliant and smart." She lists four references and says she will apply for a boy in Cincinnati if the Home doesn't have one. Letter marked Flournoy, KY.
Enders, Reap J. W. E	Adoptive father/ orphan	8 Sept 1889	BJ/B222/2	Enders writes to Wellers instructions for delivering the boy he is adopting to Madisonville, KY by train. He includes that Dr. John Bassett of Providence Webster Co. KY wants to adopt a girl in the spring. He says to send Charles to Madisonville Sept 14th, 1889 and he will meet him. Letter marked Madisonville, KY.
Fulton	prospective adoptive parent	22 Sept 1889	BJ/B222/2	Fulton writes to the Home stating that a Mr. J. K. Smith from his neighborhood in Florida recently visited the Home and thinks he "will get" a boy he applied for. Fulton says that he moved about 5 years ago from Bardstown KY and would like to adopt a boy about 12 or 13 who is a "good size, sprightly and intelligent." Letter marked Istachatta, Fla.
Leechman, Minnie Callis, Mr. and Mrs. W. K.	orphan prospective adoptive parents	23 Sept 1889 4 Oct 1889	BJ/B222/2 BJ/B222/2	J. M. Duley writes to "Weller and Sons" that he has sent the proper bonds to the Home (which he found to be "unnecessary") and wants them to send Minnie to Birdsville "the cheapest way put her in the care of the Clerk on the boat" and to "tell her that she will come all right not to fear." Letterhead marked Smithland, KY; sender marked letter Birdsville Livingston Co. KY.
Atwood, Mrs.	Birth mother	25 Oct 1889	BJ/B222/2	Wm. W. Morris writes to Hollingsworth a reference for the Callis' of Trimble Co. KY, who want to adopt an orphan girl. Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Dawson, Wilson or Alton	orphan	19 Oct 1889	BJ/B222/2	W. S. Ryland writes to Hollingsworth regarding a woman named Mrs. Atwood, who came "here" (probably Bethel College?) about two weeks ago in great distress wanting to go to Louisville to get four of her five children in at the Home. She wanted to also find work to support herself and her "babe." He writes that a gentleman in town who helped her wants to know if she followed through. He also writes that a Dr. Gordon and his wife would like to adopt a little girl. Letter marked Russellville, KY.
Haynes, Lula Phelps	orphan adult transporting children	11 Nov 1889- 20 No 29 Nov 1889	BJ/B222/2 BJ/B222/2	B. J. Dawson writes to Weller that he and his wife have agreed to take the boy Wilson, and asks for the bonds to be sent. He says he will pay for the train tickets for the boy and will meet him at the station L. St. S. VJ. Letter marked Owensboro, Kentucky but sender says to write to Masonville, KY. He writes in a second letter on Nov. 12, 1889 to say that "Alton" has arrived fine and that he will return the proper papers soon. He says that Alton is going to school and is pleased with his new home.
Nelson, Amanda	Birth mother	13 Dec 1889	BJ/B222/2	In four letters within 10 days to the Home, Carr describes the treatment of Lula, a former "inmate" of the Home, who has been adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Haynes of Morganfield, KY. The first letter states that she "does not receive that treatment which she is entitled to" and suggests she find a different home in the county. In subsequent letters, he says that the treatment is "worse than [...] expected" and he has taken Lula to his house. He says that he wouldn't mind taking her in, but that he is neighbors with the Haynes. He also says that he spoke to Mrs. Haynes and left her in tears, and that the couple consents to bring her and cancel their bond. Judge Givens (frequently mentioned in other letters) is Hayne's brother in law. A nearby family, the McElroy's, want to take in Lula as a general housework assistant to the wife and caretaker of a toddler. His final letter gives information on how best Lula can be returned to the Home and on what train. He says "I am truly a friend to the orphan." Letters marked Morganfield, KY.
Pence, Elziebeth and Eliza	orphans	17 Dec 1889	BJ/B222/2	James Denton writes to Weller stating that a Mr. Phelps is putting "the children" ona train on Dec. 4th. Letter marked Somerset, KY. Chas. Stephens writes to Weller to say that a woman he knows- Mrs. Amanda Nelson- desires to put her children in the Home. He states that she is "fully worthy" to receive the benefits of the Home and is a Baptist. Letter marked Paris, KY.
Blanks, Pearel	orphan	3 May 1890	BJ/B222/3	Armie Wearen writes to Miss Mary about a little girl named Elziebeth Pence. He says she is "over age" and is "brother" the Eliza (or Eliga? Maybe misspelling Elijah?) Pence. He says Eliza came to the home from Stanford. Letter marked Stanford, KY.
Robertson, George	adoptive father	3 June 1890	BJ/B222/3	Mrs. Cassie Gregory writes to Hollingsworth regarding a 6 year old orphan named Pearel Blanks. Pearel's mother died last mon. (month or Monday?), left her daughter in Gregory's care, and has no relatives in the area. Though Pearle has a 14 year old brother and 10 year old sister in the area, there is no good home for Pearel and Gregory wants her to be eduated. Letter marked Wingo, KY.
Candler, Sr., E. S.	prospective adoptive father	9 June 1890	BJ/B222/3	Robertson writes to the Home to send required contrats for adoption and includes information about the little girl he has adopted. He says she appears satisfied, as are "they" by the girl. Letter marked Utica, Miss.
Williams, Mary	orphan	11 June 1890	BJ/B222/3	Candler Sr. writes to Weller in reference to adopting a little girl from the Home. He says that the requirements for adoption are unacceptable and they cannot follow through. Letter marked luka, Miss.
				Williams writes to Weller about her home with the Velings. She says that Aunt Fronia or Mrs. Veling was going to write to the Home but she asked her not to ask she felt she had a good home. She says she "new [she] hadent done right" but that she asked Veling to stay longer and she would "try me a awhile longer." Letter marked Sulphur, KY. In a letter from 2 June 1890 in folder 11 (incomplete), J. A. Veling (likely) writes to Hollingsworth "in regard to Mary," stating that he has "tried many sufficcient to know that she will not suit me." He says that even though he "dressed Mary neat and nice," she wouldn't go to Sunday School "without crying." He adds that he "could not manage her without rough means." Incomplete. Letter marked Sulphur, KY.

Strader [?], Effie	orphan	8 July 1890	BJ/B222/3	Mr. Strader writes to Weller that Effie is "very much dissatisfied and wants to return to the Home." Strader delayed writing in hopes that Effie would change her mind, but she has not. He includes that Mrs. Strader is "not well pleased with Effie on account of her size," and that she forbids her from attending church. Letter marked Larned, Kansas.
Bradley, Oscar	orphan	9 July 1890	BJ/B222/3	S. C. Long writes to Hollingsworth regarding a boy named Oscar from the Home whose adoptive mother has died. The adoptive father (Mr. R. Sawyer) wants to give him up, and suggests his neighbor David Parks to adopt him. Letter marked Russellville, KY. In another letter from 24 July 1890, S. C. Long writes to Weller to say that Mr. M. R. Sawyer says to send Oscar to the Apprenticed Band Blank. He will then turn Oscar over to Mr. Parks and "have him excute the Band." Letter marked Russellville, KY.
Spears, Cora Belle	orphan	17 July 1890	BJ/B222/3	C. K. Sprowl writes to Weller regarding a girl he adopted from the Home, Cora. Sprowl's wife died and because he has no female relatives to stay with her at their house, he feels he needs to send her back. She is currently staying with the Pastor. Letter marked Jeffersontown, KY. In another letter from 8 August 1890, Sprowl writes to Weller to ask if Cora is still at the Home, and if so, he wants to send her to the family of a Presbyterian minister where there are no other children. He notes that the family are "particular friends" of his and that he knows it would be a good home. Letter marked Jeffersontown, KY.
Long, Laura	orphan	18 July 1890	BJ/B222/3	L. L. Parks writes to Weller to enclose the papers of Commitment of Charles Reed to the Home. He is adopting Laura Long. Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Enpfield [?], Julia	orphan	22 Sept 1890	BJ/B222/3	W. H. Enpfield writes to Weller regarding Julia, a girl that he adopted from the Home. He says that she is fitting in very well, very attached to his children and wife, and is talking a "great deal better than she did." Letter marked Lawrenceburg, KY.
Rae, Miney	orphan	23 Oct 1890	BJ/B222/3	Crawford Lyers writes to Weller that the girl he "got" from the Home is "of no use" to him because she is "so afflicted." He says she is "scraffulus and nere cited" and wants the Home to "tak her back a give anotha if i cant do beter in a nothe girl." Letter marked Hawesville, KY.
West, Effie C.	orphan	3 Nov 1890	BJ/B222/3	Robt Green writes to the Home inquiring about Effie, as he is her guardian and has not heard from her. He says she was sent by the Baptist Church at Harrisburgh. Letter marked Owenton, KY.
Holland, Rosie	orphan	24 Nov 1890	BJ/B222/3	Nannie Moxley writes to Weller requesting her bond back from the Home since she has returned Rosie. Letter marked Shreve, KY.
Bell, Frank	orphan	23 Dec 1890	BJ/B222/3	G. F. Sutton writes to Hollingsworth regarding a little boy named Frank who was adopted by Miss Mary Newman of Lewisburg, KY. Apparently Newman got married and has no further interest in Frank and gave him away. Sutton writes that he begged her to send him back to the Home. Letter marked Lewisburg, KY.
Cepert (?), Albert	orphan	29 Dec 1890	BJ/B222/3	Arthur Peter writes to Hollingsworth about a 4 year old boy named Albert who has been "circuttet to the Home by the County Church." He asks for his bond papers. Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Dulaney, William S.	prospective adoptive father	25 Feb 1891	BJ/B222/3	Dulaney writes to Hollingsworth to say that he neglected to send the agreement for adoption, which he has enclosed. He assures her that the little boy will be well cared for. Letter marked Bowling Green, KY.
xxx, Ora	orphan	21 March 1891	BJ/B222/3	Maggie Meguiar writes to Weller that she has moved to a new house away from her son and his wife and is very lonely. She asks to take Ora back "if she wants to come I am so lonely." Letter marked Franklin, KY.
Ragers, Mr. and Mrs. Henry	prospective adoptive family	28 March 1891	BJ/B222/3	D. P. Browning writes to Hollingsworth to recommend the Ragers to adopt a child. They have one girl who he says they treat very well. Letter marked Lewisburg, KY.
McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. F. M.	prospective adoptive family	3 April 1891	BJ/B222/3	McCoy writes to Hollingsworth that he and his wife would like to adopt a girl from the Home about 14 or 15 years old. They request that she is beautiful, has sense enough to appreciate it, and learn. They want her to work with pride. Letter marked Manin, KY.
Rogers, Sr., H. C.	County judge	8 April 1891	BJ/B222/3	Rogers writes to the Home regarding children that are staying in the county "poor house" that he wants to have placed in the Home. The children have living relatives, and it is unclear how many children he refers to. Letter marked Leitchfield, KY. In a return letter, Weller mentions the six children, and states that if the oldest of 12 years is a boy, they cannot take him in.
Gibson, F. F.	Prospective employer of orphan	14 April 1891	BJ/B222/3	Gibson writes to Weller to ask about obtaining a "spritley boy" from 6-10 years old. He explains that he is a farmer with 140 acres of land, no children, and would prefer to have the boy "bound." Letter marked Bremen, Muhlenberg Co., KY. In an additional letter from April 18, 1891, he says that he wants to adopt a boy, asks for his general information and the required bonds. He asks for letters to be addressed to Sacramento, KY.
Meguiar, Mrs. Maggie	Prospective adoptive mother	7 June 1891	BJ/B222/3	Meguiar writes to the Home again inquiring about Ora. She says that the mineral water "here" (presumably in Franklin, KY) "improved her so much" and asks for her to be sent for the summer. She states again that she will adopt her as her own daughter and that she is so lonely. Letter marked Franklin, KY.
Hess, A. J.	Concerned citizen	11 June 1892	BJ/B222/3	Hess writes to Hollingsworth regarding a 3-year old girl who is the illegitimate child of his house servant. He states the reasons that the mother is incapable of raising the girl and asks the Home to intervene. He also says that the father is "of a good family," he is a "worthless fellow" and will not accept the girl as his own. He says he has "gained the mother's consent" to have her taken away. Letter marked Columbus, KY.
Gurvin children	orphans	1 July 1891	BJ/B222/3	Very illegible letter. In a letter to Hollingsworth, A. R. Beard inquires about the Gurvin children, who are in the custody of the Home. There seems to be a disagreement regarding the children, their bonds, who will be their guardian, etc. Beard seems to threaten to send the sheriff of Jefferson Co. to the Home. Letter marked Munfordsville, KY.
Reed, J. W.	Concerned citizen	17 July 1891	BJ/B222/3	J. W. Reid writes to Hollingsworth about a widow "at this place" who has 5 children, 4 of which she would like to send to the Home. Reid mentions that she is not a Baptist and may not be connected to any church, but is in absolute poverty. The children are: 10, 8, 4, 2, and an infant, and the mother wants to keep the infant with her. Letter marked Lancaster, KY.
Steinbeck, W. A.	Prospective adoptive family	18 July 1891	BJ/B222/3	B. W. Mahan writes to Hollingsworth to recommend Steinbeck and his wife to adopt a child. He says that the Steinbecks live 2.5 miles from Bardwell, Carslile Co. KY and has two girls. They specify a girl between 10 and 12 who is intelligent. Letter marked Clinton Sky Bof 142.
Hudspeth	Adoptive father	23 July 1891	BJ/B222/3	J. P. Pierce writes to Heller regarding Hudspeth, a man who is adopting children (number not specified), but due to his health cannot meet them in Louisville. He requests Heller put the children on a specific train to Aurora. Letter marked Marion, KY.
Hagerman children	orphans	25 July 1891	BJ/B222/3	J. W. Potter writes to Weller regarding the Hagerman children. In correspondence from the 14th, Potter says that he asks if the Home would take in children whose father's health was failing. Now "at the last moment," the father is declining to sign the bonds to let his children go to the Home and made other arrangements. Letter marked Bowling Green, KY.
Bell, Frank	orphan	27 Aug 1891	BJ/B222/3	Penrad writes to the Home to report apparent mistreatment of Home child orphan from the Home. He specifically states that he is not any where of the Home, nor does he know the parties involved because they do not live near. He gets his information from Dr. K. P. Sutton, who was in turn informed by W. K. Penrad of Cloverkoorl (?), KY. Penrad is the wife of a minister in Lewisburg, KY, and her sister married into the Moore family, which is the accused party of abuse toward Frank. Penrad visited the Moore's and says that Mr. Moore was not treating Frank well, was refusing to send him to school, and thought of him as "more for a slave than a child." Browning suggests that the Home write to Sutton or Penrad to launch an investigation. Letter marked Lewisburg, KY.

Steinbach (Steinbeck) orphan in question: Kate Weaver?	Adoptive family	11 Nov 1891	BJ/B222/3	Weller writes to Rev. R. W. Mahan from Bardwell, KY about the Steinbachs (previously referred to as the Steinbecks). Weller says that "we have been criticised sharply for giving Bro. Steinbach the little girl," and asks Mahan to write him a letter "telling me how it is." Other parties have been reporting to the Home that Steinbach is very poor and does not have a home of his own. He also mentions that he sent the little girl for \$4 to Paducah but was never repaid by Steinbach, which makes him "a little skeptical." Letter marked Louisville; response from Mahan on back. Mahan writes angrily back to Weller, claiming that he was Steinbeck's Pastor for three years and that his two daughters were always well-dressed for church. He claims that he knew they were renters, but didn't think it was a problem, as he thought "it was our object to relieve as many orphans as our means would allow." He also says he will pay the \$4, didn't know it was required for Steinbeck to pay, and will not recommend any other adoptive parents to the Home. Letter marked Clinton, KY. A small piece of paper marked Dec 14- 91 reads, "From W. A. Stineback, Bardwell KY. Below paper reads Dec 17/19, "This is the 4.00 for sending Kate Weaver, W. E. Weller."
Barclay, Mrs. J. C.	Concerned citizen	30 Nov 1891	BJ/B222/3	Barclay writes to Hollingsworth in regards to an application sent in by a Prof. Ryland for admission to the Home for two children. She writes that there was a mistake in his application; the letter of admission the Home sent to Ryland is for two girls, but there is a boy and a girl. She says that the boy has since found a good home in the county, but that the girl still needs a home. She also writes, "I have since learned that the little girl is neither one sex or the other, that is; the part of her body where this is shown is just a smooth shin, with a small opening. She is said to be of a bright mind and I know is well formed in body- and I am told is an industrious, good worker." Letter marked Russelville, KY.
Mitchell, James E.	Prospective adoptive father	19 Dec 1891	BJ/B222/3	Mitchell writes to the Home inquiring about adopting a little girl. He says that he and his wife lost their two little boys to diphtheria and his wife is very lonely now. They specify a little girl around 2 years old who is not sick and has no parents. Letter marked Scottsborough, Ind.
Helson, Mary and Maude Garnett, Cass	orphans (?) Prospective adoptive family	8 Jan 1892 5 March 1892	BJ/B222/3 BJ/B222/3	W. S. Bailey writes to Hollingsworth in regards to the pensions of the Helson heirs. He says his attorney from Washington says he can qualify as "Guardian of Mand." and can collect her portion, but goes on to say that he thinks "it would be better for [him] to qualify and act for all three of them as the expense would undoubtedly be lip-." Letter marked Frankfort, KY.
Blankenship, Oscar	orphan	25 March 1892	BJ/B222/3	W. H. H. Ditzler writes to the Home to recommend Cass Garnett of Harrison Co. KY for adopting a girl from the Home. Letter marked Bedford, KY. W. J. Jones writes to Weller in regards to Oscar. He says that Oscar has been staying with Mr. G. M. Bibb at the church, and will be taken care of "until the trial." He asks if Weller would like the evidence produced from the last trial, and asks if he knows who went on "Mr. Gibson's bond or recommended him to the Home," as Gibson refuses to tell. Very likely refers to the F. F. Gibson who wrote from Sacramento, KY to the Home April 14, 1891 to obtain a "spritely young boy." Handwritten in the top corner of the first page, "answered Mch 28/92." Letter marked Sacramento, KY.
Oscar Blankenship; Cleaveland Raymer; H. H. Gibson; Shanks	orphans; abusive adoptive parents/employers	30 March 1892	BJ/B222/3	A. J. Frazier- the Justice of the Peace of McClean Co, KY- writes to the Home at the request of "Baptist Bretherin" in Sacramento, KY. He provides a detailed account of the case of the Commonwealth against H. H. Gibson (who wrote to the Home in 1891 asking for a "spritely young boy") and Shanks, which details the abuse of two boys from the Home who are living with Gibson as adopted children. Frazier was meant to examine Oscar and Cleaveland after issuing a writ for Gibson and Shanks for a misdemeanor, but found the childrens' conditions so poor that he called in a doctor to examine and dress their wounds. He states that Cleaveland was "a great deal worse hurt than Oscar," but describes Oscar's injuries: "Oscar had several bruises and scars on his body, head, and his little penis had the appearance of being cut or pulled nearly off close up to his belly." Gibson stated on oath that Shanks was the abuser, but that he ordered him to whip the boys to "make them work." Frazier wants to try the men for Mayhem; Shanks is ordered to appear in court on June 4th, 1892, but Gibson's lawyer got him out on bond. He says that several citizens made application to take the children away from Gibson, but he "begged them to let the officers of the Home act first in the case." He mentions a newspaper article published by J. W. Vancleave about the case. Letter marked Sacramento, KY.
Noe, Wm. B.	Lawyer in the H. H. Gibson case	7 April 1892	BJ/B222/3	Noe writes to the Home regarding the Commonwealth against H. H. Gibson and Shanks case. He advises that the Home reclaim Oscar Blankenship (although he mentions that "the child prefers to remain where it is") so that it cannot be argued that the prosecutors are simply prejudiced against the defender, but are concerned with the welfare of the child. He recommends the Home have their "attorney prepare the petition and affidavit for this writ and have some signed and verified by the proper offices of the Home." Letter marked Calhoun, KY.
Blankenship, Oscar	orphan	18 April 1892	BJ/B222/3	Noe writes again to the Home to say that Gibson is dropping off Oscar Blankenship to the Home tomorrow (April 19, 1892) and has agreed to surrender. He recommends that the child not be place back in the Sacramento community, as Shanks, the man "who committed the outrages" lives there. Letter marked Calhoun, KY.
Helson, Mary and Maude	orphan sisters	22 April 1892	BJ/B222/3	W. S. Bailey writes to Hollingsworth to ask about adopting Mary Helson on behalf of his neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Le. M. Dean. Bailey states that he has adopted Maude, Mary's sister, and that the Dean's are splendid people. Letter marked Frankfort, KY.
Parsons, Mr. Jos. J.	prospective adoptive father	16 May 1892	BJ/B222/3	Geo. A. Cabbage writes to Hollingsworth regarding his friend, Joseph Parsons. He says that Parsons is interested in adopting a little girl. He lives in Breckinridge Co., but does business in Leitchfield, KY. Cannon Cunningham adds in the end that they endorse the recommendation. Letter marked Leitchfield, KY.
White, Mr. and Mrs. A. M.	prospective adoptive family	21 May 1892	BJ/B222/3	White writes to Dr. Burton at the Home about adopting a little boy between 10 and 12. She explains that they do not want to adopt him, nor do they want him "bound" to them because it "seems to much like coming in the capacity of a servant." She and her husband have a daughter, live in the country, and would send the boy to school. Letter marked Lexington, KY.

Jones, W. J.	Concerned citizen	23 May 1892	BJ/B222/3	Jones writes to Hollingsworth on behalf of the town of Sacramento, KY regarding the H. H. Gibson abuse case. The people of the town want to know if someone recommended Gibson and who; or if he was not recommended, they want to know. He states that, "The people down there are considerably worked up over the matter and unless the Orphan's Home can show that they only let out children to parties who are well know and recommended they wont be satisfied." Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Gary, Lilian	orphan	8 June 1892	BJ/B222/3	J. H. Switzer writes to Weller regarding Lilian Gary, a girl adopted by Mr. Briston. He says that she has many school friends, goes fishing with the "old people," and goes to church and Sunday school every week. Letter marked Switzer, Franklin County, KY.
Steagall, P. L.	Prospective adoptive father	22 June 1892	BJ/B222/3	Steagall writes to Weller regarding his bonds. He encloses the paperwork and says he is sick in bed and asks if "the boy" can be sent to help him. Letter marked Scotts Sta. In a letter from 1 June 1894, Mrs. P. L. Steagall writes to Weller to "get a boy to raise as [her] own." She says she will do right by him and give him \$500 when he is 21 years old. She asks for the boy to be sent to Scotts Sta. Letter marked Scotts Station, Shelby Co., KY. In a letter from 13 Dec 1894, Steagall writes to Weller about Hugh. She says that he is doing well but that "he has an awful temper and that makes so much against him." She asks for his sisters and brother's information, and asks if Weller knows of "a poor man who is in need of a good home" who could milk and tend a large garden. Letter marked Scotts Sta, Shelby Co., KY.
Pierce, J. P.	Father of adoptive mother	30 Sept 1892	BJ/B222/3	Pierce writes a passively angry letter to Hollingsworth accusing her of ignoring multiple means of communication regarding his daughter's adoption. He says that his daughter is "being made miserable by her failure to get the child to do right" and no longer wants the girl, and asks what Hollingsworth will do about it. He further states that the child they selected was not the child they got, and says that they "were not treated right in the matter." Letter marked Marion, KY.
Stansberry (Margaurite), Pearl	orphan	13 Oct 1892	BJ/B222/3	W. W. Warren writes to Dr. Burton at the Home regarding his and his wife's recent adoption. He says that, although Burton claimed the adoption was finalized, the local clerk says that there is no record it. Warren says that the girl will lose \$2000 unless the "matter is straightened out" and asks for all information he possesses. The girl's former name was Pearl Stansberry, and is now presumably Margaurite Warren. Letter marked Lebanon, KY.
Wheat, D. Zenobio	orphan	24 Oct 1892	BJ/B222/3	Tho. J. Jones writes Weller to thank him for selecting a "smart little girl," D. Zenobia Wheat. He encloses an apprentice bond and asks if Weller will send Wheat "by some passing friend." Letter marked Greenville, KY.
Burton child	orphan	27 Oct 1892	BJ/B222/3	J. Whit Potter writes to Hollingsworth regarding a recently deceased man, Mr. J. W. Burton, who left behind two daughters. He says that one has found a good home, but the 14-year old daughter (who is small for her age) does not have any living relatives or a place to go, and asks if the Home can take her in. Letter marked Bowling Green, KY.
Stone, C. W.	Prospective adoptive family	9 Nov 1892	BJ/B222/3	Stone writes Hollingsworth about obtaining a girl between 12 and 15 who is "of an obedient turn of mind, steady and thoughtfull as well as industrious." He includes multiple references. Letter marked Tar Fork, KY.
xxx, Mocabee	orphan	17 Nov 1892	BJ/B222/3	William Jayne writes to Hollingsworth in regards to an orphan named Mocabee. Her mother died when she was 8 and her father left her. She has weak eyes from the measles and cannot read or write, but is currently staying with Dr. Williams in Morehead. She expressed a desire to be placed in the Home. Letter marked Farmers, KY.
West, Effie	orphan	8 Feb 1893	BJ/B222/4	A. C. Boulton writes to Hollingsworth about Effie West. He asks if she is still living at the Home and if he could see her "just so I don't let me self be known to her of cours." He says he does "not want to entice her" to leave the Home, but it has been a long time since he's seen her. He also says that he has some of her property and asks what to do with it. Letter marked Harrisburgh, KY.
Dillon, Dr. and Mrs. J. B.; Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Webb; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Donaldson	prospective adoptive parents	10 April 1893	BJ/B222/4	J. H. Black, G. Dudley, Carlisle, R. W. Mahan write to the Home to recommend the Dillsons, Webbs, and Denaldsens to adopt children. They state that they are good Christians, would educate the children, provide for them, and bring them up "in good moral character." Letter marked Bardwell, KY. In a letter from 28 April 1893, J. B. Dillson writes to Weller to ask him to send papers for Bro. Donaldson "a girl of 6 or 8 years of age (apprentice)." He says they will want the children sent together and he will meet them at Fulton KY. Letter also marked Bardwell, KY.
McFarrian, Rosa and Joe Summers	orphans	17 June 1893	BJ/B222/4	N. A. Boys writes to the Home regarding a girl he and his wife adopted last winter, Rosa McFarrian. He says that he wrote to Hollingsworth asking her to take Rosa back but has not heard from her. He asks what the charge would be to return her, and says that they should not have trouble re-homing her as she is good-looking and can play the organ. He says that she is not suited to him and his wife as she talks about them and does not like Joe Summers, their other adopted child (presumably from the Home). He states that they have had her for nearly 3 years and have had to stay at home with her. He continually states how miserable he and his wife are with Rosa. Letter marked Lovelaceville, Ballard County, KY.
Phelps	widow; birth mother	8 July 1893	BJ/B222/4	Mrs. E. L. Mottley writes to Hollingsworth regarding a "poor widow" in town named Mrs. Phelps. She says Phelps has a baby who is weaned, but "finds it impossible to get a home while she has [the baby] with her." She asks Hollingsworth to send her the necessary papers and says that she can bring the baby in. Letter marked Bowling Green Kentucky.
Hays, Daniel; Sallie	Adoptive father; orphan	27 June 1893	BJ/B222/4	J. W. Lynch writes to Weller apologizing for not being able to adopt a child. He states that he is not able to support a child right now, as times are hard and busy for farmers. He and his wife visit their neighbor, Daniel Hays, who has adopted a young boy from the Home. He states that he thinks of little Sallie as his own child, even though he is unable to adopt her. Letter not marked with location.
Clements, Mr. Dixie	Prospective adoptive father	15 July 1893	BJ/B222/4	J. P. Pierce writes to the Home to provide a reference for Clements to adopt a child. He states that he doesn't know Clements very well but supposes that he would treat a child well. Letter marked Marion, KY.
Carrithers, S. E.	Prospective adoptive mother	27 July 1893	BJ/B222/4	J. B. Guthrie writes to Hollingsworth to recommend Carrithers as an adoptive mother. He states that he has known her for 25 years, boarded at her house for 2 years, and that she would provide a safe home for a child. Letter marked Perryville, KY.
Fuson, W. L	Temporary guardian	14 August 1893	BJ/B222/4	W. L. Fuson writes to the Home about four orphans she is taking care of. Their father is dead and their mother is "in the Silum." Letter marked Pinesville, KY.
Dobbs, Gilbert	Concerned citizen	21 August 1893	BJ/B222/4	Dobbs, the Pastor of 1st Baptist Church at Paducah, writes to Hollingsworth about a young orphaned girl living in Paducah. He says that she is four or five, brunette, bright, and affectionate. She is currently staying with friends, but they cannot keep her long-term. Letter marked Paducah, KY.
Kerteller, Lucy	birth mother	1 Sept 1893	BJ/B222/4	J. T. Casebier writes to Hollingsworth on behalf of Lucy Kerteller, a widow who has a little girl who will be three on January 18th. Kerteller does house work and moves often and is unable to care for the girl. She asked Casebier to write for the "instructions, manner, and conditions of sending her little daughter to B. O. Home." Letter marked Rockport, KY.
Stamper, Hattie/Harriet	orphan	2 Sept 1893	BJ/B222/4	H. R. McDenloch writes to Weller regarding Hattie (Harriet) Slamper, his recently adopted or apprenticed girl. He says that he and his family are "very much disappointed" in Hattie because she acts very silly, and cannot "retain impressions long enough ever to obtain a practical education." He asks to exchange Hattie for a girl in similar age and size, and reiterates that Hattie is "feeble minded," but "kind hearted and harmless and willing to do right so far as she understands." Letter marked Daysville, KY. In a second letter from 22 May 1894, McDenloch writes again to Weller regarding Hattie, he he says "does not suit us at all" and "is in no way trustworthy or reliable has great distaste for her books, will not tell truth if she can avoid it, and has not [sisfiment?] Mother wit to take on an education." He calls her an idiot, and claims the Home took advantage of their confidence. He insists that the Home return all indentures and the five dollars for adoption. Letter marked Dayville, KY. In a third letter from 28 May 1894, McDenloch says that he is sending Hattie for Louisville on June 2nd at 7AM via the Ferguson station. He says that if Weller has Hattie examined by two competent doctors "and they do not pronounce her deficient, or weak minded" then he will not demand his money back. Letter marked Daysville, KY.

Brooks	Deceased birth mother	2 Sept 1893	BJ/B222/4	W. L. Fuson responds to the Home (stating she received a response "of 21") regarding the four orphans under her guardianship. The children are two girls, aged 7 and 9, and two boys aged 2 and 5 and "seame to be sound in mind, and body, and all right." She states that their mother died 24 August 1893 in the Lunatic Asylum Lexington, Kentucky and requests necessary information as she wants to send the children to the Home at once. Letter marked Pinesville, KY.
Kerteller, Blank	orphan	6 Sept 1893	BJ/B222/4	J. T. Casebier writes again to the Home to update her previous information on the widowed Lucy Kerteller. She states that she recently discovered the reason she wanted to give her daughter up to the Home was actually because she was planning to marry a Mr. Torrence, who also has a small child, and has since followed through with the marriage. Casebier wants to know if the child, who she refers to as "Blank," can still be committed to the Home. Letter marked Rockport, KY.
Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. William	prospective apprentice parents	Sept 1893	BJ/B222/4	M. S. Roney writes to Hollingsworth on behalf of the Hutchinsons, who want to apprentice a girl and a boy "from 8 and 10, to 10, and 12 years of age." They prefer brother and sister and have no children. Sender writes from Fulton, KY; Hutchinsons reside in Hickman, KY.
Peeters, Arthur	prospective adoptive father	11 Sept 1893	BJ/B222/4	Peeters writes to the Home to ask about "obtaining" a girl 10 or 12 years old. He asks to be sent relevant information and provides Pastor Rev. E. J. King in Berlin, KY as a reference. Letter marked Hevilandsville, KY.
Jerald, Mr. Whitfield	birth father	15 Sept 1893	BJ/B222/4	J. A. Kriteley writes to Weller on behalf of Jerald, a poor single man with several small children. Jerald wishes to "relinquish" his youngest child, a boy, to the Home, as he "has hard work to make a living for them; and to take proper care of them." Jerald cannot write, so Kriteley has prepared the papers for him and gotten his "mark." Letter not marked with location.
Browning, W. J.	prospective adoptive father	18 Sept 1893	BJ/B222/4	Browning writes to Weller with an interest in adopted a girl from the Home. He states that he will fulfill the requirements as best he can, and that it is just himself and his wife in the family. Letter marked Havilandsville, KY. He writes another letter 25 Sept 1893 confirming that he wants to adopt a little girl, and tht he is 30 years old and his wife is 25 years old. He says that they want the girl for help and companionship for his wife. He includes a full page of references.
Barge, Amanda Aalice	adopted orphan?	18 Sept 1893	BJ/B222/4	Bro. Warren Blivhols writes to Weller with multiple questions and concerns. First, he asks if the Home will allow families who are not Baptist but are still "good moral people" to adopt. He also speaks extensively about Amanda Aalice Barge, but never clarifies who she is in relation to the Home. He states that she is a good student, helped raise collections for the Home, but has a very bad temper. It is unclear if he is asking Weller to take Amanda on at the Home or if Amanda has been adopted from the Home. Letter marked Settle Allen Co., KY.
Haines, Mrs. S.	Prospective adoptive mother	20 Sept 1893	BJ/B222/4	Haines writes the Home to ask questions related to the adoption process. She says that she wants a child of good parentage, with a sweet disposition, between 6 and 10. She states that she is 35 and her husband is 39 and that they have no living children. Letter marked Stuttgart, Ark.
Humphreys, Mr. C. W.	Prospective apprentice father	21 Sept 1893	BJ/B222/4	Giles C. Taylor writes to Weller on behalf of Humphreys, who wants to apprentice a boy about 5 years old who "must be bright and comely, with good disposition." He says that the plan is for Mrs. J. W. Jamil, who works for the Humphreys and is "hire now," to take the child with her back to Bearden, Arkansas. Letter marked Clinton, KY.
Steagall, Joss R.	Prospective adoptive father	7 Feb 1893	BJ/B222/4	Steagall writes to the Home asking the terms for adopting a boy. He states that his only son died recently, and he would like to adopt a "bright-smart-boy that can be made something of" who is 12 years of age. Letter marked Scotts Station, Shelby Co., KY.
Woodcock, Effie	orphan	22 Sept 1893	BJ/B222/4	Geo. A. Cabbage writes to Weller regarding a young orphaned girl name Effie Woodcock. Her father is deceased and her mother has abandoned her. He says that she is "a beautiful child, healthy and strong, with a beautiful suit of hair." He also says that she is anxious to get into school, and if she can't get into the Home will have to stay in the poor house. Letter marked Leitchfield, KY.
French, Maude	orphan (?)	21 Sept 1893	BJ/B222/4	Arnie French writes to Weller asking where his sister, Maude French, is. He says to "give me my proud father address" and "if you don't answer this immediately I think I'll go crazy." Unclear if Maude was an orphan at the Home. Letter marked Gadsden, Alabama. In a letter from 1 Oct 1893, French thanks Weller for the information and tells him that he just sent his sister a letter.
Hutchuson, W. D.	adoptive apprenticer	24 Sept 1893	BJ/B222/4	W. J. Roney writes to Weller to ask him to send the necessary papers to "apprentis the twins to W. D. Hutchuson Hickman, KY." He also asks for details to arrange to meet the children. Letter signed also by Hutchuson. Letter marked Fulton, KY.
Beal, Henry and Frank	orphans	1 Oct 1893	BJ/B222/4	Mrs. Saw Crates writes to the Home inquiring about the wherabouts of her two brothers. She says that nine years ago, her father dropped off her two brothers and herself at the Home and the lady she lived with told Mrs. Crates that they were taken to Sawisville. Letter marked Tacoma, Washington.
Brown, Lena	orphan	2 Oct 1893	BJ/B222/4	W. S. Ryland writes to Hollingsworth regarding a girl named Lena Brown, whose mother is dead and whose father is poor and struggling to take care of her. He hopes to have Brown admitted to the Home, as the guardian she had temporarily is now an invalid. Letter marked Russellville, KY.
Haines, Elwood and Susan	prospective adoptive parents	3 Oct 1893	BJ/B222/4	The Haines write to Weller asking him to send the necessary papers to adopt a child between the ages of 6 and 10. They specify that they want a child with a "sweet dispotion" and "one to have some musical talent." Letter marked Stuttgart, Arkansas. In a follow-up letter from 19 Oct 1893, E. Haines writes to the Home to say that they finally sent in their adoption paper, and says "I do not suppose it is necessary for me to dictate any Rant to send Hattie for I suppose you ar familiar with all of the Honts [?]" In another letter from Nov 13, 1893, Haines asks for the details of the girl's delivery to Stuttgart, stating that they would meet her in Memphis but needed notice. Letter marked Stuttgart, Ark. In a letter from 10 Sept 1895, Haines writes to the Home regarding their adopted daughter, Hattie May Jefferson, complaining about the girl and asking to return her to the Home. He says that they have "tride very hard to get a long with the child but it seems to be all in vain she takes no intrrest in nothing whatever." He goes on to say that they could keep her until she is older, but "she will be of little service to us" and says that "it is very unpleasant to have any members of the Family compelled to live in such a confusion." He asks for the letter to be considered an application to return the child. Letter marked Stuttgart, AR.
Gordon, Charlie	orphan	4 Oct 1893	BJ/B222/4	John P. Hemby writes to the Home asking to secure a place for an orphan named Charlie Gordon. Charlie is 10-12, has no mother or father, and lives currently with his "homeless and peniless" grandmother. His father's name was Bro. C. M. Gordon, who wa a Baptist preacher. He says for further information to contact Dr. Christina "of your city" and Rev. V. H. Cowser of Natchez, Miss. Letter marked Gloster, Mississippi.

Beaty, H. H.	concerned citizen/guardian	6 Oct 1893	BJ/B222/4	<p>Beaty writes to Hollingsworth asking for an application to "get a girl in the home." Letter marked Oakville, KY. In a follow-up letter on 10 Oct 1893, Beaty writes that the girl is about 11 years, has no father or mother, no estate, and is sound in body and mind. In another letter 12 Oct 1893, she writes that she doesn't know the father's age or church status, and that the girl was an illegitimate child. She says that her grandmother is a member of Pleasant Grade Baptist Church of Lagon Co., KY.</p>
Maginnis, Bessie and Susie	orphans	9 Oct 1893	BJ/B222/4	<p>Mrs. K. P. Van Der Veer, principal of the East Kentucky Institute, writes to Hollingsworth regarding two small children who live with their mother, who is "as low as a woman could well be." Van Der Veer asserts that they live "just back of me," so she "knows all the facts." She explains that the woman, Mrs. Magrim, cannot take care of her two girls, who are 1 and 4. Van Der Veer asks Hollingsworth to send the paperwork and someone to get the girls as soon as possible, because she is afraid that if they wait too long, Magrim will "refuse to part with them." Letter marked Catlettsburg, KY. In a follow-up letter 19 Oct 1893, Van Der Veer writes that the Maginnis children are 11 months (Bessie), and almost 4 (Susie). She says that they are intelligent and sound in mind and body, but that Bessie is teething and can get cross. She asks if it is possible to "always keep" the girls in the Home so that "no temptations could come to them." She also wishes she could do something for the mother and writes that she is trying to help another woman in the area to get into the Home of the Friendless who tried to kill herself three times in the last month.</p>
Bunch (Bunck Buck?), Will	orphan	12 Oct 1893	BJ/B222/4	<p>P. C. Wood writes to Weller about a boy he adopted named Will Bunch. He states that, although he raised 5 boys of his own and 3 orphan boys, Will is the "first child that I ever saw that I could not control." He states that Will has stolen from him multiple times, and that he wants to "return him at once." Letter marked Malcoms Mills. In a letter from 30 August 1894, Wood writes to Weller again regarding Will. He says that Will went to Sunday school last Sunday and hasn't returned since. Wood says he "rode more than a hundred mile trying to find him but haven't found him as yet." He says he heard he went West, and fears he is "distine to som Bad End." He says he "never have whiped him but 5 or 6 lick WhatEver possessed him to run off I can't tell he dont want to bee sent back at all but I cannot keep him." Letter marked Malcomsmills. In a letter from 1 Oct 1894, Wood writes to Weller to ask to be released from all obligations for Will Bunck Buck. He wants to send him back to the Home as soon as Weller writes him back. etter marked Mascons Falls, KY. In a letter from 15 Oct 1894, Wood writes again to Weller regarding Will. He says that Will ran away again because he knew that Wood was going to send him back to the Home and he didn't want to go, he just "wants to trop about from plas to plas." He says that "he is a strange boy" and "if I ever get him I will rite you and start him back at once." Letter marked Malcoms Mills, KY.</p>
Merser, Edmund	birth father	14 Oct 1893	BJ/B222/4	<p>Edmon Merser writes to the Home that he has three children- one boy and two girls aged 10, 7 and 5. He says he is 80, has lost two wives, is "all most helpulness," and has been a member of the Baptist Church for 40 years. Letter marked Knox County, KY.</p>
Rial, Mrs. E. E.	prospective adoptive/apprentice mother	16 Oct 1893	BJ/B222/4	<p>Rial writes to the Home asking for an "honest, reliable, active girl" between 10 and 15. She states that she and her husband moved recently from Louisville, and she needs and "kind, gentle, obedient child to assist in caring" for her two children- girls aged 2 and 4. Letter marked Parkland, KY.</p>
Pierce, J. P.	Concerned citizen	22 Oct 1893	BJ/B222/4	<p>J. P. Pierce writes to Hollingsworth that Hudspeth- whom he wrote to the Home on behalf of on 23 July 1891- has adopted two children (not sure if one boy and one girl or two boys) from the Home and that he has been told "they are being treated very badly." He says they are "not clothed fit to go to church or school," and to verify the facts with J. E. Stephenson, J. W. Mabry, and Dr. P. Campbell. Letter marked Marion, KY.</p>
Corrner, Marnie	orphan	23 Oct 1893	BJ/B222/4	<p>A. S. Conner writes to Weller concerning his "little niece" Marnie Corner. He wants to know if she has a home and if she does, if she is satisfied in it. He offers to take her if she is not. Letter marked Heidtville, Florida.</p>
Rhea, Mrs. And Mr. W. M.	Prospective adoptive parents	24 Oct 1893	BJ/B222/4	<p>C. J. Wells writes to Hollingsworth regarding Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Rhea, a couple from "our county" who want to "get one of your orphan girls." The family has a six year old son, lives near a Baptist church and a good school. Letter marked Madisonville, KY.</p>
Chobin, J. L.	Prospective adoptive apprenticer	25 Oct 1893	BJ/B222/4	<p>Chobin writes to Hollingsworth inquiring after a boy from the Home "with some mechanical ideas to learn the trade of tinning." He states that he and his wife have two girls, but that they do not live with them. The boy should be 12-15, "not over grown," and quick. Letter marked New Haven, KY.</p>
French, Arnie	Relative of past orphan	25 Oct 1893	BJ/B222/4	<p>Arnie writes again to the Home regarding the wherabouts of Maude French. He does not mention Maude's name, referring to her as "her." He states that he is frustrated with the lack of response and that he needs to "find her." Letter marked Moadsden, AL.</p>
Hill, Mr. and Mrs. J. S.	Prospective adoptive parents	28 Oct 1893	BJ/B222/4	<p>J. S. Hill writes to Hollingsworth regarding the adoptive of a girl from the Home. He states that he is 52, his wife is 44, and they have no children. He goes into detail about his finances and the people who could provide references. Letter marked Central City, KY.</p>

Fry, Ella	orphan	1 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	W. B. Nofsinger writes to the Home regarding adoption. In the letter, Nofsinger states that their parents adopted Ella Fry, who is now grown and a Christian girl.
Nofsinger, W. B.	prospective adoptive parent	1 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	In the same letter as above, Nofsinger writes to the Home requesting to adopt a boy "about 9 or 10 years old a nice intelligent little fellow." Nofsinger states that they are the clerk of Cedar Grove Church, and provides possible references. Letter marked Gishton, KY.
Hill, J. S.	prospective apprentice	1 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	Hill writes to Weller inquiring after apprenticing a child. He says that he doesn't want to adopt a child he has never seen, but that he may adopt the child "latter if we wish." He requests a blank of apprenticeship and instructions as to how his wife should get to the Home. Letter marked Central City, KY
Coyle, W. P.	failed adoptive parent	2 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	Geo. A. Cabbage writes to Weller regarding W. P. Coyle, a man he recommended for adopting a child who has "become so very much dissatisfied with the little boy." He apologizes for the failed recommendation, says that the boy appears in good health, and assures Weller that he will return him soon. Letter marked Leitchfield, KY.
Logsdon children	orphans (adopted?)	2 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	In Geo. A. Cabbage's letter to Weller about W. P. Coyle, he mentions that he is "glad to know the Logsdon and Hollow children have been so fortunate." Letter marked Leitchfield, KY.
Hollow children	orphans (adopted?)	2 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	In Geo. A. Cabbage's letter to Weller about W. P. Coyle, he mentions that he is "glad to know the Logsdon and Hollow children have been so fortunate." Letter marked Leitchfield, KY.
Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. H. M.	prospective adoptive parents	3 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	H. M. Saunders writes to the Home in regards to adopting a child. He states that he and his wife have already met Hollingsworth, and provides references. He makes multiple specifications for the boy that they want to adopt, including that he be 7 or 8 years old, of good parentage, preferably that both parents are now dead, etc. Letter marked Bardwell, KY.
Moody, Jas. M.	prospective adoptive parent	7 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	Moody writes to Weller stating that he wants "a girl from the Baptist orphan home some ten or twelve years old." He asks for the "circulars" and terms, and says he will come to make his selection. Letter marked Meador Allen Co., KY.
Hill, Mr. and Mrs. J. S.	prospective adoptive parents	7 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	Hill writes to Weller to say that his wife plans to visit the Home on November 9th to "see if she can find a child to suit her." He says that she can take the child with her that day if the papers are prepared. Letter marked Central City, KY. In a letter from 14 November 1893, Hill includes Articles of Adoption, and says he and his wife are pleased with the disposition of the child. He also includes names of other families who could adopt children: S. C. Gish and T. L. Roll.
Sexton, Henry	orphan	9 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	H. M. Saunders writes to the Home in response to another letter, and states that he and his wife have decided to "take little Henry Sexton by Apprenticeship," and adds that it is likely that they will adopt him later on. He adds that there is an "excellent graded school" they will send him to, and also that he plans to teach Henry "in every department of a newspaper office, and make of him a practical newspaper man." According to the header, Saunders is the publisher of "The Star," the only paper published in Carlisle County. He concludes with information of how to deliver Henry to him. Letter marked Bardwell, KY. In a follow-up letter from 13 Nov 1893, Saunders writes that he and his wife "have learned to think a great deal of Henry already although we have not seen him yet." He asks for the Home to send him to Paducah on Nov 20th to meet his brother-in-law, Jno. W. Overstreet at 1335 W. Court St. Henry may be 1 year old, as Saunders asks "to whom will he belong the other three years before he is 4?" (NOTE: Henry cannot be 1 year old due to development) Letter marked Bardwell, KY. In a letter from 23 Nov 1893, Saunders writes to Weller regarding Henry's arrival and settling in to Bardwell. He says that he seemed delighted to meet his wife and daughter, was pleased with the farm animals, and was starting school the coming Monday. He ends the letter, "We are quite proud of our dear little boy, and trust God for life, health, and the proper skill to teach him to be a useful man." In a letter from 13 June 1894, Saunders writes to Weller to ask about Henry's living relatives, especially his sisters Minnie, MAggie and Rosie. He asks if they are still in the Home and if they are well, and asks about his parents and grandparents. He says that Henry, though very bright and good, is sometimes difficult to "govern," and constantly writes letters that he asks Saunders to deliver to his sisters. Saunders wants all information he can gather regarding Henry's family so that in a few years he can give him the information. He says that he has been teaching him to set type, and that he has been attending school. Letter marked Bardwell, KY. In a letter from 25 July 1894, Saunders writes to the Home to ask if Henry Sexton's sisters are still in the Home, stating that Henry is "very desirous to know about them." He says that he doesn't think Henry should be in regular contact with them until his apprenticeship is over, but that he feels it is his duty to find the sisters for Henry. He goes on to say that Henry is a very bright boy and fast learner, and that he continues to pick up typesetting. Letter marked Bardwell, KY. In a letter from 11 August 1894 in folder 11, an unnamed author writes to Mary regarding Henry, that Mrs. and Mr. Hugh Saunders got from the Home, saying that he is "doing real well." Letter marked Bardwell, KY. In an incomplete letter from 8 April 1896, Saunders writes to Hollingsworth to say that he is "deeply grieved to tell you that my wife and I can not get along with Henry at all." He says that he stole at school, and even after punishment, "he seems to have such a mania for attending to other people's business." He adds that he is very untruthful, but he is "certainly one of the smartest children" he has ever seen. He says that he was punished for "stopping on the road to and from school" and he can never "depend upon him to make the trip without stopping." Handwritten, "Apprenticed to Hugh Saunders Nov 20 1893, Born Henry H. Sexton, Feb 5 1886." Letter marked Bardwell, KY.
Hays, Mrs. Laura J.	prospective adoptive parent	11 August 1894	BJ/B222/11	An unnamed author writes to the Home about Henry Sexton (see above) and about Hays, who is a "widow probably 45 years old" and wants to adopt a "girl that is bright, reasonable well looking, and healthy, 12-to-14 years of age" and also "a boy 7 to 10 years old." He says that she has a good farm and a son about 20 years of age. He adds that the sheriff and others say she is "O.K." Letter marked Bardwell, KY.

Peyton, Jeb and Nannie	prospective adoptive parents	11 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	The Peytons write to the Home asking to "get" a girl "of good mind and good health about 12 or 14 years of age" with "no relation so that she would learn to love me as a mother." They include that they have 7 boys and one 4-year old girl. They also include that they can meet her at "Paducha." Letter marked Hinkleville Ballard Co., KY.
Smiley and Miller children	orphans	12 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	M. E. Scott writes to Hollingsworth in regard to children in the area whose widowed mother is "now at the point of death with brain fever." The children are a girl and a boy and 4 and 6 years old, respectively. Scott describes another orphan as a "sprightly black eyed boy 7 ys old, mother dead and his father been gone five years." Scott then asks for additional "blanks" in order to get the children into the Home. Letter marked Somerset. In a letter from 15 Nov 1893, Scott clarifies that the children's surname is Smiley, from their mother's first husband. He says that the girls are 12 and 11 years old. The children described in the earlier letter- girl and boy 4 and 6 years old- are from the woman's second marriage, surname Miller. Letter marked Somerset.
Peter, Arthur	concerned citizen	13 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	Peter writes (seemingly in response) to Weller regarding an unnamed orphan who has been mistreated in the area. He says that he has spoken to Mr. Stakey and Mr. Snyder, who knew nothing of the "Boy's care." He goes on to say that he went to a reforming Orphans Home and saw Mr. Graham, who "knew all about the case." He goes on to discuss two other orphans who have been mistreated, including one girl who was returned to the Home in the same clothes she left in and had not been to school. Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Fife, M. L.	prospective adoptive parent	19 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	Fife writes to the Home asking to adopt a boy, and specifies that he "would want the oldest boy you have now." He says that he lived in Leitchfield, KY for several years but now lives in Cecilia, KY. He includes several references from Leitchfield. Letter marked Cecilia, KY. In a response letter, Fife states that he thinks "the boy" will suit him, but has questions regarding his health, disposition, complexion, and intelligence. In a second letter from 8 May 1894, Fife states that he and his wife prefer to see "the girl before we take her," so they will come to the Home in 3-4 weeks. Letter marked Cecilia, KY. In a letter from 30 May 1894, Mrs. Fife writes that she received Weller's letter late and so did not respond, but that she can come to the Home in 3-4 weeks and is interested in a boy around 8 years old. She asks if any boy at the Home has been raised in the city, and "if he would like to come to the county to life and oblige." Letter marked Riney Vill, KY.
Hall children	orphans	16 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	M. E. Scott writes to Weller regarding three children, who were orphaned after their father Mr. Richard Hall "was killed on the R. R." He asks that the Home board the oldest boy, but not allow him to be adopted until the "become able [to] claim him." Letter marked Somerset.
Cress, Mrs. Mary and children	widow and children	21 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	Rev. B. B. Van Neeyes writes to the Home in regards to a destitute widow and her three children, who are a 6-year old boy, a 4-year old girl, and a "babe 9 months old." He asks on Cress' behalf if she and her children could stay at the Home, as Cress would be "glad to get in the Home and do any work you desire." If not, he asks for the Home to take the two older children. Mary Cress is listed as living in Hazle Patch, Laurel Co., Kentucky. Letter marked Livingston, KY.
Docker, Mrs. S. N. xxx, Bernie	prospective adoptive mother orphan	19 Nov 1893 19 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4 BJ/B222/4	Docker writes to the Home inquiring after "little Boys for adoption." She specifies that she would like one 5 or 6 years of age, bright, and of good parentage. Letter marked Metropolis City, Illinois.
Messer children	potentially orphaned children	21 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bennis write to the Home complaining about Bernie (spelling?), a girl they adopted from the Home. Letter not marked. Mr. Edmond Messer writes to the Home regarding his children, which he says he is "to poore to rase." He states that he included a blank for their release. Letter marked Messer, Knox co., KY. In a reponse letter, Weller writes that the three child he wants to bring to the Home have been approved and he can bring them as soon as possible. Letter marked Louisville, KY. On 18 June 1894, Messer writes again to Weller saying he is glad the children are well. He says "in regard to Ben I am not able to take care of him," and asks the Home to take him and keep him updated on his whereabouts. He says he hopes to visit his little girls "this season." Letter marked Messer, Kentucky.

Brandon, Dr. and Mrs. W. C.	prospective adoptive family	23 Dec 1893	BJ/B222/4	Dr. Brandon writes to the Home requesting information on adopting a "nice little girl with smath temper and industrious and of a good family 9 or 10 years old." He states that he and his wife do not have children, and that the girl would be mostly for company for his wife. Another letter is included from L. B. Andrews, J. W. Taylor, A. J. Taylor, and G. W. Taylor providing a reference to the character of the Brandons. The letterhead is marked W. C. Brandon, M.D., Diseases of Women and Surgery Generally a Speciality. Letter marked Vealsburg, KY. In a letter from 30 Dec 1893, Brandon specifies the type of child he and his wife would like: "blk or brown eyes and h[hair] and smart both mentaly and moraly and with smooth temper and easily controled of American descent and with a good constitution [and] not so overly large to its age." He says that they will take the girl as an apprentice but will leave her a child's portion of his estate if she treats them well in their old age. Letter marked Vealsburg, KY. In a letter from 23 Jan 1894, Brandon writes to the Home about Minnie, the girl he and his wife adopted from the Home. He says that they could not have found a child better suited to them, and goes into detail about how happy he and his wife are with her, including her intelligence, demeanor, and adjustment. He also writes that he himself is a "half orphan," as his father died when he was young and his mother never remarried. Letter marked Vealsburg, KY. In a letter from 20 May 1894, J. W. Taylor writes to the Home to say that he was "so badley mistaken in Mr. W. C. Brandon when we recomendid him to you as a good home for one of the children." He says that he "has never cared the child to church sinc she has bin hear" and explains that Brandon taught Minnie to play checkers on Sunday. He states that "he has bin making minnie cut all the wood they cooked with for a weak or mor" and suggests she be taken away from him. Letter marked Vealsburg, KY. In an undated letter from box 11, Brandon writes asking to be contacted "8 or 10 days before you send her" so he knows when to expect her in Paducah. He also asks for her place of birth. Letter marked Vealsburg, KY.
Kinsella, Mary A. and Sarah E.	orphans	26 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	Q. B. Coleman writes to Hollingsworth regarding a widow in his town who has two children she cannot take care of and wants to place in the Home. The children are two girls aged 4 and 6. Letter marked Greenville, KY. In a response letter, Coleman includes the names of the girls and states that they "leave here to day at 12 o'clock for the home." Letter marked Greenville, KY.
Chambers, Ms. Amie B. Davis, J. R.	applicant to Home prospective adoptive parent	25 Sept 1893 12 Dec 1893	BJ/B222/4 BJ/B222/4	A widow, Ms. Chambers, writes to the Home asking about employment. She states that she is trained as a dressmaker, but can also teach or clean. She has a 10 year old boy she hopes to get into school. Letter marked Burgin, KY.
Eastman	prospective adoptive parent	15 Dec 1893	BJ/B222/4	Davis writes to the Home asking for the terms for "furnish" a boy between 7-12 years. Letter marked Elk Horn, KY. Eastman writes to Weller to thank him for answering her first letter asking about adopting a child. She also asks questions about the available children, including their nationality, legitimacy, and desirability. Letter marked Nashville, TN.
Hampton, Rev. L.	Parent surrendering children to Home	15 Dec 1893	BJ/B222/4	Wm. Haynsworth writes to Hollingsworth regarding a poor, crippled Baptist preacher in the area who is no longer able to care for his two children, boys aged 6 and 8. He is 69 and married, though his wife is also old and cannot provide care for the boys. Haynsworth writes on behalf of the Rev., who wishes to place the boys in the Home.
Stansburg, Henry	orphan	16 Dec 1893	BJ/B222/4	R Coons writes to the Home concerning a boy he adopted from the Home, Henry Stansburg. Henry is 15, was born on February 9, 1878, and was adopted over three years ago by Coons. Coons says that Henry has run away multiple times, stolen a pistol, and expressed interest in living in the mountains "where he come from." Coons says that he has "used the rod" and when he had to whip him, "it was hard." He asks if he should "set him free" or return him to the Home. On the back of the letter, Hollingsworth writes to Weller that she thinks "very strange of this letter" because she "always have heard [Henry] was good boy." She says that he has a sister living in Somerset. Letter marked Pendleton, KY. In a letter from 9 Feb 1894, Coons writes to Weller again concerning Stansburg, this time accusing him of stealing "all the money I had or could get at that time" after Coons gave it to him to get on a train back to Pendleton. He says it was "like a death in the family." Letter marked Pendleton, KY.
West, Ben H. and A. C.	prospective adoptive parents	22 Dec 1893	BJ/B222/4	Ben and West write to Hollingsworth to donate \$1 to the Home and to ask about adopting a little boy. They say that "next year Nannie is most grown dear sweet child light of our home," which could refer to another adopted orphan. Letter marked Crofton, KY.
Quinn, Martha A.	adoptive parent	26 Dec 1893	BJ/B222/4	Quinn writes to Hollingsworth in regard to a little girl she is in the process of adopting. She asks if she should send the bond to the Home, and also includes instructions for delivering the girl. Letter marked Sturgis, KY (handwritten) and Caseyville, KY (embossed). In a letter from 14 Feb 1895, Quinn writes again to the Home stating that she has "watted some time expecting to hear from you if you have declined" her offer to adopt a girl. Letter marked Sturgis, KY. In another letter from 21 Feb 1895, Quinn writes to Weller to say she feels she has "bin treated bad" because she drove to Morganfield to give a bond for the girl and never heard back. She later refers to the girl as Elly, and explains the lengths she has gone to formalize this adoption. Letter marked Sturgis, KY.

Walker, Mr. Charles	prospective adoptive parent	29 Dec 1893	BJ/B222/4	G. W. Perryman writes to Hollingsworth regarding Mr. and Mrs. Walker, who want to adopt a little girl from the Home between 1 and 2 years old. Perryman also mentions that Walker's sister, Mrs. Knight, adopted a child from the Home. Letter marked Newport, KY. Another letter from January 5, 1894 from Mr. Perryman states that Mr. Walker's father and mother have contacted him to say that the young Walkers are too young to adopt and child and "it would be best all around." Letter marked Newport, KY.
Stovall	prospective adoptive family	2 Jan 1894	BJ/B222/5	Stovall writes to the Home asking about available girls to adopt 10 years or over. She specifies that she and her husband have a girl, and they would raise the orphan as their own. Letter marked Blandvill, Ballard co., KY
Whitwarth, Lutishia	widow; birth mother	2 Jan 1894	BJ/B222/5	Ms. Whitwarth writes to the Home regarding two of her three children-- two boys aged 10 and 12 and one girl aged 13. She is "bad sick" and her husband has been dead for two years, and she wants to drop the boys off at the Home. Her daughter had the measles five years ago and "it made a cripel i girr of her for life," so she wants to keep her; she requests repeatedly that the boys be kept together and that she be allowed to visit them and send gifts and clothing. Letter marked Lewisbart, Louback Co., KY.
Reacock children	orphans	3 Jan 1894	BJ/B222/5	S. M. Reacock writes to the Home regarding his 7 children. He was recently widowed and has 7 children, the oldest of which is 13 years old. He says he cannot afford to hire someone to help him raise the children, and asks if the three youngest could be boarded at the Home (boys aged 3,5, and 8). He says he is "a native of KY (Garrard Co.) and left 3 years ago. Letter marked Glen Mary, Louisiana (?)"
Adamson, Miss Jenny	concerned teacher	8 Jan 1894	BJ/B222/5	Adamson writes to the Home regarding a young girl (aged 12 or 14, she doesn't know) in her class who is a "half orphan" and whose father is very poor. She hopes to have the girl placed in the Home, as she is currently expected to help raise her two younger brothers. Adamson says that the girl's father also wants her to be raised in the Home, and Adamson is raising the youngest boy. Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Sautherland children	"half" orphans	8 Jan 1894	BJ/B222/5	Frank B. Raymond writes on behalf of Mr. J. Harvey Sautherland, a widow with two young girls. Sautherland wants to put the girls in the Home, and Raymond asks for information regarding the process. Letter marked Eminence, KY.
Papers, Sr., H. C.	surrendering parent or citizen	10 Jan 1894	BJ/B222/5	Papers Sr. writes to Weller to ask for the necessary papers to send a girl to the Home. She was born 20 March 1890 and is "very bright" and "very butiful." Unclear how Papers Sr. is related to the girl. Letter marked Leitchfield, KY.
Clark, Nina R.	orphan	10 Jan 1894	BJ/B222/5	Rev. M. T. Chandler and S. G. Lindy write to Weller regarding Mr. James M. Ratcliffe and his ability to care for his young niece, Nina R. Clark. They both provide reference for his character, stating that he is a member of their church and a member of Elizaville Masonic lodge no 570, respectively. Letter marked Hepton, KY.
Stovall, Mr. G. B.	prospective adoptive parent	15 Jan 1894	BJ/B222/5	J. H. Black writes to Weller on behalf of Mr. G. B. Stovall. He asks if a Mrs. Katie C. Garrett "of your place" is coming soon to Bardwell and if she can bring "the child" with her. If not, he asks that the child can be sent to Bardwell in care of S. B. Penn, and to notify Stovall at Cunningham, Carlisle co., KY 4 or 5 days in advance. He states that a check for \$5 is enclosed. Letter marked Bardwell, KY. Another letter from 28 Feb 1894 thanks Weller for "bestowing such a blessing upon us, in sending us such a lovely girl," and requests a boy from the Home 10 or 11 years old. Mrs. Stovall says that the boy would assist her with small tasks around the house while Mr. Stovall is out of the home 5 days a week. Letter marked Carlisle Co., KY.
Orr, C. A.	prospective adoptive parent	20 Jan 1894	BJ/B222/5	Orr writes to Weller requesting a boy from the Home, 9-10 years old, of good family and "easily controled and smart." He includes references from members of the Baptist Emanuel Church. Letter marked Vealsburg, KY.
Hightower, Sara T.	orphan	31 Jan 1894	BJ/B222/5	Lella Robertson writes to the Home in regard to a girl in her parents' charge (possible her sister?) and giving her up to the Home. She says that she can "place her in good hands here or send her to you," because her mother is dead and her "home being broken up." Letter marked Rock Lick, KY. On the reverse side of the letter, Weller writes to Geo. A. Cabbage to ask if he knows "the party" on 7 Feb 1894. On 8 Feb 1894, Cabbage writes to say that he does not know the signer, but that Rock Lick is in Breckinridge county and about "30 miles from here." He says that if the girl is 14 or 15 years old, his aunt, Mrs. Geo. W. Cabbage, (who "took Lelia Crockett some 20 years ago from the Home, and who Miss Hollingsworth knows") can take her. Letter unmarked but Geo. Cabbage is from Leitchfield, KY.
Crockett, Lelia	orphan (adopted from Home about 20 years ago)	8 Feb 1894	BJ/B222/5	Lella Robertson writes to the Home in regard to a girl in her parents' charge (possible her sister?) and giving her up to the Home. She says that she can "place her in good hands here or send her to you," because her mother is dead and her "home being broken up." Letter marked Rock Lick, KY. On the reverse side of the letter, Weller writes to Geo. A. Cabbage to ask if he knows "the party" on 7 Feb 1894. On 8 Feb 1894, Cabbage writes to say that he does not know the signer, but that Rock Lick is in Breckinridge county and about "30 miles from here." He says that if the girl is 14 or 15 years old, his aunt, Mrs. Geo. W. Cabbage, (who "took Lelia Crockett some 20 years ago from the Home, and who Miss Hollingsworth knows") can take her. Letter unmarked but Geo. Cabbage is from Leitchfield, KY.
Page, J. H.	prospective adoptive parent	3 Feb 1894	BJ/B222/5	Page writes to the Home to inquire about adopting a 10 year old boy "of good blood, good looking and one I can make something out of." He includes a reference, has a wife and no children. Letter marked Horse Cave, KY. A second letter from 24 Feb 1894 states that he would "prefer adoption," and hopes to provide a good home for "the 'boy.'" A third letter from 21 April 1894 states that Page's wife "is not an invalid but is quite feeble" and is suffering from a "spell." He says that because Weller "demand[s] a decision at once" they are unable to commit under existing circumstances. Letter marked Horse Cave, KY. On 14 July 1894, Page writes again, saying that "after long waiting to see how my wife's health would get I will write you not to hold the boy any longer." He calls the boy Enos. Letter marked Horse Cave, KY.
White, Milford	concerned citizen	4 Feb 1894	BJ/B222/5	White writes to the Home regarding "a large family of little children" from his area whose mother died recently and whose father "is unable to take care of them at all comfortably." He says he has not yet gotten consent from the father regarding the children. Letter marked Williamsburg, KY.
Hale children	orphans	5 Feb 1894	BJ/B222/5	Jas. D. Burton writes to the Home regarding the children of Bro. William Hale. He states that at the Yellow Creek Baptist Church meeting, members recommended Hale's children to be charged at the Home. Letter marked Thruston, Daviss co. KY.
Jones, Bell	Birth father	14 Feb 1894	BJ/B222/5	Jones writes to "Mr. W. L. Willans" regarding his children who were placed in the Home. He says that he is very upset that his daughters were placed in the Home, and that a Brother Taylor had them put there. He says he has no way to contact them, but asks that the Home keep them there until he can get there. Letter marked Crofton, KY.
Thurman boy	"half" orphan	17 Feb 1894	BJ/B222/5	Jus. O. Rust writes to the Home regarding the admission of Mrs. Thurman's baby boy. He states that he is "very sorry of your rule which forbids the admission to the home," and that "the childs parents are 'worse than dead.'" C. A. Orr writes to the Home regarding the adoption and delivery of Will Smith. He asks specifically about the coordination of getting Smith to Paducah so that he can meet him there. Letter marked Vealsburg, KY. In a second letter from 21 Feb 1894, Orr asks if the Home can send Smith to Mayfield, KY.
Smith, Will	orphan	20 Feb 1894	BJ/B222/5	H. K. Thomas writes to the Home to provide a reference for Pryor, who wants to apprentice a boy from the Home. Pryor is 25 years old, is married to someone "some younger than he," lives on a farm, and has no children. They are looking for a boy between 7 and 10 and live in Falsomdale, Graves Co., KY. Thomas also mentions he provided the same references when he asked about two little girls which were sent to Bass and Mc Neal in June 1892. Letter marked Falsomdale, KY.
Pryor, J. N.	prospective adoptive parent	24 Feb 1894	BJ/B222/5	Mrs. N. M. Sandersan writes to the Home "in behalf of his little children," Mary (7 years old) and Willie (6 years old) Freeman. The children's father is dead and their mother is very poor and is desperate for the children to be placed in the Home. Sandersan includes references for the children, and a note on one side of the letter from M. A. H. (very likely Mary Hollingsworth) asks that the children be checked out by a doctor and admitted. Letter marked Cave City, KY.
Freeman, Mary and Willie	"half" orphans	26 Feb 1894	BJ/B222/5	

Ball, Syd D.	prospective adoptive parent	5 March 1894	BJ/B222/5	Ball writes to the Home about her adopted child, Etta Tourner, and asks how often she needs to send her to school. She also asks about adopting another child from the Home, again asking details about how to take care of the child and how much schooling is necessary. Letter marked Corydon, KY.
Shelton children	orphans	7 March 1894	BJ/B222/5	Hontas Miller writes to the Home regarding the adoption of the Shelton children. He states that he has the papers with him, and requests that they meet him at the depot "where the train leaves for Paducah." Letter marked Frankfort, KY.
Savage	prospective adoptive parent	17 March 1894	BJ/B222/5	John H. Moore writes to the Home on behalf of Dr. Savage. He asks that the board act upon the blank "filled up that you sent Rev Dr. Savage," and that as soon as they decide, he can "send the little girl in care of the railroad conductor." It is unclear if Savage is adopting or surrendering a child. Letter marked Manchester.
Nichols, Alline	adopted orphan	18 March 1894	BJ/B222/5	Alline Nichols writes to Weller to "let [him] know how I am getting a long." She states that she "is the little girl that the left the home on the twenty six of june for allen county," and that granpa nichols and his son Brista met her at the depot. She describes her journey to her current home in Allen county, going to school, getting baptized, and doing housework. On the back of her letter, W. B. Nichols writes that Alline wanted to send this letter, that she is fine and healthy and very happy in her new home. Letter marked Settle, Allen Co., KY. In a letter from 13 August 1895, Warren B. Nichols writes to the Home about Alline, referring to her as "little Amanda Alline Barge." He says that Weller requested he write him, and says that Alline is doing very well, going to school, and is "just getting along happy." Letter marked Settle, KY.
Heyser, F. T.	concerned citizen	19 March 1894	BJ/B222/5	Heyser writes to Mary on behalf of a "'grass' widow" living near him whose husband has deserted her and who has two young children, aged 9 and 2 years old. He says that the woman won't put her children anywhere else but the "'Home,'" and that she is located "seven miles in the Country." Letter marked Cloverport, KY.
Pharris, Abraham and Marcine	orphans	26 March 1894	BJ/B222/5	An official document of guardianship from the State of Kentucky, Jefferson county, stating that the court appoints J. J. Terry the legal guardian of Abraham and Marcine Pharris. The Pharris' are under 14 years of age, of Nathan Pharris (deceased,), and signed off by a clerk and deputy clerk. Handwritten on the back, Weller says "the children delivered to guardian March 26/94."
Osborne, F. E.	prospective adoptive parent	28 March 1894	BJ/B222/5	Osborne writes to the Home asking if there are any girls between 8 and 12 years that "could learn house work." He says that he would treat the girl as "one of my family," and provides references. Letter marked Curdsville, KY.
Le, Bro James	prospective adoptive parent	31 March 1894	BJ/B222/5	Bro H. K. Thomas writes to the Home on behalf of James Le Thomas, who hopes to adopt a girl from 7-10 years old. He also states that "Bro Pryor said your boys were to young wouldn't suit him." He says Thomas is between 30 and 35, married, and has a good farm and some money. Letter marked Folsomdale, Graves Co., KY.
Worh, Willie	orphan	31 March 1894	BJ/B222/5	W. T. McGill writes to the Home regarding Willie Worh, a boy who they apparently adopted from the Home and are having trouble with. They say that Willie says he will not stay unless they will "pay him wages as he is bent on having money of his own." He goes on to say that they have given him too much to pay him, and that any money they have given him he has spent on "tobaco and other trash." They want to send him to "a house of reform as soon as possible" and ask for the Home to advise. They specify that they want him to be treated well but "do not want to think of him as tramping over the world being mistreated and nocked about." Letter marked Sonora Hardin Co., KY.
xxx, Netta	adopted orphan	12 April 1894	BJ/B222/5	Judge Joshua Naylor writes a strongly worded letter to the Home regarding Netta, an 18 year old adoptee from the area. He says that Weller misinterpreted his previous letter, and that there is no way that Netta would want to go back to the Home, as she is old enough to take care of herself. He also says multiple times that he does not approve of the envelope that Weller used in his letter, which was labeled W. J. Weller and Son Wholesale Liquor dealers." He asks for Weller to send him the information on Netta's birth mother, and that she wants to visit the Home soon to retrieve the information. Letter marked Fulton Co., Hickman, KY.
Cofferman, Nora	adopted orphan	12 April 1894	BJ/B222/5	J. A. Cofferman, M. D. writes to the Home to say that his adopted child, Nora, is doing well in school. He also asks about adopted another little girl (10-12 y.o.) on behalf of a friend. He provides details about his friend's circumstances and asks for costs. Letter marked Poetry, Texas.
Williams, Joseph C.	birth father	13 April 1894	BJ/B222/5	Williams writes to Weller regarding the commitment of his five daughters to the Home, which a J. W. Van House had previously written to the Home about. Williams states that he has "carefully considered the conditions on which they are to be committed," and that it is "more than [he] can bear." He says not to expect the girls to come to the Home. Letter marked Luod, Magoffin Co., KY.
Baker, Mrs. Edith	prospective adoptive mother	24 April 1894	BJ/B222/5	Mrs. Baker writes to the Home asking to adopt "an intelligent little girl between the age of 8 and 12 years old." She specifies that she wants her to have "plesent disposition," and that she "can give it a good home and will devote [her] life to her happiness!" She is a widow with no children. Letter marked Eubanks, KY. In a second letter from 2 May 1894, Mrs. Baker states that her references are attached, and that her "home is quiet yet surrounded with beautiful flowers, books, papers, etc." and that she would lavish the child with love. She says she is interested in an apprentice for now, then adopting the little girl after 1 or 2 years. Letter marked Eubank, KY.
Lynch, J. W.	prospective adoptive father	28 April 1894	BJ/B222/5	Lynch writes to the home stating that he has one "little baby girl nearly 19 months old," and that he and his wife wish to "take one by apprentice" between 8 and 9 years old. Letter marked Bardwell, KY. A second letter from Lynch states that he is very sorry the Home would not let him adopt a little girl because they think "we just wanted her for a nurse." He explains that the Home is mistaken, and that they would have treated the girl as one of their own. He asks them to reconsider. Letter marked Bardwell, KY. A second letter from Lynch thanks Weller for reconsidering and says that it is a scarce time of the year so they are not able to send the bonds with money. He asks if he should still send the bonds, and states that he wants the little girl for company for his daughter. Letter marked Bardwell, KY.
Switzer, J. H.	prospective adoptive parent	1 May 1894	BJ/B222/5	Switzer writes to the Home asking to adopt a "nice good little girl" about 8 or 10 years old. He explains that he and his wife have a baby boy 3 months old and his wife wants "a little girl to help take care of Baby when she is busy." Letter marked Switzer, KY. In an undated letter from the 1890s, Switzer writes again to ask the Home to "write Bro. Thomas Rodman" and "ask him what he thinks about me treating a child from the home as it should be treated." He offers the Home to "write to any of the above named persons." Letter incomplete. Letter marked Switzer, KY.
xxx, Lulu	adopted orphan	6 May 1894	BJ/B222/5	A third letter from Mrs. Edith Baker asks for the details of the arrival of Lulu, a girl from the Home who she plans to apprentice. She asks for arrival information, for the Home to tell Lulu about her, and for any further information. She wants to meet her at the train depot. Letter marked Eubanks, KY.
Durham, A. M.	prospective adoptive father	May 1894	BJ/B222/5	Durham writes to the Home asking about "eny children to let out to be raised and what kind you have on hand." Letter marked Allen Co., KY. In another letter from 11 August 1894, Durham writes that he did not reply because he thought that Weller would send him blanks. He says that he wants a "girl about 12 years old in good helth of good mind and efecionet" to apprentice. He asks for Hollingsworth to select a girl and to "send it to Boling green KY in car of Sam Johnson." He says he can then bring her to Scottsville. Letter marked Scottsville, KY.
Acton, M. D., James A.	prospective adoptive father	17 May 1894	BJ/B222/5	Acton writes to the Home inquiring about a girl between 13 and 14 years old who is "large enough to cook." He says he has one child of his own but that "it is small." Letter marked Newell, KY. In another undated letter, Mrs. Edith Baker, Isaac N. Grabul, and J. W. Floyd write to recommend Dr. Allen Acton as an adoptive father for a little girl. Letter marked Newell, KY.

Fields, Mary	birth mother	19 May 1894	BJ/B222/5	<p>The East Rudds Creek Baptist Church writes to the Home regarding a woman and her 4-month old baby. They state that Fields is "in destitute circumstances and not able to support herself and child and not being of a suitable character to give the child proper moral training." They "recommend" the Home to take the baby. Letter marked Glendale, KY. In a letter from Mary Field from 22 May 1894, she states that she is "not able to support" her baby and would like it raised in the Baptist Home. She also says that the woman who allows her to live with her out of "charity sake" can no longer keep her and she is interested in working for stay at the Home if possible. Letter marked Glendale, KY. In a second letter from Field 3 June 1894, she says that she will be in Louisville Thursday or Friday, and thanks Weller for his interest in her child. She also says she dreads having to bring her child, but that she knows it is the right thing to do. Letter marked Glendale, KY.</p> <p>Demier writes to the Home with many questions related to adopting a child from the Home, including rules on adopting out of state, the age of available children, the costs of transporting the child, etc. He says that he and his wife have no children and would be interested in adopting one in Autumn. Letter marked Palmersville, Weakley Co., TN.</p>
Demier, F. P.	prospective adoptive parent	21 May 1894	BJ/B222/5	
Evans, Mrs. R. S.	concerned citizen	30 May 1894	BJ/B222/5	<p>Evans writes to the Home regarding a little girl in Tennessee whom she wants to be taken into the Home. She says that the "child is making her home in this city with an uncle and aunt," but she wants to "get the child from her present surroundings before it is too late." Letter marked Bowling Green, KY.</p> <p>Wilson writes to the Home from the Home Mission group regarding the Home taking "the children." She includes the train and their departure time, and says they will be accompanied by James Vernon. She says that if a Mrs. Perry of Henderson tries to adopt Pebe Hazzelife, not to allow her to. She also says that they applied to multiple orphan homes to take the children (the Presbyterian Home took one, the German Home took one, and the Methodist none) and that she is very grateful that the Baptist Home took all of the children. Letter marked Henderson, KY.</p>
Wilson, Mollie H.	Home Mission employee surrendering children	13 June 1894	BJ/B222/5	
Collard, Eliza	orphan	15 June 1894	BJ/B222/5	<p>Mrs. Amie Goodman writes to the Home regarding her sister, Eliza. She says that she is between 6 and 8 years old and is blind in one eye and was left at the Home last winter sometime. She says that she is married now and wishes to adopt Eliza, as she is her only sister and can take care of her. Letter marked Hodgenville, KY. In a letter from 19 June 1894, H. C. Kenduck of the Home of Methodist Orphans writes to the Home regarding Eliza Collard. She says that Amie Goodman wrote to them, but they have no record of her, and want to see if the Home had her. Letter marked Louisville, KY. In a letter from 26 June 1894, Amie writes that she is unable to come to pick up Eliza, but that she can send money for Eliza to be brought to her. Letter marked Hodgenville, KY. In a letter from 30 June 1894, Amie says she encloses \$1 and the necessary bonds. She says that she can meet her July 3rd if she is sent, and the letter is signed also by William R. Goodman. Letter marked Hodgenville, KY. In a letter from 20 August 1894, Mrs. Mira Ash writes to the Home to say that "there is a great deal of complaint of the home that little Eliza Collard has." She goes on to say that Amie stayed with her before she was married and though "it seems strange to say that she would treat her little sister so unkind," she is satisfied that what she has heard is true. She says that the house they stay in is very small, they do not send Eliza to school, allow her to nap, or get her new clothes, and won't allow other children to come over to play with her. Eliza told Ash that she wants to "come back up there but is afraid to tell them because she thinks that they will whip her." The situation is time-sensitive, as the Goodmans are moving "next Thurs. 23rd" to Summit, KY, where "they will be in a neighborhood where the people are something like themselves and would allow the child to be treated most any way." She says for the Home to contact Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Floyd and Mrs. Soncinda Scipses for more information. Letter marked Hodgenville, KY. In a letter from 29 August 1894, Ash writes to say that the Goodmans moved to East View, KY, not Summit. She says that the last she spoke to Eliza she was being treated very poorly and could "scarcely find a worse home." She says she hopes the Home will inquire soon, and says "to be very plain about it Amie is not (or does not seem to be) very bright and is of a very strange and unpleasant disposition." She also says "Eliza was almost without clothes when she left," implying that the Goodmans have already departed for East View. Letter marked Hodgenville, KY. In a letter from 31 August 1894, a letter from Mrs. Amie Goodman inquires about adopting a boy 9 or 10 years old to Mrs. Leahly Johnson. On the back of the letter, Hallie Coombs writes to Weller: "This must be from Eliza Deppen (or Collard's sister). Miss Hollingsworth said you had better look well into it as you had such a bad report from Eliza." Letter marked East View, Hardin Co., KY. In a letter from 25 Oct 1894, Amie writes to the Home. She says she thinks it "impossible for [her] to keep her as [she] cannot do nothing with her." She says she thinks it would be best for both of them to send Eliza back to the Home. Letter marked East View, KY.</p>
Earps, Myrtle Elizabeth and George Hart	orphans	16 June 1894	BJ/B222/5	<p>Daniel Hays writes to Weller regarding the bonds for two children signed by his mother. He asks Weller to send Earps and Hart the 23rd on the train from Louisville to Paducah at 8:40AM (arrives at 5:50PM). Letter marked Bardwell, KY.</p>

Reynolds, Mrs. Susan A.	surrendering guardian	25 June 1894	BJ/B222/5	Reynolds writes to the Home regarding her 4-year old grandson whom she wishes to send to the Home. She says that she is getting old and is unable to support him, and wants to have him "well taken care of." Letter marked Hardyville, KY.
Padgett, Mr. G. A.	prospective adoptive parent	25 June 1894	BJ/B222/5	S. P. Gooch writes to the Home regarding Padgett, whom he says multiple church members "do not think Mr. Padgett would be a suitable person to raise a child he drinks to some extent etc. etc." He asks for the letter to be kept confidential. Letter marked Waynesburg, KY.
Winkler, H. D.	prospective adoptive parent	26 June 1894	BJ/B222/5	Winkler writes to the Home inquiring about adopting a girl from the Home. He says that he would want a "girl of good size, about 14 years old or older smart, industrious, nice, good manners and disposition willing to learn and know how to work to stay with family of three. He says she "would not be treated as great many people treat servants." Letter marked Scythia, KY.
Utley, M. H.	prospective adoptive parent	30 June 1894	BJ/B222/5	Utley writes to "Brother Pierce" regarding the adoption of a girl from the Home. He says the girl will suit them well. Letter marked Salem, KY. In a letter from 9 July 1894, Utley sends \$5 for the adoption of Lula and to send her to Princeton, KY. He says that if Lula has a mild disposition, there will be no problem with the rest of the family. Letter marked Salem, KY. In another letter from 9 July 1894, Utley writes again to send \$5 "to pay Miss Lula a lot [?] expence to Princeton KY in care of Rev. R. W. Morehead." He asks for her to be sent as soon as convenient, and reassures Weller that she will fit with the family. He also states that "the girl that left us to live with her sister a few weeks ago lived with us 9 years," which is very likely referring to Eliza Goodman and her sister Amie Goodman, who wrote to the Home asking to take care of Eliza on 15 June 1894. Letter marked Salem, KY. On a letter from 23 July 1894, Utley describes a girl named Julia who has come to live with his family. He says "she has become satisfied and will stay with us two years any how," and that "she has some faults we would be vary glad she was clare of." He says that she won't go to school and that he "cant force her to go." He asks how she stayed at the Home and has no education. He says, "Julia sez tell the girls that she has got a good many nice preants since she come to Salem." Letter marked Salem, KY. In a letter from 2 Oct 1894, Utley writes that he cannot keep Julia (Julia? Lula?) Fox, as he "cant controler her she has the worst disposition of eny human I ever seen." He says that they have tried every method to control her "but use the rod," which he won't do. He says he "won't have [his] wife tormented to death" and he will try to find her a home in the country. He asks to be released from her. Letter marked Salem, KY. In a letter from 29 Oct 1894, Utley writes that he "got Julia for a good home in the county where she will be well treated if she will behave herself." He goes on to say that many "Brothers and Sisters that was strong friends to the Home" say that if Julia "was a fair sample of the training of the Home that they would never give another dollar." He asks for a "girl that has a mild plesant disposition" between 10 and 14 that he will send to school, feed and clothe. Letter marked Salem, KY.
Renfro children	"half" orphans	9 July 1894	BJ/B222/6	John S. Renfro writes to the Home regarding his give children, aged 2-9 years old, 4 boys and 1 girl. He says that their "native home" is Whitley County, KY and that their mother died shortly after they moved West. Renfro lost his property and his friends suggested that he send his children to the Home, but he was unable to do so until a drought hit his crops. He wants the children raised in KY. Letter marked Plymouth, AR. In a letter from 27 August 1894, Renfro says that he will send his children as soon as he can, and that it may be two weeks or more. Letter not marked. In a letter from 6 Oct 1894, Renfro send commitment of his children, and says that they will start from "here" on Wednesday, Oct 9th. Letter marked Mulberry, AR. A letter from 10 Oct 1894 states that "we failed to get through tickets to day" and that the children will start Saturday the 13th. He says that they will be by themselves and to please look for them. Letter marked Plymouth, AR.

Cook children	possible "half" orphans	16 July 1894	BJ/B222/6	<p>Mrs. Sarah A. Cook writes to the Home asking for help with her "8 helpless children." She says she has no means to support them other than "the labor of my hands," and asks to be admitted to the Home with a position. She says she would like "admittance for but 5 of [her] children." Letter marked Fowler, KY. In a letter from 24 July 1894, Cook goes into detail regarding her situation, stating that she has homes for four of her children. She is looking to send her two sets of twins to the Home, aged five (both boys) and 18 months (one boy and one girl). Her oldest children are 12 and 10 years old. She says that "all are hearty and sounds in every particular" and asks the Home to "take the four and keep them in your home till the oldest are 14 years of age." She says she does "not want them let out of the home is it can be avoided." Letter marked Fowler, KY.</p>
Hendren, Susie	surrendering mother	19 July 1894	BJ/B222/6	<p>Susie Hendren writes to the Home saying that she is looking for a home for one of her three children. She states that the child will be four years old. Letter marked Glencoe, KY. In a letter from 27 July 1894, J. T. Thompson writes on behalf of Miss Mary Stockhouse of Poplar Grove, who "wants one of the little girls sent to the Home yesterday by Mrs. Susie Hendren." She wants "the one next to the oldest- I think her name is Lilly" about 7 years old. Thompson goes on to say that Mr. Thomas Brock "wants the oldest girl." He asks for the blanks and to take the girls as soon as possible. Letter marked Eagle Hill, KY. In a letter from 1 August 1894, Thompson writes again to explain Stockhouse and Brock. He says that Stockhouse is a widow with no children who wants a girl for company and an apprentice. She lives within 400 yards of a school, and she and her husband raised Thompson from 6 weeks old. He says he doesn't know as much about Brock, but that he will show him the letter and get more information. Letter marked Eagle Hill, KY. In a letter from 6 August 1894, Thompson writes that Brock will not take the girl as she is "younger than he wants." He asks to "please send bond for Mrs Mary Stockhouse by return mail as she needs the little girl for company soon as she can get her." Letter marked Eagle Hill, KY. In a letter from 11 August 1894, Thompson writes to send \$100 to the Home to "pay fare of girl to Glencoe." Letter marked Eagle Hill, KY. In another letter from 16 August 1894, Thompson writes to say that the girl arrived safely in Glencoe and says that both parties seem pleased. He says he will "endeavor to get a home for her sister I [he] can." Letter marked Eagle Hill, KY. In a letter from 8 Oct 1894, Thompson writes that he has found a home for the sister of Mary Robertson with Mr. M. T. Coates and wife. They would like to apprentice her and will send her to school. He says he will also look for a home for the little brother if they send him his age. Letter marked Eagle Hill, KY. Jno' L. O'Neal writes to the Home regarding William Pence, an orphan from the Home adopted by a Dr. Golden. He states that Pence was "fleeing from hard hands he had fallen into in Henry County," and that he knew the boy from when he stayed with a Mrs. Stewart near Anchorage. Pence told O'Neal that Golden kept him only a short time, and then passed him off to his father who mistreated him. When asked why he did not report the mistreatment to the Home, William stated he was afraid and that the neighbors "promised to write and report for him." O'Neal was going to send him back to Stanford to his sisters, but contacted the Home "so as to avoid the R. R." He asks if the Home allows "orphans to be bandied around as in shuttlecock hither and thither," or if they "scrutinize the character of applicants for them." Letter marked Eminence, KY.</p>
Pence, William	orphan	18 July 1894	BJ/B222/6	
Posey, Carrie	prospective adoptive parent	18 July 1894	BJ/B222/6	<p>Sallie Crawford writes to the Home on behalf of Carrie Posey, a woman interested in adopting a girl 12 years old. She states that the Poseys are "quite a clever family of people," are a family of four "all grown," and have a "lovely country home." Crawford ends the letter asking if the Home has "any more 'Callies.'" It seems that the Crawfords adopted a girl named Callie from the Home that was kind and "now a young lady." Letter marked Corydon, KY. In a letter from 24 July 1894, Posey writes to say that she cannot "give the young girl a home." She states that her 71 year old mother objects to the adoption, and hopes that the Home is not inconvenienced. Letter marked Corydon, KY.</p>

Hensley, Fannie and Thomas	surrendered children	20 July 1894	BJ/B222/6	Lizzie Hensley writes to the Home regarding her two children, Fannie and Thomas. She states that they were in the Home Mission at Henderson, but when she asked about them, was told that they were sent to Louisville. She says the mission told her they would not send the children away without notifying her, and her "lawyer says [she] can make it hat for them." She says she is "agreeing [herself] to death about them" and lives at 939 Div St, Evansville, IN. Letter marked Evansville, IN. In a letter from 27 July 1894, Hensley thanks the Home, because her children were there and can be sent home soon. She asks if the Home needs witnesses or proof that the children are hers, and asks when she can take them home. Letter marked Evansville, IN. In another letter from 3 August 1894, Hensley thanks the Home for their kind letter and says that she will get the papers "fixed up" and send for the children. Letter marked Evansville, IN. In a letter from 27 Sept 1894, Hensley says that she has been sick and unable to write or meet the children. She asks that Weller watch the children awhile longer until she is well enough to meet them. Letter marked Evansville, IN.
Burns, J. H.	brother of surrendering parent	23 July 1894	BJ/B222/6	Burns writes to the Home regarding his brother's children, who he wants to have placed in the Home. He says they children are 14 (boy), 12 (girl), 10 (boy), 6 (boy), and 2 (girl). He says that "one of them I have disposed of," and that "if you can take any or all of them it would greatly relieve my present embarrassment." Letter marked Manchester, KY. In a letter from 28 July 1894, Burns writes again to thank the Home for offering to take 3 of the children. He asks for extra blanks. The names of the children going to the Home are: Sylvania Burns (30 Oct 1883), Williams Burns (28 Sept 1889), and Gertrude Burns (5 Oct 1891). Letter marked Manchester, KY. on 9 August 1894, Burns states that he will bring the children in a few days and tahnks the Home. Letter marked Manchester, KY. Williams writes to the Home regarding two orphans in his town. He says they are 8 and 10 year old boys who are bright. Letter marked Morehead, KY. On a letter from 4 August 1894, Williams writes again to say that he is "very sorry you cannot admit the two little brothers 8 & 10 years respectively." He says he also has two little sisters of a different family, 7 and 12 years old. He asks the Home to reconsider. Letter marked Morehead, KY. In a letter from 29 August 1894, Williams says that "after all [his] persistent effort in behalf of the orphan children of our town in securing for them a place in our home: they wont any of them now agree to let the children go." Letter marked Morehead, KY.
William, L. P. V.	concerned citizen	24 July 1894	BJ/B222/6	Johnson writes to the Home regarding the adoption of a girl from the Home. He says he sent a \$200 money order, and asks for the girl to be sent to Bowling Green on Friday. He says he will meet her and take her to Scottsville. Letter marked Durham, Scottsville, KY.
Johnson, Sam	prospective adoptive parent	3 August 1894	BJ/B222/6	
Jones, Minnie, Bernie, and Herbert	orphans	21 August 1894	BJ/B222/6	C. M Jones writes to Weller in regard to the admittance of three orphans to the Home. He says that Rev. E. N. Dickens wrote previously about the children being taken in and Weller said it was possible, but he has not "ben able to get them there untill now" and asks if he can still take them. Letter marked Franklin, KY.
Terry, J. W. children	surrendered children	27 August 1894	BJ/B222/6	L. D. Huffman writes to the Home regarding the children of Mr. J. W. Terry. There are four children; two girls 12 and 8 years old, and two boys 6 and 4 years old. Terry is 70 years old and "totally unable to care for them" and is dissipated. He asks for bonds to be sent for the children. Letter marked Berry, KY. In a letter from 8 Sept 1894, Huffman writes that the four children will be "at your office on Tuesday evening about 8 o'clock." He says that Terry will be with them and have the necessary bonds. Letter marked Berry, KY. In a letter from 10 Oct 1894, L. D. Huffman writes to ask about Terry's children on his behalf. He wants to know "if they are satisfied and are reconciled to their home" and also wants to know if the Home can take in the baby, who is 7 months old. He asks that his oldest daughter (Jennie) write to him at once. Letter marked Berry, KY.
Olds, Mr. and Mrs. Eli	prospective adoptive parents	29 August 1894	BJ/B222/6	Olds writes to the Home to inquire about taking a girl from the Home under apprenticeship. He says he would like one between 10 and 12 years, helthy, honest, bright, can learn to do house work and that is not Dutch or Irish. He provides references, and requests that Hollingsworth pick a child that suits their family. Letter marked Tacketts Mill, Owen Co., KY. In a letter from 8 Sept 1894, Olds writes to Weller to send \$2 and bonds to have the girl sent on the Slim Falls City next wekk to Monterey KY. He says he will meet her there. Letter marked Tacketts Mill, KY. In a letter from 14 Sept 1894, Olds says that he will be at Monterey Sept 18th to "meet Miss Zetta Farmer at the boat." Letter marked Tacketts Mills, Owen Co., KY.
Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Solomon	propsective adoptive parents	10 Sept 1894	BJ/B222/6	Jus. H. Burdin writes to Weller to provide a reference for the Bishops, who he says have no small children and a desire to apprentice a child. He says that the couple has the same P. O. address as himself, and asks for the necessary bonds to be sent. Letter marked Forks Elkborn, Ky. In a letter from 25 Sept 1894, Burdin writes to Weller to send the articles of apprenticeship. He says to "send Elizabeth to Frankfort, KY" and that he will meet her at the depot. Letter marked Frankfort, KY.
Watson, Jr., Jas.	surrendering guardian	13 Sept 1894	BJ/B222/6	Watson writes to the Home in regard to a boy about 3 years of age under his care. He says that his mother and father have "parted," and "his mother not being qualified to keep him," he wants the child kept away from her and where he will be "properly trained." He says that the father consents to the child being sent to the Home, and encloses stamps for any forms. Letter marked Berry, KY.
Hays, Laura and Daniel	adoptive parents "returning" orphans	14 Sept 1894	BJ/B222/6	Mrs. Hays writes to Weller to say "it is with great pleasher that I write to you that we are dissatified of your all children they dont suit me and we want to send them back." She asks for Weller to answer the letter immediately so that she can send the children back from Paducah on the morning train. Letter marked Bardwell, KY. In a letter from 19 Sept 1894, Hays responds to Weller asking about the objections to the children. She says that "they Joy us and are saucy and fight with one another and another thing we had some small change about the house the other day and the little boy got hold of some money [...] and never asked us for it." She goes on to say that her mother is getting old and doesn't like "bad children." Letter marked Bardwell, KY. On a telegraph from 20 Sept 1894, Daniel Hayes writes "the children leave eleven thirty five tonight." Letter marked Palmer House, Paducah, KY.
Bell children	surrendered children	14 Sept 1894	BJ/B222/6	W. L. Ramsey writes to the Home on behalf of Mrs. Martha Bell, who "has just made application to have her four children put in the home, ranging in ages from 3 to 10 years, one boy, and three girls." She currently is homeless and cannot support them, but is "thinking of going to the city to get employment" and if she is able to in the future, would like to take the children back. Letter marked Buffalo, KY.
Bagby, D. Y.	concerned citizen	24 Sept 1894	BJ/B222/6	Bagby writes to Weller in regards to two families of orphans he wants to get placed in the Home. The families are: "one family of five, living now in Catlettsburg KY. Three girls and two boys, the boys being the youngest. The are full orphans. Mother was a Baptist. One family of three children; mother yet living, but in very bad health. Father dead. No property nor income. Family live here in Parkland, and are highly respectable." Letter marked Parkland, KY.
Crank, Rachel	adoptive parent	2 Oct 1894	BJ/B222/6	Crank writes to Weller to say that she will come to the Home to pick up her child and will sign the papers then. Letter marked Prinville, KY.
Messer, Benjamin	orphan	9 Oct 1894	BJ/B222/6	Weller writes to Ms. Mary Foberts regarding her son, Dr. H. H. Roberts, and his letter requesting a boy to adopt for her. She specified a boy between 10 and 12 years old, and Mary Hollingsworth selected Benjamin Messer, born 21 Dec 1883. Weller says that Benjamin is well grown, fair looking, and bright. He requests that she sign the required papers so that they can send Benjamin to her. Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Anderson, William H. and James L.	surrendered children	10 Oct 1894	BJ/B222/6	J. G. Parso [rest of name on removed corner of paper] writes to the Home regarding William and James, two boys who are being surrendered to the Home by their mother who was "almost broken hearted to give them up." Parso[...] says that "she could not give up the little babe" and that friends are keeping it awhile. He says he was misled on the boys' ages by neighbors, and asks for instructions to be sent to Rev Wm Anderson. Letter marked Drip Rock, KY. In a letter from 17 Oct 1894, W. H. Anderson writes to say that Miss Sarah J. Anderson "has concluded not to send the Deen [?] little ones, to the Home and she affirms she will not let them go." He asks to be advised on what to do. Letter marked Grey Haw, Jackson Co., KY.
Pool, Mrs. Belle	concerned citizen	10 Oct 1894	BJ/B222/6	Pool writes to the Home in regard to three orphans aged 5, 7, and 9. There are two girls and one boy and "neither Father or mother." Letter marked Baltimore, KY.

Markham, Mrs. W. C.	prospective adoptive mother	11 Oct 1894	BJ/B222/6	<p>Markham writes to the Home to inquire about adopting a child between 6 months and 3 years old. She specifies that she and her husband have no children and are poor, but would take care of the child as if it were their own. She also specifies that the child should be: from a good family, a "true Kentuckian," good looking, well formed, stout, healthy, and neither redheaded or freckled face. She says that the child can be sent to her and she will settle the expenses, and also included multiple references. Letter marked Bowling Green, KY. In a letter from 13 Oct 1894, Markham writes again to inquire about the process of receiving her child. She asks if the child can be delivered by a conductor, as she doesn't have the money to travel to pick up the child. She also says that she wants "a little boy about 6 or 8 months old and as pretty as you have." Letter marked Bowling Green, KY. In a letter from 18 Oct 1894, Markham asks if her husband could come Saturday to the Home with the "recommendations" and pick up the infant. She says also that she would prefer to adopt rather than take on apprenticeship. She reiterates that she is not rich, but that the child will "always have plenty." She says that she is "well known in this place," her father is an established businessman, and he can ask anyone in town about this. She asks for finalizing adoption details. Letter marked Bowling Green, KY.</p>
Smith, Levi and Mary	prospective adoptive parents	12 Oct 1894	BJ/B222/6	<p>B. F. Taylor writes to Weller in response to his request for information on the Smiths, who hope to adopt a child. He says that they are his tenants, they have no property, and he hasn't found "anyone who will indorse them." He says he doesn't think they are "suitable persons to raise one of our orphans." He goes on to write about Bro. Cat's children, which he has been raising money for at his church to "defray the expenses of his children to the Home." Letter marked Harrodsburg, KY.</p>
Cat children	possible surrendered children	12 Oct 1894	BJ/B222/6	<p>B. F. Taylor writes to Weller in response to his request for information on the Smiths, who hope to adopt a child. He says that they are his tenants, they have no property, and he hasn't found "anyone who will indorse them." He says he doesn't think they are "suitable persons to raise one of our orphans." He goes on to write about Bro. Cat's children, which he has been raising money for at his church to "defray the expenses of his children to the Home." Letter marked Harrodsburg, KY.</p>
Bell, J. P.	prospective adoptive parent	17 Oct 1894	BJ/B222/6	<p>Bell writes to the Home asking to "get a girl 11 or 12 years of age to live with [his] wife as a companion." He says to include the full particulars of adoption, and that he has references and bond if required. Letter marked Bell, KY. In a letter from 22 Oct 1894, Bell writes that he and his wife want a girl "not as a servant but as a child, to be cared for, trained and educated as [their] own." He specifies that they want to apprentice the girl, and that they have a three month old baby. He includes a recommendation from Dr. Clardy. Letter marked Bell, KY. A letter from 25 Oct 1894 from J. D. Clardy provides reference for the Bell's character, and states that he knows "no family in the county where in my judgement a child would find a more congenial home and be better trained and cared for." Letter marked Newstead, KY. In a letter from 27 Oct 1894, Bell asks if they can keep the child for 30 or 90 days to see if her temperament and disposition are suitable to them, and if not, if they would be able to return her. Letter marked Bell, KY. In a letter from 1 Nov 1894, Bell writes a letter to send \$5 and says to "furnish her what is necessary for her fare and check on [him] for the amount." He asks for her to be sent right away. Letter marked Bell, KY. In a letter from 5 Nov 1894, Bell writes to Weller with the required bond and asks for the child to be sent "right away to Clarksville, Tenn in care of Dr. H. E. Deach." He explains that she will change cars to come to Douglas Sta. on the C and P Division of L and N. Letter marked Bell, KY. In a letter from 13 Nov 1894, Bell says that "our little daughter, Sammie Bales, arrived safely and on time." He says that she seems pleased and contented, and hopes they will "all be pleased after [they] are better acquainted." Letter marked Bell, KY.</p>
Farthing, Mr. M. Z.	prospective adoptive parent	20 Oct 1894	BJ/B222/6	<p>P. B. Miller writes to the Home on behalf of Farthing, who "desires a girl 13 or 14 years old." He says to write him at Sturgis, KY for terms and conditions. He goes on to say that Farthing lives with his wife, owns a good farm, and will provide well. Letter marked Morganfield, KY.</p>
Coates, M. T.	prospective adoptive parent	21 Oct 1894	BJ/B222/6	<p>(See also Susie Hendren) Coates writes to Weller regarding the adopting of Clara Hendren, Susie Hendren's daughter and Lily Hendren's youngest sister. He encloses the bond for adoption or apprenticeship (unspecified) and \$2. He asks for Weller to write him in Glencoe about when he will send Clara. Letter marked Glencoe, Gallatin Co., KY.</p>
Heughes (or Hughes), W. J. L.	prospective adoptive parent	22 Oct 1894	BJ/B222/6	<p>Heughes writes to Weller regarding the adoption of a child. He states that his household has one boy 12 years old, that he can give a child proper moral instruction, and that "unless it conducted itself in a strictly moral and discreet way, it could not remain about [him]." He asks for necessary bonds and contracts. Letter marked Marion, KY.</p>

Coakley, B. F.	prospective adoptive parent	29 Oct 1894	BJ/B222/6	Coakley writes to the Home regarding the adoption or apprenticeship of a boy 8 or 10 years old. He says that he and his wife have had three children; one is dead and the other two are married. He has been on crutches for 55 years and needs help "to feed and get stovewood and all such like." He says that he would "treat him as I would one of [his] own" and wants one "with as good disposition as possible one that can be taught to work without harsh means." Letter marked Powder Mills, Hart Co., KY. In a letter from 2 Nov 1894, Coakley sends bonds and \$2 for the adoption or apprenticeship of Ben Meefer. He asks for him to be sent on the passenger train Monday November 5th to Uptonville Station, where he will meet him. He says he will write to the Home after awhile to say how Ben likes his home and how they are getting along. Letter marked Powder Mills, Hart Co., KY.
Emerson, J. E. Meefer (Meker? Meeker?), Ben	prospective adoptive parent orphan	1 Nov 1894 2 Nov 1894	BJ/B222/6 BJ/B222/6	J. W. Taylor writes to the Home saying that the Baptist Church at Emmanuel, Graves Co., KY recommended Emerson last spring to get a boy from the Home about 10 years old. He says that though the Home "promis to send him one" he hasn't heard since then. Letter marked Vealsburg, KY. In a letter from 14 Dec 1894, Emerson writes to Weller to ask if he "sill have that boy his name is Walker R. Tery." He asks if he can get him and to write him at Sedba, KY. Letter marked Vealsburg, KY. B. F. Coakley writes to Weller in regards to adopting Ben Meefer from the Home. Based on his previous letter, Meker is likely 8-10 years old. See B. F. Coakley.
Townes, H. H.	prospective adoptive parent	4 Nov 1894	BJ/B222/6	Townes writes to the Home requesting to "get a boy a smart heart one about 8 years old." He says that he is a broom and mattress maker and that "there is a heap of work that a boy can do." He includes that he is a Baptist and asks to be written to right away. Letter marked Waverley, KY. In a letter from 18 Dec 1894, Townes writes to Weller to ask for a application blank for a "small sharp tractable well disposed boy to wait on [him]." He says that his household consists of "two aged sisters ful able and competent to manage child" and that he wants to apprentice the boy. He includes recommendations. Letter marked Waverley, KY.
Botts, Lillie	surrendering guardian (aunt)	5 Nov 1894	BJ/B222/6	C. J. Jones writes to the Home regarding a half orphan who is staying with his aunt, Mrs. Lillie Botts, at 722 Garrett St. The boy is 7 years old, his mother is dead, and his father is a laborer who is "away from home all day." He says that "the Catholics are making a strong effort to get him, and it is fond by his relation that his father will turn him over to them if nothing else can be done." He asks how the boy can be gotten into the Home and when. Letter marked Covington, KY.
Cunningham, Mrs. M. LeLe	birth mother	13 Nov 1894	BJ/B222/6	Cunningham writes to Weller that she received his letter from the 12th and is "going to do as you told me. Get married." She says that she is getting married on Thursday before Christmas and that "He is able to take care of us all so don't let them go and I will come after them." She says she will come within 3-4 weeks. Letter marked Memphis, TN. In a letter from 3 Dec 1894, Cunningham thanks Weller for keeping her "litle darling children." She says that she has been sick and will come for her children in about 3 weeks. Letter marked Memphis, TN. In an undated letter in box 12, Lele writes to Weller regarding her "babes," asking how they are doing, "what they say about Mama not coming back," and asking him to not let anyone take them. She says that she knows she "can take them myself after awhile." Letter marked Memphis, TN.
Porter, Mrs. Laura Gould	concerned citizen	14 Nov 1894	BJ/B222/6	Porter writes to the Home to ask if it accepts illegitimate children, clarifying "say 3 or 4 of one woman that had since 15 years old." She asks to remain anonymous, and says that she will come to Louisville with her father Mr. N. U. Gould and explain further. Letter marked Somerset, KY.
Fritts, N. H.	concerned citizen	15 Nov 1894	BJ/B222/6	Fritts writes to Hollingsworth regarding a little boy in "the institution" of the county infirmary. Fritts says that the superintendent of the infirmary thinks he "ought to be in a better place." The boy is 5 or 6 years old, "healthy, and of good mind." His mother "is in the same institution and has the consumption." In postscript, Fritts says that "since writing the above, it has occurred to me that perhaps the mother may object" but that he will find out as soon as possible. Letter marked Carlisle, KY.
Bass, F. T.	surrendering adoptive parent	20 Nov 1894	BJ/B222/6	Bass writes to Weller regarding "those children myself and Mr. McNeel got from the home," saying "you will have to take them back." He says that his wife died a week ago and he cannot do the housework and keep the children, adding, "the children are so bad fanie any how that no one down here wants them." It seems that Mr. McNeel (McNeal?) adopted a girl named Fanie that he says "they had tried ever way they new how to get fanie to do rite but can do nothing with her she will lie and curse and steel." He says "Myrtie is not so bad but she is a bad child wee had done all we could for here." He asks when he can send them back, again saying that he cannot "find no one that want them becaus they are so bad." Letter marked Kansas, Graves Co., KY.
Tucker, Joseph	concerned citizen	21 Nov 1894	BJ/B222/6	Tucker writes to Weller about "several children in our Poor House in Spencer County." He says that the boys are 2 and 6 years old, and that their mother is "a poor delicate illiterate and immoral woman." He adds that the children are "apparently as bright as the average child of our county." Letter marked Taylorsville, KY.
Irvin (Irwin?), Ida	"returned" orphan	27 Nov 1894	BJ/B222/6	Mrs. Napher [? Name smudged badly] writes to the Home regarding the girl she adopted, Ida Irvin. She says that "its impossible for [her] to keep her," and that she has "tried to teach her to be a good girl have offered her a good home a long as she behaved and tried to half way right- but its all useless." She complains about the language Ida uses in front of her daughter, that she put her "under false impression," and that she "slips out and goes buggy riding with the boys." She says that she is sending her back on the 11 o'clock train on the 28th. Letter marked LaGrange, KY.
Rowlett	prospective adoptive parents	27 Nov 1894	BJ/B222/6	Rowlett writes to Weller to inform him that the conditions for adoption or release of a child from the Home "make it impossible for [them] to think of trying farther to take a girl from the Home." He says that they "did not wish nor expect to get one as a servant, but what [they] want is a girl to assist [him] with [his] household duties." He goes on to say that he would have "conscientious scruples about promising to treat one exactly as [his] own child," and seems very disappointed in the conditions about the Home. Letter marked Habardsville, KY.
Clere, Samuel	concerned citizen/guardian	29 Nov 1894	BJ/B222/6	Clere writes to Weller about children who are half orphans and whose father does not give consent for them to be placed in the Home. He says that the children's mother died and their 70 year old father is unable to work and is "a reckless no account man." Clere says that he is taking care of the children currently, but is hardly able to take care of his own children and would like them to be placed in the Home. Letter marked Ashland, KY.
Worwood, S. B.	prospective adoptive father	5 Dec 1894	BJ/B222/6	Worwood writes to Weller to say that he thinks it would be best for him to pick out a child from the Home himself, so he is going to wait until spring to come to the Home. He says that he wants to take a boy by apprenticeship, so that in case he dies before his widowed mother or little sister his property will go to them. He says he will treat the boy like his own and give him "a good start in the world." He includes the names of families in the area with no children that he thinks would provide a good home, but asks Weller not to use his name. Letter marked Wicksiffe, Ballard Co., KY.
Brock, Ellen	birth mother	16 Dec 1894	BJ/B222/6	Brock writes to Weller regarding her daughter, Nannie. It is implied that Nannie has been adopted and Brock went to the Home to try to get information about her whereabouts with no success. She apologizes for "that old woman that was there with me" and the way she spoke to Weller, saying that she didn't know she would speak that way and that she "never has even seen Nannie, let lone be her grandmother." She asks Weller to "write and tell [her] all about her. If she has a good home, if she goes to school and if she can read and write." She says that she surrendered Nannie when it was impossible for her to take care of her, but now she can and that the situation is very hard for her. She offers to pay money for a photograph of Nannie. Letter marked Ben Davis, Marion Co., IN.
Ballon, John and Mary	prospective adoptive parents	17 Dec 1894	BJ/B222/6	Ballon writes to Weller regarding the adoption of one of the Renfro children. He says he told James M. Renfro that he would "take the girl and do the best we could with it," but that they don't live in an area where they could "shool the child." He says that they would not adopt the child nor "pledged ourselves to any one in that way" and that if Weller "can't accept [his] proposal, [he] can't accept yours." Letter marked Cumberland Falls, KY.

Conner, Grover Cleveland Randal	surrendered child prospective adoptive parents	22 Dec 1894 29 Dec 1894	BJ/B222/6 BJ/B222/6	Frank Mark Conner writes to the Home to give consent for W. A. Lee to send his son Grover Cleveland Conner to the Home to be raised until 21 years of age. He also gives permission for Grover to be put in a "private home." Letter marked Owenton, KY. W. T. Roney writes to Hollingsworth a recommendation for the Randals to adopt a "nice little girl, 8 to 12 years of age." Letter marked Fulton, KY.
Shard, Claude W. Walters	adopted and surrendered orphan Possible matron of the Home	21 Jan 1895 6 Feb 1895	BJ/B222/7 BJ/B222/7	S. A. Beauchamp writes to Hollingsworth asking that the board rescind his contract to take care of Claude W. Shard. He says that the "circumstances are peculiar," as he is "such a cripple as to be almost entirely helpless- much worse since the bad weather began." He explains that he thought Claude would be able to help with chores, but now he has "him to care for and wait upon," and it is too hard for him and his wife, who has a new baby. He says perhaps in the future he can take him back and make a teacher of him. At the bottom of the letter, marked Feby 11/95, is written "cannot take Claude back helpfully will get along with him LC & C." Letter marked Buffalo, KY. W. D. Bryant writes to Hollingsworth on behalf of his wife, who wants to know about Miss Walters and "what parte of the work they did in your home and are they capable of taking charge of a similar institution as matron." He says that the letter is in confidence. Letter marked Lexington, KY.
Rogers children	orphans [?]	21 Feb 1895	BJ/B222/7	W. W. Jordan and Bell Jones writes to Weller regarding the Rogers children. They say that the children are "at Prepton on Chairty and Ney. Jones is simply able to support them," and asks for the Home to send the Apprentice bond to her. They say "we only beg for the bond" and that "as for a compromise it is useless to mention it to Jones he is now living with the fourth woman since he and sister Jones parted." Letter marked Hopkinsville, KY.
Hayes, Henry	abandoned child	18 March 1895	BJ/B222/7	W. S. Ryland writes to Hollingsworth on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson and Miss Hayes. He states that Hayes inquires about her brother, Henry Hayes, who is about 10 years old and who was born in "this county," "abandoned, or turned loose," by his guardian, and has since disappeared. She thinks he could be placed in the Home. Ryland does not remember the guardian's name. He also states that "the little girl I wrote about some time ago, will not come, as her father is gone off somewhere, and it is feared he might give trouble." Girl likely refers to Lena Brown, whose mother is dead and whose father is poor. Letter marked Russellville, KY.
West, Cornelia	orphan	16 March 1895	BJ/B222/7	Sarah F. Keely, Superintendent of the Indiana Reform School for Girl and Woman's Prison, writes to Hollingsworth regarding Cornelia West. She says that Cornelia has been at the Reform School as "an orphan and homeless girl since April 21 1891." She states that Cornelia is now staying with "our lady Dr. Caning" with her sister, who is an "invalid." Dr. Caning is teaching her to be a nurse, and Keely says that they "consider her pure gold." She goes on to compliment West more, and asks that Hollingsworth pass the information to her brother because she sent his letter back, stating that they had "an Effie West." Letter marked Indianapolis, IN.
Pendley, Mr. and Mrs. James	prospective adoptive parents	19 March 1895	BJ/B222/7	Pendley writes to Hollingsworth to inquire about adopting a boy from the Home between 7 and 10 years old. He says that he and his wife are Baptists, and that they have one child of their own. He provides references and says they will "rear" the boy "as one of the family." On the back of the letter, Weller writes Apl 19/95, "answered by asking usual questions, and requesting usual recommendations." Letter marked Mining City, KY. In a letter from 25 April 1895, Pendley writes to say that he has been married about 2.5 years, his child is a girl 1.5 years old, and he doesn't know if he will be having any more children. He says that he wishes to adopt a boy around 10 years old and expects him to work on the farm. He offers recommendations and says he will give the boy an education. Letter marked Mining City, KY.
Reynolds children	orphans	16 April 1895	BJ/B222/7	J. I. Weaver writes to the Home regarding the children of J. C. Reynolds and his wife. He says that Mr. Reynolds died three years ago, and last Friday the 12th, Mrs. Reynolds died and left two little boys. Her last request was that the boys be taken to the Baptist Orphans Home; the oldest will be 7 in May, the youngest "will be 5 soon." Weaver asks to make application for the boys. On the back, Weller writes, "Apl 19 1895 Answered, requesting usual recommendation from the church." Letter marked London, KY.
McGarvey children	"half" orphans	18 April 1895	BJ/B222/7	J. A. Middleton writes to Weller regarding the McGarvey children, whose mother is dead and whose father is "in the asylum." He asks for the children to be admitted to the Home. The children are: Laura Mary, born May 31 1882; Abner Perrin, born Sept 14 1885; and Carrie Dorothy, born Sept 25, 1888. Letter marked Shelbyville, KY. In a letter from 19 April 1895, D. D. Forward writes to Weller regarding the McGarvey children, stating he "took an informal expression at our last prayer meeting with reference to recommending the McGarvey children," and the vote was unanimous to "give the poor children a home." Letter marked Shelbyville, KY.
Bryan children	orphans	18 April 1895	BJ/B222/7	Paul V. Bomer writes to Hollingsworth regarding the children of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Bryan, members of his church. Mrs. Bryan died three years ago, and Mr. Bryan died about a week ago. They left behind three children, two girls aged about 9 and 7 and one boy aged about 5. He says that he thinks the best thing for the children is to go to the Baptist Orphans Home, but the mother had in mind the Clenland [?] Orphanage, and also that the children's aunt and uncle would like to take care of the children so that they are not separated. He asks Mary's advice. Letter marked Versailles, KY.
Roark, W. E.	propsective adoptive parent	19 April 1895	BJ/B222/7	Roark writes to the Home asking about "the letting out of children." He wants a girl over 8 or 9 years old, of "respectable parentage," "good temperament," and "inclined to industry." He states that he has a small family of four, and offers recommendations. Letter marked Greenville, KY. On the back, Weller writes "answered Apl 22/95 declined."
Griffin, Susie B.	prospective adoptive parent	18 May 1895	BJ/B222/7	Griffin writes to Hollingsworth regarding a "little blue eyed boy" she saw advertised in their paper. She says that her "Mamma thinks he would take the place of a little one [they] lost several years ago," but that "Mamma & Papa hardly think they would like to adopt him." She says that they would take him, care for him, and send him to school. She says her father is a deacon, that the family has prayers every morning, and that there are four of them in the family, including "brother Woe-die." Weller writes on the bottom, "May 22/95 Jes., Can have a two year old boy if properly recommended." Letter marked 810 E. Fifth St., Owensboro, KY.
Dickens, Cleveland	surrendered child, potential orphan	5 June 1895	BJ/B222/7	John E. Ray, Superintendent of the Kentucky School for the Deaf, writes to Hollingsworth regarding Cleveland Dickens. He encloses the "M. O." for Dickens and says to look for him at 7th St Depot on the Southern train, June 12th at 10:30AM. It is likely that Dickens was a student at the School for the Deaf and was transferred to the Home. Letter marked Danville, KY. In a letter from 6 March 1897, Augustus Rogers writes to Weller in response to his letter about Dickens, in which he apparently asked if Dickens could remain at the school during vacation. Rogers says that none of the pupils are allowed to stay at school during the summer because the buildings are closed. He adds that he knows "of no one who would be willing to take the responsibility of boarding a deaf child as young as Cleveland," but that he will "be on the look-out." He closes, "It is hard to find a place for a deaf child as very few people can communicate with them, and do not want the responsibility." Letter marked Danville, KY. In a letter from 18 April 1899, Rogers writes to Weller and says that he can arrange for Cleveland to stay with Professor Schoolfield over the summer at \$2.00/week. He says that Schoolfield is deaf himself and has a nice home in the suburbs, and took care of him last summer. Letter marked Danville, KY.
Morgan, J. A.	concerned citizen or surrendering parent	15 July 1895	BJ/B222/7	Morgan writes to Hollingsworth asking if the Home could "receive an orphan girl which is seven years of age." She asks how the child should be sent to the Home, but provides no other information. Letter marked Williamsburg, KY.

Phelps girl	orphan	26 July 1895	BJ/B222/7	Geo. A. Cabbage writes to Weller regarding the "little Phelps girl" (perhaps referring to the baby that a Mrs. Phelps from Bowling Green, KY surrendered to the Home in 1893). It seems that Weller asked Cabbage for a recommendation from an "old grandfather" and his wife who wanted to adopt the child, but Cabbage states that they are "wholly unfit to have the rearing of such a little unfortunate creature," adding that they are very poor and the wife is a, "very immoral, corrupt old woman." Letter marked Leitchfield, KY.
Carver, Mrs. Fannie and Mr. Whaley	prospective adoptive parent	14 August 1895	BJ/B222/7	Warren B. Nichols writes to Weller on behalf of Mrs. Fannie Carver, who lives in Scotsville, Allen Co., KY. He says that she would like to adopt a girl about 11 or 12 years old. Nichols says he has known her for 2 years and that she is a "fine Christian lady." He says he can write to her in Scotville. Letter marked Settle, KY.
Scott, George	prospective adoptive parent	23 August 1895	BJ/B222/7	Scanlan & Co. writes to Weller regarding Scott, who they say they have employed for 11 years and "have found him to be steady, reliable, and upright." It seems as if Scott wants to adopt a child and his company is writing a recommendation. Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Sizemore, A. U.	concerned citizen	3 Sept 1895	BJ/B222/7	Sizemore writes to Hollingsworth regarding a child in the area who was recently orphaned when his father died a few days ago and his mother 3 years ago. He states that the boy is 3 years old. Letter marked Stanford, KY.
Todd, Kittie B.	prospective adoptive parent	9 Sept 1895	BJ/B222/7	J. H. Dorman writes to Hollingsworth on behalf of Todd, who he says is "a most excellent Lady" in good circumstances, who would treat "any one of your large family" well and kindly. At the bottom, Todd writes that she would like to see Hollingsworth "privately about this matter if convenient and agreeable." Letter marked Owenton, KY.
Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Alen T. Jefferson, Hattie May	prospective adoptive parents orphan	10 Sept 1895 10 Sept 1895	BJ/B222/7 BJ/B222/7	J. W. Denny writes to the Home to provide recommendation for Bro. Alen T. Cook and wife, stating that "they are able and would make a good home for any child." Letter marked Burgin, KY. See Ellwood and Susan Haines.
Broughton, Wily and Roxie Dorman, J. H.	prospective adoptive parents concerned citizen	20 Sept 1895 30 Sept 1895	BJ/B222/7 BJ/B222/7	Broughton writes to Weller regarding his apparent recent visit to the Home. He says that his "wife had the misfortune to git crippled vary bad" while he was gone, which will "delay in fixen up them papers for at least 2 weeks." He says that his wife is "well pleasd with his girl." Letter marked Prairie Grove, AR. In a letter from 28 Sept 1895, Broughton says that they have "this day had papers excuted plus acknolege" and says that his wife is well. Letter marked Prairie Grove, AR. will "come to the Home on Thursday or Friday next." Letter marked Owenton, KY.
Keebler children	"half" orphans	25 Dec 1895	BJ/B222/7	B. T. Hall writes to Hollingsworth regarding two children whose mother is dead and whose father "has abandoned them," disappeared, and is "no good." He says that the boys are 5 and 3 years old, have no relation to care for them, no property, and are currently at the "county poor house." Hall asks under what conditions the Keeblers can be brought to the Home. At the top of the letter, Weller writes, "no room now may be in the future" on Dec 29. Letter marked Benton, KY.
Foster, B. C.	prospective adoptive parent	1 Feb 1896	BJ/B222/7	S. E. Trice writes to Weller to recommended Bro B. C. Foster "of this vicinity." He says that he is a "well-to do, small farmer, in good shape financially." Letter marked Hopkinsville, KY. In a letter from 8 Feb 1896, Foster writes to Weller, explaining that he cannot come to Louisville to select a child, but will pay the railroad fare for one to be sent to him on a trial basis in case he wants to return it. He requests a boy that is "good, healthy, lidable," under 9 or 10 years old, and requests papers. Weller writes on the back "will not send on trial- must come and see us and have understanding" on Feb 10. Letter marked Hopkinsville, KY.
May children	"half" orphans	27 June 1896	BJ/B222/7	W. H. Oleer [spelling?] writes to Hollingsworth regarding the children of Mrs. W. P. May, who died about two weeks ago and leaves behind an infant (about 2 weeks old) and two older children "who have been placed in the hands of Mr. May's parents." Oleer says that the parents are unable to care for the infant and have no friends or family able to. He says that Mr. May is "a laborer and has the appearance of being a hardworking sober man, about 30 years of age." May wants the infant placed in the Home and asks for information and if he could "present the infant in person." On the back, Weller writes "Will take child when cold weather sets in," June 29/96. Letter marked Owensboro, KY.
Eaton, Mrs. Lohnee	prospective adoptive parent	3 May 1897	BJ/B222/7	W. W. Free writes to Hollingsworth on behalf of Eaton, who "wants a girl from the Home," who is "13 or 14 years old healthy and of a good disposition." He asks for the necessary papers and offers a recommendation for "the family." Weller writes at the bottom, "Come to see us and make selection after we have considered the matter together" Mar 3/97. Letter marked Sulphur, KY.
Smith children	"half" orphans	21 August 1897	BJ/B222/7	J. T. Cook writes to the Home on behalf of Mrs. Alice Smith, a widow of a year with two little children aged 4 and 6, one boy and one girl. Cook says that Smith has been supporting the children via hard labor and "she is not strong enough to really work at all." He says that her husband's family will not help with the children at all and she wants to place them in the Home. Weller writes at the bottom "usual recommendations" Aug 28/97. Letter marked Crofton, KY.
Hish [spelling?]	prospective adoptive parent	6 Sept 1897	BJ/B222/7	Thoman Rodman- President of the Farmer's Bank of Kentucky- writes to Hollingsworth regarding Mr. Hish. Hish would like to get a girl from the Home, Rodman states that "he lost his wife some time ago and has two children and wants the girl for a nurse." He states "be careful what you write, till we find out more about him," and says in regard to the placement that he "hardly think[s] it will do." Letter marked Frankfort, KY.
Brown, Mr. and Mrs. R. C.	prospective adoptive parents	29 Jan 1898	BJ/B222/7	I. H. Mossbarger writes to Weller regarding the recommendation of the Browns to adopt a 7-year old girl from the Home. Mossbarger says that Mr. Brown is "very clever," "but poor," and that he and his wife are "very rigid Catholic" and have one grown daughter and son. He says that Mrs. Brown "keeps Boarders in summer," and that "their circumstances are not such as to enable them to do much for the girl they would surely make a Catholic out of the girl." Letter marked Cecilian, KY.
Wiley, D. L.	concerned citizen	3 Dec 1898	BJ/B222/7	Wiley writes to Hollingsworth regarding "half" orphans in his town- two children aged 4 and 7 years. Their mother died two weeks ago and their father is paralyzed and unable to provide for them. He provides references and asks for the children to be placed in the Home. Letter marked Arlington, KY.
Hornsby children	surrendered children	29 Dec 1898	BJ/B222/7	N. Holly Witherspoon, president of the Winchester Bank, writes to the Home regarding Rev. Tom Hornsby's children. The children are currently at the Home, and he asks for the Home to continue to care for them. He explains that Hornsby's wife is currently in Atlanta, GA "suffering with lung trouble," and that Hornsby is staying with her. Letter marked Winchester, KY.

Tooley children	children without reliable guardians	17 Jan 1899	BJ/B222/8	J. W. Gill writes to the Home regarding the Tooley children, a boy and girl aged 4 and 6, respectively. Gill says that their father is in "jail with the prospect of remaining quite a while," and their mother is "in destitute circumstances dependent on her own labour for a living." He asks if the Home will consider housing the children. On the back, Weller writes, "Impossible to afford relief" Jan 19/99. Letter marked Cisney, KY.
Elrod, Albert	adopted child	24 April 1899	BJ/B222/8	C. W. Swanson writes to Weller regarding Abt. Elrod, a child taken from the Home by Mr. Robert Suddeth. He says that Suddeth "appealed to [him] again this morning to know what he had better do with the boy," as his patience "is exhausted" and has "tried every kind of means kindness without limit and then by correction, and have even gotten his neighbors to talk with him." He says that Elrod "runs off from his work," is "thievish," and "set a big brush-heap on fire." Suddeth wants to return the boy to the Home or to a "house of corrections," and asks what to do. Letter marked Russellville, KY.
Cobb, Eliza	widow; prospective adoptive mother	22 May 1899	BJ/B222/8	J. W. Waldrop writes to Hollingsworth on behalf of Sister Eliza Cobb, "the widow of the much loved Rev. Wm Cobb." She "desires to procure a good sprightly girl" from the Home. Waldrop says she has no children, is a "nice house keeper," is Christian and near to the school and church. He recommends her to get a child, and says her "post office is Lusby, KY." Letter marked Hartford, CN.
Norman, D. L.	prospective adoptive parent	26 June 1899	BJ/B222/8	Norman writes to the Home asking to "get a good Girl about 15, or 16, years, of age, from you, one with smooth temper, gentle and kind." He says that they can give her a good home, and would expect her to do "light house work, with out Laundry." He asks for an answer by return mail and provides a reference by Bro. J. N. Hall. At the bottom, Weller writes, "None to suit," June 28/99. Letter marked Fulton, KY.
Williams, Luke P. V.	concerned citizen	29 June 1899	BJ/B222/8	Williams (Past of the Morehead Baptist Church and seemingly the President of the Bank of Morehead) writes to Hollingsworth regarding a widow from his church who has two girls she wants to place in the Home. He says that she has to "work by the week for her support and the children is separated and driven from place to place." He asks for them to be admitted and says that they are bright. Weller writes at the bottom "Blank commitment sent," July 3/99. Letter marked Morehead, KY.
Williams children	possible orphans	6 July 1899	BJ/B222/8	W. D. Beck writes to Weller regarding "the two little Williams children," who he says are "niece and nephews of Jo Williams who remembered the Orphans Home so nicely in his will." He says the Home ought to take the children if they can. Letter marked Owenton, KY.
Porter, C. S.	concerned citizen	8 July 1899	BJ/B222/8	Porter writes to Hollingsworth regarding a "3 year old orphan girl," who the Rock Lick Baptist Church wants to place in the Home. Letter marked Somerset, KY.
Mullinix, C. D.	prospective adoptive parent	18 August 1899	BJ/B222/8	Mullinix writes to Weller asking to apprentice a girl from 9-13 years. He says that he and his wife (aged 25 and 21, respectively) have two girls aged 1 and 3, three pieces of land and have "a good business in store." He says that they will "give girl good schooling and have very little to do," specifying that they "want girl more for company than anything else." Weller writes at the bottom, "none to suit" Aug 25/99. Letter marked Rife, Casey Co., KY. In a letter from 12 Feb 1900, Mullinix writes again to Weller, stating that he is 30 and his wife is 20 years old, and that they have three girls, the oldest being 4. He says they "want girl to help train and go to school with our children." They offer references, and say that they have a good school and church nearby, good neighborhood, and do not drink or gamble. At the bottom of the letter, Weller writes "None to suit," Feb 15/1900. Letter marked Rife, Casey Co., KY.
Risinger, Mrs. Nora	prospective adoptive parent	28 Aug 1899	BJ/B222/8	Risinger writes to Hollingsworth at the advice of Bro. Sparling, the "present minister at Little Bethel Baptist Church in this county." She says that she would like to, "get a boy child from the Orphants Home to raise" between 4 and 6 years old. She says that she does not have any children. Weller writes on the back "Get recommendations and come for the boy" Aug 30/99. Letter marked Giver Grove, Union Co., KY.
Kunkel, Maggie	vulnerable/possibly adopted child	28 Aug 1899	BJ/B222/8	Andrew Kunkel writes to Weller, stating that he is sorry, "we cant send Maggie to the home at present as we are in considerable trouble." He says that "Maggie wrote that letter," and goes on to plead with Weller to come to Guston, KY for the trial. The Kunkels are, "in a law suit concerning her [Maggie] we have the man arrested and the trial comes off Saturday September 2." He says that neither he nor his family are "in the fault of this trouble that is why we wanted you to come out and see yourself." Letter marked Big Spring, KY. In another letter from 1 Sept 1899, Kunkel writes again to Weller, stating that they "would have been pleased if you had to come out and would have made it pleasant for you." He says that "as the mgs are in such a shape now we will have to let it remain so for awhile," adding that he or his wife will be in the city soon and will write him. Letter marked Big Spring, KY. In a letter from 16 Dec (marked Wednesday; likely December) 1899, Mary Kunkel (spelled Clunkel) writes to Hollingsworth. The letter is for the most part unintelligible, and has the same handwriting as previous letters written by Andrew Kunkel. The letter says that she thought she "would drop of on a few lines for [illegible] card about Maggie." She goes on to say that the family is very worried about Maggie, and that she guesses Hollingsworth "knew she was a perfect little devil." Kunkel says that she has "got her pretty well borken in the most of all she was the biggest lier for a child of her age," and that "everybody out here thinks its wrong that you dont learn them how to do any thing." She says that the reason they don't have Maggie's sister out is that they already have too much trouble with Maggie. She says that the country orphanage wouldn't want Maggie, but seems to imply that they will continue housing her. On a second page, the letter states "Maggie sends her love to her sister and to all the children and give my love Miss clain and to Mrs Ada and to Miss Yager and to Ant Ellen and to Ant Coutome and to all of the colord people." Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Gould, Nannie	birth mother	16 Sept 1899	BJ/B222/8	Gould writes to Weller, stating that she "reseive Miss Hollingsworth leter she told mee how you had kep the children for me hoping I could take them." She goes on to say that she is very grateful to them and she thinks that she can take the children in one year. She says that she has a job that pays between \$15 and 25/month and the man she works for "sais he dont no such a woman in Existence under my circumstance he will Help me start in busness when i get able." She ends by saying she would be glad to hear from them. Letter marked Charleston, WV.

McCann, Luey	prospective adoptive parent	20 Sept 1899	BJ/B222/8	J. F. William writes to Hollingsworth on behalf of his cousin, Luey McCann, whom he says wants to "adopt a little girl" from the Home. He says that Luey raised Garrett Nichols from the Home until he was "nearly of age," and now wants a "little girl about eleven of good family and good looking." He asks for Mary to communicate with her at once and that she lives in Richmond, KY. Letter marked Burlington, KY.
Fowler, Bonnie	potential orphan	25 Oct 1899	BJ/B222/8	Weller writes to Rev. W. H. Wason to ask the status of Bonnie Fowler. He is if he got "her another house," and says "we would be much obliged if you would let us know." Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Craig, Bob	concerned citizen	5 Nov 1899	BJ/B222/8	Craig writes to Hollingsworth regarding two orphan girls in his church, aged 9 and 4. He says that "it is the desire of the friends of the children for them to be reared in the baptists orphans home." He adds that "if you can take them the pastor of the church will attend to raising funds for their support." Weller writes on the back "usual instructions" Nov 8/99. Letter marked Cisney, KY.
Perkins, J. M.	concerned citizen	14 Nov 1899	BJ/B222/8	Perkins writes to Hollingsworth regarding "a woman here from Metcalfe Co. whose husband has deserted her and her three children." He says that she wants to "get her children in some orphans home," and has two girls, 10 and 12, and one boy, 8. He asks to be written to at once, "as the case is very urgent." On the back, Weller writes "Refed to KY Childrens Home Society" Nov 16/1899. Letter marked Horse Cave, KY.
Turpin, Wm. Cherley	grown woman from the Home	18 Nov 1899	BJ/B222/8	Turpin writes to Hollingsworth regarding a letter she just received from Mrs. I. J. Turpen regarding a letter Mrs. Turpen received from Hollingsworth. The Turpens took Cherley in from the Home and are still living in Louisville, but Cherley seems to have moved to Carthage, MO. Cherley says that when she visited Louisville, Papa (her name for Mr. Turpen) told her that she was two years older than she had always thought and said he knew by examining papers. She says that "he never told me what records they were nor did he say a word about your letter." She goes on to say that she has always used the name "Wm. Cherley Turpen," and thought she was "entitled to the name by adoption but Mrs. Turpen informs me that I am not that Mr. Turpen never adopted me and it was not legal for me to go by that name." She asks if Hollingsworth would "be so kind as to let me know about this matter and tell me anything that you may know about myself." She says that she has "no complaint to make of Papa" and "Mrs. Turpen says that was the reason he failed to tell me that he had such a kind feeling for me." Letter marked Carthage, MO.
Shepherd, Geo. W.	pastor and concerned citizen	29 Nov 1899	BJ/B222/8	Shepherd writes to Hollingsworth regarding a "half" orphan, whose mother recently died and was a member of his church. The baby is 13.5 months old, and his father is 60 years old and "in destitute circumstances." Shepherd says that the father agreed to send his baby to the Home for its sake, and that he wants to bring the baby to the Home as soon as possible. Letter marked Ewing, KY. In a letter from Jan 1900, Shepherd says that he received a letter stating that he needed to include a blank from the child's father "giving the child wholly and unconditionally to the home." He says he lost the blank already filled out and asks for another form. He says that he will bring the child around the 9th or 10th of January. Letter marked Winchester, KY.
NOTE	NOTE	NOTE	BJ/B222/8	This box contains mostly letters recording donations from various private donors and churches from the area. No other folders thus far have contained more than one or two letters of this type.
Simons children	surrendered children	15 Feby 1906	BJ/B222/9	An application for the Simons children to the Home, including: Gola (born 11 May 1895), Grosey (born 14 Sept 1896), James (born 8 March 1898), Huie (born 11 Oct 1899), Fred (born 20 April 1900), and Maudie (born 7 March 1903). The application states that the children are sound in mind and body; the parents' names are Ginie and Ruben Simons. The Pleasant Grove Baptist Church recommends that Ginie (a widow) surrender the children; the children have 2 uncles on both sides- Mary and Rile Simons. The near relatives cannot care for the children because they are poor and already have large families. The application notes that "the oldest boy James Simons is a boy that does not want his mother to control him he seems to be tolerble tough." On the back of the letter in red ink reads, "Mother decided not commit children," signed M. E. A. Letter marked Cill, KY.
Cruch, J. B.	concerned citizen	17 Feby 1900	BJ/B222/9	Cruch writes to Weller regarding "the children" he wrote about in his first letter (N/A), stating that they are both girls- one between 11 and 12, the other 7 years old. He asks to be replied to at once. At the bottom of the letter, Weller writes "Will take 7 year old girl" Feb 19 1900. Letter marked Stanford, KY.
Egard, Mr. and Mrs. William	prospective adoptive parents	22 Feby 1900	BJ/B222/9	Members of the First Baptist Church writes Weller to recommend the Egards to adopt a child from the Home. Letter marked Henderson, Ky.
Gouman, Maurice and Melona	prospective adoptive parents	23 Mar. 1900	BJ/B222/9	The Goumans writes to Weller stating that he has signed and attached the adoption bonds. They say that they "would like to have our little boy right away," and want to know if he has any siblings and where his nearest relations live. They ask for him to be sent Tuesday morning on a train to Morganfield. At the bottom, Weller writes "Must send for the boy," Mch 24/1900. Letter marked Morganfield, KY.
Parton, Newman	adopted child; adoptive parent trying to "return"	18 Apr. 1900	BJ/B222/9	Mrs. James Harris writes to Weller regarding Parton, a boy she adopted from the Home last October. She states that she is "sorry to say he is one of the worst children I ever saw" and that he has been "nothing but trouble to us for over a year and gets worse all the time." She states that he was better behaved when they lived in the country, that she wants to return the boy, and that perhaps he would do better with a family in the country. Weller writes on the top of the letter "cannot take him back advised her to send him to State School of Reform," Apl 18 1900. Letter marked Hardinsburg, KY.
Abbot, George	orphan	14 May. 1900	BJ/B222/9	A. J. Silcox, paster of the United Baptist Church of Christ at Little Wolf Creek, writes to the Home to recommend Abbot to be taken in by the Home. He says that Abbot is 5 years old, orphaned, and has no relation to take care of him. At the bottom of the letter is written "Bond sent May 16 1900." Letter marked Williamsburg, Ky.

Borum, William A.	concerned citizen	2 Jun. 1900	BJ/B222/9	Borum writes to Hollingsworth regarding three "half orphan" children in his area; two boys aged 3 and 5 and one girl aged 6. He says that their mother is in "delicate health and poor circumstances," and that the children are "fatherless." He says to "forward necessary papers to Mr. J. H. Allen, Somerset." Weller writes at the top of the letter, "Ref'd to KY Childrens' Home Society," June 5 1900. Letter marked Somerset, KY.
Cecil, Eva Clyde and Rosa Fitzhugh	orphaned sisters	4 Sept. 1900	BJ/B222/9	Joseph H. Grafton writes to the Home regarding Eva and Rosa, stating that in 1887, the girls were 4 and 6 years old. He asks about Rosa, stating that when Eva was adopted, Rosa was left in the Home and Eva has only heard from her once since. Grafton asks if Rosa is still at the Home, and if not, her location. Letter marked Utica, MS.
Williams, Ida	orphan	10 Sept. 1900	BJ/B222/9	M. Sevies [spelling?] writes to the Home on behalf of Andrew Crawford regarding Ida Williams. He states that "some years ago" Ida was placed in the care of Crawford and is now 19 years old. She is now interested "in some pension money of her mother and also something in her own rights." He says that Mr. and Mrs. Crawford consider Ida "almost as a daughter," and want to know anything regarding her estate. Letter marked Hardinsburg, KY.
Pickle, Minnie	adopted orphan	27 Sept. 1900	BJ/B222/9	G. W. Pickle writes to Hollingsworth regarding the "papers that make baby ours and our heir," stating that "she is a sweet bright little one." Letter marked Knoxville, TN. In a letter from 22 Sept 1900, Pickle writes to end "a most excellent likeness of our sweet baby- Minnie Pickle." He also encloses \$5, stating that it is Minnie's gift for the children at the Home to have clothes. Letter marked Knoxville, TN.
Read, E. H.	prospective adoptive parent	30 Jan. 1904	BJ/B222/9	Read writes to Hollingsworth, stating he received her letter of the 24th and was "somewhat surprised to learn you wer so strict in your rules." He says that he is a farmer, he is 33 years old and his wife is 32, and includes recommendations. Letter marked. Cernban, KY.
Sampson, Cordelia	adopted orphan	25 Mar. 1905	BJ/B222/9	Saml. J. Dohrmann writes to the Home regarding the future of Cordelia Sampson, a girl who was adopted from the Home by Mrs. Pat O'Brien. He states that "as you have probably seen from the Louisville papers, the husband and son of Mrs. O'Brien have had financial troubles and their business is in such a shape and they themselves liable to severe criticism." He says that, though the Clifton Baptist Church originally recommended the O'Briens to adopt Cordelia, they now "thought best to notify you regarding the matter" and ask if the girl should be returned to the Home, which they think "would probably by the best course." He says that Mrs. O'Brien "has signified her willingness to return the child in an interview the pastor had with her recently." He says that all of the family's property will go to "pay their indebtedness." Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Howard	orphan	5 Apr. 1905	BJ/B222/9	C. C. Howard writes to Mr. Frank Miller regarding "the Howard boy," stating that he "telephoned his brother several days ago" and was told that he would get the Howard boy and his brother, but apparently he did not. Howard says that he will by in Louisville Friday or Saturday and "will attend to it." He goes on to say that he is not related to the boy at all, and was not the one to get him into the Home- it with through the Barren Run Baptist Church through Reverend R. C. Kimball. He says that he is the "Public Guardian of the county," and has "over twenty wards," and "cannot be expected to take any or all of them." Letter marked Hodgenville, KY.
Lutherford children	orphans	15 Apr. 1905	BJ/B222/9	Claude T. Price writes to the Home regarding the Lutherford children, of whom he is currently guardian. He says that the children are about 8 and 10 years old, and one infant. Their mother, father, and grandmothers are all dead, and are currently living with a step-grandmother "who is said to be unkind to them and whose health is also bad." He says that the infant has a good home with distant relatives, but that he wants to put the other two in the Home. He adds that they have "a little bond valued at \$450 or \$500." Letter marked Freedom, KY.
Robb, Mary	orphan	26 Jun. 1905	BJ/B222/9	J. E. Conyers writes to Mrs. M. E. Abercromber to ask about Miss Mary Robb, a 14 year old girl at the Home who was recommended for him to adopt after a Mr. J. W. Hensley visited the Home on his behalf. He asks what the conditions for "let[ting] the children out" are, what is required of a person who takes them, and if returns are allowed. He asks where Robb is from, if she is bright and intelligent, if she moves quickly and if she can do housework. He says that he lives in a town of about 100, has a wife and 3 children (the oldest is 7.5 years). He asks for information. Letter marked Monroe, KY.
Helen children	orphans	Aug. 1905	BJ/B222/9	William Wilson writes to Miss. Mary E. Abercrombie regarding the Helen [spelling?] boys, for whom he is currently the legal guardian. He says that he will "take steps at once to come in possession of any property that they may be hair to of their grand mothers estate." He asks for his apprenticeship application to be reviewed and for the names of their parents, grandparents, and mother's full maiden name. Typed at the top of the page, "Answered Aug. 4, 1905." Letter marked Mayfield, KY.
Yaden, Lucy C.	Aunt of orphans	10 Aug. 1905	BJ/B222/9	Yaden writes to Hollingsworth regarding her two orphaned nieces, aged 5 and 9 years old. She says that their father was a Baptist and their grandfather was a Baptist minister. They are currently staying with Yaden's father, but she writes that he is "getting old and is not able to support them." They have decided that the best thing for the girls is to place them in the Home, and asks for the particulars of their admittance to the Home. She also asks if they will be able to visit their old home and if their relatives can visit them. They children are currently in Laurel Co., KY near London. Typed at the top of the page, "Answered and sent Application Blanks Aug. 10, 905." Letter marked 151 W. Main St, Lexington, KY. In another letter from 8 Aug 1905, Yaden writes to the Trustees of the Home, stating that she wrote Hollingsworth and hopes to hear from them soon. Handwritten on the back, "Decided to keep the children longer." Letter marked 151 W. Main St, Lexington, KY.
Slopher	adoptive parent	21 Aug. 1905	BJ/B222/9	Weller writes to Ms. Miller regarding Mrs. Slopher. He says that the letter from Slopher is attached, and thinks "it would be well to investigate why she could not control him and all about it," adding he "suppose[s] our agent can do this." He says "Mr. Ino Heddin of Mt. Sterlind is a safe friend of ours to inquire of." Typed at the top, "wrote Mr. Heddin Aug. 26, 1905." Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Bellis, Mrs. W. E.	prospective adoptive parent	9 Oct. 1905	BJ/B222/9	Mrs. Julia H. Clark writes to the Home on behalf of Mrs. W. E. Bellis, who says that "she will relieve the Girl, for whom she applied, through me, about next Monday." She says that Bellis, "requires a Girl of 16 or 17 years of age, for housework, or lightwork, the sooner she comes in the week, beginning October 9th, 1905, the better." She asks for the application, and provides information regarding the girl's delivery to the home. In postscript, she adds that "Mr. W. E. Bellis is a commercial Traveller." Attached is a note from Mrs. Julia D. Clark, stating that she was "directed by Mr. J. R. Sampey, to address you, as per enclosed letter, in regard to your sending a girl from the 'Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.'" Typed at the top of note, "Answered Oct. 10, 1905." Letter marked Meadowbrook, near Louisville, KY.
Alexander, Miss Julia	prospective adoptive parent	25 Nov. 1905	BJ/B222/9	J. Whis. Potter writes to the Home on behalf of Julia Alexander, "a maiden lady of possibly 45 years who resides with her maiden sister a few years her younger and her bachelor brother probably 60 years old." Potter says that they are currently raising a boy from the KY Children's Home Society, and now want "to get a girl 13 or 15 years old" who is "stout and healthy" to apprentice. He says that the home would be ideal, the people are "kind and considerate of children, yet control them in the proper sort of manner." He recommends the home for a child. Handwritten, "None suitable to send, M. E. A." Letter marked Bowling Green, KY.
Hudnall children	vulnerable children	26 Dec. 1905	BJ/B222/9	W. C. James, Pastor of the Baptist Church, writes to Abercrombie on behalf of Mrs. Hudnall, a mother of 4 children in the area who has consumption and whose husband is "thoroughly shiftless and improvident." He says that the children- two girls (5 and 16) and two boys (9 and 11) are in a "deplorable condition." He asks about the chances of getting the children placed in the Home. Handwritten at the top, "Not eligible M. E. A." Typed at the top, "Answered Dec. 28, 1905; Wrote again Jan. 5, 1906." Letter marked Russellville, KY.
Turney, R. P.	prospective adoptive parent	23 Jan. 1906	BJ/B222/9	Turney, president of the Bank of Cerulean Springs, writes to the Home inquiring about adoptive a boy 7-10 years old. He says that he is 33 years old and lives 4 miles from a school and 3 miles from a church. His wife is 32 years old and a Methodist. He includes references, offers to pay the boy's way to his home, and asks to hear back soon. Handwritten, "Ans. Jan 27, 1906." Letter marked Cerulean, KY.

Batt child	"half" orphan	19 Mar. 1906	BJ/B222/9	M. B. Perry writes to the Home regarding Mr. Feelding Batt, who died days ago and left his wife a widow with a young boy a little over two years old. Perry says that the woman has to work for a living and is unable to care for the boy. He asks the possibility of placing the child in the Home, stating that "he has no relatives to care for him." Handwritten is, "Grandfather opposed placing child in Home." Letter marked Port Royal, KY.
Las, Gay	adopted child	27 Mar. 1906	BJ/B222/9	R. B. Willson writes to Abercrombie on behalf of Mrs. W. Las, who recently adopted "little Gay," which has "so recolonized affairs that it is quite another place with the young lady in absolute control." He says that she has been with the family nearly two weeks, and dhas been very well-behaved and adjusted. He adds that "Mrs. W. Las about completed the young lady's wardrobe and she is supplied with toys sufficient to keep her amused." He thanks the Home for placing the girl with them, and asks about a paper that Mrs. Las is supposed to sign. He thanks them again for changing their childless home "into quite another place." Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Vanzant, J. P.	birth father	11 May. 1906	BJ/B222/9	Vanzant writes to the Home regarding his three children- aged 3, 7, and 12 years- asking what it would "cost me per week to have three children taken care of." He says that his wife is "very low and the physicians say she cant live a great while." He doesn't want the children to be adopted out; rather he wants the Home to take care of the children until he can himself. Handwritten, "Rules explained." Letter marked Edmonton, KY.
Button, Jas. H.	prospective apprentice	11 Jun. 1906	BJ/B222/9	Button writes to the Home regarding getting a "good stout boy, twelve to eighteen years of age, to assist in general work on a small country place at Anchorage, KY." He lists the boy's duties, says that his gardener would "have control of him," and says that he can pay the boy \$2-4/week. Handwritten, "none suitable, M. E. A." Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Davies, Hywel	concerned citizen	31 Aug. 1906	BJ/B222/9	Davies writes to the Home regarding "two families of this camp of five and three children." He says that the "former consist of three girls and two boys and later two boys and one girl, ranging from one year to 13 in age." He adds that the former and fatherless and the latter motherless, and that the father of the latter group is a miner who can pay each month towards the childrens' support. Handwritten, "I left word for this man to call at our office, but have not heard from him, F. M." Letter marked Jellico, TN. In a letter from 13 Oct. 1906, Davies writes that "the parents of the children were not willing to relinquish all claim to the children," and that he dropped the matter and will try to help the children in another way. Letter marked Kensee, KY.
Herrin, Florie	orphan	3 Oct. 1906	BJ/B222/9	Nannie Parrott writes to the Home regarding the adoption of Florie Herrin, an 11 year old girl at the Home. She says that she will send her daughter, Ellen Watts, on Friday to pick her up. She includes references from a Pastor, and says to send the child to Harrodsburg. An attached letter from Rev. Johnie Mason, Pastor, and J. A. Coulter C Clark recommends Mrs. Nannie Parrott and Mr. John Parrott to adopt the girl. This letter also asks the Home to "tell it to mind her and she will treat it as one of her own children and she says she dont want it to be sassy with her." A final letter from A. Perkins, member of a church, also recommends the Parrotts. Handwritten on Parrott's letter, "Child rent by Mr. Winchell but brought back. Recommendations untrue. Home and people announced by a Mr. Faller of Mackville or Springfield, M. E. A." Letters marked Mackville, KY and Battle, KY.
Blackwell, Mrs. Effie	prospective adoptive parent	4 Oct. 1906	BJ/B222/9	Blackwell writes to the Home regarding the adoption of a girl between the ages of 2 and 13 years. She says that she visited the home last April but there were no children to suit her. She says she wants a "fair skin and pretty blue eye" girl, and says that "the death last December of my own little darling has left my home so lonely." She asks to be written back, and says that she could come the 15th or 16th. Handwritten, "Home reported unquitable by J. F. Ninchell, M. E. A." Letter marked Clay, KY.
Lockhead, Mrs. Zena	birth mother	13 Nov. 1906	BJ/B222/9	Lockhead writes the the Home regarding her 6-month old baby, saying that she is a widow and "find it so hard to make a living with the baby." She asks for the Home to keep the baby over the winter until she can take care of it, and for it not to be adopted out. She adds that Mrs. Heirs "has some children there and is going from here xmas to visit them." She refers the Home to Bro. Petty, whom she says "knows my circumstances." Handwritten, "No elible for admission." Letter marked Mayfield, KY.
Peck, Atta	prospective adoptive mother	Aug. 1906	BJ/B222/9	Peck writes to the Home to ask if it is possible to "again get the little child Lelia While," stating that "circumstances over which I had no control prevented me from keeping her before, but now they are remond and we would gladly take her again this time to keep her." She says that her "greatest gault was untruthfulness," but that she knows now "she can be broken of that." She says if it is impossible to get Lelia again, she would like an enfant girl, "healthy and nicely formed and desiraeable babe." Letter marked Lebanon, KY.
Jones, J. M.	prospective adoptive father	27 Nov. 1906	BJ/B222/9	Jones writes to the Home regarding adopting a baby from the Home that was listed in "last nights Times." He says that they would be "glad to take him and care for him and raise him to manhood if we can get him." He adds that they have "three sons, two of which are grown and gone in buisness," and the other of which is 12 years old. Handwritten, "Baby sent to Bond of children's Guardians." Letter marked St. John, KY.
White, Edna	adopted orphan	1 Jan. 1907	BJ/B222/10	Katie M. Wright writes to the Home on behalf of her mother and father, asking if the Home has a girl about 10 or 12 years old they could adopt. She says that she is their only daughter, and married 15 years ago, after which they adopted an orphan girl who has also recently been married. She says that her "only brother Dr. A. B. Coons" adopted a boy about 14 years ago from the Home who is now "a fine young man." She says that they are all Baptists and offers Bro. W. E. Powers and J. T. Sampson as references. Handwritten, "Sent them Edna White." Letter marked Pendleton, KY. In a telegram from 6 Jan 1907, Wright writes to clarify any questions the home has, saying that her mother is 65 and her father is 75 and there "has always been an orphan in this home even before my birth." She says that they live on a four mile plot in the country, 2 miles from a church and 0.5 miles from a school. In a letter from 17 Jan 1907, Wright asks if the girls have ever had measles, and says that she has been very sick. In a letter from 12 Feb 1907, Wright says that she might come into the city this week and asks if the children in the Home are over the measles. In a letter from 25 Feb 1907, Wright says that her father will send the necessary paperwork in soon for Edna White. She says that Edna is now with her mother and father, and that her husband visited on Sunday and "told her he had come to see if she wanted to return to the home and she informed him she did not and was so far well pleased." Letters marked Pendleton, KY.
Caps children	orphans	7 Nov. 1908	BJ/B222/10	E. W. Roach writes to Abercrombie regarding the Caps children- all of one of which were taken to the Home "some time ago." He now writes about the little boy, who he wants to also place in the Home since his father also died and is now "just running around over town." He asks Abercrombie to "confer with Bro Sanders" and have him come get the boy as soon as possible. Letter marked Corbin, KY.

Sebree, John S.	surrendering guardian	7 May. 1909	BJ/B222/10	Sebree writes to Abercrombie regarding two boys he is taking care of- one "past 5, the other past 8." He says that they are "healthy, stout boys, their mother died 2 years ago," and he has been taking care of them since but is "almost worn out." He asks what is necessary to place the boys in the Home and provides references. Handwritten, "Admitted 2 boys." Letter marked Petersburg, KY.
Gaines, W. T.	prospective guardian	22 Jun. 1909	BJ/B222/10	Gaines writes to the Home inquiring about getting a boy to raise/use as a farmhand. He says that he has a wife and two grown daughters, and would provide the boy "the same treatment that farmers usually give their sons, with about the same educational advantages." Handwritten, "Ans 6/28/09, none suitable, M. E. A." Letter marked New Castle, KY.
Gates, Mr. and Mrs. John M.	prospective guardians	29 Jun. 1909	BJ/B222/10	Gates writes to the home asking to get "a good orphan girl, from 13 to 20 years old to make her home with us." He says that they would clothe her, give necessary spending money, and she would "assist us generally in housework." He adds that "we do not wish to make a slave of her- we have a daughter two years of age, and our work is very light." Handwritten, "none suitable." Letter marked 1519 Highland Ave, Louisville, KY.
Moss, Harry	prospective guardian	14 Jul. 1909	BJ/B222/10	Moss writes to Abercrombie to ask about getting a boy from the Home. He is 38 years old and his wife 35; he says that though they do not belong to a church, they "we were engaged in Mission work in Louisville KY upon the street, City Hospital." Handwritten, "Home <u>not</u> suitable of S. S., ans- 7/19/09." Letter marked Evansville, IN.
Ingram, Mrs. S. L.	adoptive mother	19 July. 1909	BJ/B222/10	Ingram writes to "Miss Abbie" regarding her adopted child, Luther. She says that she enclosed his card "to the Children," and is "satisfied that he will be all right." She also mentions two children- Willard and Lona- who seem to also be adopted from the Home. She states, "Lona is a nice child and we think well of her, of course havent become attached to her yet as we have Willard as we have had him longer, To be just we try and show no pefrance between them, if we do, it to Lona." She also asks about expenses for Luther. Letter marked Shamrock, TX.
Winkler, Emma	orphan	11 Aug. 1909	BJ/B222/10	W. R. Moorman writes to Abercrombie regarding the preparation of apprenticeship papers for Winkler. He says that his wife has been very ill and is hesitant at the prospect of apprenticing the girl, but asks for the papers to be sent anyway. He provides a reference, Mr. J. W. Newman, Sect. of the KY State Fair. Handwritten, "No further word." Letter marked Glendean, KY. In another letter from R. Sidney Owen to Abercrombie, Owen recommends Moorman as "a suitable person to take charge of one of the girls of the home." He says that he is wealthy, has a young daughter, and that "Miss Gertrude Wainscott, a former inmate of your Home, lived with Bro. Moorman for years." Handwritten, "Did not apply for child." Letter marked Hardinsburg, KY.
Lynch, J.	prospective adoptive parent	28 Sept. 1909	BJ/B222/10	Lynch writes to the Home asking to get a girl between 9 and 11 for company for his wife when he is away. In another letter from 10 Oct 1909, Lynch writes to the Home inquiring about adopting a girl. He says that he is "pore but proud," and his wife is 64 years old. Letter marked Columbia, KY.
Hale, Foster	orphan	8 Oct. 1909	BJ/B222/10	F. D. Sampson writes to Abercrombie regarding Foster Hale, a "boy sent from Knox County to your institution." He says that he received a letter from the Home stating that Hale was "feeble minded," and that he was informed that Hale was not feeble minded, rather "quite to the contrary." He offers to pay for Foster to be returned to Barbourville and sent to the institution for the feeble minded at Frankfort. Handwritten, "Boy returned to Juvenile Court, M. E. A." Letter marked Barbourville, KY.
Tartar, R. C.	concerned citizen	15 Jan. 1910	BJ/B222/10	Tartar writes to the Home regarding two young children he is caring for in the Poor House of Pulaski Co.; one is 4 years old and the other 8 (very likely refers to Jerry Cook and Effie Burdine; see below). Tartar says that one child's mother is "an epeleptic," but "the disease has only recently demonstrated itself," and the other child's mother "has tubuculosis." He asks for the children to be placed in the Home. Handwritten, "No further notice received." Letter marked Somerset, KY.
Cook, Jerry	"half" orphan	24 Jan. 1910	BJ/B222/10	O. M. Huey writes to Abercrombie regarding two children- Jerry Cook (4 years old) and Effie Burdine (8 years old). He says that they are in the "county Poor House" and that their fathers are dead, adding that "their mothers say that they will sign the necessary papers." He says that "the county Judge is anxious to get in the Home" and offers to come to the Laymens meeting on February 1st. Handwritten, "Mr. Miller: I think this is the same case you have under advisement from the Judge of Pulaski Co. Court. I have written Bro. Huey the case had been passed to you for decision, M. E. A." Letter marked Somerset, KY.
Burdine, Effie	"half" orphan	24 Jan. 1910	BJ/B222/10	O. M. Huey writes to Abercrombie regarding two children- Jerry Cook (4 years old) and Effie Burdine (8 years old). He says that they are in the "county Poor House" and that their fathers are dead, adding that "their mothers say that they will sign the necessary papers." He says that "the county Judge is anxious to get in the Home" and offers to come to the Laymens meeting on February 1st. Handwritten, "Mr. Miller: I think this is the same case you have under advisement from the Judge of Pulaski Co. Court. I have written Bro. Guey the case had been passed to you for decision, M. E. A." Letter marked Somerset, KY.
Kirby, Mrs. R. L.	prospective adoptive parent	1 Feb. 1910	BJ/B222/10	Kirby writes to the Home requesting to adopt "the dark-haired child three years old." She offers a recommendation and says to write to "the easton stars." Handwritten, "To far from City." Letter marked LaFayette, TN.
Powell, Fannie	past adopted child	2 Feb. 1910	BJ/B222/10	Powell writes to the Home requesting information on her brothers and sisters and "if they have good homes." Letter marked Corydon, KY.
Furr, Sallie	dying woman (likely adopted child)	10 Mar. 1910	BJ/B222/10	Arthursa Furr writes to Abercrombie regarding Sallie (last name not specified), who she says is dying. Furr thanks Abercrombie for her letter, says that Sallie is peaceful, and yet has "fought a brave fight." Letter marked Flatwood, KY. In another
May, A. J.	concerned citizen	14 Mar. 1910	BJ/B222/10	May writes to the Home regarding a woman in his community with four small girls- two are 5 years old and the others and 9 and 10. May asks for the rules of admitting children into the Home and says that she is a Methodist. Handwritten, "Nothing heard." Letter marked Prestonsburg, KY.
Noland, Vina	surrendering birth mother	3 Aug. 1910	BJ/B222/10	Noland writes to the Home regarding her three children- aged 10, 7, and 5. She says that she is anxious to get them into the Home because she cannot care for them and so that they will grow up "in the paper of the Lord." Handwritten, "6/10 Blank sent," and "nothing further heard of case 10/6/10." Letter marked Bar Creek, KY.

McCracken, G. A.	prospective apprentice	13 Aug. 1910	BJ/B222/10	McCracken writes to the Home asking to "get a Girl who is old enough to be company & a companion for my Wife We are alone we have one Son & one Daughter both are married and in their own homes." He says they do not wish to adopt her, but will give her a comfortable home and treat her as a daughter. He offers references, says that he is 62 and his wife is "nearly six years younger," and that they do not want a girl "under 14 years of age." Handwritten, "None suitable." Letter marked Covington, KY.
Crane, Amos	adopted boy	25 Aug. 1910	BJ/B222/10	C. E. Kemper, a man who took Amos Crane "from the home to raise," in 1896 or 97, writes on behalf of Amos. Kemper says that "at the time of his leaving there he had a brother in the home, Marion Crane." Amos is now "of age" and asked Kemper to write to the Home to ask "to locate his brother." Letter marked Georgetown, IN.
Riley, J. P.	concerned citizen	4 Oct. 1910	BJ/B222/10	Riley writes to Abercrombie on behalf of a "Sister" in his church who is "seperated from her husband, and has a little boy six years old, who she wants to send to our Orphanage." He says that "the mother in destitute condition says she is not able to raise the boy," and asks if he is eligible and how to proceed. Handwritten, "Not an orphan & we cannot come in." Letter marked Paducah, KY.
Bullock, John William and George Randall	vulnerable children	8 Dec. 1910	BJ/B222/10	R. C. Tartar writes to the Home regarding the Bullock children, who he says were "sent by me to your good Institution sometime ago." He says that John will be 9 on August 28th and George will be 6 on October 18th. Their mother is "Mrs. Emiline Bullock" of Somerset, and their father "is a worthless character and his whereabouts is unknown to me now." He asks to hear how they are doing, adding "their mother is a good woman, and a hard working, but the task was too hard for her." Letter marked Somerset, KY.
Frazier, Bertha	adopted orphan	16 Oct. 1909	BJ/B222/10	Articles of adoption for J. Lynch and Eliza Jane Lynch to adopt Bertha Frazier, born in 1898. They live in Adair County. Handwritten on the back, "Investigated and Home condemned by Bro Sanders."
Chandler, Ottis	orphan	1 Dec. 1910	BJ/B222/10	J. B. Sanders writes to the Home regarding "a boy in this village by the Name of Ottis Chandler, who is an orphan witout ahome, his father and mother died about two months ago." He says that he has tried and failed to get the boy a home, who is a "fairly bright boy 14 years old." He says he hopes to hear from the Home soon, "as he is running around over town here, homeless." Handwritten, "Not eligible- over age- mentality- an health not good." Letter marked Dry Ridge, KY.
Ryland, W. S.	reference	Undated (189_)	BJ/B222/11	Ryland writes on behalf of an unnamed man who is seemingly interested in getting a girl from the Home. The first part of the letter is missing, so the man's name is unavailable. Ryland also offers Reb. G. H. Burnett and Deacon David Childres to provide "reliable information in the case." Letter marked Russellville, KY.
Noe, Mary	adopted orphan	4 July 1895	BJ/B222/11	Incomplete letter. Unnamed person writes to Hollingsworth regarding Noe, who he says was taken about 18 months or two years ago by a Mr. J. W. Coplinger of Luisble Co., KY. Noe is about 12 years old. Author says that "we learned that Mr. C- wishes to dispose of her- so last Sunday I went down to have her come up and live with us." He says that he took the agreement with them, and if she doesn't suit them he will send her back to the Home. Letter marked Campbellsburg, KY.
xxx, Minnie	adopted orphan	2 Dec 1895	BJ/B222/11	Incomplete letter. Unnamed author (seemingly adoptive parent of "Minnie") writes to include "a few lines this 'lonesome rainy day'" from Minnie. Minnie writes about the weather and asks about her little sisters and brothers still in the Home. The author of the letter says that they will take Minnie to see them in the Spring. Letter marked Buchanan, TN.
Featherston, F. M.	concerned citizen	1 Feb 1886	BJ/B222/11	Incomplete letter; last page only. Featherston writes to the Home about children in his area seemingly orphaned or otherwise vulnerable. He says that "the girl is a nice child rather small for her age." He asks to hear from the Home immediately, adding that he will accompany the children to Louisville if they can be taken. Handwritten, "Usual conditions to be complied with, Feb 1/96, Jno W. W. L. P." Letter marked Frankfort, KY.
Percival, Mrs. Sarah	adoptive mother	17 April 1897	BJ/B222/11	Incomplete letter; first page only. Unkown author writes to Hollingsworth on behalf of Mrs. Sarah Percival, who wants to be "releaced from the obligation she gave the home" to take "charge of Fragemette," a boy from the Home. Author says that the boy "is now gone to his mother and will not return." Letter marked Walton, KY.
Rand, B. O.	possible adoptive parent	17 May. 1909	BJ/B222/11	Incomplete letter; first page only. Letterhead marked B. O. Rand, Physician and Surgeon. Author writes to Abercrombie regarding Mary, a girl seemingly recently taken from the Home. Author says that she seems to like it at her new home, and "seems to have either a selfish and independent habits," but that she will get over it and seems sweet otherwise. Author says that they "see no reason why she and her mother may not correspond," and that she is welcome to visit, but that she must not interfere with them raising the girl. Letter marked Milton, KY.
Jarvis	adoptive parents, now dead	11 Jan. 1910	BJ/B222/11	Incomplete letter; first page only. Author writes to the Home on behalf of "a girl who was taken from the Home when she was seventeen months old (she is now seventeen years old) by a man and woman by the name of Jarvis." Author states that the couple adopted the girl as their own, and are now dead. The sons of the couple "took possession of the property and sent her out into the world." Author asks if the girl shouldn't also have ownership of the farm, adding that she is currently staying at their house and asking if the Home should be take control over her welfare. Author says that she is visitng "her Bloomer brother" near Montgomery at the time, who was taken from the Home "when small, by Mr. Joseph Blakely, of this place." He says that the girl has no education or money." Letter marked Cerulean, KY.
Bowen, Rev. R.	concerned citizen	undated	BJ/B222/12	Bowen writes to the depot agent, asking if he will "please see that these orphan children get a hack that will take them to the Baptist Orphan Home." Letter marked Pinesville, KY.
Gwaltney, Mary	concerned citizen	undated	BJ/B222/12	Gwaltney writes to Weller, thanking him for his letter "containing information regarding the orphans." She says that "the ladies here wish girls of twelve and fourteen years old to train for servants," saying that they would treat them as their own. She asks about the winter in Louisville. Letter marked Sturgis.
Martin, Mrs. W.	prospective adoptive parent	undated (9 Feb 19_)	BJ/B222/12	Martin writes to Mary in response to her letter of the 4th with advice in regards to the little girl, stating that she "can and will give a child a good home teach her house keeping." She says that she is considered a good housewife and that her references will suffice, stating that she will "fill out the papers and take Bertha." She says that "we own our home," she is 46 and her husband 47, and that she is a church going person. She continues to talk about herself and her home. Letter marked Dayton, KY.
Mahan, R. W.	prospective adoptive parent	undated	BJ/B222/12	Mahan writes to the Home on behalf of Daniel Hays, asking him to "send them the ages and characteristics of the boy and girl." He adds that Hays is "a bachelor and probably will remain such." Letter marked Barwell, KY.
Moorman, Mrs. J. P.	prospective adoptive parent	undated	BJ/B222/12	Moorman writes to Weller in regard to "getting a good boy to take in [her] home." She says that there is a new school in the area, and that she would prefer he be between 12-14 years of age. Letter unmarked.
Worix, Willie	deceased orphan	undated	BJ/B222/12	W. A. Guthrie, attending physician, writes to "certify that the cause of Willie Worix's Death was caused from Summarice [?] he had all the medical attention necessary." Letter marked Franklin, KY.
Forbis, Mr. and Mrs. John	prospective adoptive parents	undated	BJ/B222/12	M. D. Jeffries and J. W. Miller writes to the Home to "represent Mr. John Forbis and wife to be good and honest persons" that would be "good-loving and faithful friends to any child." Letter marked Louisville, KY.

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Abbot, George	orphan	14 May. 1900	BJ/B222/9	A. J. Silcox, paster of the United Baptist Church of Christ at Little Wolf Creek, writes to the Home to recommend Abbot to be taken in by the Home. He says that Abbot is 5 years old, orphaned, and has no relation to take care of him. At the bottom of the letter is written "Bond sent May 16 1900." Letter marked Williamsburg, Ky.
Acton, M. D., James A.	interested party	17 May 1894	BJ/B222/5	Acton writes to the Home inquiring about a girl between 13 and 14 years old who is "large enough to cook." He says he has one child of his own but that "it is small." Letter marked Newell, KY. In another undated letter, Mrs. Edith Baker, Isaac N. Grabul, and J. W. Floyd write to recommend Dr. Allen Acton as an adoptive father for a little girl. Letter marked Newell, KY.
Adamson, Miss Jenny	concerned citizen	8 Jan 1894	BJ/B222/5	Adamson writes to the Home regarding a young girl (aged 12 or 14, she doesn't know) in her class who is a "half orphan" and whose father is very poor. She hopes to have the girl placed in the Home, as she is currently expected to help raise her two younger brothers. Adamson says that the girl's father also wants her to be raised in the Home, and Adamson is raising the youngest boy. Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Alexander, Miss Julia	interested party	25 Nov. 1905	BJ/B222/9	J. Whis. Potter writes to the Home on behalf of Julia Alexander, "a maiden lady of possibly 45 years who resides with her maiden sister a few years her younger and her batchelor brother probably 60 years old." Potter says that they are currently raising a boy from the KY Children's Home Society, and now want "to get a girl 13 or 15 years old" who is "stout and healthy" to apprentice. He says that the home would be ideal, the people are "kind and considerate of children, yet control them in the proper sort of manner." He recommends the home for a child. Handwritten, "None suitable to send, M. E. A." Letter marked Bowling Green, KY.
Anderson, William H. and James L.	surrendered children	10 Oct 1894	BJ/B222/6	J. G. Parso [rest of name on removed corner of paper] writes to the Home regarding William and James, two boys who are being surrendered to the Home by their mother who was "almost broken hearted to give them up." Parso[...] says that "she could not give up the little babe" and that friends are keeping it awhile. He says he was misled on the boys' ages by neighbors, and asks for instructions to be sent to Rev Wm Anderson. Letter marked Drip Rock, KY. In a letter from 17 Oct 1894, W. H. Anderson writes to say that Miss Sarah J. Anderson "has concluded not to send the Deen [?] little ones, to the Home and she affirms she will not let them go." He asks to be advised on what to do. Letter marked Grey Haw, Jackson Co., KY.
Atwood, Mrs.	Birth mother	25 Oct 1889	BJ/B222/2	W. S. Ryland writes to Hollingsworth regarding a woman named Mrs. Atwood, who came "here" (probably Bethel College?) about two weeks ago in great distress wanting to go to Louisville to get four of her five children in at the Home. She wanted to also find work to support herself and her "babe." He writes that a gentleman in town who helped her wants to know if she followed through. He also writes that a Dr. Gordon and his wife would like to adopt a little girl. Letter marked Russellville, KY.
Aulick, Charlie	orphan	26 July 1889	BJ/B222/2	J. W. Eades, a deacon in the Baptist Church at Pleasant Grove Hopkins County and a farmer, writes to W. L. "Willer" in response to a letter of the 23rd. He says he wants Charlie Aulick as an apprentice but also that he will treat him as a son. He has daughters at home but needs "a boy to assist me in my old age." Letter marked Nebo, Kentucky. In a letter from 12 March 1895, Eades writes to Hollingsworth again regarding Charlie. He asks for her to send information on Charlie's father, who is now 15 years old and "plenty larg enough to work." He says "he is a very bad boy wont mind and sets worse." He says that he is so bad he doesn't want to turn him back to the Home, but wants to send him back to his father. He states that in December, his house burned down and his wife is very sick. Letter marked Madisonville, KY.
Bagby, D. Y.	concerned citizen	24 Sept 1894	BJ/B222/6	Bagby writes to Weller in regards to two families of orphans he wants to get placed in the Home. The families are: "one family of five, living now in Catlettsburg KY. Three girls and two boys, the boys being the youngest. The are full orphans. Mother was a Baptist. One family of three children; mother yet living, but in very bad health. Father dead. No property nor income. Family live here in Parkland, and are highly respectable." Letter marked Parkland, KY.
Baily, Sallie	concerned citizen	5 Nov 1884	BJ/B222/2	Baily writes to the Home from Louisville, KY about a "litttle orphan boy" in her town. The boy is 12 months old and "very delicate," and is currently living with his half-sister and a widow with two children, but she cannot keep him long-term.
Baker, Mrs. Edith	interested party	24 April 1894	BJ/B222/5	Mrs. Baker writes to the Home asking to adopt "an intelligent little girl between the age of 8 and 12 years old." She specifies that she wants her to have "plesent disposition," and that she "can give it a good home and will devote [her] life to her happiness!" She is a widow with no children. Letter marked Eubanks, KY. In a second letter from 2 May 1894, Mrs. Baker states that her references are attached, and that her "home is quiet yet surrounded with beautiful flowers, books, papers, etc." and that she would lavish the child with love. She says she is interested in an apprentice for now, then adopting the little girl after 1 or 2 years. Letter marked Eubank, KY.
Ball, Syd D.	interested party	5 March 1894	BJ/B222/5	Ball writes to the Home about her adopted child, Etta Tournier, and asks how often she needs to send her to school. She also asks about adopting another child from the Home, again asking details about how to take care of the child and how much schooling is necessary. Letter marked Corydon, KY.
Ballon, John and Mary	interested party	17 Dec 1894	BJ/B222/6	Ballon writes to Weller regarding the adoption of one of the Renfro children. He says he told James M. Renfro that he would "take the girl and do the best we could with it," but that they don't live in an area where they could "shool the child." He says that they would not adopt the child nor "pledg ourselves to any one in that way" and that if Weller "can't accept [his] proposal, [he] can't accept yours." Letter marked Cumberland Falls, KY.
Bangs, Amanda	orphan	2 Oct 1888	BJ/B222/2	Weller writes to Ms. Joseph Dulany recognizing her correspondence with Hollingsworth regarding a child named Amanda Bangs from Rockcastle County, KY. He states that if she is "sound in mind and body" and her parents are both dead, to send her and relevant papers to the Home.

Barclay, Mrs. J. C.	Concerned citizen	30 Nov 1891	BJ/B222/3	Barclay writes to Hollingsworth in regards to an application sent in by a Prof. Ryland for admission to the Home for two children. She writes that there was a mistake in his application; the letter of admission the Home sent to Ryland is for two girls, but there is a boy and a girl. She says that the boy has since found a good home in the county, but that the girl still needs a home. She also writes, "I have since learned that the little girl is neither one sex or the other, that is; the part of her body where this is shown is just a smooth shin, with a small opening. She is said to be of a bright mind and I know is well formed in body- and I am told is an industrious, good worker." Letter marked Russelville, KY.
Barge, Amanda Alice	possible adopted orphan	18 Sept 1893	BJ/B222/4	Bro. Warren Blivhols writes to Weller with multiple questions and concerns. First, he asks if the Home will allow families who are not Baptist but are still "good morral people" to adopt. He also speaks extensively about Amanda Alice Barge, but never clarifies who she is in relation to the Home. He states that she is a good student, helped raise collections for the Home, but has a very bad temper. It is unclear if he is asking Weller to take Amanda on at the Home or if Amanda has been adopted from the Home. Letter marked Settle Allen Co., KY.
Bass, F. T.	surrendering adoptive parent	20 Nov 1894	BJ/B222/6	Bass writes to Weller regarding "those children myself and Mr. McNeel got from the home," saying "you will have to take them back." He says that his wife died a week ago and he cannot do the housework and keep the children, adding, "the children are so bad fanie any how that no one down here wants them." It seems that Mr. McNeel (McNeal?) adopted a girl named Fanie that he says "they had tried ever way they new how to get fanie to do rite but can do nothing with her she will lie and curse and steel." He says "Myrtie is not so bad but she is a bad child wee had done all we could for here." He asks when he can send them back, again saying that he cannot "find no one that want them becaus they are so bad." Letter marked Kansas, Graves Co., KY.
Bassett, R. J.	concerned citizen	28 Jan 1889	BJ/B222/2	Bassett writes to Hollingsworth that the "woman at the poor house" wants to send her two babies to the Home on the last of next month. Letter is marked Leitchfield, KY.
Batt child	"half" orphan	19 Mar. 1906	BJ/B222/9	M. B. Perry writes to the Home regarding Mr. Feelding Batt, who died days ago and left his wife a widow with a young boy a little over two years old. Perry says that the woman has to work for a living and is unable to care for the boy. He asks the possibility of placing the child in the Home, stating that "he has no relatives to care for him." Handwritten is, "Grandfather opposed placing child in Home." Letter marked Port Royal, KY.
Beal, Henry and Frank	orphans	1 Oct 1893	BJ/B222/4	Mrs. Saw Crates writes to the Home inquiring about the wherabouts of her two brothers. She says that nine years ago, her father dropped off her two brothers and herself at the Home and the lady she lived with told Mrs. Crates that they were taken to Sawisville. Letter marked Tacoma, Washington.
Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. Dave	interested party	28 May 1887	BJ/B222/2	In a second letter to the Home, Harrison gives more information about the Beasley family. Mr. Beasley is 32, has a wife, no children, owns his own home, and has a stable living. He offers Stella's brother Walker to live with the Beasley's, and her other brother Green to live with a farmer near them named Mr. Jas. Thomas.
Beaty, H. H.	concerned citizen	6 Oct 1893	BJ/B222/4	Beaty writes to Hollingsworth asking for an application to "get a girl in the home." Letter marked Oakville, KY. In a follow-up letter on 10 Oct 1893, Beaty writes that the girl is about 11 years, has no father or mother, no estate, and is sound in body and mind. In another letter 12 Oct 1893, she writes that she doesn't know the father's age or church status, and that the girl was an illegitimate child. She says that her grandmother is a member of Pleasant Grade Baptist Church of Lagon Co., KY.
Bell children	surrendered children	14 Sept 1894	BJ/B222/6	W. L. Ramsey writes to the Home on behalf of Mrs. Martha Bell, who "has just made application to have her four children put in the home, ranging in ages from 3 to 10 years, one boy, and three girls." She currently is homeless and cannot support them, but is "thinking of going to the city to get employment" and if she is able to in the future, would like to take the children back. Letter marked Buffalo, KY.
Bell, Frank	orphan	23 Dec 1890	BJ/B222/3	G. F. Sutton writes to Hollingsworth regarding a little boy named Frank who was adopted by Miss Mary Newman of Lewisburg, KY. Apparently Newman got married and has no further interest in Frank and gave him away. Sutton writes that he begged her to send him back to the Home. Letter marked Lewisburg, KY. In a letter from 27 August 1892, D. P. Browning writes to the Home to report apparent mistreatment of Frank Bell. He repeatedly states that he is not fully aware of the facts, nor does he know the parties involved because they do not live near. He gets his information from Dr. K. P. Sutton, who was in turn informed by W. K. Penrad of Cloverkool (?), KY. Penrad is the wife of a minister in Lewisburg, KY, and her sister married into the Moore family, which is the accused party of abuse toward Frank. Penrad visited the Moore's and says that Mr. Moore was not treating Frank well, was refusing to send him to school, and thought of him as "more for a slave than a child." Browning suggests that the Home write to Sutton or Penrad to launch an investigation. Letter marked Lewisburg, KY.
Bell, J. P.	interested party	17 Oct 1894	BJ/B222/6	Bell writes to the Home asking to "get a girl 11 or 12 years of age to live with [his] wife as a companion." He says to include the full particulars of adoption, and that he has references and bond if required. Letter marked Bell, KY. In a letter from 22 Oct 1894, Bell writes that he and his wife want a girl "not as a servant but as a child, to be cared for, trained and educated as [their] own." He specifies that they want to apprentice the girl, and that they have a three month old baby. He includes a recommendation from Dr. Clardy. Letter marked Bell, KY. A letter from 25 Oct 1894 from J. D. Clardy provides reference for the Bell's character, and states that he knows "no family in the county where in my judgement a child would find a more congenial home and be better trained and cared for." Letter marked Newstead, KY. In a letter from 27 Oct 1894, Bell asks if they can keep the child for 30 or 90 days to see if her temperament and disposition are suitable to them, and if not, if they would be able to return her. Letter marked Bell, KY. In a letter from 1 Nov 1894, Bell writes a letter to send \$5 and says to "furnish her what is necessary for her fare and check on [him] for the amount." He asks for her to be sent right away. Letter marked Bell, KY. In a letter from 5 Nov 1894, Bell writes to Weller with the required bond and asks for the child to be sent "right away to Clarksville, Tenn in care of Dr. H. E. Deach." He explains that she will change cars to come to Douglas Sta. on the C and P Division of L and N. Letter marked Bell, KY. In a letter from 13 Nov 1894, Bell says that "our little daughter, Sammie Bales, arrived safely and on time." He says that she seems pleased and contented, and hopes they will "all be pleased after [they] are better acquainted." Letter marked Bell, KY.

Bellis, Mrs. W. E.	interested party	9 Oct. 1905	BJ/B222/9	Mrs. Julia H. Clark writes to the Home on behalf of Mrs. W. E. Bellis, who says that "she will relieve the Girl, for whom she applied, through me, about next Monday." She says that Bellis, "requires a Girl of 16 or 17 years of age, for housework, or lightwork, the sooner she comes in the week, beginning October 9th, 1905, the better." She asks for the application, and provides information regarding the girl's delivery to the home. In postscript, she adds that "Mr. W. E. Bellis is a commercial Traveller." Attached is a note from Mrs. Julia D. Clark, stating that she was "directed by Mr. J. R. Sampey, to address you, as per enclosed letter, in regard to your sending a girl from the 'Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.'" Typed at the top of note, "Answered Oct. 10, 1905." Letter marked Meadowbrook, near Louisville, KY.
Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Solomon	interested party	10 Sept 1894	BJ/B222/6	Jus. H. Burdin writes to Weller to provide a reference for the Bishops, who he says have no small children and a desire to apprentice a child. He says that the couple has the same P. O. address as himself, and asks for the necessary bonds to be sent. Letter marked Forks Elkborn, Ky. In a letter from 25 Sept 1894, Burdin writes to Weller to send the articles of apprenticeship. He says to "send Elizabeth to Frankfort, KY" and that he will meet her at the depot. Letter marked Frankfort, KY.
Blackiver, W. B.	concerned citizen	23 Sept 1887	BJ/B222/2	Blackiver writes to Br. Nelley (?) about the case discussed above. He says that he understands any decision that is come to regarding the alleged abuse of the Russells and that there is another issue at hand regarding the neighbors, but also that there are "certain facts that cannot be set aside" that point to possible abuse. For example, the children have been removed from school and Blackiver says that he cannot attribute that to the character of the principal and the teacher. His overall tone indicates he believes that the adopted children are being abused. Letter marked Louisville KY.
Blackwell, Mrs. Effie	interested party	4 Oct. 1906	BJ/B222/9	Blackwell writes to the Home regarding the adoption of a girl between the ages of 2 and 13 years. She says that she visited the home last April but there were no children to suit her. She says she wants a "fair skin and pretty blue eye" girl, and says that "the death last December of my own little darling has left my home so lonely." She asks to be written back, and says that she could come the 15th or 16th. Handwritten, "Home reported unquitable by J. F. Ninchell, M. E. A." Letter marked Clay, KY.
Blankenship, Oscar	orphan	25 March 1892	BJ/B222/3	W. J. Jones writes to Weller in regards to Oscar. He says that Oscar has been staying with Mr. G. M. Bibb at the church, and will be taken care of "until the trial." He asks if Weller would like the evidence produced from the last trial, and asks if he knows who went on "Mr. Gibson's bond or recommended him to the Home," as Gibson refuses to tell. Very likely refers to the F. F. Gibson who wrote from Sacramento, KY to the Home April 14, 1891 to obtain a "spritely young boy." Handwritten in the top corner of the first page, "answered Mch 28/92." Letter marked Sacramento, KY. In a letter from 18 April 1892, Noe writes again to the Home to say that Gibson is dropping off Oscar Blankenship to the Home tomorrow (April 19, 1892) and has agreed to surrender. He recommends that the child not be place back in the Sacramento community, as Shanks, the man "who committed the outrages" lives there. Letter marked Calhoun, KY.
Blanks, Pearel	orphan	3 May 1890	BJ/B222/3	Mrs. Cassie Gregary writes to Hollingsworth regarding a 6 year old orphan named Pearel Blanks. Pearel's mother died last mon. (month or Monday?), left her daughter in Gregary's care, and has no relatives in the area. Though Pearle has a 14 year old brother and 10 year old sister in the area, there is no good home for Pearel and Gregary wants her to be educated. Letter marked Wingo, KY.
Borum, William A.	concerned citizen	2 Jun. 1900	BJ/B222/9	Borum writes to Hollingsworth regarding three "half orphan" children in his area; two boys aged 3 and 5 and one girl aged 6. He says that their mother is in "delicate health and poor circumstances," and that the children are "fatherless." He says to "forward necessary papers to Mr. J. H. Allen, Somerset." Weller writes at the top of the letter, "Ref'd to KY Childrens' Home Society," June 5 1900. Letter marked Somerset, KY.
Botts, Lillie	surrendering guardian (aunt)	5 Nov 1894	BJ/B222/6	C. J. Jones writes to the Home regarding a half orphan who is staying with his aunt, Mrs. Lillie Botts, at 722 Garrett St. The boy is 7 years old, his mother is dead, and his father is a laborer who is "away from home all day." He says that "the Catholics are making a strong effort to get him, and it is fond by his relation that his father will turn him over to them if nothing else can be done." He asks how the boy can be gotten into the Home and when. Letter marked Covington, KY.
Bowen, Rev. R.	concerned citizen	undated	BJ/B222/12	Bowen writes to the depot agent, asking if he will "please see that these orphan children get a hack that will take them to the Baptist Orphan Home." Letter marked Pinesville, KY.
Bradley, Oscar	orphan	9 July 1890	BJ/B222/3	S. C. Long writes to Hollingsworth regarding a boy named Oscar from the Home whose adoptive mother has died. The adoptive father (Mr. R. Sawyer) wants to gives him up, and suggests his neighbor David Parks to adopt him. Letter marked Russellville, KY. In another letter from 24 July 1890, S. C. Long writes to Weller to say that Mr. M. R. Sawyer says to send Oscar to the Apprenticed Band Blank. He will then turn Oscar over to Mr. Parks and "have him execute the Band." Letter marked Russellville, KY.

Brandon, Dr. and Mrs. W. C.	interested party	23 Dec 1893	BJ/B222/4	Dr. Brandon writes to the Home requesting information on adopting a "nice little girl with smith temper and industrious and of a good family 9 or 10 years old." He states that he and his wife do not have children, and that the girl would be mostly for company for his wife. Another letter is included from L. B. Andrews, J. W. Taylor, A. J. Taylor, and G. W. Taylor providing a reference to the character of the Brandons. The letterhead is marked W. C. Brandon, M.D., Diseases of Women and Surgery Generally a Specialty. Letter marked Vealsburg, KY. In a letter from 30 Dec 1893, Brandon specifies the type of child he and his wife would like: "blk or brown eyes and h[hair] and smart both mentally and morally and with smooth temper and easly controled of American descent and with a good constitution [and] not so overly large to its age." He says that they will take the girl as an apprentice but will leave her a child's portion of his estate if she treats them well in their old age. Letter marked Vealsburg, KY. In a letter from 23 Jan 1894, Brandon writes to the Home about Minnie, the girl he and his wife adopted from the Home. He says that they could not have found a child better suited to them, and goes into detail about how happy he and his wife are with her, including her intelligence, demeanor, and adjustment. He also writes that he himself is a "half orphan," as his father died when he was young and his mother never remarried. Letter marked Vealsburg, KY. In a letter from 20 May 1894, J. W. Taylor writes to the Home to say that he was "so badley mistaken in Mr. W. C. Brandon when we recomendid him to you as a good home for one of the children." He says that he "has never cared the child to church sinc she has bin hear" and explains that Brandon taught Minnie to play checkers on Sunday. He states that "he has bin making Minnie cut all the wood they cooked with for a weak or mor" and suggests she be taken away from him. Letter marked Vealsburg, KY. In an undated letter from box 11, Brandon writes asking to be contacted "8 or 10 days before you send her" so he knows when to expect her in Paducah. He also asks for her place of birth. Letter marked Vealsburg, KY.
Breese, Mr. and Mrs.	interested party	10 May 1880	BJ/B222/1	Mrs. Breese writes requesting "necessary bonds" to adopt two little girls. In the next letter, she says that the eldest daughter's birth date is listed as May 29 1868, but that that would make her 12 years old and her husband was told she was 9 years old. Letter is marked Nashville, Tenn.
Brock, Ellen	birth mother	16 Dec 1894	BJ/B222/6	Brock writes to Weller regarding her daughter, Nannie. It is implied that Nannie has been adopted and Brock went to the Home to try to get information about her whereabouts with no success. She apologizes for "that old woman that was there with me" and the way she spoke to Weller, saying that she didn't know she would speak that way and that she "never has even seen Nannie, let lone be her grandmother." She asks Weller to "write and tell [her] all about her. If she has a good home, if she goes to school and if she can read and write." She says that she surrendered Nannie when it was impossible for her to take care of her, but now she can and that the situation is very hard for her. She offers to pay money for a photograph of Nannie. Letter marked Ben Davis, Marion Co., IN.
Brooks	Deceased birth mother	2 Sept 1893	BJ/B222/4	W. L. Fuson responds to the Home (stating she received a response "of 21") regarding the four orphans under her guardianship. The children are two girls, aged 7 and 9, and two boys aged 2 and 5 and "seame to be sound in mind, and body, and all right." She states that their mother died 24 August 1893 in the Lunatic Asylum Lexington, Kentucky and requests necessary information as she wants to send the children to the Home at once. Letter marked Pinesville, KY.
Broughton, Wily and Roxie	interested party	20 Sept 1895	BJ/B222/7	Broughton writes to Weller regarding his apparent recent visit to the Home. He says that his "wife had the misfortion to git crippeled vary bad" while he was gone, which will "delay in fixen up them papers for at least 2 weeks." He says that his wife is "well pleasd with his girl." Letter marked Prairie Grove, AR. In a letter from 28 Sept 1895, Broughton says that they have "this day had papers excuted plus acknolege" and says that his wife is well. Letter marked Prairie Grove, AR.
Brown, Lena	orphan	2 Oct 1893	BJ/B222/4	W. S. Ryland writes to Hollingsworth regarding a girl named Lena Brown, whose mother is dead and whose father is poor and struggling to take care of her. He hopes to have Brown admitted to the Home, as the guardian she had temporarily is now an invalid. Letter marked Russellville, KY.
Brown, Mr. and Mrs. R. C.	interested party	29 Jan 1898	BJ/B222/7	I. H. Mossbarger writes to Weller regarding the recommendation of the Browns to adopt a 7-year old girl from the Home. Mossbarger says that Mr. Brown is "very clever," "but poor," and that he and his wife are "very rigid Catholic" and have one grown daughter and son. He says that Mrs. Brown "keepes Boarders in summer," and that "their circumstances are not such as to enable them to do much for the girl they would surely make a Catholic out of the girl." Letter marked Cecilian, KY.
Brown, Mrs. Fannie	interested party	24 Sept 1888	BJ/B222/2	Correspondence between Weller and Ms. Shelby Wilson; Weller asks her to confidentially give a reference of character for a prospective adoptive mother, Mrs. Fannie Brown. Wilson writes back that she doesn't know the woman, but that she is 21 or 22, lives with her husband, seems to be kind but is very poor and wouldn't "be able to do much for a child." Letter marked New Liberty Owen Co. KY.
Browning, W. J.	interested party	18 Sept 1893	BJ/B222/4	Browning writes to Weller with an interest in adopted a girl from the Home. He states that he will fulfill the requirements as best he can, and that it is just himself and his wife in the family. Letter marked Havilandsville, KY. He writes another letter 25 Sept 1893 confirming that he wants to adopt a little girl, and that he is 30 years old and his wife is 25 years old. He says that they want the girl for help and companionship for his wife. He includes a full page of references.
Bryan children	orphans	18 April 1895	BJ/B222/7	Paul V. Bomer writes to Hollingsworth regarding the children of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Bryan, members of his church. Mrs. Bryan died three years ago, and Mr. Bryan died about a week ago. They left behind three children, two girls aged about 9 and 7 and one boy aged about 5. He says that he thinks the best thing for the children is to go to the Baptist Orphans Home, but the mother had in mind the Clenland [?] Orphanage, and also that the children's aunt and uncle would like to take care of the children so that they are not separated. He asks Mary's advice. Letter marked Versailles, KY.
Bullock, John William and George Randall	vulnerable children	8 Dec. 1910	BJ/B222/10	R. C. Tartar writes to the Home regarding the Bullock children, who he says were "sent by me to your good Institution sometime ago." He says that John will be 9 on August 28th and George will be 6 on October 18th. Their mother is "Mrs. Emiline Bullock" of Somerset, and their father "is a worthless character and his whereabouts is unknown to me now." He asks to hear how they are doing, adding "their mother is a good woman, and a hard working, but the task was too hard for her." Letter marked Somerset, KY.

Bunch (Bunck Buck?), Will	orphan	12 Oct 1893	BJ/B222/4	P. C. Wood writes to Weller about a boy he adopted named Will Bunch. He states that, although he raised 5 boys of his own and 3 orphan boys, Will is the "first child that I ever saw that I could not controle." He states that Will has stolen from him multiple times, and that he wants to "return him at once." Letter marked Malcoms Mills. In a letter from 30 August 1894, Wood writes to Weller again regarding Will. He says that Will went to Sunday school last Sunday and hasn't returned since. Wood says he "rode more than a hundred mile trying to find him but haven't found him as yet." He says he heard he went West, and fears he is "distine to som Bad End." He says he "never have whiped him but 5 or 6 lick WhatEver possessed him to run off I can't tell he dont want to bee sent back at all but I cannot keep him." Letter marked Malcomsmills. In a letter from 1 Oct 1894, Wood writes to Weller to ask to be released from all obligations for Will Bunck Buck. He wants to send him back to the Home as soon as Weller writes him back. etter marked Mascons Falls, KY. In a letter from 15 Oct 1894, Wood writes again to Weller regarding Will. He says that Will ran away again because he knew that Wood was going to send him back to the Home and he didn't want to go, he just "wants to trop about from plas to plas." He says that "he is a strange boy" and "if I ever get him I will rite you and start him back at once." Letter marked Malcoms Mills, KY.
Burdine, Effie	"half" orphan	24 Jan. 1910	BJ/B222/10	O. M. Huey writes to Abercrombie regarding two children- Jerry Cook (4 years old) and Effie Burdine (8 years old). He says that they are in the "county Poor House" and that their fathers are dead, adding that "their mothers say that they will sign the necessary papers." He says that "the county Judge is anxious to get in the Home" and offers to come to the Laymens meeting on February 1st. Handwritten, "Mr. Miller: I think this is the same case you have under advisement from the Judge of Pulaski Co. Court. I have written Bro. Guey the case had been passed to you for decision, M. E. A." Letter marked Somerset, KY.
Burns, J. H.	brother of surrendering parent	23 July 1894	BJ/B222/6	Burns writes to the Home regarding his brother's children, who he wants to have placed in the Home. He says they children are 14 (boy), 12 (girl), 10 (boy), 6 (boy), and 2 (girl). He says that "one of them I have disposed of," and that "if you can take any or all of them it would greatly relieve my present embarrassment." Letter marked Manchester, KY. In a letter from 28 July 1894, Burns writes again to thank the Home for offering to take 3 of the children. He asks for extra blanks. The names of the children going to the Home are: Sylvania Burns (30 Oct 1883), Williams Burns (28 Sept 1889), and Gertrude Burns (5 Oct 1891). Letter marked Manchester, KY. on 9 August 1894, Burns states that he will bring the children in a few days and thanks the Home. Letter marked Manchester, KY.
Burton child	orphan	27 Oct 1892	BJ/B222/3	J. Whit Potter writes to Hollingsworth regarding a recently deceased man, Mr. J. W. Burton, who left behind two daughters. He says that one has found a good home, but the 14-year old daughter (who is small for her age) does not have any living relatives or a place to go, and asks if the Home can take her in. Letter marked Bowling Green, KY.
Button, Jas. H.	interested party	11 Jun. 1906	BJ/B222/9	Button writes to the Home regarding getting a "good stout boy, twelve to eighteen years of age, to assist in general work on a small country place at Anchorage, KY." He lists the boy's duties, says that his gardener would "have control of him," and says that he can pay the boy \$2-4/week. Handwritten, "none suitable, M. E. A." Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Callis, Mr. and Mrs. W. K.	interested party	4 Oct 1889	BJ/B222/2	Wm. W. Morris writes to Hollingsworth a reference for the Callis' of Trimble Co. KY, who want to adopt an orphan girl. Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Candler, Sr., E. S.	interested party	9 June 1890	BJ/B222/3	Candler Sr. writes to Weller in reference to adopting a little girl from the Home. He says that the requirements for adoption are unacceptable and they cannot follow through. Letter marked luka, Miss.
Caps children	orphans	7 Nov. 1908	BJ/B222/10	E. W. Roach writes to Abercrombie regarding the Caps children- all of one of which were taken to the Home "some time ago." He now writes about the little boy, who he wants to also place in the Home since his father also died and is now "just running around over town." He asks Abercrombie to "confer with Bro Sanders" and have him come get the boy as soon as possible. Letter marked Corbin, KY.
Carrithers, S. E.	interested party	27 July 1893	BJ/B222/4	J. B. Guthrie writes to Hollingsworth to recommend Carrithers as an adoptive mother. He states that he has known her for 25 years, boarded at her house for 2 years, and that she would provide a safe home for a child. Letter marked Perryville, KY.
Carver, Mrs. Fannie and Mr. Whaley	interested party	14 August 1895	BJ/B222/7	Warren B. Nichols writes to Weller on behalf of Mrs. Fannie Carver, who lives in Scotsville, Allen Co., KY. He says that she would like to adopt a girl about 11 or 12 years old. Nichols says he has known her for 2 years and that she is a "fine Christian lady." He says he can write to her in Scotsville. Letter marked Settle, KY.
Cat children	possible surrendered children	12 Oct 1894	BJ/B222/6	B. F. Taylor writes to Weller in response to his request for information on the Smiths, who hope to adopt a child. He says that they are his tenants, they have no property, and he hasn't found "anyone who will indorse them." He says he doesn't think they are "suitable persons to raise one of our orphans." He goes on to write about Bro. Cat's children, which he has been raising money for at his church to "defray the expenses of his children to the Home." Letter marked Harrodsburg, KY.
Cecil, Eva Clyde and Rosa Fitzhugh	orphaned sisters	4 Sept. 1900	BJ/B222/9	Joseph H. Grafton writes to the Home regarding Eva and Rosa, stating that in 1890, Eva was adopted "into the home of Mr. Geo. Robertson a Baptist minister here," who has recently become his wife. He says that in 1887, the girls were 4 and 6 years old. He asks about Rosa, stating that when Eva was adopted, Rosa was left in the Home and Eva has only heard from her once since. Grafton asks if Rosa is still at the Home, and if not, her location. Letter marked Utica, MS.
Cepert (?), Albert	orphan	29 Dec 1890	BJ/B222/3	Arthur Peter writes to Hollingsworth about a 4 year old boy named Albert who has been "circuttet to the Home by the County Church." He asks for his bond papers. Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Chambers, Ms. Amie B.	applicant to Home	25 Sept 1893	BJ/B222/4	A widow, Ms. Chambers, writes to the Home asking about employment. She states that she is trained as a dressmaker, but can also teach or clean. She has a 10 year old boy she hopes to get into school. Letter marked Burgin, KY.

Chandler, Ottis	orphan	1 Dec. 1910	BJ/B222/10	J. B. Sanders writes to the Home regarding "a boy in this village by the Name of Ottis Chandler, who is an orphan witout ahome, his father and mother died about two months ago." He says that he has tried and failed to get the boy a home, who is a "fairly bright boy 14 years old." He says he hopes to hear from the Home soon, "as he is running around over town here, homeless." Handwritten, "Not eligible- over age- mentality- an health not good." Letter marked Dry Ridge, KY.
Chobin, J. L.	interested party	25 Oct 1893	BJ/B222/4	Chobin writes to Hollingsworth inquiring after a boy from the Home "with some mechanical ideas to learn the trade of tinning." He states that he and his wife have two girls, but that they do not live with them. The boy should be 12-15, "not over grown," and quick. Letter marked New Haven, KY.
Clark, Nina R.	orphan	10 Jan 1894	BJ/B222/5	Rev. M. T. Chandler and S. G. Lindy write to Weller regarding Mr. James M. Ratcliffe and his ability to care for his young niece, Nina R. Clark. They both provide reference for his character, stating that he is a member of their church and a member of Elizaville Masonic lodge no 570, respectively. Letter marked Hepton, KY.
Clements, Mr. Dixie	interested party	15 July 1893	BJ/B222/4	J. P. Pierce writes to the Home to provide a reference for Clements to adopt a child. He states that he doesn't know Clements very well but supposes that he would treat a child well. Letter marked Marion, KY.
Clere, Samuel	concerned citizen/guardian	29 Nov 1894	BJ/B222/6	Clere writes to Weller about children who are half orphans and whose father does not give consent for them to be placed in the Home. He says that the children's mother died and their 70 year old father is unable to work and is "a reckless no account man." Clere says that he is taking care of the children currently, but is hardly able to take care of his own children and would like them to be placed in the Home. Letter marked Ashland, KY.
Coakley, B. F.	interested party	29 Oct 1894	BJ/B222/6	Coakley writes to the Home regarding the adoption or apprenticeship of a boy 8 or 10 years old. He says that he and his wife have had three children; one is dead and the other two are married. He has been on crutches for 55 years and needs help "to feed and get stovewood and all such like." He says that he would "treat him as I would one of [his] own" and wants one "with as good disposition as possible one that can be taught to work without harsh means." Letter marked Powder Mills, Hart Co., KY. In a letter from 2
Coates, M. T.	interested party	21 Oct 1894	BJ/B222/6	(See also Susie Hendren) Coates writes to Weller regarding the adopting of Clara Hendren, Susie Hendren's daughter and Lily Hendren's youngest sister. He encloses the bond for adoption or apprenticeship (unspecified) and \$2. He asks for Weller to write him in Glencoe about when he will send Clara. Letter marked Glencoe, Gallatin Co., KY.
Cobb, Eliza	widow; prospective adoptive mother	22 May 1899	BJ/B222/8	J. W. Waldrop writes to Hollingsworth on behalf of Sister Eliza Cobb, "the widow of the much loved Rev. Wm Cobb." She "desires to procure a good sprightly girl" from the Home. Waldrop says she has no children, is a "nice house keeper," is Christian and near to the school and church. He recommends her to get a child, and says her "post office is Lusby, KY." Letter marked Hartford, CN.
Cofferman, Nora	adopted orphan	12 April 1894	BJ/B222/5	J. A. Cofferman, M. D. writes to the Home to say that his adopted child, Nora, is doing well in school. He also asks about adopted another little girl (10-12 y.o.) on behalf of a friend. He provides details about his friend's circumstances and asks for costs. Letter marked Poetry, Texas.
Coleman, Q. B.	County judge and Baptists Sunday School teacher	15 June 1889	BJ/B222/2	Coleman writes to Weller to ask if there are any boys or girls 9 and above that can be "secured" by Baptist families. He also asks under which conditions they "bind" children, and that he can find homes for 2 or 3 children. Letter marked Greenville, KY.
Collard, Eliza	orphan	15 June 1894	BJ/B222/5	Mrs. Amie Goodman writes to the Home regarding her sister, Eliza. She says that she is between 6 and 8 years old and is blind in one eye and was left at the Home last winter sometime. She says that she is married now and wishes to adopt Eliza, as she is her only sister and can take care of her. Letter marked Hodgenville, KY. In a letter from 19 June 1894, H. C. Kenduck of the Home of Methodist Orphans writes to the Home regarding Eliza Collard. She says that Amie Goodman wrote to them, but they have no record of her, and want to see if the Home had her. Letter marked Louisville, KY. In a letter from 26 June 1894, Amie writes that she is unable to come to pick up Eliza, but that she can send money for Eliza to be brought to her. Letter marked Hodgenville, KY. In a letter from 30 June 1894, Amie says she encloses \$1 and the necessary bonds. She says that she can meet her July 3rd if she is sent, and the letter is signed also by William R. Goodman. Letter marked Hodgenville, KY. In a letter from 20 August 1894, Mrs. Mira Ash writes to the Home to say that "there is a great deal of complaint of the home that little Eliza Collard has." She goes on to say that Amie stayed with her before she was married and though "it seems strange to say that she would treat her little sister so unkind," she is satisfied that what she has heard is true. She says that the house they stay in is very small, they do not send Eliza to school, allow her to nap, or get her new clothes, and won't allow other children to come over to play with her. Eliza told Ash that she wants to "come back up there but is afraid to tell them because she thinks that they will whip her." The situation is time-sensitive, as the Goodmans are moving "next Thurs. 23rd" to Summit, KY, where "they will be in a neighborhood where the people are something like themselves and would allow the child to be treated most any way." She says for the Home to contact Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Floyd and Mrs. Soncinda Scipses for more information. Letter marked Hodgenville, KY.
"	"	"	"	In a letter from 29 August 1894, Ash writes to say that the Goodmans moved to East View, KY, not Summit. She says that the last she spoke to Eliza she was being treated very poorly and could "scarcely find a worse home." She says she hopes the Home will inquire soon, and says "to be very plain about it Amie is not (or does not seem to be) very bright and is of a very strange and unpleasant disposition." She also says "Eliza was almost without clothes when she left," implying that the Goodmans have already departed for East View. Letter marked Hodgenville, KY. In a letter from 31 August 1894, a letter from Mrs. Amie Goodman inquires about adopting a boy 9 or 10 years old to Mrs. Leharly Johnson. On the back of the letter, Hallie Coombs writes to Weller: "This must be from Eliza Deppen (or Collard's sister). Miss Hollingsworth said you had better look well into it as you had such a bad report from Eliza." Letter marked East View, Hardin Co., KY. In a letter from 25 Oct 1894, Amie writes to the Home. She says she thinks it "impossible for [her] to keep her as [she] cannot do nothing with her." She says she thinks it would be best for both of them to send Eliza back to the Home. Letter marked East View, KY.
Conner, Grover Cleveland	surrendered child	22 Dec 1894	BJ/B222/6	Frank Mark Conner writes to the Home to give consent for W. A. Lee to send his son Grover Cleveland Conner to the Home to be raised until 21 years of age. He also gives permission for Grover to be put in a "private home." Letter marked Owenton, KY.

Cook children	possible "half" orphans	16 July 1894	BJ/B222/6	Mrs. Sarah A. Cook writes to the Home asking for help with her "8 helpless children." She says she has no means to support them other than "the labor of my hands," and asks to be admitted to the Home with a position. She says she would like "admittance for but 5 of [her] children." Letter marked Fowler, KY. In a letter from 24 July 1894, Cook goes into detail regarding her situation, stating that she has homes for four of her children. She is looking to send her two sets of twins to the Home, aged five (both boys) and 18 months (one boy and one girl). Her oldest children are 12 and 10 years old. She says that "all are hearty and sounds in every particular" and asks the Home to "take the four and keep them in your home till the oldest are 14 years of age." She says she does "not want them let out of the home is it can be avoided." Letter marked Fowler, KY.
Cook, Jerry	"half" orphan	24 Jan. 1910	BJ/B222/10	O. M. Huey writes to Abercrombie regarding two children- Jerry Cook (4 years old) and Effie Burdine (8 years old). He says that they are in the "county Poor House" and that their fathers are dead, adding that "their mothers say that they will sign the necessary papers." He says that "the county Judge is anxious to get in the Home" and offers to come to the Laymens meeting on February 1st. Handwritten, "Mr. Miller: I think this is the same case you have under advisement from the Judge of Pulaski Co. Court. I have written Bro. Huey the case had been passed to you for decision, M. E. A." Letter marked Somerset, KY.
Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Alen T.	interested party	10 Sept 1895	BJ/B222/7	J. W. Denny writes to the Home to provide recommendation for Bro. Alen T. Cook and wife, stating that "they are able and would make a good home for any child." Letter marked Burgin, KY.
Conner, Marnie	orphan	23 Oct 1893	BJ/B222/4	A. S. Conner writes to Weller concerning his "little niece" Marnie Conner. He wants to know if she has a home and if she does, if she is satisfied in it. He offers to take her if she is not. Letter marked Heidtville, Florida.
Coyl, W. P.	surrendering adoptive parent	2 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	Geo. A. Cabbage writes to Weller regarding W. P. Coyl, a man he recommended for adopting a child who has "become so very much dissatisfied with the little boy." He apologizes for the failed recommendation, says that the boy appears in good health, and assures Weller that he will return him soon. Letter marked Leitchfield, KY.
Craig, Bob	concerned citizen	5 Nov 1899	BJ/B222/8	Craig writes to Hollingsworth regarding two orphan girls in his church, aged 9 and 4. He says that "it is the desire of the friends of the children for them to be reared in the babtists orphans home." He adds that "if you can take them the pastor of the church will attend to raising funds for their support." Weller writes on the back "usual instructions" Nov 8/99. Letter marked Cisney, KY.
Crane, Amos	adopted boy	25 Aug. 1910	BJ/B222/10	C. E. Kemper, a man who took Amos Crane "from the home to raise," in 1896 or 97, writes on behalf of Amos. Kemper says that "at the time of his leaving there he had a brother in the home, Marion Crane." Amos is now "of age" and asked Kemper to write to the Home to ask "to locate his brother." Letter marked Georgetown, IN.
Crank, Rachel	adoptive parent	2 Oct 1894	BJ/B222/6	Crank writes to Weller to say that she will come to the Home to pick up her child and will sign the papers then. Letter marked Prinville, KY.
Cress, Mrs. Mary and children	widow and children	21 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	Rev. B. B. Van Neeys writes to the Home in regards to a destitute widow and her three children, who are a 6-year old boy, a 4-year old girl, and a "babe 9 months old." He asks on Cress' behalf if she and her children could stay at the Home, as Cress would be "glad to get in the Home and do any work you desire." If not, he asks for the Home to take the two older children. Mary Cress is listed as living in Hazle Patch, Laurel Co., Kentucky. Letter marked Livingston, KY.
Crockett, Lelia	past adopted orphan	8 Feb 1894	BJ/B222/5	Lella Robertson writes to the Home in regard to a girl in her parents' charge named Lelia Crockett and giving her up to the Home. She says that she can "place her in good hands here or send her to you," because her mother is dead and her "home being broken up." Letter marked Rock Lick, KY. On the reverse side of the letter, Weller writes to Geo. A. Cabbage to ask if he knows "the party" on 7 Feb 1894. On 8 Feb 1894, Cabbage writes to say that he does not know the signer, but that Rock Lick is in Breckinridge county and about "30 miles from here." He says that if the girl is 14 or 15 years old, his aunt, Mrs. Geo. W. Cabbage, (who "took Lelia Crockett some 20 years ago from the Home, and who Miss Hollingsworth knows") can take her. Letter unmarked but Geo. Cabbage is from Leitchfield, KY.
Cruch, J. B.	concerned citizen	17 Feby 1900	BJ/B222/9	Cruch writes to Weller regarding "the children" he wrote about in his first letter (N/A), stating that they are both girls- one between 11 and 12, the other 7 years old. He asks to be replied to at once. At the bottom of the letter, Weller writes "Will take 7 year old girl" Feb 19 1900. Letter marked Stanford, KY.
Cabbage, Joseph	interested party	30 June 1888	BJ/B222/2	Geo. A. Cabbage of Litchfield, KY writes to Weller to ask to adopt a child from the Home on behalf of his uncle, Joseph Cabbage. Joseph wants a "healthy boy not less than 9 years old," and Geo wants to ensure that the Home has such a child before he makes the trip. In a second letter to Hollingsworth on 3 Aug 1888, he writes that he is sick and will be to the Home in a week or so. He also states that his uncle will not adopt the boy, and "if the boy cannot be had as an apprentice," to please write at once.
Cummins, Mary and Allen	deceased parents (birth or adoptive?)	12 Oct 1887	BJ/B222/2	Susie Mullins Livingston writes to the Home about six children left "in a helpless condition" after both of their parents have died. However, the letter later states that "there mother is opposed to sending them away but they need assistance and I think you will be satisfied of it when you investigate and learn there condition."
Cunningham, Mrs. M. LeLe	birth mother	13 Nov 1894	BJ/B222/6	Cunningham writes to Weller that she received his letter from the 12th and is "going to do as you told me. Get married." She says that she is getting married on Thursday before Christmas and that "He is able to take care of us all so don't let them go and I will come after them." She says she will come within 3-4 weeks. Letter marked Memphis, TN. In a letter from 3 Dec 1894, Cunningham thanks Weller for keeping her "little darling children." She says that she has been sick and will come for her children in about 3 weeks. Letter marked Memphis, TN. In an undated letter in box 12, Lele writes to Weller regarding her "babes," asking how they are doing, "what they say about Mama not coming back," and asking him to not let anyone take them. She says that she knows she "can take them myself after awhile." Letter marked Memphis, TN.
Davies, Hywel	concerned citizen	31 Aug. 1906	BJ/B222/9	Davies writes to the Home regarding "two families of this camp of five and three children." He says that the "former consist of three girls and two boys and later two boys and one girl, ranging from one year to 13 in age." He adds that the former and fatherless and the latter motherless, and that the father of the latter group is a miner who can pay each month towards the childrens' support. Handwritten, "I left word for this man to call at our office, but have not heard from him, F. M." Letter marked Jellico, TN. In a letter from 13 Oct. 1906, Davies writes that "the parents of the children were not willing to relinquish all claim to the children," and that he dropped the matter and will try to help the children in another way. Letter marked Kensee, KY.

Davis, J. R.	interested party	12 Dec 1893	BJ/B222/4	Davis writes to the Home asking for the terms for "furnish" a boy between 7-12 years. Letter marked Elk Horn, KY.
Dawson, Wilson or Alton	orphan	19 Oct 1889	BJ/B222/2	B. J. Dawson writes to Weller that he and his wife have agreed to take the boy Wilson, and asks for the bonds to be sent. He says he will pay for the train tickets for the boy and will meet him at the station L. St. S. VJ. Letter marked Owensboro, Kentucky but sender says to write to Masonville, KY. He writes in a second letter on Nov. 12, 1889 to say that "Alton" has arrived fine and that he will return the proper papers soon. He says that Alton is going to school and is pleased with his new home.
Demier, F. P.	interested party	21 May 1894	BJ/B222/5	Demier writes to the Home with many questions related to adopting a child from the Home, including rules on adopting out of state, the age of available children, the costs of transporting the child, etc. He says that he and his wife have no children and would be interested in adopting one in Autumn. Letter marked Palmersville, Weakley Co., TN.
Dickens, Cleveland	surrendered child, potential orphan	5 June 1895	BJ/B222/7	John E. Ray, Superintendent of the Kentucky School for the Deaf, writes to Hollingsworth regarding Cleveland Dickens. He encloses the "M. O." for Dickens and says to look for him at 7th St Depot on the Southern train, June 12th at 10:30AM. It is likely that Dickens was a student at the School for the Deaf and was transferred to the Home. Letter marked Danville, KY. In a letter from 6 March 1897, Augustus Rogers writes to Weller in response to his letter about Dickens, in which he apparently asked if Dickens could remain at the school during vacation. Rogers says that none of the pupils are allowed to stay at school during the summer because the buildings are closed. He adds that he knows "of no one who would be willing to take the responsibility of boarding a deaf child as young as Cleveland," but that he will "be on the look-out." He closes, "It is hard to find a place for a deaf child as very few people can communicate with them, and do not want the responsibility." Letter marked Danville, KY. In a letter from 18 April 1899, Rogers writes to Weller and says that he can arrange for Cleveland to stay with Professor Schoolfield over the summer at \$2.00/week. He says that School field is deaf himself and has a nice home in the suburbs, and took care of him last summer. Letter marked Danville, KY.
Dillon, Dr. and Mrs. J. B.; Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Webb; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Donaldson	interested party	10 April 1893	BJ/B222/4	J. H. Black, G. Dudley, Carlisle, R. W. Mahan write to the Home to recommend the Dillsons, Webbs, and Denaldsens to adopt children. They state that they are good Christians, would educate the children, provide for them, and bring them up "in good moral character." Letter marked Bardwell, KY. In a letter from 28 April 1893, J. B. Dillson writes to Weller to ask him to send papers for Bro. Donaldson "a girl of 6 or 8 years of age (apprentice)." He says they will want the children send together and he will meet them at Fulton KY. Letter also marked Bardwell, KY.
Dobbs, Gilbert	Concerned citizen	21 August 1893	BJ/B222/4	Dobbs, the Pastor of 1st Baptist Church at Paducah, writes to Hollingsworth about a young orphaned girl living in Paducah. He says that she is four or five, brunette, bright, and affectionate. She is currently staying with friends, but they cannot keep her long-term. Letter marked Paducah, KY.
Docker, Mrs. S. N.	interested party	19 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	Docker writes to the Home inquiring after "little Boys for adoption." She specifies that she would like one 5 or 6 years of age, bright, and of good parentage. Letter marked Metropolis City, Illinois.
Donahue, Mrs. Joseph	deceased adoptive mother	29 March 1880	BJ/B222/1	A neighbor, Jas. Svan(?) Chatta writes to Hollingsworth that an adoptive mother, Mrs. Donahue, died and that he remembers the little boy must be returned to the Home. Letter marked Shelbyville, KY.
Dorman, J. H.	concerned citizen	30 Sept 1895	BJ/B222/7	Dorman writes to Weller, stating that he has "attended to the business you entrusted to my care." He encloses the commitment papers for three children, who he says will "come to the Home on Thursday or Friday next." Letter marked Owenton, KY.
Doyle, Anna Laura	orphan	25 March 1884	BJ/B222/2	W. L. Charles Hiebert (or Hicebest?) writes "Let Mr. Harris have Anna Laura Doyle. He has executed the papers." Letter is marked from Louisville, KY.
Dulaney, William S.	interested party	25 Feb 1891	BJ/B222/3	Dulaney writes to Hollingsworth to say that he neglected to send the agreement for adoption, which he has enclosed. He assures her that the little boy will be well cared for. Letter marked Bowling Green, KY.
Durham, A. M.	interested party	May 1894	BJ/B222/5	Durham writes to the Home asking about "eny children to let out to bee raised and what kind you have on hand."Letter marked Allen Co., KY. In another letter from 11 August 1894, Durham writes that he did not reply because he thought that Weller would send him blanks. He says that he wants a "girl about 12 years old in good helth of good mind and efectionet" to apprentice. He asks for Hollingsworth to select a girl and to "send it to Boling green KY in car of Sam Johnson." He says he can then bring her to Scottsville. Letter marked Scottsville, KY.
Earps, Myrtle Elizabeth and George Hart	orphans	16 June 1894	BJ/B222/5	Daniel Hays writes to Weller regarding the bonds for two children signed by his mother. He asks Weller to send Earps and Hart the 23rd on the train from Louisville to Paducah at 8:40AM (arrives at 5:50PM). Letter marked Bardwell, KY.
Eastman	interested party	15 Dec 1893	BJ/B222/4	Eastman writes to Weller to thank him for answering her first letter asking about adopting a child. She also asks questions about the available children, including their nationality, legitimacy, and desirability. Letter marked Nashville, TN.
Eaton, Mrs. Lohnee	interested party	3 May 1897	BJ/B222/7	W. W. Free writes to Hollingsworth on behalf of Eaton, who "wants a girl from the Home," who is "13 or 14 years old healthy and of a good disposition." He asks for the necessary papers and offers a recommendation for "the family." Weller writes at the bottom, "Come to see us and make selection after we have considered the matter together" Mar 3/97. Letter marked Sulphur, KY.
Egard, Mr. and	interested party	22 Feby 1900	BJ/B222/9	Members of the First Baptist Church writes Weller to recommend the Egards to adopt a child from the Home. Letter marked Henderson, Ky.
Ellooten (Ehooten?), Ms. J.	Birth mother	11 June 1888	BJ/B222/2	Weller writes to Ms. J. Ellotten in Donover, KY that he received her letter and needs her to complete bonds before a clerk or notary in order to complete the paperwork. Then she can send her two "litttle girls" to the Home with the paperwork.

Elrod, Albert	adopted child	24 April 1899	BJ/B222/8	C. W. Swanson writes to Weller regarding Abt. Elrod, a child taken from the Home by Mr. Robert Suddeth. He says that Suddeth "appealed to [him] again this morning to know what he had better do with the boy," as his patience "is exhausted" and has "tried every kind of means kindness without limit and then by correction, and have even gotten his neighbors to talk with him." He says that Elrod "runs off from his work," is "thievish," and "set a big brush-heap on fire." Suddeth wants to return the boy to the Home or to a "house of corrections," and asks what to do. Letter marked Russelville, KY.
Emerson, J. E.	interested party	1 Nov 1894	BJ/B222/6	J. W. Taylor writes to the Home saying that the Baptist Church at Emmanuel, Graves Co., KY recommended Emerson last spring to get a boy from the Home about 10 years old. He says that though the Home "promis to send him one" he hasn't heard since then. Letter marked Vealsburg, KY. In a letter from 14 Dec 1894, Emerson writes to Weller to ask if he "sill have that boy his name is Walker R. Tery." He asks if he can get him and to write him at Sedba, KY. Letter marked Vealsburg, KY.
Enders, Reap J. W. E	Adoptive father/ orphan	8 Sept 1889	BJ/B222/2	Enders writes to Wellers instructions for delivering the boy he is adopting to Madisonville, KY by train. He includes that Dr. John Bassett of Providence Webster Co. KY wants to adopt a girl in the spring. He says to send Charles to Madisonville Sept 14th, 1889 and he will meet him. Letter marked Madisonville, KY.
Enpfield [?], Julia	orphan	22 Sept 1890	BJ/B222/3	W. H. Enpfield writes to Weller regarding Julia, a girl that he adopted from the Home. He says that she is fitting in very well, very attached to his children and wife, and is talking a "great deal better than she did." Letter marked Lawrenceburg, KY.
Evans, Mrs. R. S.	concerned citizen	30 May 1894	BJ/B222/5	Evans writes to the Home regarding a little girl in Tennessee whom she wants to be taken into the Home. She says that the "child is making her home in this city with an uncle and aunt," but she wants to "get the child from her present surroundings before it is too late." Letter marked Bowling Green, KY.
Farthing, Mr. M. Z.	interested party	20 Oct 1894	BJ/B222/6	P. B. Miller writes to the Home on behalf of Farthing, who "desires a girl 13 or 14 years old." He says to write him at Sturgis, KY for terms and conditions. He goes on to say that Farthing lives with his wife, owns a good farm, and will provide well. Letter marked Morganfield, KY.
Featherston, F. M.	concerned citizen	1 Feb 1886	BJ/B222/11	Incomplete letter; last page only. Featherston writes to the Home about children in his area seemingly orphaned or otherwise vulnerable. He says that "the girl is a nice child rather small for her age." He asks to hear from the Home immediately, adding that he will accompany the children to Louisville if they can be taken. Handwritten, "Usual conditions to be complied with, Feb 1/96, Jno W. W. L. P." Letter marked Frankfort, KY.
Fields, Mary	birth mother	19 May 1894	BJ/B222/5	The East Rudds Creek Baptist Church writes to the Home regarding a woman and her 4-month old baby. They state that Fields is "in destitute circumstances and not able to support herself and child and not being of a suitable character to give the child proper moral training." They "recommend" the Home to take the baby. Letter marked Glendale, KY. In a letter from Mary Field from 22 May 1894, she states that she is "not able to support" her baby and would like it raised in the Baptist Home. She also says that the woman who allows her to live with her out of "charity sake" can no longer keep her and she is interested in working for stay at the Home if possible. Letter marked Glendale, KY. In a second letter from Field 3 June 1894, she says that she will be in Louisville Thursday or Friday, and thanks Weller for his interest in her child. She also says she dreads having to bring her child, but that she knows it is the right thing to do. Letter marked Glendale, KY.
Fife, M. L.	interested party	19 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	Fife writes to the Home asking to adopt a boy, and specifies that he "would want the oldest boy you have now." He says that he lived in Leitchfield, KY for several years but now lives in Cecilia, KY. He includes several references from Leitchfield. Letter marked Cecilia, KY. In a response letter, Fife states that he thinks "the boy" will suit him, but has questions regarding his health, disposition, complexion, and intelligence. In a second letter from 8 May 1894, Fife states that he and his wife prefer to see "the girl before we take her," so they will come to the Home in 3-4 weeks. Letter marked Cecilia, KY. In a letter from 30 May 1894, Mrs. Fife writes that she received Weller's letter late and so did not respond, but that she can come to the Home in 3-4 weeks and is interested in a boy around 8 years old. She asks if any boy at the Home has been raised in the city, and "if he would like to come to the county to life and oblige." Letter marked Riney Vill, KY.
Forbis, Mr. and Mrs. John	interested party	undated	BJ/B222/12	M. D. Jeffries and J. W. Miller writes to the Home to "represent Mr. John Forbis and wife to be good and honest persons" that would be "good-loving and faithful friends to any child." Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Foster, B. C.	interested party	1 Feb 1896	BJ/B222/7	S. E. Trice writes to Weller to recommended Bro B. C. Foster "of this vicinity." He says that he is a "well-to do, small farmer, in good shape financially." Letter marked Hopkinsville, KY. In a letter from 8 Feb 1896, Foster writes to Weller, explaining that he cannot come to Louisville to select a child, but will pay the railroad fare for one to be sent to him on a trial basis in case he wants to return it. He requests a boy that is "good, healthy, lidable," under 9 or 10 years old, and requests papers. Weller writes on the back "will not send on trial- must come and see us and have understanding" on Feb 10. Letter marked Hopkinsville, KY.
Fowler, Bonnie	potential orphan	25 Oct 1899	BJ/B222/8	Weller writes to Rev. W. H. Wason to ask the status of Bonnie Fowler. He is if he got "her another house," and says "we would be much obliged if you would let us know." Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Frazier, Bertha	adopted orphan	16 Oct. 1909	BJ/B222/10	Articles of adoption for J. Lynch and Eliza Jane Lynch to adopt Bertha Frazier, born in 1898. They live in Adair County. Handwritten on the back, "Investigated and Home condemned by Bro Sanders."
Freeman, Mary and Willie	"half" orphans	26 Feb 1894	BJ/B222/5	Mrs. N. M. Sandersan writes to the Home "in behalf of his little children," Mary (7 years old) and Willie (6 years old) Freeman. The children's father is dead and their mother is very poor and is desperate for the children to be placed in the Home. Sandersan includes references for the children, and a note on one side of the letter from M. A. H. (very likely Mary Hollingsworth) asks that the children be checked out by a doctor and admitted. Letter marked Cave City, KY.
French, Arnie	Relative of past orphan	25 Oct 1893	BJ/B222/4	Arnie writes again to the Home regarding the whereabouts of Maude French. He does not mention Maude's name, referring to her as "her." He states that he is frustrated with the lack of response and that he needs to "find her." Letter marked Modsdan, AL.
French, Maude	orphan (?)	21 Sept 1893	BJ/B222/4	Arnie French writes to Weller asking where his sister, Maude French, is. He says to "give me my proud father address" and "if you don't answer this immediately I think I'll go crazy." Unclear if Maude was an orphan at the Home. Letter marked Gadsden, Alabama. In a letter from 1 Oct 1893, French thanks Weller for the information and tells him that he just sent his sister a letter.

Fritts, N. H.	concerned citizen	15 Nov 1894	BJ/B222/6	Fritts writes to Hollingsworth regarding a little boy in "the institution" of the county infirmary. Fritts says that the superintendent of the infirmary thinks he "ought to be in a better place." The boy is 5 or 6 years old, "healthy, and of good mind." His mother "is in the same institution and has the consumption." In postscript, Fritts says that "since writing the above, it has occurred to me that perhaps the mother may object" but that he will find out as soon as possible. Letter marked Carlisle, KY.
Fry, Ella	orphan	1 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	W. B. Nofsinger writes to the Home regarding adoption. In the letter, Nofsinger states that their parents adopted Ella Fry, who is now grown and a Christian girl.
Fulton	interested party	22 Sept 1889	BJ/B222/2	Fulton writes to the Home stating that a Mr. J. K. Smith from his neighborhood in Florida recently visited the Home and thinks he "will get" a boy he applied for. Fulton says that he moved about 5 years ago from Bardstown KY and would like to adopt a boy about 12 or 13 who is a "good size, sprightly and intelligent." Letter marked Istachatta, Fla.
Furr, Sallie	dying woman (likely adopted child)	10 Mar. 1910	BJ/B222/10	Arthursa Furr writes to Abercrombie regarding Sallie (last name not specified), who she says is dying. Furr thanks Abercrombie for her letter, says that Sallie is peaceful, and yet has "fought a brave fight." Letter marked Flatwood, KY. In another
Fuson, W. L.	Temporary guardian	14 August 1893	BJ/B222/4	W. L. Fuson writes to the Home about four orphans she is taking care of. Their father is dead and their mother is "in the Silum." Letter marked Pinesville, KY.
Gaines, W. T.	interested party	22 Jun. 1909	BJ/B222/10	Gaines writes to the Home inquiring about getting a boy to raise/use as a farmhand. He says that he has a wife and two grown daughters, and would provide the boy "the same treatment that farmers usually give their sons, with about the same educational advantages." Handwritten, "Ans 6/28/09, none suitable, M. E. A." Letter marked New Castle, KY.
Garnett, Cass	interested party	5 March 1892	BJ/B222/3	W. H. H. Ditgler writes to the Home to recommend Cass Garnett of Harrison Co. KY for adopting a girl from the Home. Letter marked Bedford, KY.
Gary, Lilian	orphan	8 June 1892	BJ/B222/3	J. H. Switzer writes to Weller regarding Lilian Gary, a girl adopted by Mr. Briston. He says that she has many school friends, goes fishing with the "old people," and goes to church and Sunday school every week. Letter marked Switzer, Franklin County, KY.
Gates, Mr. and Mrs. John M.	interested party	29 Jun. 1909	BJ/B222/10	Gates writes to the home asking to get "a good orphan girl, from 13 to 20 years old to make her home with us." He says that they would clothe her, give necessary spending money, and she would "assist us generally in housework." He adds that "we do not wish to make a slave of her- we have a daughter two years of age, and our work is very light." Handwritten, "none suitable." Letter marked 1519 Highland Ave, Louisville, KY.
Gibson, F. F.	interested party	14 April 1891	BJ/B222/3	Gibson writes to Weller to ask about obtaining a "spritely boy" from 6-10 years old. He explains that he is a farmer with 140 acres of land, no children, and would prefer to have the boy "bound." Letter marked Bremen, Muhlenberg Co., KY. In an additional letter from April 18, 1891, he says that he wants to adopt a boy, asks for his general information and the required bonds. He asks for letters to be addressed to Sacramento, KY.
Givens, C. L.	interested party	27 May 1889	BJ/B222/2	Givens replies to a letter from Weller to say that a girl she intends to adopt will not be used as a servant, but will be treated as a child of her own. Letter is marked Owensboro, KY.
Givens, H. L. Hellen and Lowe	interested party	2 Sept 1889	BJ/B222/2	Givens writes again to the Home to say she now wants a little boy about nine or ten who is "good disposed and quite brilliant and smart." She lists four references and says she will apply for a boy in Cincinnati if the Home doesn't have one. Letter marked Flournoy, KY.
Givens, Mrs. T. R.	interested party	25 Feb 1889	BJ/B222/2	Givens writes again to the Home to send for a little girl between 9 and 10 who is "good looking, amiable" and obedient. She goes on to say that she wants the child by apprenticeship and to send her to Flournoy, KY. She asks if she is able to return the child and for a "child who has neither mother nor father." Letter is marked Flournoy, KY.
Givens, Mrs. Thos. R.	interested party	19 Oct 1888	BJ/B222/2	Givens writes to the Home from Union Co. KY to inquire about a little girl "not under nine years old" with "an amiable disposition who is capable of nursing a baby."
Gordon, Charlie	orphan	4 Oct 1893	BJ/B222/4	John P. Hemby writes to the Home asking to secure a place for an orphan named Charlie Gordon. Charlie is 10-12, has no mother or father, and lives currently with his "homeless and peniless" grandmother. His father's name was Bro. C. M. Gordon, who was a Baptist preacher. He says for further information to contact Dr. Christina "of your city" and Rev. V. H. Cowser of Natchez, Miss. Letter marked Gloster, Mississippi.
Gould, Nannie	birth mother	16 Sept 1899	BJ/B222/8	Gould writes to Weller, stating that she "reseive Miss Hollingsworth letter she told me how you had kep the children for me hoping I could take them." She goes on to say that she is very grateful to them and she thinks that she can take the children in one year. She says that she has a job that pays between \$15 and 25/month and the man she works for "sais he dont no such a woman in Existence under my circumstance he will Help me start in business when I get able." She ends by saying she would be glad to hear from them. Letter marked Charleston, WV.
Gouman, Maurice and Melona	interested party	23 Mar. 1900	BJ/B222/9	The Goumans writes to Weller stating that he has signed and attached the adoption bonds. They say that they "would like to have our little boy right away," and want to know if he has any siblings and where his nearest relations live. They ask for him to be sent Tuesday morning on a train to Morganfield. At the bottom, Weller writes "Must send for the boy," Mch 24/1900. Letter marked Morganfield, KY.
Greens (?), C. L.	interested party	5 April 1889	BJ/B222/2	Greens writes to the Home inquiring about a girl he may apprentice. Letter is on LBOH paper.
Greer, Mr.	Birth father (?)	6 Dec 1887	BJ/B222/2	Thoman Rodman- President of the Farmer's Bank of Kentucky- writes a vague letter to Weller that a man named Mr. Greer was "slow in consenting," but willingly gave his children to the Home. He never wants to hear from his wife again, but would like to hear from his children. Letter marked Frankfort, KY.
Griffin, Susie B.	interested party	18 May 1895	BJ/B222/7	Griffin writes to Hollingsworth regarding a "little blue eyed boy" she saw advertised in their paper. She says that her "Mamma thinks he would take the place of a little one [they] lost several years ago," but that "Mamma & Papa hardly think they would like to adopt him." She says that they would take him, care for him, and send him to school. She says her father is a deacon, that the family has prayers every morning, and that there are four of them in the family, including "brother Woe-die." Weller writes on the bottom, "May 22/95 Jes., Can have a two year old boy if properly recommended." Letter marked 810 E. Fifth St., Owensboro, KY.

Grimes, Mimi	orphan	7 March 1882	BJ/B222/1	The "President" of a home (W. H. Harris) writes to the Home to ask if an orphaned girl whose adoptive parents have both died should be returned and under what conditions. The deceased are Mr. and Mrs. Willis Grimes. Mrs. Hill was adopted but is now likely old enough to live away from the home; Mimi is younger. Letter is marked Danville, KY.
Gurvin children	orphans	1 July 1891	BJ/B222/3	Very illegible letter. In a letter to Hollingsworth, A. R. Beard inquires about the Gurvin children, who are in the custody of the Home. There seems to be a disagreement regarding the children, their bonds, who will be their guardian, etc. Beard seems to threaten to send the sheriff of Jefferson Co. to the Home. Letter marked Munfordsville, KY.
Gwaltney, Mary	concerned citizen	undated	BJ/B222/12	Gwaltney writes to Weller, thanking him for his letter "containing information regarding the orphans." She says that "the ladies here wish girls of twelve and fourteen years old to train for servants," saying that they would treat them as their own. She asks about the winter in Louisville. Letter marked Sturgis.
Hagerman children	orphans	25 July 1891	BJ/B222/3	J. W. Potter writes to Weller regarding the Hagerman children. In correspondence from the 14th, Potter says that he asks if the Home would take in children whose father's health was failing. Now "at the last moment," the father is declining to sign the bonds to let his children go to the Home and made other arrangements. Letter marked Bowling Green, KY.
Haines, Elwood and Susan	interested party	3 Oct 1893	BJ/B222/4	The Haines write to Weller asking him to send the necessary papers to adopt a child between the ages of 6 and 10. They specify that they want a child with a "sweet disposition" and "one to have some musical talent." Letter marked Stuttgart, Arkansas. In a follow-up letter from 19 Oct 1893, E. Haines writes to the Home to say that they finally sent in their adoption paper, and says "I do not suppose it is necessary for me to dictate any Rant to send Hattie for I suppose you ar familiar with all of the Honts [?]" In another letter from Nov 13, 1893, Haines asks for the details of the girl's delivery to Stuttgart, stating that they would meet her in Memphis but needed notice. Letter marked Stuttgart, Ark. In a letter from 10 Sept 1895, Haines writes to the Home regarding their adopted daughter, Hattie May Jefferson, complaining about the girl and asking to return her to the Home. He says that they have "tride very hard to get a long with the child but it seems to be all in vain she takes no intrst in nothing whatever." He goes on to say that they could keep her until she is older, but "she will be of little service to us" and says that "it is very unpleasant to have any members of the Family compelled to live in such a confusion." He asks for the letter to be considered an application to return the child. Letter marked Stuttgart, AR.
Haines, Mrs. S.	interested party	20 Sept 1893	BJ/B222/4	Haines writes the Home to ask questions related to the adoption process. She says that she wants a child of good parentage, with a sweet disposition, between 6 and 10. She states that she is 35 and her husband is 39 and that they have no living children. Letter marked Stuttgart, Ark.
Hale children	orphans	5 Feb 1894	BJ/B222/5	Jas. D. Burton writes to the Home regarding the children of Bro. William Hale. He states that at the Yellow Creek Baptist Church meeting, members recommended Hale's children to be charged at the Home. Letter marked Thruston, Daviss co. KY.
Hale, Foster	orphan	8 Oct. 1909	BJ/B222/10	F. D. Sampson writes to Abercrombie regarding Foster Hale, a "boy sent from Knox County to your institution." He says that he received a letter from the Home stating that Hale was "feeble minded," and that he was informed that Hale was not feeble minded, rather "quite to the contrary." He offers to pay for Foster to be returned to Barbourville and sent to the institution for the feeble minded at Frankfort. Handwritten, "Boy returned to Juvenile Court, M. E. A." Letter marked Barbourville, KY.
Hall children	orphans	16 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	M. E. Scott writes to Weller regarding three children, who were orphaned after their father Mr. Richard Hall "was killed on the R. R." He asks that the Home board the oldest boy, but not allow him to be adopted until the "become able [to] claim him." Letter marked Somerset.
Hampton, Rev. L.	surrendering parent	15 Dec 1893	BJ/B222/4	Wm. Haynsworth writes to Hollingsworth regarding a poor, crippled Baptist preacher in the area who is no longer able to care for his two children, boys aged 6 and 8. He is 69 and married, though his wife is also old and cannot provide care for the boys. Haynsworth writes on behalf of the Rev., who wishes to place the boys in the Home.
Hamscott, H. J.	birth parent	22 July 1887	BJ/B222/2	Hamscott writes from the Central Kentucky Lunatic Asylum asking after his/her little children. Hamscott wants to know if there are well and if they have been adopted to send their address. Letter marked Anchorage, KY.
Harris, W. H.	concerned citizen (?)	31 Oct 1884	BJ/B222/2	Harris writes to Weller from Danville, KY about a father who left his family 3 weeks ago and hasn't been seen since. A body was found in the river, however, and is assumed to be his. Harris wants to send his orphaned children to the Home.
Harrison, Stella	orphan	23 May 1887	BJ/B222/2	An adoptive father, S. J. Harrison, writes to the Home on behalf of Stella, a newly adopted girl from the Home. She wants to tell her brothers that she is doing well in her new home. He also mentions that he has found a home for one of her brothers still in the home, the Beasley's. Letter marked Hartford, CN.
Harrod, Mr. J. W. and Mattie R.	prospective adoptive parents	18 Feb 1889	BJ/B222/2	Weller writes to the Harrods that there was an outbreak of scarlet fever at the Home and they cannot send a child away until it is gone.
Hayes, Henry	abandoned child	18 March 1895	BJ/B222/7	W. S. Ryland writes to Hollingsworth on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson and Miss Hayes. He states that Hayes inquires about her brother, Henry Hayes, who is about 10 years old and who was born in "this county," "abandoned, or turned loose," by his guardian, and has since disappeared. She thinks he could be placed in the Home. Ryland does not remember the guardian's name. He also states that "the little girl I wrote about some time ago, will not come, as her father is gone off somewhere, and it is feared he might give trouble." Girl likely refers to Lena Brown, whose mother is dead and whose father is poor. Letter marked Russelville, KY.
Haynes, Lula	orphan	11 Nov 1889- 20 No 1889	BJ/B222/2	In four letters within 10 days to the Home, Carr describes the treatment of Lula, a former "inmate" of the Home, who has been adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Haynes of Morganfield, KY. The first letter states that she "does not receive that treatment which she is entitled to" and suggests she find a different home in the county. In subsequent letters, he says that the treatment is "worse than [...] expected" and he has taken Lula to his house. He says that he wouldn't mind taking her in, but that he is neighbors with the Haynes. He also says that he spoke to Mrs. Haynes and left her in tears, and that the couple consents to bring her and cancel their bond. Judge Givens (frequently mentioned in other letters) is Hayne's brother in law. A nearby family, the McElroy's, want to take in Lula as a general housework assistant to the wife and caretaker of a toddler. His final letter gives information on how best Lula can be returned to the Home and on what train. He says "I am truly a friend to the orphan." Letters marked Morganfield, KY.

Hays, Daniel; Sallie	Adoptive father; orphan	27 June 1893	BJ/B222/4	J. W. Lynch writes to Weller apologizing for not being able to adopt a child. He states that he is not able to support a child right now, as times are hard and busy for farmers. He and his wife visit their neighbor, Daniel Hays, who has adopted a young boy from the Home. He states that he thinks of little Sallie as his own child, even though he is unable to adopt her. Letter not marked with location.
Hays, Laura and Daniel	surrendering adoptive parents	14 Sept 1894	BJ/B222/6	Mrs. Hays writes to Weller to say "it is with great pleasher that I write to you that we are dissatfide of your all children they dont suit me and we want to send them back." She asks for Weller to answer the letter immediately so that she can send the children back from Paducah on the morning train. Letter marked Bardwell, KY. In a letter from 19 Sept 1894, Hays responds to Weller asking about the objections to the children. She says that "they Joy us and are saucy and fight with one another and another thing we had some small change about the house the other day and the little boy got hold of some money [...] and never asked us for it." She goes on to say that her mother is getting old and doesn't like "bad children." Letter marked Bardwell, KY. On a telegraph from 20 Sept 1894, Daniel Hayes writes "the children leave elevent thirty five tonight." Letter marked Palmer House, Paducah, KY.
Hays, Mrs. Laura J.	prospective adoptive parent	11 August 1894	BJ/B222/11	An unnamed author writes to the Home about Henry Sexton (see above) and about Hays, who is a "widow probably 45 years old" and wants to adopt a "girl that is bright, reasonable well looking, and healthy, 12-to-14 years of age" and also "a boy 7 to 10 years old." He says that she has a good farm and a son about 20 years of age. He adds that the sheriff and others say she is "O.K." Letter marked Bardwell, KY.
Helen children	orphans	Aug. 1905	BJ/B222/9	William Wilson writes to Miss. Mary E. Abercrombie regarding the Helen [spelling?] boys, for whom he is currently the legal guardian. He says that he will "take steps at once to come in possession of any property that they may be hair to of their grand mothers estate." He asks for his apprenticeship application to be reviewed and for the names of their parents, grandparents, and mother's full maiden name. Typed at the top of the page, "Answered Aug. 4, 1905." Letter marked Mayfield, KY.
Helson, Mary and Maude	orphans (?)	8 Jan 1892	BJ/B222/3	W. S. Bailey writes to Hollingsworth in regards to the pensions of the Helson heirs. He says his attorney from Washington says he can qualify as "Guardian of Mand." and can collect her portion, but goes on to say that he thinks "it would be better for [him] to qualify and act for all three of them as the expense would undoubtedly be lip-." Letter marked Frankfort, KY.
Helson, Mary and Maude	orphan sisters	22 April 1892	BJ/B222/3	W. S. Bailey writes to Hollingsworth to ask about adopting Mary Helson on behalf of his neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Le. M. Dean. Bailey states that he has adopted Maude, Mary's sister, and that the Dean's are splendid people. Letter marked Frankfort, KY.
Hendren, Susie	surrendering mother	19 July 1894	BJ/B222/6	Susie Hendren writes to the Home saying that she is looking for a home for one of her three children. She states that the child will be four years old. Letter marked Glencoe, KY. In a letter from 27 July 1894, J. T. Thompson writes on behalf of Miss Mary Stockhouse of Popler Grove, who "wants one of the little girls sent to the Home yesterday by Mrs. Susie Hendren." She wants "the one next to the oldest- I think her name is Lilly" about 7 years old. Thompson goes on to say that Mr. Thomas Brock "wants the oldest girl." He asks for the blanks and to take the girls as soon as possible. Letter marked Eagle Hill, KY. In a letter from 1 August 1894, Thompson writes again to explain Stockhouse and Brock. He says that Stockhouse is a widow with no children who wants a girl for company and an apprentice. She lives within 400 yards of a school, and she and her husband raised Thompson from 6 weeks old. He says he doesn't know as much about Brock, but that he will show him the letter and get more information. Letter marked Eagle Hill, KY. In a letter from 6 August 1894, Thompson writes that Brock will not take the girl as she is "younger than he wants." He asks to "please send bond for Mrs. Mary Stockhouse by return mail as she needs the little girl for company soon as she can get her." Letter marked Eagle Hill, KY. In a letter from 11 August 1894, Thompson writes to send \$100 to the Home to "pay fare of girl to Glencoe." Letter marked Eagle Hill, KY. In another letter from 16 August 1894, Thompson writes to say that the girl arrived safely in Glencoe and says that both parties seem pleased. He says he will "endeavor to get a home for her sister I [he] can." Letter marked Eagle Hill, KY. In a letter from 8 Oct 1894, Thompson writes that he has found a home for the sister of Mary Robertson with Mr. M. T. Coates and wife. They would like to apprentice her and will send her to school. He says he will also look for a home for the little brother if they send him his age. Letter marked Eagle Hill, KY.
Hensley, Fannie and Thomas	surrendered children	20 July 1894	BJ/B222/6	Lizzie Hensley writes to the Home regarding her two children, Fannie and Thomas. She states that they were in the Home Mission at Henderson, but when she asked about them, was told that they were sent to Louisville. She says the mission told her they would not send the children away without notifying her, and her "lawyer says [she] can make it hat for them." She says she is "agreeving [herself] to death about them" and lives at 939 Div St, Evansville, IN. Letter marked Evansville, IN. In a letter from 27 July 1894, Hensley thanks the Home, because her children were there and can be sent home soon. She asks if the Home needs witnesses or proof that the children are hers, and asks when she can take them home. Letter marked Evansville, IN. In another letter from 3 August 1894, Hensley thanks the Home for their kind letter and says that she will get the papers "fixed up" and send for the children. Letter marked Evansville, IN. In a letter from 27 Sept 1894, Hensley says that she has been sick and unable to write or meet the children. She asks that Weller watch the children awhile longer until she is well enough to meet them. Letter marked Evansville, IN.
Herrin, Florie	orphan	3 Oct. 1906	BJ/B222/9	Nannie Parrott writes to the Home regarding the adoption of Florie Herrin, an 11 year old girl at the Home. She says that she will send her daughter, Ellen Watts, on Friday to pick her up. She includes references from a Pastor, and says to send the child to Harrodsburg. An attached letter from Rev. Johnie Mason, Pastor, and J. A. Coulter C Clark recommends Mrs. Nannie Parrott and Mr. John Parrott to adopt the girl. This letter also asks the Home to "tell it to mind her and she will treat it as one of her own children and she says she dont want it to be sassy with her." A final letter from A. Perkins, member of a church, also recommends the Parrotts. Handwritten on Parrott's letter, "Child rent by Mr. Winchell but brought back. Recommendations untrue. Home and people announced by a Mr. Faller of Mackville or Springfield, M. E. A." Letters marked Mackville, KY and Battle, KY.
Herring, John A.	Brother of birth mother	25 June 1880	BJ/B222/1	Herring writes to Hollingsworth about five little girls whose father died in April and whose mother (his sister) is unable to care for them. The girls are currently in McCracken County, KY with their sick mother. Letter is marked Georgetown, KY.

Hess, A. J.	Concerned citizen	11 June 1892	BJ/B222/3	Hess writes to Hollingsworth regarding a 3-year old girl who is the illegitimate child of his house servant. He states the reasons that the mother is incapable of raising the girl and asks the Home to intervene. He also says that the father is "of a good family," he is a "worthless fellow" and will not accept the girl as his own. He says he has "gained the mother's consent" to have her taken away. Letter marked Columbus, KY.
Heughes (or Hughes), W. J. L.	interested party	22 Oct 1894	BJ/B222/6	Heughes writes to Weller regarding the adoption of a child. He states that his household has one boy 12 years old, that he can give a child proper moral instruction, and that "unless it conducted itself in a strictly moral and discreet way, it could not remain about [him]." He asks for necessary bonds and contracts. Letter marked Marion, KY.
Heybus children	orphans	9 Nov 1887	BJ/B222/2	G. M. Davison writes to H. L. Heller that the "blank for the Heybus children need. I return ours to you." Unclear what this means; Davison is an attorney and could have sent three blank checks, two of which were "soiled," and asks for them to be returned. Letter marked Stanford, KY.
Heyser, F. T.	concerned citizen	19 March 1894	BJ/B222/5	Heyser writes to Mary on behalf of a "'grass' widow" living near him whose husband has deserted her and who has two young children, aged 9 and 2 years old. He says that the woman won't put her children anywhere else but the "'Home,'" and that she is located "seven miles in the Country." Letter marked Cloverport, KY.
Hightower, Sara T.	orphan	31 Jan 1894	BJ/B222/5	Lella Robertson writes to the Home in regard to a girl in her parents' charge (possible her sister?) and giving her up to the Home. She says that she can "place her in good hands here or send her to you," because her mother is dead and her "home being broken up." Letter marked Rock Lick, KY. On the reverse side of the letter, Weller writes to Geo. A. Cabbage to ask if he knows "the party" on 7 Feb 1894. On 8 Feb 1894, Cabbage writes to say that he does not know the signer, but that Rock Lick is in Breckinridge county and about "30 miles from here." He says that if the girl is 14 or 15 years old, his aunt, Mrs. Geo. W. Cabbage, (who "took Lelia Crockett some 20 years ago from the Home, and who Miss Hollingsworth knows") can take her. Letter unmarked but Geo. Cabbage is from Leitchfield, KY.
Hill, J. S.	interested party	1 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	Hill writes to Weller inquiring after apprenticing a child. He says that he doesn't want to adopt a child he has never seen, but that he may adopt the child "latter if we wish." He requests a blank of apprenticeship and instructions as to how his wife should get to the Home. Letter marked Central City, KY
Hill, Mr. and Mrs. J. S.	interested party	28 Oct 1893	BJ/B222/4	J. S. Hill writes to Hollingsworth regarding the adoptive of a girl from the Home. He states that he is 52, his wife is 44, and they have no children. He goes into detail about his finances and the people who could provide references. Letter marked Central City, KY.
Hill, Mr. and Mrs. J. S.	interested party	7 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	Hill writes to Weller to say that his wife plans to visit the Home on November 9th to "see if she can find a child to suit her." He says that she can take the child with her that day if the papers are prepared. Letter marked Central City, KY. In a letter from 14 November 1893, Hill includes Articles of Adoption, and says he and his wife are pleased with the disposition of the child. He also includes names of other families who could adopt children: S. C. Gish and T. L. Roll.
Hish [spelling?]	interested party	6 Sept 1897	BJ/B222/7	Thoman Rodman- President of the Farmer's Bank of Kentucky- writes to Hollingsworth regarding Mr. Hish. Hish would like to get a girl from the Home, Rodman states that "he lost his wife some time ago and has two children and wants the girl for a nurse." He states "be careful what you write, till we find out more about him," and says in regard to the placement that he "hardly think[s] it will do." Letter marked Frankfort, KY.
Holland, Rosie	orphan	24 Nov 1890	BJ/B222/3	Nannie Moxley writes to Weller requesting her bond back from the Home since she has returned Rosie. Letter marked Shreve, KY.
Hollow children	orphans (adopted?)	2 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	In Geo. A. Cabbage's letter to Weller about W. P. Coyl, he mentions that he is "glad to know the Logsdon and Hollow children have been so fortunate." Letter marked Leitchfield, KY.
Hornsby children	surrendered children	29 Dec 1898	BJ/B222/7	N. Holly Witherspoon, president of the Winchester Bank, writes to the Home regarding Rev. Tom Hornsby's children. The children are currently at the Home, and he asks for the Home to continue to care for them. He explains that Hornsby's wife is currently in Atlanta, GA "suffering with lung trouble," and that Hornsby is staying with her. Letter marked Winchester, KY.
Howard	orphan	5 Apr. 1905	BJ/B222/9	C. C. Howard writes to Mr. Frank Miller regarding "the Howard boy," stating that he "telephoned his brother several days ago" and was told that he would get the Howard boy and his brother, but apparently he did not. Howard says that he will be in Louisville Friday or Saturday and "will attend to it." He goes on to say that he is not related to the boy at all, and was not the one to get him into the Home- it was through the Barren Run Baptist Church through Reverend R. C. Kimball. He says that he is the "Public Guardian of the county," and has "over twenty wards," and "cannot be expected to take any or all of them." Letter marked Hodgenville, KY.
Hudnall children	vulnerable children	26 Dec. 1905	BJ/B222/9	W. C. James, Pastor of the Baptist Church, writes to Abercrombie on behalf of Mrs. Hudnall, a mother of 4 children in the area who has consumption and whose husband is "thoroughly shiftless and improvident." He says that the children- two girls (5 and 16) and two boys (9 and 11) are in a "deplorable condition." He asks about the chances of getting the children placed in the Home. Handwritten at the top, "Not eligible M. E. A." Typed at the top, "Answered Dec. 28, 1905; Wrote again Jan. 5, 1906." Letter marked Russellville, KY.
Hudspeth	interested party	23 July 1891	BJ/B222/3	J. P. Pierce writes to Heller regarding Hudspeth, a man who is adopting children (number not specified), but due to his health cannot meet them in Louisville. He requests Heller put the children on a specific train to Aurora. Letter marked Marion, KY.
Huggins, J. D.	interested party	4 Oct 1887	BJ/B222/2	Mr. Huggins writes to Mr. N. L. Neller to say he has sent filled bonds and asks how "the child" is to be gotten to South Carolina. He asks if the child can be sent by the R. R. company and says Mrs. Lyle is "anxious to know the name of the child's parents." Letter marked Newberry, S. C.
Humphreys, Mr. C. W.	interested party	21 Sept 1893	BJ/B222/4	Giles C. Taylor writes to Weller on behalf of Humphreys, who wants to apprentice a boy about 5 years old who "must be bright and comely, with good disposition." He says that the plan is for Mrs. J. W. Jamil, who works for the Humphreys and is "hire now," to take the child with her back to Bearden, Arkansas. Letter marked Clinton, KY.
Hunt, George	concerned citizen (?)	17 July 1889	BJ/B222/2	Hunt writes to Weller about a boy he references he has written about before. Because the letterhead is A. R. Penny and marked Stanford, KY, it can be insinuated that this is the same little boy that A. R. Penny spoke of.
Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. William	interested party	Sept 1893	BJ/B222/4	M. S. Roney writes to Hollingsworth on behalf of the Hutchinsons, who want to apprentice a girl and a boy "from 8 and 10, to 10, and 12 years of age." They prefer brother and sister and have no children. Sender writes from Fulton, KY; Hutchinsons reside in Hickman, KY.

Hutchuson, W. D.	interested party	24 Sept 1893	BJ/B222/4	W. J. Roney writes to Weller to ask him to send the necessary papers to "apprentis the twins to W. D. Hutchuson Hickman, KY." He also asks for details to arrange to meet the children. Letter signed also by Hutchuson. Letter marked Fulton, KY.
Ingram, Mrs. S. L.	adoptive mother	19 July. 1909	BJ/B222/10	Ingram writes to "Miss Abbie" regarding her adopted child, Luther. She says that she enclosed his card "to the Children," and is "satisfied that he will be all right." She also mentions two children- Willard and Lona- who seem to also be adopted from the Home. She states, "Lona is a nice child and we think well of her, of course havent become attached to her yet as we have Willard as we have had him longer, To be just we try and show no prefance between them, if we do, it to Lona." She also asks about expenses for Luther. Letter marked Shamrock, TX.
Irvin (Irwin?), Ida	"returned" orphan	27 Nov 1894	BJ/B222/6	Mrs. Napher [? Name smudged badly] writes to the Home regarding the girl she adopted, Ida Irvin. She says that "its impossible for [her] to keep her," and that she has "tried to teach her to be a good girl have offered her a good home a long as she behaved and tried to half way right- but its all useless." She complains about the language Ida uses in front of her daughter, that she put her "under false impression," and that she "slips out and goes buggy riding with the boys." She says that she is sending her back on the 11 o'clock train on the 28th. Letter marked LaGrange, KY.
Jackson, Maggie Elmira	orphan	30 Sept 1887	BJ/B222/2	H. C. Settle writes to Miss Weller and Son, Louisville, KY from Seneca, Kansas. He says that "we" have decided to adopt Maggie, or "Elma" as they call her, and she will be their heir. He asks for a "certified copy of the apprenticeship papers" to adopt her "under the Laws of the State of Kansas." Letter marked Seneca, KS.
Jarvis	adoptive parents, now dead	11 Jan. 1910	BJ/B222/11	Incomplete letter; first page only. Author writes to the Home on behalf of "a girl who was taken from the Home when she was seventeen months old (she is now seventeen years old) by a man and woman by the name of Jarvis." Author states that the couple adopted the girl as their own, and are now dead. The sons of the couple "took possession of the property and sent her out into the world." Author asks if the girl shouldn't also have ownership of the farm, adding that she is currently staying at their house and asking if the Home should be take control over her welfare. Author says that she is visiting "her Bloomer brother" near Montgomery at the time, who was taken from the Home "when small, by Mr. Joseph Blakely, of this place." He says that the girl has no education or money." Letter marked Cerulean, KY.
Jefferson, Hattie May	orphan	10 Sept 1895	BJ/B222/7	See Ellwood and Susan Haines.
Jerald, Mr. Whitfield	birth father	15 Sept 1893	BJ/B222/4	J. A. Kritley writes to Weller on behalf of Jerald, a poor single man with several small children. Jerald wishes to "relinquish" his youngest child, a boy, to the Home, as he "has hard work to make a living for them; and to take proper care of them." Jerald cannot write, so Kritley has prepared the papers for him and gotten his "mark." Letter not marked with location.
Johnson, Sam	interested party	3 August 1894	BJ/B222/6	Johnson writes to the Home regarding the adoption of a girl from the Home. He says he sent a \$200 money order, and asks for the girl to be sent to Bowling Green on Friday. He says he will meet her and take her to Scottsville. Letter marked Durham, Scottsville, KY.
Jones, Bell	Birth father	14 Feb 1894	BJ/B222/5	Jones writes to "Mr. W. L. Willans" regarding his children who were placed in the Home. He says that he is very upset that his daughters were placed in the Home, and that a Brother Taylor had them put there. He says he has no way to contact them, but asks that the Home keep them there until he can get there. Letter marked Crofton, KY.
Jones, J. M.	interested party	27 Nov. 1906	BJ/B222/9	Jones writes to the Home regarding adopting a baby from the Home that was listed in "last nights Times." He says that they would be "glad to take him and care for him and raise him to manhood if we can get him." He adds that they have "three sons, two of which are grown and gone in buisness," and the other of which is 12 years old. Handwritten, "Baby sent to Bond of children's Guardians." Letter marked St. John, KY.
Jones, Minnie, Bernie, and Herbert	orphans	21 August 1894	BJ/B222/6	C. M Jones writes to Weller in regard to the admittance of three orphans to the Home. He says that Rev. E. N. Dickens wrote previously about the children being taken in and Weller said it was possible, but he has not "ben able to get them there untill now" and asks if he can still take them. Letter marked Franklin, KY.
Jones, W. J.	Concerned citizen	23 May 1892	BJ/B222/3	Jones writes to Hollingsworth on behalf of the town of Sacramento, KY regarding the H. H. Gibson abuse case. The people of the town want to know if someone recommended Gibson and who; or if he was not recommended, they want to know. He states that, "The people down there are considerably worked up over the matter and unless the Orphan's Home can show that they only let out children to parties who are well know and recommended they wont be satisfied." Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Kay, Alice	birth mother	12 April 1875	BJ/B222/1	Adoptive family writes to Mary Mollingsworth for information about the girl they just adopted (name, age, residence, name of mother, etc.). The girl claims her mother's name is Alice Kay. Letter is marked Frankfort, KY.
Keebler children	"half" orphans	25 Dec 1895	BJ/B222/7	B. T. Hall writes to Hollingsworth regarding two children whose mother is dead and whose father "has abandoned them," disappeared, and is "no good." He says that the boys are 5 and 3 years old, have no relation to care for them, no property, and are currently at the "county poor house." Hall asks under what conditions the Keeblers can be brought to the Home. At the top of the letter, Weller writes, "no room now may be in the future" on Dec 29. Letter marked Benton, KY.
Kerteller, Blank	orphan	6 Sept 1893	BJ/B222/4	J. T. Casebier writes again to the Home to update her previous information on the widowed Lucy Kerteller. She states that she recently discovered the reason she wanted to give her daughter up to the Home was actually because she was planning to marry a Mr. Torrence, who also has a small child, and has since followed through with the marriage. Casebier wants to know if the child, who she refers to as "Blank," can still be committed to the Home. Letter marked Rockport, KY.
Kerteller, Lucy	birth mother	1 Sept 1893	BJ/B222/4	J. T. Casebier writes to Hollingsworth on behalf of Lucy Kerteller, a widow who has a little girl who will be three on January 18th. Kerteller does house work and moves often and is unable to care for the girl. She asked Casebier to write for the "instructions, manner, and conditions of sending her little daughter to B. O. Home." Letter marked Rockport, KY.

Kinsella, Mary A. and Sarah E.	orphans	26 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	Q. B. Coleman writes to Hollingsworth regarding a widow in his town who has two children she cannot take care of and wants to place in the Home. The children are two girls aged 4 and 6. Letter marked Greenville, KY. In a response letter, Coleman includes the names of the girls and states that they "leave here to day at 12 o'clock for the home." Letter marked Greenville, KY.
Kirby, Mrs. R. L.	interested party	1 Feb. 1910	BJ/B222/10	Kirby writes to the Home requesting to adopt "the dark-haired child three years old." She offers a recommendation and says to write to "the easton stars." Handwritten, "To far
Kunkel, Maggie	vulnerable/possibly adopted child	28 Aug 1899	BJ/B222/8	Andrew Kunkel writes to Weller, stating that he is sorry, "we cant send Maggie to the home at present as we are in considerable trouble." He says that "Maggie wrote that letter," and goes on to plead with Weller to come to Guston, KY for the trial. The Kunkels are, "in a law suit conserning her [Maggie] we have the man arrested and the trial comes off Saturday September 2." He says that neither he nor his family are "in the fault of this trouble that is why we wanted you to come out and see yourself." Letter marked Big Spring, KY. In another letter from 1 Sept 1899, Kunkel writes again to Weller, stating that they "would have been pleased if you had to come out and would have made it pleasant for you." He says that "as the mgs are in such a shape now we will have to let it remain so for awhile," adding that he or his wife will be in the city soon and will write him. Letter marked Big Spring, KY. In a letter from 16 Dec (marked Wednesday; likely December) 1899, Mary Kunkel (spelled Clunkel) writes to Hollingsworth. The letter is for the most part unintelligible, and has the same handwriting as previous letters written by Andrew Kunkel. The letter says that she thought she "would drop of on a few lines for [illegible] card about Maggie." She goes on to say that the family is very worried about Maggie, and that she guesses Hollingsworth "knew she was a perfect little devil." Kunkel says that she has "got her pretty well borken in the most of all she was the biggest liar for a child of her age," and that "every-body out here thinks its wrong that you dont learn them how to do any thing." She says that the reason they don't have Maggie's sister out is that they already have too much trouble with Maggie. She says that the country orphanage wouldn't want Maggie, but seems to imply that they will continue housing her. On a second page, the letter states "Maggie sends her love to her sister and to all the children and give my love Miss clain and to Mrs. Ada and to Miss Yager and to Ant Ellen and to Ant Coutome and to all of the colord people." Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Las, Gay	adopted child	27 Mar. 1906	BJ/B222/9	R. B. Willson writes to Abercrombie on behalf of Mrs. W. Las, who recently adopted "little Gay," which has "so recolonized affairs that it is quite another place with the young lady in absolute control." He says that she has been with the family nearly two weeks, an dhas been very well-behaved and adjusted. He adds that "Mrs. W. Las about completed the young lady's wardrobe and she is supplied with toys sufficient to keep her amused." He thanks the Home for placing the girl with them, and asks about a paper that Mrs. Las is supposed to sign. He thanks them again for changing their childless home "into quite another place." Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Le, Bro James	interested party	31 March 1894	BJ/B222/5	Bro H. K. Thomas writes to the Home on behalf of James Le Thomas, who hopes to adopt a girl from 7-10 years old. He also states that "Bro Pryor said your boys were to young wouldn't suit him." He says Thomas is between 30 and 35, married, and has a good farm and some money. Letter marked Folsomdale, Graves Co., KY.
Leechman, Minnie	orphan	23 Sept 1889	BJ/B222/2	J. M. Duley writes to "Weller and Sons" that he has sent the proper bonds to the Home (which he found to be "unnecessary") and wants them to send Minnie to Birdsville "the cheapest way put her in the care of the Clerk on the boat" and to "tell her that she will come all right not to fear." Letterhead marked Smithland, KY; sender marked letter Birdsville Livingston Co. KY.
Lockhead, Mrs. Zena	birth mother	13 Nov. 1906	BJ/B222/9	Lockhead writes the Home regarding her 6-month old baby, saying that she is a widow and "find it so hard to make a living with the baby." She asks for the Home to keep the baby over the winter until she can take care of it, and for it not to be adopted out. She adds that Mrs. Heirs "has some children there and is going from here xmas to visit them." She refers the Home to Bro. Petty, whom she says "knows my circumstances." Handwritten, "No eligible for admission." Letter marked Mayfield, KY.
Logsdon children	orphans (adopted?)	2 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	In Geo. A. Cabbage's letter to Weller about W. P. Coyl, he mentions that he is "glad to know the Logsdon and Hollow children have been so fortunate." Letter marked Leitchfield, KY.
Long, Jossie and Lana	orphans (?)	6 June 1889	BJ/B222/2	John D. Taggart, President of Fidelity Trust and Safety Vault Co., writes Hollingsworth to ask if Jossie and Lana Long can go to his offices to prepare papers to "testify she is alive." Unclear on who is alive. Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Long, Laura	orphan	18 July 1890	BJ/B222/3	L. L. Parks writes to Weller to enclose the papers of Commitment of Charles Reed to the Home. He is adopting Laura Long. Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Long, Mary	orphan	16 Nov 1888	BJ/B222/2	Long writes Weller to tell him how their newly adopted girl, Mary, is doing. He says she is very sweet and is adjusting well and is well loved by both he and his wife. He asks for any birth information they have on Mary to be sent so that it can be included in their family Bible. He then lists her "mates" who "Mary send her love to," including: Gassie, Sallie, Merry Bell Brown, Mollie Cot, Evaloma Spernits, Nrussinic (?) Dickens, Cleven Dickens, Hattie Stemper, Maggie Halloween, Mirnice (?) Jacksons. Letter is marked Mayfield, KY.
Louis, Albert	orphan	10 Sept 1887	BJ/B222/2	L. H. Shuck, Reverend of the First Baptist Church in Paducah, KY writes to the Home to ask if a two year old boy named Albert can stay at the home. His father left his mother, who is now very poor and "cannot do justice to the child." The mother wants to know if she can have Albert back after a few years.
Lutherford children	orphans	15 Apr. 1905	BJ/B222/9	Claude T. Price writes to the Home regarding the Lutherford children, of whom he is currently guardian. He says that the children are about 8 and 10 years old, and one infant. Their mother, father, and grandmothers are all dead, and are currently living with a step-grandmother "who is said to be unkind to them and whose health is also bad." He says that the infant has a good home with distant relatives, but that he wants to put the other two in the Home. He adds that they have "a little bond valued at \$450 or \$500." Letter marked Freedom, KY.
Lynch, J.	interested party	28 Sept. 1909	BJ/B222/10	Lynch writes to the Home asking to get a girl between 9 and 11 for company for his wife when he is away. In another letter from 10 Oct 1909, Lynch writes to the Home inquiring about adopting a girl. He says that he is "pore but proud," and his wife is 64 years old. Letter marked Columbia, KY.

Lynch, J. W.	interested party	28 April 1894	BJ/B222/5	Lynch writes to the home stating that he has one "little baby girl nearly 19 months old," and that he and his wife wish to "take one by apprentice" between 8 and 9 years old. Letter marked Bardwell, KY. A second letter from Lynch states that he is very sorry the Home would not let him adopt a little girl because they think "we just wanted her for a nurse." He explains that the Home is mistaken, and that they would have treated the girl as one of their own. He asks them to reconsider. Letter marked Bardwell, KY. A second letter from Lynch thanks Weller for reconsidering and says that it is a scarce time of the year so they are not able to send the bonds with money. He asks if he should still send the bonds, and states that he wants the little girl for company for his daughter. Letter marked Bardwell, KY.
Mabsy, Jesse J.	interested party	30 Aug 1886	BJ/B222/2	Jesse writes to ask to adopt a little girl, and says that he is a house keeper and can provide references. Letter marked Cunningham, KY.
Maginnis, Bessie and Susie	orphans	9 Oct 1893	BJ/B222/4	Mrs. K. P. Van Der Veer, principal of the East Kentucky Institute, writes to Hollingsworth regarding two small children who live with their mother, who is "as low as a woman could well be." Van Der Veer asserts that they live "just back of me," so she "knows all the facts." She explains that the woman, Mrs. Magrim, cannot take care of her two girls, who are 1 and 4. Van Der Veer asks Hollingsworth to send the paperwork and someone to get the girls as soon as possible, because she is afraid that if they wait too long, Magrim will "refuse to part with them." Letter marked Catlettsburg, KY. In a follow-up letter 19 Oct 1893, Van Der Veer writes that the Maginnis children are 11 months (Bessie), and almost 4 (Susie). She says that they are intelligent and sound in mind and body, but that Bessie is teething and can get cross. She asks if it is possible to "always keep" the girls in the Home so that "no temptations could come to them." She also wishes she could do something for the mother and writes that she is trying to help another woman in the area to get into the Home of the Friendless who tried to kill herself three times in the last month.
Mahan, R. W.	interested party	undated	BJ/B222/12	Mahan writes to the Home on behalf of Daniel Hays, asking him to "send them the ages and characteristics of the boy and girl." He adds that Hays is "a bachelor and probably will remain such." Letter marked Barwell, KY.
Markham, Mrs. W. C.	interested party	11 Oct 1894	BJ/B222/6	Markham writes to the Home to inquire about adopting a child between 6 months and 3 years old. She specifies that she and her husband have no children and are poor, but would take care of the child as if it were their own. She also specifies that the child should be: from a good family, a "true Kentuckian," good looking, well formed, stout, healthy, and neither redheaded or freckled face. She says that the child can be sent to her and she will settle the expenses, and also included multiple references. Letter marked Bowling Green, KY. In a letter from 13 Oct 1894, Markham writes again to inquire about the process of receiving her child. She asks if the child can be delivered by a conductor, as she doesn't have the money to travel to pick up the child. She also says that she wants "a little boy about 6 or 8 months old and as pretty as you have." Letter marked Bowling Green, KY. In a letter from 18 Oct 1894, Markham asks if her husband could come Saturday to the Home with the "recommendations" and pick up the infant. She says also that she would prefer to adopt rather than take on apprenticeship. She reiterates that she is not rich, but that the child will "always have plenty." She says that she is "well known in this place," her father is an established businessman, and he can ask anyone in town about this. She asks for finalizing adoption details. Letter marked Bowling Green, KY.
Marshbune, Dr. H. H.	interested party	24 July 1889	BJ/B222/2	B. F. Montague writes to the Home to provide a reference for Dr. H. H. Marshbune and says he is a gentleman of culture and good character.
Martin, John	orphan	16 June 1887	BJ/B222/2	Wm. K. Withers writes to the Home about a boy he adopted on October 27th, 1881. He is now about 12 years old and has become "unmanageable," having run away twice. Withers asks if he should return the boy or "have the court find him out." Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Martin, Mrs. W.	interested party	undated (9 Feb 19__)	BJ/B222/12	Martin writes to Mary in response to her letter of the 4th with advice in regards to the little girl, stating that she "can and will give a child a good home teach her house keeping." She says that she is considered a good housewife and that her references will suffice, stating that she will "fill out the papers and take Bertha." She says that "we own our home," she is 46 and her husband 47, and that she is a church going person. She continues to talk about herself and her home. Letter marked Dayton, KY.
May children	"half" orphans	27 June 1896	BJ/B222/7	W. H. Oleer [spelling?] writes to Hollingsworth regarding the children of Mrs. W. P. May, who died about two weeks ago and leaves behind an infant (about 2 weeks old) and two older children "who have been placed in the hands of Mr. May's parents." Oleer says that the parents are unable to care for the infant and have no friends or family able to. He says that Mr. May is "a laborer and has the appearance of being a hardworking sober man, about 30 years of age." May wants the infant placed in the Home and asks for information and if he could "present the infant in person." On the back, Weller writes "Will take child when cold weather sets in," June 29/96. Letter marked Owensboro, KY.
May, A. J.	concerned citizen	14 Mar. 1910	BJ/B222/10	May writes to the Home regarding a woman in his community with four small girls- two are 5 years old and the others and 9 and 10. May asks for the rules of admitting children into the Home and says that she is a Methodist. Handwritten, "Nothing heard." Letter marked Prestonsburg, KY.
May, Ida	orphan	11 May 1889	BJ/B222/2	Geo. A. Cabbage of Litchfield, KY types to Weller on behalf of his friend, Mr. Moses Terry. Terry wants to "take" Ida May (adopt or apprentice?) and needs papers prepared. Cabbage explains that if she is delivered to the railroad, his friend Mr. Dugan will deliver Ida to Mr. Terry. He also asks Weller to "notify Miss Cilla Owen." In a second handwritten letter, Cabbage introduces Weller to his friend Mr. S. F. C. Woolridge, who is to deliver Ida to Mr. Terry. He mentions that Ida will live with Mr. Terry and his mother. Letter is marked Big Clifty, KY.
McCann, Luey	interested party	20 Sept 1899	BJ/B222/8	J. F. William writes to Hollingsworth on behalf of his cousin, Luey McCann, whom he says wants to "adopt a little girl" from the Home. He says that Luey raised Garrett Nichols from the Home until he was "nearly of age," and now wants a "little girl about eleven of good family and good looking." He asks for Mary to communicate with her at once and that she lives in Richmond, KY. Letter marked Burlington, KY.
McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. F. M.	interested party	3 April 1891	BJ/B222/3	McCoy writes to Hollingsworth that he and his wife would like to adopt a girl from the Home about 14 or 15 years old. They request that she is beautiful, has sense enough to appreciate it, and learn. They want her to work with pride. Letter marked Manin, KY.

McCracken, G. A.	interested party	13 Aug. 1910	BJ/B222/10	McCracken writes to the Home asking to "get a Girl who is old enough to be company & a companion for my Wife We are alone we have one Son & one Daughter both are married and in their own homes." He says they do not wish to adopt her, but will give her a comfortable home and treat her as a daughter. He offers references, says that he is 62 and his wife is "nearly six years younger," and that they do not want a girl "under 14 years of age." Handwritten, "None suitable." Letter marked Covington, KY.
McFarrian, Rosa and Joe Summers	orphans	17 June 1893	BJ/B222/4	N. A. Boys writes to the Home regarding a girl he and his wife adopted last winter, Rosa McFarrian. He says that he wrote to Hollingsworth asking her to take Rosa back but has not heard from her. He asks what the charge would be to return her, and says that they should not have trouble re-homing her as she is good-looking and can play the organ. He says that she is not suited to him and his wife as she talks about them and does not like Joe Summers, their other adopted child (presumably from the Home). He states that they have had her for nearly 3 years and have had to stay at home with her. He continually states how miserable he and his wife are with Rosa. Letter marked Lovelaceville, Ballard County, KY.
McGarvey children	"half" orphans	18 April 1895	BJ/B222/7	J. A. Middleton writes to Weller regarding the McGarvey children, whose mother is dead and whose father is "in the asylum." He asks for the children to be admitted to the Home. The children are: Laura Mary, born May 31 1882; Abner Perrin, born Sept 14 1885; and Carrie Dorothy, born Sept 25, 1888. Letter marked Shelbyville, KY. In a letter from 19 April 1895, D. D. Forward writes to Weller regarding the McGarvey children, stating he "took an informal expression at our last prayer meeting with reference to recommending the McGarvey children," and the vote was unanimous to "give the poor children a home." Letter marked Shelbyville, KY.
McHidden	orphan	22 July 1885	BJ/B222/2	W. L. Nellen soul (?) writes to say that the mother (Mrs. French) of an adopted boy from the Home has died and they are taking the body to Madison, Indiana to be buried. He isn't positive the boy's name is McHidden, and they lived in Cambellsburg, Kentucky. Letter is marked from Danville, KY.
McKeown, Willie and Frank	orphans	11 Aug 1879	BJ/B222/1	Willie and Frank McKeown are admitted to the Home at the order of Judge Hoke. Willie born 25 Feb 1873; Frank born 21 Aug 1876. Letter is marked Louisville, KY.
McKirman	orphan	24 Dec 1886	BJ/B222/2	J. N. Beaddle writes to the Home to place a sex-week old orphan girl whose father committed a type of fraud and whose mother "lost her mind" due to the crime and is institutionalized. She is staying with her grandmother, but she is too old and frail to keep her long, and other members of the family cannot keep her. Letter marked Mayfield, KY.
Meefer (Meker? Meeker?), Ben	orphan	2 Nov 1894	BJ/B222/6	B. F. Coakley writes to Weller in regards to adopting Ben Meefer from the Home. Based on his previous letter, Meker is likely 8-10 years old. See B. F. Coakley.
Meguiar, Mrs. Maggie	interested party	7 June 1891	BJ/B222/3	Meguiar writes to the Home again inquiring about Ora. She says that the mineral water "here" (presumably in Franklin, KY) "improved her so much" and asks for her to be sent for the summer. She states again that she will adopt her as her own daughter and that she is so lonely. Letter marked Franklin, KY.
Merser, Edmund	birth father	14 Oct 1893	BJ/B222/4	Edmon Merser writes to the Home that he has three children- one boy and two girls aged 10, 7 and 5. He says he is 80, has lost two wives, is "all most helpfulness," and has been a member of the Baptist Church for 40 years. Letter marked Knox County, KY.
Messer children	potentially orphaned children	21 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	Mr. Edmond Messer writes to the Home regarding his children, which he says he is "to poore to rase." He states that he included a blank for their release. Letter marked Messer, Knox co., KY. In a response letter, Weller writes that the three child he wants to bring to the Home have been approved and he can bring them as soon as possible. Letter marked Louisville, KY. On 18 June 1894, Messer writes again to Weller saying he is glad the children are well. He says "in regard to Ben I am not able to take care of him," and asks the Home to take him and keep him updated on his whereabouts. He says he hopes to visit his little girls "this season." Letter marked Messer, Kentucky.
Messer, Benjamin	orphan	9 Oct 1894	BJ/B222/6	Weller writes to Ms. Mary Foberts regarding her son, Dr. H. H. Roberts, and his letter requesting a boy to adopt for her. She specified a boy between 10 and 12 years old, and Mary Hollingsworth selected Benjamin Messer, born 21 Dec 1883. Weller says that Benjamin is well grown, fair looking, and bright. He requests that she sign the required papers so that they can send Benjamin to her. Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Mitchell, James E.	interested party	19 Dec 1891	BJ/B222/3	Mitchell writes to the Home inquiring about adopting a little girl. He says that he and his wife lost their two little boys to diphtheria and his wife is very lonely now. They specify a little girl around 2 years old who is not sick and has no parents. Letter marked Scottsburgh, Ind.
Moody, Jas. M.	interested party	7 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	Moody writes to Weller stating that he wants "a girl from the Baptist orphan home some ten or twelve years old." He asks for the "circulars" and terms, and says he will come to make his selection. Letter marked Meador Allen Co., KY.
Moody, Perneice	orphan	12 Feb 1886	BJ/B222/2	John Q. A. Stewart, the Superintendent of the Kentucky Institution for the Education and Training of Feeble-Minded Children in Frankfort, KY, writes to a doctor asking him to fill out a form to have Perneice Moody admitted to the Institution.
Moore, Frannie	orphan (probable)	29 July 1878	BJ/B222/1	J. K. Nuriselly (?) writes to Mary that Frannie Moore reached his home and was well in appearance. She was met by Mrs. Sarah C. Ratliff, who also wants to "subscribe for us orphan friend for Frannie's sake."
Moorman, Mrs. J. P.	interested party	undated	BJ/B222/12	Moorman writes to Weller in regard to "getting a good boy to take in [her] home." She says that there is a new school in the area, and that she would prefer he be between 12-14 years of age. Letter unmarked.
Morgan, J. A.	concerned citizen or surrendering parent	15 July 1895	BJ/B222/7	Morgan writes to Hollingsworth asking if the Home could "receive an orphan girl which is seven years of age." She asks how the child should be sent to the Home, but provides no other information. Letter marked Williamsburg, KY.
Moss, Harry	interested party	14 Jul. 1909	BJ/B222/10	Moss writes to Abercrombie to ask about getting a boy from the Home. He is 38 years old and his wife 35; he says that though they do not belong to a church, they "we were engaged in Mission work in Louisville KY upon the street, City Hospital." Handwritten, "Home <u>not</u> suitable of S. S., ans- 7/19/09." Letter marked Evansville, IN.

Mullinix, C. D.	interested party	18 August 1899	BJ/B222/8	Mullinix writes to Weller asking to apprentice a girl from 9-13 years. He says that he and his wife (aged 25 and 21, respectively) have two girls aged 1 and 3, three pieces of land and have "a good business in store." He says that they will "give girl good schooling and have very little to do," specifying that they "want girl more for company than anything else." Weller writes at the bottom, "none to suit" Aug 25/99. Letter marked Rife, Casey Co., KY. In a letter from 12 Feb 1900, Mullinix writes again to Weller, stating that he is 30 and his wife is 20 years old, and that they have three girls, the oldest being 4. He says they "want girl to help train and go to school with our children." They offer references, and say that they have a good school and church nearby, good neighborhood, and do not drink or gamble. At the bottom of the letter, Weller writes "None to suit," Febry 15/1900. Letter marked Rife, Casey Co., KY.
Nash, Fannie L.	concerned neighbor/ wife of pastor	16 Aug 1887	BJ/B222/2	Fannie Nash (likely the wife of Chas. E. Nash, the Pastor of Carrollton Baptist Church according to letterhead) writes to the Home about a women on a nearby farm with six children who cannot afford to feed them all after a drought. She says they will starve if she doesn't give them up. Letter marked Carrollton.
Nelson, Amanda	Birth mother	13 Dec 1889	BJ/B222/2	Chas. Stephens writes to Weller to say that a woman he knows- Mrs. Amanda Nelson- desires to put her children in the Home. He states that she is "fully worthy" to receive the benefits of the Home and is a Baptist. Letter marked Paris, KY.
Nestface, Alice	orphan	12 Dec 1880	BJ/B222/1	An employee of the Kentucky Institution for the Education and Training of Feeble-Minded Children (Frankfort, KY) writes to Hollingsworth to tell her that Alice (who used to be at the Home) is dying and he cannot reach her mother.
Nichols, Alline	adopted orphan	18 March 1894	BJ/B222/5	Alline Nichols writes to Weller to "let [him] know how I am getting a long." She states that she "is the little girl that the left the home on the twenty six of June for allen county," and that granpa nichols and his son Brista met her at the depot. She describes her journey to her current home in Allen county, going to school, getting baptized, and doing housework. On the back of her letter, W. B. Nichols writes that Alline wanted to send this letter, that she is fine and healthy and very happy in her new home. Letter marked Settle, Allen Co., KY. In a letter from 13 August 1895, Warren B. Nichols writes to the Home about Alline, referring to her as "little Amanda Alline Barge." He says that Weller requested he write him, and says that Alline is doing very well, going to school, and is "just getting along happy." Letter marked Settle, KY.
Noe, Mary	adopted orphan	4 July 1895	BJ/B222/11	Incomplete letter. Unnamed person writes to Hollingsworth regarding Noe, who he says was taken about 18 months or two years ago by a Mr. J. W. Coplinger of Luisble Co., KY. Noe is about 12 years old. Author says that "we learned that Mr. C- wishes to dispose of her- so last Sunday I went down to have her come up and live with us." He says that he took the agreement with them, and if she doesn't suit them he will send her back to the Home. Letter marked Campbellsburg, KY.
Noe, Wm. B.	Lawyer in the H. H. Gibson case	7 April 1892	BJ/B222/3	Noe writes to the Home regarding the Commonwealth against H. H. Gibson and Shanks case. He advises that the Home reclaim Oscar Blankenship (although he mentions that "the child prefers to remain where it is") so that it cannot be argued that the prosecutors are simply prejudiced against the defender, but are concerned with the welfare of the child. He recommends the Home have their "attorney prepare the petition and affidavit for this writ and have some signed and verified by the proper offices of the Home." Letter marked Calhoun, KY.
Nofsinger, W. B.	interested party	1 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	In the same letter as above, Nofsinger writes to the Home requesting to adopt a boy "about 9 or 10 years old a nice intelligent little fellow." Nofsinger states that they are the clerk of Cedar Grove Church, and provides possible references. Letter marked Gishton, KY.
Noland, Vina	surrendering birth mother	3 Aug. 1910	BJ/B222/10	Noland writes to the Home regarding her three children- aged 10, 7, and 5. She says that she is anxious to get them into the Home because she cannot care for them and so that they will grow up "in the paper of the Lord." Handwritten, "6/10 Blank sent," and "nothing further heard of case 10/6/10." Letter marked Bar Creek, KY.
Norman, D. L.	interested party	26 June 1899	BJ/B222/8	Norman writes to the Home asking to "get a good Girl about 15, or 16, years, of age, from you, one with smooth temper, gentile and kind." He says that they can give her a good home, and would expect her to do "light house work, with out Laundry." He asks for an answer by return mail and provides a reference by Bro. J. N. Hall. At the bottom, Weller writes, "None to suit," June 28/99. Letter marked Fulton, KY.
Olds, Mr. and Mrs. Eli	interested party	29 August 1894	BJ/B222/6	Olds writes to the Home to inquire about taking a girl from the Home under apprenticeship. He says he would like one between 10 and 12 years, healthy, honest, bright, can learn to do house work and that is not Dutch or Irish. He provides references, and requests that Hollingsworth pick a child that suits their family. Letter marked Tacketts Mill, Owen Co., KY. In a letter from 8 Sept 1894, Olds writes to Weller to send \$2 and bonds to have the girl sent on the Slim Falls City next week to Monterey KY. He says he will meet her there. Letter marked Tacketts Mill, KY. In a letter from 14 Sept 1894, Olds says that he will be at Monterey Sept 18th to "meet Miss Zetta Farmer at the boat." Letter marked Tacketts Mills, Owen Co., KY.
Orr, C. A.	interested party	20 Jan 1894	BJ/B222/5	Orr writes to Weller requesting a boy from the Home, 9-10 years old, of good family and "easily controled and smart." He includes references from members of the Baptist Emanuel Church. Letter marked Vealsburg, KY.
Osborne, F. E.	interested party	28 March 1894	BJ/B222/5	Osborne writes to the Home asking if there are any girls between 8 and 12 years that "could learn house work." He says that he would treat the girl as "one of my family," and provides references. Letter marked Curdsville, KY.
Oscar Blankenship; Cleaveland Raymer; H. H. Gibson; Shanks	orphans; abusive adoptive parents/employers	30 March 1892	BJ/B222/3	A. J. Frazier- the Justice of the Peace of McClean Co, KY- writes to the Home at the request of "Baptist Bretherin" in Sacramento, KY. He provides a detailed account of the case of the Commonwealth against H. H. Gibson (who wrote to the Home in 1891 asking for a "spritely young boy") and Shanks, which details the abuse of two boys from the Home who are living with Gibson as adopted children. Frazier was meant to examine Oscar and Cleaveland after issuing a writ for Gibson and Shanks for a misdemeanor, but found the childrens' conditions so poor that he called in a doctor to examine and dress their wounds. He states that Cleaveland was "a great deal worse hurt than Oscar," but describes Oscar's injuries: "Oscar had several bruises and scars on his body, head, and his little penis had the appearance of being cut or pulled nearly off close up to his belly." Gibson stated on oath that Shanks was the abuser, but that he ordered him to whip the boys to "make them work." Frazier wants to try the men for Mayhem; Shanks is ordered to appear in court on June 4th, 1892, but Gibson's lawyer got him out on bond. He says that several citizens made application to take the children away from Gibson, but he "begged them to let the officers of the Home act first in the case." He mentions a newspaper article published by J. W. Vancleave about the case. Letter marked Sacramento, KY.

Padgett, Mr. G. A.	interested party	25 June 1894	BJ/B222/5	S. P. Gooch writes to the Home regarding Padgett, whom he says multiple church members "do not think Mr. Padgett would be a suitable person to raise a child he drinks to some extent etc. etc." He asks for the letter to be kept confidential. Letter marked Wayuesburg, KY.
Page, J. H.	interested party	3 Feb 1894	BJ/B222/5	Page writes to the Home to inquire about adopting a 10 year old boy "of good blood, good looking and one I can make something out of." He includes a reference, has a wife and no children. Letter marked Horse Cave, KY. A second letter from 24 Feb 1894 states that he would "prefer adoption," and hopes to provide a good home for "the 'boy.'" A third letter from 21 April 1894 states that Page's wife "is not an invalid but is quite feeble" and is suffering from a "spell." He says that because Weller "demand[s] a decision at once" they are unable to commit under existing circumstances. Letter marked Horse Cave, KY. On 14 July 1894, Page writes again, saying that "after long waiting to see how my wife's health would get I will write you not to hold the boy any longer." He calls the boy Enos. Letter marked Horse Cave, KY.
Papers, Sr., H. C.	surrendering parent or citizen	10 Jan 1894	BJ/B222/5	Papers Sr. writes to Weller to asks for the necessary papers to send a girl to the Home. She was born 20 March 1890 and is "very bright" and "very butiful." Unclear how Papers Sr. is related to the girl. Letter marked Leitchfield, KY.
Parsons, Mr. Jos. J.	interested party	16 May 1892	BJ/B222/3	Geo. A Cabbage writes to Hollingsworth regarding his friend, Joseph Parsons. He says that Parsons is interested in adopting a little girl. He lives in Breckinridge Co., but does business in Leitchfield, KY. Cannon Cunningham adds in the end that they endorse the recommendation. Letter marked Leitchfield, KY.
Parton, Newman	adopted child; adoptive parent trying to "return"	18 Apr. 1900	BJ/B222/9	Mrs. James Harris writes to Weller regarding Parton, a boy she adopted from the Home last October. She states that she is "sorry to say he is one of the worst children I ever saw" and that he has been "nothing but trouble to us for over a year and gets worse all the time." She states that he was better behaved when they lived in the country, that she wants to return the boy, and that perhaps he would do better with a family in the country. Weller writes on the top of the letter "cannot take him back advised her to send him to State School of Reform," Apl 18 1900. Letter marked Hardinsburg, KY.
Peck, Atta	interested party	Aug. 1906	BJ/B222/9	Peck writes to the Home to ask if it is possible to "again get the little child Lelia While," stating that "circumstances over which I had no control prevented me from keeping her before, but now they are remand and we would gladly take her again this time to keep her." She says that her "greatest gault was untruthfulness," but that she knows now "she can be broken of that." She says if it is impossible to get Lelia again, she would like an infant girl, "healthy and nicely formed and desiraeable babe." Letter marked Lebanon, KY.
Peeters, Arthur	interested party	11 Sept 1893	BJ/B222/4	Peeters writes to the Home to ask about "obtaining" a girl 10 or 12 years old. He asks to be sent relevant information and provides Pastor Rev. E. J. King in Berlin, KY as a reference. Letter marked Hevilandsville, KY.
Pence, Eliziebeth and Eliza	orphans	17 Dec 1889	BJ/B222/2	Armie Wearen writes to Miss Mary about a little girl named Eliziebeth Pence. He says she is "over age" and is "brother" the Eliza (or Eliga? Maybe misspelling Elijah?) Pence. He says Eliza came to the home from Stanford. Letter marked Stanford, KY.
Pence, William	orphan	18 July 1894	BJ/B222/6	Jno' L. O'Neal writes to the Home regarding William Pence, an orphan from the Home adopted by a Dr. Golden. He states that Pence was "fleeing from hard hands he had fallen into in Henry County," and that he knew the boy from when he stayed with a Mrs. Stewart near Anchorage. Pence told O'Neal that Golden kept him only a short time, and then passed him off to his father who mistreated him. When asked why he did not report the mistreatment to the Home, William stated he was afraid and that the neighbors "promised to write and report for him." O'Neal was going to send him back to Stanford to his sisters, but contacted the Home "so as to avoid the R. R." He asks if the Home allows "orphans to be bandied around as in shuttlecock hither and thither," or if they "scrutinize the character of applicants for them." Letter marked Eminence, KY.
Pendley, Mr. and Mrs. James	interested party	19 March 1895	BJ/B222/7	Pendley writes to Hollingsworth to inquire about adopting a boy from the Home between 7 and 10 years old. He says that he and his wife are Baptists, and that they have one child of their own. He provides references and says they will "rear" the boy "as one of the family." On the back of the letter, Weller writes Apl 19/95, "answered by asking usual questions, and requesting usual recommendations." Letter marked Mining City, KY. In a letter from 25 April 1895, Pendley writes to say that he has been married about 2.5 years, his child is a girl 1.5 years old, and he doesn't know if he will be having any more children. He says that he wishes to adopt a boy around 10 years old and expects him to work on the farm. He offers recommendations and says he will give the boy an education. Letter marked Mining City, KY.
Penny, A. R.	concerned citizen	5 Nov 1887	BJ/B222/2	A. R. Penny writes to N. L. Weller, chairman [illegible] that the children Bro. Barron wrote to them about are in a "very helpless condition," as their father and mother are both dead. He goes on to say that he's "hoping you can receive the children." Letter marked Stanford, KY.
Percival, Mrs. Sarah	adoptive mother	17 April 1897	BJ/B222/11	Incomplete letter; first page only. Unknown author writes to Hollingsworth on behalf of Mrs. Sarah Percival, who wants to be "releaced from the obligation she gave the home" to take "charge of Fragemette," a boy from the Home. Author says that the boy "is now gone to his mother and will not return." Letter marked Walton, KY.
Perkins, J. M.	concerned citizen	14 Nov 1899	BJ/B222/8	Perkins writes to Hollingsworth regarding "a woman here from Metcalfe Co. whose husband has deserted her and her three children." He says that she wants to "get her children in some orphans home," and has two girls, 10 and 12, and one boy, 8. He asks to be written to at once, "as the case is very urgent." On the back, Weller writes "Refed to KY Childrens Home Society" Nov 16/1899. Letter marked Horse Cave, KY.
Peter, Arthur	concerned citizen	13 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	Peter writes (seemingly in response) to Weller regarding an unnamed orphan who has been mistreated in the area. He says that he has spoken to Mr. Stakey and Mr. Snyder, who knew nothing of the "Boy's care." He goes on to say that he went to a reforming Orphans Home and saw Mr. Graham, who "knew all about the case." He goes on to discuss two other orphans who have been mistreated, including one girl who was returned to the Home in the same clothes she left in and had not been to school. Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Peter, Mr. Arthur	concerned citizen	18 Feb 1888	BJ/B222/2	J. H. Caseldine writes to Peter that the girl he was trying to secure a place for in the Home has been adopted by her aunt. Caseldine thinks the girl would have been better off in the Home, and thanks Peter for his "noble undertaking." Letter marked Emmence, KY.
Peyton, Jeb and Nannie	prospective adoptive parents	11 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	The Peytons write to the Home asking to "get" a girl "of good mind and good health about 12 or 14 years of age" with "no relation so that she would learn to love me as a mother." They include that they have 7 boys and one 4-year old girl. They also include that they can meet her at "Paducha." Letter marked Hinkleville Ballard Co., KY.

Pharris, Abraham and Marcine	orphans	26 March 1894	BJ/B222/5	An official document of guardianship from the State of Kentucky, Jefferson county, stating that the court appoints J. J. Terry the legal guardian of Abraham and Marcine Pharris. The Pharris' are under 14 years of age, of Nathan Pharris (deceased,), and signed off by a clerk and deputy clerk. Handwritten on the back, Weller says "the children delivered to guardian March 26/94."
Phelps	adult transporting children	29 Nov 1889	BJ/B222/2	James Denton writes to Weller stating that a Mr. Phelps is putting "the children" on a train on Dec. 4th. Letter marked Somerset, KY.
Phelps	widow; birth mother	8 July 1893	BJ/B222/4	Mrs. E. L. Mottley writes to Hollingsworth regarding a "poor widow" in town named Mrs. Phelps. She says Phelps has a baby who is weaned, but "finds it impossible to get a home while she has [the baby] with her." She asks Hollingsworth to send her the necessary papers and says that she can bring the baby in. Letter marked Bowling Green Kentucky.
Phelps girl	orphan	26 July 1895	BJ/B222/7	Geo. A. Cabbage writes to Weller regarding the "little Phelps girl" (perhaps referring to the baby that a Mrs. Phelps from Bowling Green, KY surrendered to the Home in 1893). It seems that Weller asked Cabbage for a recommendation from an "old grandfather" and his wife who wanted to adopt the child, but Cabbage states that they are "wholey unfit to have the rearing of such a little unfortunate creature," adding that they are very poor and the wife is a, "very immoral, corrupt old woman." Letter marked Leitchfield, KY.
Pickle, Minnie	adopted orphan	27 Sept. 1900	BJ/B222/9	G. W. Pickle writes to Hollingsworth regarding the "papers that make baby ours and our heir," stating that "she is a sweet bright little one." Letter marked Knoxville, TN. In a letter from 22 Sept 1900, Pickle writes to end "a most excellent likeness of our sweet baby- Minnie Pickle." He also encloses \$5, stating that it is Minnie's gift for the children at the Home to have clothes. Letter marked Knoxville, TN.
Pierce	Birth father	10 Aug 1889	BJ/B222/2	George Hunt writes to Weller in regards to a little boy he has apparently written about before. The father of the boy is Mr. Pierce, and "sister Jani in Caldwell" is also mentioned. He hopes the boy is taken care of. Letter marked Stanford, KY.
Pierce, J. P.	Father of adoptive mother	30 Sept 1892	BJ/B222/3	Pierce writes a passively angry letter to Hollingsworth accusing her of ignoring multiple means of communication regarding his daughter's adoption. He says that his daughter is "being made miserable by her failure to get the child to do right" and no longer wants the girl, and asks what Hollingsworth will do about it. He further states that the child they selected was not the child they got, and says that they "were not treated right in the matter." Letter marked Marion, KY.
Pierce, J. P.	Concerned citizen	22 Oct 1893	BJ/B222/4	J. P. Pierce writes to Hollingsworth that Hudspeth- whom he wrote to the Home on behalf of on 23 July 1891- has adopted two children (not sure if one boy and one girl or two boys) from the Home and that he has been told "they are being treated very badly." He says they are "not clothed fit to go to church or school," and to verify the facts with J. E. Stephenson, J. W. Mabry, and Dr. P. Campbell. Letter marked Marion, KY.
Pool, Mrs. Belle	concerned citizen	10 Oct 1894	BJ/B222/6	Pool writes to the Home in regard to three orphans aged 5, 7, and 9. There are two girls and one boy and "neither Father or mother." Letter marked Baltimore, KY.
Porter, C. S.	concerned citizen	8 July 1899	BJ/B222/8	Porter writes to Hollingsworth regarding a "3 year old orphan girl," who the Rock Lick Baptist Church wants to place in the Home. Letter marked Somerset, KY.
Porter, Mrs. Laura Gould	concerned citizen	14 Nov 1894	BJ/B222/6	Porter writes to the Home to ask if it accepts illegitimate children, clarifying "say 3 or 4 of one woman that had since 15 years old." She asks to remain anonymous, and says that she will come to Louisville with her father Mr. N. U. Gould and explain further. Letter marked Somerset, KY.
Posey, Carrie	interested party	18 July 1894	BJ/B222/6	Sallie Crawford writes to the Home on behalf of Carrie Posey, a woman interested in adopting a girl 12 years old. She states that the Poseys are "quite a clever family of people," are a family of four "all grown," and have a "lovely country home." Crawford ends the letter asking if the Home has "any more 'Callies.'" It seems that the Crawfords adopted a girl named Callie from the Home that was kind and "now a young lady." Letter marked Corydon, KY. In a letter from 24 July 1894, Posey writes to say that she cannot "give the young girl a home." She states that her 71 year old mother objects to the adoption, and hopes that the Home is not inconvenienced. Letter marked Corydon, KY.
Powell, Fannie	past adopted child	2 Feb. 1910	BJ/B222/10	Powell writes to the Home requesting information on her brothers and sisters and "if they have good homes." Letter marked Corydon, KY.
Pryor, J. N.	interested party	24 Feb 1894	BJ/B222/5	H. K. Thomas writes to the Home to provide a reference for Pryor, who wants to apprentice a boy from the Home. Pryor is 25 years old, is married to someone "some younger than he," lives on a farm, and has no children. They are looking for a boy between 7 and 10 and live in Falsomdale, Graves Co., KY. Thomas also mentions he provided the same references when he asked about two little girls which were sent to Bass and Mc Neal in June 1892. Letter marked Falsomdale, KY.
Quinn, Martha A.	adoptive parent	26 Dec 1893	BJ/B222/4	Quinn writes to Hollingsworth in regard to a little girl she is in the process of adopting. She asks if she should send the bond to the Home, and also includes instructions for delivering the girl. Letter marked Sturgis, KY (handwritten) and Caseyville, KY (embossed). In a letter from 14 Feb 1895, Quinn writes again to the Home stating that she has "watted some time expecting to hear from you if you have declined" her offer to adopt a girl. Letter marked Sturgis, KY. In another letter from 21 Feb 1895, Quinn writes to Weller to say she feels she has "bin treated bad" because she drove to Morganfield to give a bond for the girl and never heard back. She later refers to the girl as Elly, and explains the lengths she has gone to formalize this adoption. Letter marked Sturgis, KY.
Quinn, Miss Henrietta	adoptive mother	6 Sept 1883	BJ/B222/2	A third party (D. L. Bleigh, maybe of the police department) writes on behalf of a "hard" adoptive mother who wants to return her two children to the Home. Location: Louisville, KY
Rae, Miney	orphan	23 Oct 1890	BJ/B222/3	Crawford Lyers writes to Weller that the girl he "got" from the Home is "of no use" to him because she is "so afflicted." He says she is "scraffulus and nere cited" and wants the Home to "tak her back a give anothea if I cant do beter in a nothe girl." Letter marked Hawesville, KY.
Ragers, Mr. and Mrs. Henry	interested party	28 March 1891	BJ/B222/3	D. P. Browning writes to Hollingsworth to recommend the Ragers to adopt a child. They have one girl who he says they treat very well. Letter marked Lewisburg, KY.
Rand, B. O.	interested party	17 May. 1909	BJ/B222/11	Incomplete letter; first page only. Letterhead marked B. O. Rand, Physician and Surgeon. Author writes to Abercrombie regarding Mary, a girl seemingly recently taken from the Home. Author says that she seems to like it at her new home, and "seems to have either a selfish and independent habits," but that she will get over it and seems sweet otherwise. Author says that they "see no reason why she and her mother may not correspond," and that she is welcome to visit, but that she must not interfere with them raising the girl. Letter marked Milton, KY.

Randal	interested party	29 Dec 1894	BJ/B222/6	W. T. Roney writes to Hollingsworth a recommendation for the Randals to adopt a "nice little girl, 8 to 12 years of age." Letter marked Fulton, KY.
Reacock children	orphans	3 Jan 1894	BJ/B222/5	S. M. Reacock writes to the Home regarding his 7 children. He was recently widowed and has 7 children, the oldest of which is 13 years old. He says he cannot afford to hire someone to help him raise the children, and asks if the three youngest could be boarded at the Home (boys aged 3,5, and 8). He says he is "a native of KY (Garrard Co.) and left 3 years ago. Letter marked Glen Mary, Louisiana (?)"
Read, E. H.	interested party	30 Jan. 1904	BJ/B222/9	Read writes to Hollingsworth, stating he received her letter of the 24th and was "somewhat surprised to learn you wer so strict in your rules." He says that he is a farmer, he is 33 years old and his wife is 32, and includes recommendations. Letter marked. Cernban, KY.
Reed, J. W.	Concerned citizen	17 July 1891	BJ/B222/3	J. W. Reid writes to Hollingsworth about a widow "at this place" who has 5 children, 4 of which she would like to send to the Home. Reid mentions that she is not a Baptist and may not be connected to any church, but is in absolute poverty. The children are: 10, 8, 4, 2, and an infant, and the mother wants to keep the infant with her. Letter marked Lancaster, KY.
Renfro children	"half" orphans	9 July 1894	BJ/B222/6	John S. Renfro writes to the Home regarding his give children, aged 2-9 years old, 4 boys and 1 girl. He says that their "native home" is Whitley County, KY and that their mother died shortly after they moved West. Renfro lost his property and his friends suggested that he send his children to the Home, but he was unable to do so until a drought hit his crops. He wants the children raised in KY. Letter marked Plymouth, AR. In a letter from 27 August 1894, Rengro says that he will send his children as soon as he can, and that it may be two weeks or more. Letter not marked. In a letter from 6 Oct 1894, Renfro send commitment of his children, and says that they will start from "here" on Wednesday, Oct 9th. Letter marked Mulberry, AR. A letter from 10 Oct 1894 states that "we failed to get through tickets to day" and that the children will start Saturday the 13th. He says that they will be by themselves and to please look for them. Letter marked Plymouth, AR.
Reynolds children	orphans	16 April 1895	BJ/B222/7	J. I. Weaver writes to the Home regarding the children of J. C. Reynolds and his wife. He says that Mr. Reynolds died three years ago, and last Friday the 12th, Mrs. Reynolds died and left two little boys. Her last request was that the boys be taken to the Baptist Orphans Home; the oldest will be 7 in May, the youngest "will be 5 soon." Weaver asks to make application for the boys. On the back, Weller writes, "Apl 19 1895 Answered, requesting usual recommendation from the church." Letter marked London, KY.
Reynolds, Mrs. Susan A.	surrendering guardian	25 June 1894	BJ/B222/5	Reynolds writes to the Home regarding her 4-year old grandson whom she wishes to send to the Home. She says that she is getting old and is unable to support him, and wants to have him "well taken care of." Letter marked Hardyville, KY.
Rhea, Mrs. And Mr. W. M.	interested party	24 Oct 1893	BJ/B222/4	C. J. Wells writes to Hollingsworth regarding Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Rhea, a couple from "our county" who want to "get one of your orphan girls." The family has a six year old son, lives near a Baptist church and a good school. Letter marked Madisonville, KY.
Rial, Mrs. E. E.	interested party	16 Oct 1893	BJ/B222/4	Rial writes to the Home asking for an "honest, reliable, active girl" between 10 and 15. She states that she and her husband moved recently from Louisville, and she needs and "kind, gentle, obedient child to assist in caring" for her two children- girls aged 2 and 4. Letter marked Parkland, KY.
Rickman, Lula	orphan	6 March 1889	BJ/B222/2	Arthur Peter Ch(?) or H. D. Moore writes to the Home about Lula Rickman, a girl whose parents have died (Ian and Susan Rickman). She has about \$450, which Moore says will go to the Home to "take charge of for her benefit." Letter marked Ashland, KY.
Riley, J. P.	concerned citizen	4 Oct. 1910	BJ/B222/10	Riley writes to Abercrombie on behalf of a "Sister" in his church who is "seperated from her husband, and has a little boy six years old, who she wants to send to our Orphanage." He says that "the mother in destitute condition says she is not able to raise the boy," and asks if he is eligible and how to proceed. Handwritten, "Not an orphan & we cannot come in." Letter marked Paducah, KY.
Risinger, Mrs. Nora	interested party	28 Aug 1899	BJ/B222/8	Risinger writes to Hollingsworth at the advice of Bro. Sparling, the "present minister at Little Bethel Baptist Church in this county." She says that she would like to, "get a boy child from the Orphants Home to rase" between 4 and 6 years old. She says that she does not have any children. Weller writes on the back "Get recommendations and come for the boy" Aug 30/99. Letter marked Giver Grove, Union Co., KY.
Roark, W. E.	interested party	19 April 1895	BJ/B222/7	Roark writes to the Home asking about "the letting out of children." He wants a girl over 8 or 9 years old, of "respectable parentage," "good temperament," and "inclined to industry." He states that he has a small family of four, and offers recommendations. Letter marked Greenville, KY. On the back, Weller writes "answered Apl 22/95 declined."
Robb, Mary	orphan	26 Jun. 1905	BJ/B222/9	J. E. Conyers writes to Mrs. M. E. Abercromber to ask about Miss Mary Robb, a 14 year old girl at the Home who was recommended for him to adopt after a Mr. J. W. Hensley visited the Home on his behalf. He asks what the conditions for "let[ting] the children out" are, what is required of a person who takes them, and if returns are allowed. He asks where Robb is from, if she is bright and intelligent, if she moves quickly and if she can do housework. He says that he lives in a town of about 100, has a wife and 3 children (the oldest is 7.5 years). He asks for information. Letter marked Monroe, KY.
Roberts, Willy K.	interested party	6 June 1879	BJ/B222/1	A group of attorneys from Owen County write to certify that Roberts is a "person of good moral character" who wants to adopt an orphan girl. Letter marked Owenton, KY.
Robertson, George	adoptive father	3 June 1890	BJ/B222/3	Robertson writes to the Home to send required contracts for adoption and includes information about the little girl he has adopted. He says she appears satisfied, as are "they" by the girl. Letter marked Utica, Miss.
Rogers children	orphans [?]	21 Feb 1895	BJ/B222/7	W. W. Jordan and Bell Jones writes to Weller regarding the Rogers children. They say that the children are "at Prepton on Chairty and Ney. Jones is simply able to support them," and asks for the Home to send the Apprentice bond to her. They say "we only beg for the bond" and that "as for a compromise it is useless to mention it to Jones he is now living with the fourth woman since he and sister Jones parted." Letter marked Hopkinsville, KY.
Rogers, Sr., H. C.	County judge	8 April 1891	BJ/B222/3	Rogers writes to the Home regarding children that are staying in the county "poor house" that he wants to have placed in the Home. The children have living relatives, and it is unclear how many children he refers to. Letter marked Leitchfield, KY. In a return letter, Weller mentions the six children, and states that if the oldest of 12 years is a boy, they cannot take him in.

Rowlett	interested party	27 Nov 1894	BJ/B222/6	Rowlett writes to Weller to inform him that the conditions for adoption or release of a child from the Home "make it impossible for [them] to think of trying farther to take a girl from the Home." He says that they "did not wish nor expect to get one as a servant, but what [they] want is a girl to assist [him] with [his] household duties." He goes on to say that he would have "conscientious scruples about promising to treat one exactly as [his] own child," and seems very disappointed in the conditions about the Home. Letter marked Habardsville, KY.
Russell, William	adoptive father	21 Sept 1887	BJ/B222/2	Russell writes to the Home to "vehemently deny" that he and his wife have been abusing the two children they adopted. The Russell's neighbors wrote to the Home saying that they have been physically abusing their children, but Russell claims that it is a personal fight the families have been having and that the Smiths are making up the claims. He offers to send the children to the Home right away to be examined for bruises. Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Ryland, W. S.	reference	Undated (189_)	BJ/B222/11	Ryland writes on behalf of an unnamed man who is seemingly interested in getting a girl from the Home. The first part of the letter is missing, so the man's name is unavailable. Ryland also offers Reb. G. H. Burnett and Deacon David Childres to provide "reliable information in the case." Letter marked Russellville, KY.
Sampson, Cordelia	adopted orphan	25 Mar. 1905	BJ/B222/9	Saml. J. Dohrmann writes to the Home regarding the future of Cordelia Sampson, a girl who was adopted from the Home by Mrs. Pat O'Brien. He states that "as you have probably seen from the Louisville papers, the husband and son of Mrs. O'Brien have had financial troubles and their business is in such a shape and they themselves liable to severe criticism." He says that, though the Clifton Baptist Church originally recommended the O'Briens to adopt Cordelia, they now "thought best to notify you regarding the matter" and ask if the girl should be returned to the Home, which they think "would probably by the best course." He says that Mrs. O'Brien "has signified her willingness to return the child in an interview the pastor had with her recently." He says that all of the family's property will go to "pay their indebtedness." Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. H. M.	interested party	3 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	H. M. Saunders writes to the Home in regards to adopting a child. He states that he and his wife have already met Hollingsworth, and provides references. He makes multiple specifications for the boy that they want to adopt, including that he be 7 or 8 years old, of good parentage, preferably that both parents are now dead, etc. Letter marked Bardwell, KY.
Sautherland children	"half" orphans	8 Jan 1894	BJ/B222/5	Frank B. Raymond writes on behalf of Mr. J. Harvey Sautherland, a widow with two young girls. Sautherland wants to put the girls in the Home, and Raymond asks for information regarding the process. Letter marked Eminence, KY.
Savage	interested party	17 March 1894	BJ/B222/5	John H. Moore writes to the Home on behalf of Dr. Savage. He asks that the board act upon the blank "filled up that you sent Rev Dr. Savage," and that as soon as they decide, he can "send the little girl in care of the railroad conductor." It is unclear if Savage is adopting or surrendering a child. Letter marked Manchester.
Scott, George	interested party	23 August 1895	BJ/B222/7	Scanlan & Co. writes to Weller regarding Scott, who they say they have employed for 11 years and "have found him to be steady, reliable, and upright." It seems as if Scott wants to adopt a child and his company is writing a recommendation. Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Sebree, John S.	surrendering guardian	7 May. 1909	BJ/B222/10	Sebree writes to Abercrombie regarding two boys he is taking care of- one "past 5, the other past 8." He says that they are "healthy, stout boys, their mother died 2 years ago," and he has been taking care of them since but is "almost worn out." He asks what is necessary to place the boys in the Home and provides references. Handwritten, "Admitted 2 boys." Letter marked Petersburg, KY.
Settle, Elma	orphan	17 April 1885	BJ/B222/2	Mrs. Settle writes that her mother cannot take in an orphaned girl named Nellie because she has never seen her before. She also says that her adopted daughter, Elma, has been beaten without Mary's knowledge at the Home because she has bruises and cries out when she tries to change her. She asks for a picture of her birth mother, named Mrs. Jackson, and offers to send a picture of Elma. Letter is marked from Seneca, Kansas.
Settle, H. C.	adoptive father	15 Oct. 1887	BJ/B222/2	H. C. Settle writes again to Miss Hollingsworth from Seneca to ask why the copy of the apprenticeship papers he asked for have not yet been sent. He says that these are necessary to make their adopted daughter Elma their heir, and states in underlined, large letters "we are now ready to take this step in Justice to our Darling and I hope we will not be retarded." A check for three hundred dollars is with the letter dated Nov 2nd 1887.
Sexton, Henry	orphan	9 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	H. M. Saunders writes to the Home in response to another letter, and states that he and his wife have decided to "take little Henry Sexton by Apprenticeship," and adds that it is likely that they will adopt him later on. He adds that there is an "excellent graded school" they will send him to, and also that he plans to teach Henry "in every department of a newspaper office, and make of him a practical newspaper man." According to the header, Saunders is the publisher of "The Star," the only paper published in Carlisle County. He concludes with information of how to deliver Henry to him. Letter marked Bardwell, KY. In a follow-up letter from 13 Nov 1893, Saunders writes that he and his wife "have learned to think a great deal of Henry already although we have not seen him yet." He asks for the Home to send him to Paducah on Nov 20th to meet his brother-in-law, Jno. W. Overstreet at 1335 W. Court St. Henry may be 1 year old, as Saunders asks "to whom will he belong the other three years before he is 4?" (NOTE: Henry cannot be 1 year old due to development) Letter marked Bardwell, KY. In a letter from 23 Nov 1893, Saunders writes to Weller regarding Henry's arrival and settling in to Bardwell. He says that he seemed delighted to meet his wife and daughter, was pleased with the farm animals, and was starting school the coming Monday. He ends the letter, "We are quite proud of our dear little boy, and trust God for life, health, and the proper skill to teach him to be a useful man." In a letter from 13 June 1894, Saunders writes to Weller to ask about Henry's living relatives, especially his sisters Minnie, Maggie and Rosie. He asks if they are still in the Home and if they are well, and asks about his parents and grandparents. He says that Henry, though very bright and good, is sometimes difficult to "govern," and constantly writes letters that he asks Saunders to deliver to his sisters. Saunders wants all information he can gather regarding Henry's family so that in a few years he can give him the information. He says that he has been teaching him to set type, and that he has been attending school. Letter marked Bardwell, KY.

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Shard, Claude W.	adopted and surrendered orphan	21 Jan 1895	BJ/B222/7	S. A. Beauchamp writes to Hollingsworth asking that the board rescind his contract to take care of Claude W. Shard. He says that the "circumstances are peculiar," as he is "such a cripple as to be almost entirely helpless- much worse since the bad weather began." He explains that he thought Claude would be able to help with chores, but now he has "him to care for and wait upon," and it is too hard for him and his wife, who has a new baby. He says perhaps in the future he can take him back and make a teacher of him. At the bottom of the letter, marked Feby 11/95, is written "cannot take Claude back helpfully will get along with him LC & C." Letter marked Buffalo, KY.
Shelton children	orphans	7 March 1894	BJ/B222/5	Hontas Miller writes to the Home regarding the adoption of the Shelton children. He states that he has the papers with him, and requests that they meet him at the depot "where the train leaves for Paducah." Letter marked Frankfort, KY.
Shepherd, Geo. W.	pastor and concerned citizen	29 Nov 1899	BJ/B222/8	Shepherd writes to Hollingsworth regarding a "half" orphan, whose mother recently died and was a member of his church. The baby is 13.5 months old, and his father is 60 years old and "in destitute circumstances." Shepherd says that the father agreed to send his baby to the Home for its sake, and that he wants to bring the baby to the Home as soon as possible. Letter marked Ewing, KY. In a letter from Jan 1900, Shepherd says that he received a letter stating that he needed to include a blank from the child's father "giving the child wholly and uncondishonly to the home." He says he lost the blank already filled out and asks for another form. He says that he will bring the child around the 9th or 10th of January. Letter marked Winchester, KY.
Shuttleworth, J. A.	Son of adoptive father	16 Aug 1889	BJ/B222/2	Shuttleworth writes to Weller that his father is "verry well please with Boy" and "may be able to make a useful man of him." Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Simons children	surrendered children	15 Feby 1906	BJ/B222/9	An application for the Simons children to the Home, including: Gola (born 11 May 1895), Grosey (born 14 Sept 1896), James (born 8 March 1898), Huie (born 11 Oct 1899), Fred (born 20 April 1900), and Maudie (born 7 March 1903). The application states that the children are sound in mind and body; the parents' names are Ginie and Ruben Simons. The Pleasant Grove Baptist Church recommends that Ginie (a widow) surrender the children; the children have 2 uncles on both sides- Mary and Rile Simons. The near relatives cannot care for the children because they are poor and already have large families. The application notes that "the oldest boy James Simons is a boy that does not want his mother to controle him he seames to bee tolerble tough." On the back of the letter in red ink reads, "Mother decided not commit children," signed M. E. A. Letter marked Cill, KY.
Sizemore, A. U.	concerned citizen	3 Sept 1895	BJ/B222/7	Sizemore writes to Hollingsworth regarding a child in the area who was recently orphaned when his father died a few days ago and his mother 3 years ago. He states that the boy is 3 years old. Letter marked Stanford, KY.
Slaughter, Mary Ellen	orphan	Aug 1887 (undated)	BJ/B222/2	Hollingsworth writes to the "Board of Gentlemen" that a Mrs. John Oserton (Osertin?) wants to return the 10 year old girl she adopted last October from the Home. The girl, Mary Ellen Slaughter, was recommended to the Home by her mother Mrs. Slaughter, and the Osertons find her "every way untrustworthy can't rely upon her at all" and "gives a very sad account of her." Mrs. Oserton wants to "take a younger child."
Sleagall, P.L.	interested party	16 June 1883 (?)	BJ/B222/2	Sleagall writes to say that he lost his grandson and wants to adopt a young boy to "make a man" of. Letter is marked from Scotts Sta (?)
Slopher	adoptive parent	21 Aug. 1905	BJ/B222/9	Weller writes to Ms. Miller regarding Mrs. Slopher. He says that the letter from Slopher is attached, and thinks "it would be well to investigate why she could not control him and all about it," adding he "suppose[s] our agent can do this." He says "Mr. Jno Heddin of Mt. Sterlind is a safe friend of ours to inquire of." Typed at the top, "wrote Mr. Heddin Aug. 26, 1905." Letter marked Louisville, KY.
Smiley and Miller children	orphans	12 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	M. E. Scott writes to Hollingsworth in regard to children in the area whose widowed mother is "now at the point of death with brain fever." The children are a girl and a boy and 4 and 6 years old, respectively. Scott describes another orphan as a "sprightly black eyed boy 7 ys old, mother dead and his father been gone five years." Scott then asks for additional "blanks" in order to get the children into the Home. Letter marked Somerset. In a letter from 15 Nov 1893, Scott clarifies that the children's surname is Smiley, from their mother's first husband. He says that the girls are 12 and 11 years old. The children described in the earlier letter- girl and boy 4 and 6 years old- are from the woman's second marriage, surname Miller. Letter marked Somerset.
Smith children	"half" orphans	21 August 1897	BJ/B222/7	J. T. Cook writes to the Home on behalf of Mrs. Alice Smith, a widow of a year with two little children aged 4 and 6, one boy and one girl. Cook says that Smith has been supporting the children via hard labor and "she is not strong enough to really work at all." He says that her husband's family will not help with the children at all and she wants to place them in the Home. Weller writes at the bottom "usual recommendations" Aug 28/97. Letter marked Crofton, KY.
Smith, Levi and Mary	interested party	12 Oct 1894	BJ/B222/6	B. F. Taylor writes to Weller in response to his request for information on the Smiths, who hope to adopt a child. He says that they are his tenants, they have no property, and he hasn't found "anyone who will indorse them." He says he doesn't think they are "suitable persons to raise one of our orphans." He goes on to write about Bro. Cat's children, which he has been raising money for at his church to "defray the expenses of his children to the Home." Letter marked Harrodsburg, KY.
Smith, Will	orphan	20 Feb 1894	BJ/B222/5	C. A. Orr writes to the Home regarding the adoption and delivery of Will Smith. He asks specifically about the coordination of getting Smith to Paducah so that he can meet him there. Letter marked Vealsburg, KY. In a second letter from 21 Feb 1894, Orr asks if the Home can send Smith to Mayfield, KY.

Spears, Cora Belle	orphan	17 July 1890	BJ/B222/3	C. K. Sprowl writes to Weller regarding a girl he adopted from the Home, Cora. Sprowl's wife died and because he has no female relatives to stay with her at their house, he feels he needs to send her back. She is currently staying with the Pastor. Letter marked Jeffersontown, KY. In another letter from 8 August 1890, Sprowl writes to Weller to ask if Cora is still at the Home, and if so, he wants to send her to the family of a Presbyterian minister where there are no other children. He notes that the family are "particular friends" of his and that he knows it would be a good home. Letter marked Jeffersontown, KY.
Stamper, Hattie/Harriet	orphan	2 Sept 1893	BJ/B222/4	H. R. McDenloch writes to Weller regarding Hattie (Harriet) Slammer, his recently adopted or apprenticed girl. He says that he and his family are "very much disappointed" in Hattie because she acts very silly, and cannot "retain impressions long enough ever to obtain a practical education." He asks to exchange Hattie for a girl in similar age and size, and reiterates that Hattie is "feeble minded," but "kind hearted and harmless and willing to do right so far as she understands." Letter marked Daysville, KY. In a second letter from 22 May 1894, McDenloch writes again to Weller regarding Hattie, he says "does not suit us at all" and "is in no way trustworthy or reliable has great distaste for her books, will not tell truth if she can avoid it, and has not [sisfinent?] Mother wit to take on an education." He calls her an idiot, and claims the Home took advantage of their confidence. He insists that the Home return all indentures and the five dollars for adoption. Letter marked Dayville, KY. In a third letter from 28 May 1894, McDenloch says that he is sending Hattie for Louisville on June 2nd at 7AM via the Ferguson station. He says that if Weller has Hattie examined by two competent doctors "and they do not pronounce her deficient, or weak minded" then he will not demand his money back. Letter marked Daysville, KY.
Stansberry (Margaurite), Pearl	orphan	13 Oct 1892	BJ/B222/3	W. W. Warren writes to Dr. Burton at the Home regarding his and his wife's recent adoption. He says that, although Burton claimed the adoption was finalized, the local clerk says that there is no record it. Warren says that the girl will lose \$2000 unless the "matter is straightened out" and asks for all information he possesses. The girl's former name was Pearl Stansberry, and is now presumably Margaurite Warren. Letter marked Lebanon, KY.
Stansburg, Henry	orphan	16 Dec 1893	BJ/B222/4	R Coons writes to the Home concerning a boy he adopted from the Home, Henry Stansburg. Henry is 15, was born on February 9, 1878, and was adopted over three years ago by Coons. Coons says that Henry has run away multiple times, stolen a pistol, and expressed interest in living in the mountains "where he come from." Coons says that he has "used the rod" and when he had to whip him, "it was hard." He asks if he should "set him free" or return him to the Home. On the back of the letter, Hollingsworth writes to Weller that she thinks "very strange of this letter" because she "always have heard [Henry] was good boy." She says that he has a sister living in Somerset. Letter marked Pendleton, KY. In a letter from 9 Feb 1894, Coons writes to Weller again concerning Stansburg, this time accusing him of stealing "all the money I had or could get at that time" after Coons gave it to him to get on a train back to Pendleton. He says it was "like a death in the family." Letter marked Pendleton, KY.
Staylore, Wilfred (?) C.	interested party	11 Dec 1876	BJ/B222/1	Jas. H. Williams writes to Hollingsworth about a friend visiting Louisville to "procure a little boy from the 'Home.'" Letter is marked Bowling Green, KY.
Steagall, Joss R.	interested party	7 Feb 1893	BJ/B222/4	Steagall writes to the Home asking the terms for adopting a boy. He states that his only son died recently, and he would like to adopt a "bright-smart-boy that can be made something of" who is 12 years of age. Letter marked Scotts Station, Shelby Co., KY.
Steagall, P. L.	interested party	22 June 1892	BJ/B222/3	Steagall writes to Weller regarding his bonds. He encloses the paperwork and says he is sick in bed and asks if "the boy" can be sent to help him. Letter marked Scotts Sta. In a letter from 1 June 1894, Mrs. P. L. Steagall writes to Weller to "get a boy to raise as [her] own." She says she will do right by him and give him \$500 when he is 21 years old. She asks for the boy to be sent to Scotts Sta. Letter marked Scotts Station, Shelby Co., KY. In a letter from 13 Dec 1894, Steagall writes to Weller about Hugh. She says that he is doing well but that "he has an awful temper and that makes so much against him." She asks for his sisters and brother's information, and asks if Weller knows of "a poor man who is in need of a good home" who could milk and tend a large garden. Letter marked Scotts Sta, Shelby Co., KY.
Steinbach (Steinbeck) orphan in question: Kate Weaver?	Adoptive family	11 Nov 1891	BJ/B222/3	Weller writes to Rev. R. W. Mahan from Bardwell, KY about the Steinbachs (previously referred to as the Steinbecks). Weller says that "we have been criticised sharply for giving Bro. Steinbach the little girl," and asks Mahan to write him a letter "telling me how it is." Other parties have been reporting to the Home that Steinbach is very poor and does not have a home of his own. He also mentions that he sent the little girl for \$4 to Paducah but was never repaid by Steinbach, which makes him "a little skeptical." Letter marked Louisville; response from Mahan on back. Mahan writes angrily back to Weller, claiming that he was Steinbeck's Pastor for three years and that his two daughters were always well-dressed for church. He claims that he knew they were renters, but didn't think it was a problem, as he thought "it was our object to relieve as many orphans as our means would allow." He also says he will pay the \$4, didn't know it was required for Steinbeck to pay, and will not recommend any other adoptive parents to the Home. Letter marked Clinton, KY. A small piece of paper marked Dec 14- 91 reads, "From W. A. Stineback, Bardwell KY. Below paper reads Dec 17/19, "This is the 4.00 for sending Kate Weaver, W. E. Weller."
Steinbeck, W. A.	interested party	18 July 1891	BJ/B222/3	B. W. Mahan writes to Hollingsworth to recommend Steinbeck and his wife to adopt a child. He says that the Steinbecks live 2.5 miles from Bardwell, Carlisle Co. KY and has two girls. They specify a girl between 10 and 12 who is intelligent. Letter marked Clininton Sky Bof 142.
Stone, C. W.	interested party	9 Nov 1892	BJ/B222/3	Stone writes Hollingsworth about obtaining a girl between 12 and 15 who is "of an obedient turn of mind, steady and thoughtfull as well as industrious." He includes multiple references. Letter marked Tar Fork, KY.
Stovall	interested party	2 Jan 1894	BJ/B222/5	Stovall writes to the Home asking about available girls to adopt 10 years or over. She specifies that she and her husband have a girl, and they would raise the orphan as their own. Letter marked Blandvill, Ballard co., KY
Stovall, Mr. G. B.	interested party	15 Jan 1894	BJ/B222/5	J. H. Black writes to Weller on behalf of Mr. G. B. Stovall. He asks if a Mrs. Katie C. Garrett "of your place" is coming soon to Bardwell and if she can bring "the child" with her. If not, he asks that the child can be sent to Bardwell in care of S. B. Penn, and to notify Stovall at Cunningham, Carlisle co., KY 4 or 5 days in advance. He states that a check for \$5 is enclosed. Letter marked Bardwell, KY. Another letter from 28 Feb 1894 thanks Weller for "bestowing such a blessing upon us, in sending us such a lovely girl," and requests a boy from the Home 10 or 11 years old. Mrs. Stovall says that the boy would assist her with small tasks around the house while Mr. Stovall is out of the home 5 days a week. Letter marked Carlisle Co., KY.

Strader [?], Effie	orphan	8 July 1890	BJ/B222/3	Mr. Strader writes to Weller that Effie is "very much dissatisfied and wants to return to the Home." Strader delayed writing in hopes that Effie would change her mind, but she has not. He includes that Mrs. Strader is "not well pleased with Effie on account of her size," and that she forbids her from attending church. Letter marked Larned, Kansas.
Switzer, J. H.	interested party	1 May 1894	BJ/B222/5	Switzer writes to the Home asking to adopt a "nice good little girl" about 8 or 10 years old. He explains that he and his wife have a baby boy 3 months old and his wife wants "a little girl to help take care of Baby when she is busy." Letter marked Switzer, KY. In an undated letter from the 1890s, Switzer writes again to ask the Home to "write Bro. Thomas Rodman" and "ask him what he thinks about me treating a child from the home as it should be treated." He offers the Home to "write to any of the above named persons." Letter incomplete. Letter marked Switzer, KY.
Tartar, R. C.	concerned citizen	15 Jan. 1910	BJ/B222/10	Tartar writes to the Home regarding two young children he is caring for in the Poor House of Pulaski Co.; one is 4 years old and the other 8 (very likely refers to Jerry Cook and Effie Burdine; see below). Tartar says that one child's mother is "an epeleptic," but "the disease has only recently demonstrated itself;" and the other child's mother "has tubuculosis." He asks for the children to be placed in the Home. Handwritten, "No further notice received." Letter marked Somerset, KY.
Terry, J. W. children	surrendered children	27 August 1894	BJ/B222/6	L. D. Huffman writes to the Home regarding the children of Mr. J. W. Terry. There are four children; two girls 12 and 8 years old, and two boys 6 and 4 years old. Terry is 70 years old and "totally unable to care for them" and is dissipated. He asks for bonds to be sent for the children. Letter marked Berry, KY. In a letter from 8 Setp 1894, Huffman writes that the four children will be "at your office on Tuesday evening about 8 o'clock." He says that Terry will be with them and have the necessary bonds. Letter marked Berry, KY. In a letter from 10 Oct 1894, L. D. Huffman writes to ask about Terry's children on his behalf. He wants to know "if they are satisfied and are reconciled to their home" and also wants to know if the Home can take in the baby, who is 7 months old. He asks that his oldest daughter (Jennie) write to him at once. Letter marked Berry, KY.
Thurman boy	"half" orphan	17 Feb 1894	BJ/B222/5	Jus. O. Rust writes to the Home regarding the admission of Mrs. Thurman's baby boy. He states that he is "very sorry of your rule which forbids the admission to the home," and that "the child's parents are 'worse than dead.'"
Todd, Kittie B.	interested party	9 Sept 1895	BJ/B222/7	J. H. Dorman writes to Hollingsworth on behalf of Todd, who he says is "a most excellent Lady" in good circumstances, who would treat "any one of your large family" well and kindly. At the bottom, Tood writes that she would like to see Hollingsworth "privately about this matter if convenient and agreeable." Letter marked Owenton, KY.
Tooley children	vulnerable children	17 Jan 1899	BJ/B222/8	J. W. Gill writes to the Home regarding the Tooley children, a boy and girl aged 4 and 6, respectively. Gill says that their father is in "jail with the prspect of remaining quite a while," and their mother is "in destitute circumstances dependent on her own labour for a living." He asks if the Home will consider housing the children. On the back, Weller writes, "Impossible to afford relief" Jan 19/99. Letter marked Cisney, KY.
Toten (or Totem), Lula	orphan	March 1874	BJ/B222/1	Mary writes about a Mr. Jones who is looking for a child, and says that Lula might suit him. Lula is a "beautiful child" of 6 years, whose father Cornealius Toten is giving by legal consent. Letter is marked Louisville.
Townes, H. H.	interested party	4 Nov 1894	BJ/B222/6	Townes writes to the Home requesting to "get a boy a smart heart one about 8 years old." He says that he is a broom and mattress maker and that "there is a heap of work that a boy can do." He includes that he is a Baptist and asks to be written to right away. Letter marked Waverley, KY. In a letter from 18 Dec 1894, Townes writes to Weller to ask for a application blank for a "small sharp tractable well disposed boy to wait on [him]." He says that his household consists of "two aged sisters ful able and competent to manage child" and that he wants to apprentice the boy. He includes recommendations. Letter marked Waverly, KY.
Tucker, Effie	orphan	6 Feb 1888	BJ/B222/2	J. T. Tartar writes to the Home that Effie Tucker has been examined by Dr. W. F. Scott and is free of disease. Letter marked Somerset, KY.
Tucker, Joseph	concerned citizen	21 Nov 1894	BJ/B222/6	Tucker writes to Weller about "several children in our Poor House in Spencer County." He says that the boys are 2 and 6 years old, and that their mother is "a poor delicate illiterate and immoral woman." He adds that the children are "appearantly as bright as the average child of our county." Letter marked Taylorsville, KY.
Turney, R. P.	interested party	23 Jan. 1906	BJ/B222/9	Turney, president of the Bank of Cerulean Springs, writes to the Home inquiring about adoptive a boy 7-10 years old. He says that he is 33 years old and lives 4 miles from a school and 3 miles from a church. His wife is 32 years old and a Methodist. He includes references, offers to pay the boy's way to his home, and asks to hear back soon. Handwritten, "Ans. Jan 27, 1906." Letter marked Cerulean, KY.
Turpin, Mrs.	birth mother	21 Aug 1877	BJ/B222/1	Arthur Peter writes to Mary about a woman who cannot provide for her two children and needs to go to the hospital. He asks for the children to be put in the Home. Letter is marked Louisville, KY.
Turpin, Wm. Cherley	past adopted child	18 Nov 1899	BJ/B222/8	Turpin writes to Hollingsworth regarding a letter she just received from Mrs. I. J. Turpen regarding a letter Mrs. Turpen received from Hollingsworth. The Turpens took Cherley in from the Home and are still living in Louisville, but Cherley seems to have moved to Carthage, MO. Cherley says that when she visited Louisville, Papa (her name for Mr. Turpen) told her that she was two years older than she had always thought and said he knew by examining papers. She says that "he never told me what records they were nor did he say a word about your letter." She goes on to say that she has always used the name "Wm. Cherley Turpen," and thought she was "entitled to the name by adoption but Mrs. Turpen informs me that I am not that Mr. Turpen never addopted me and it was not legal for me to go by that name." She asks if Hollingsworth would "be so kind as to let me know about this matter and tell me anything that you may know about myself." She says that she has "no complaint to make of Papa" and "Mrs. Turpen says that was the reason he failed to tell me that he had such a kind feeling for me." Letter marked Carthage, MO.

Utley, M. H.	interested party	30 June 1894	BJ/B222/5	Utley writes to "Brother Pierce" regarding the adoption of a girl from the Home. He says the girl will suit them well. Letter marked Salem, KY. In a letter from 9 July 1894, Utley sends \$5 for the adoption of Lula and to send her to Prinston, KY. He says that if Lula has a mild disposition, there will be no problem with the rest of the family. Letter marked Salem, KY. In another letter from 9 July 1894, Utley writes again to send \$5 "to pay Miss Lula a lot [?] expence to Prinston KY in care of Rev. R. W. Morehead." He asks for her to be sent as soon as convenient, and reassures Weller that she will fit with the family. He also states that "the girl that left us to live with her sister a few weeks ago lived with us 9 years,"(likely refers to Eliza Goodman and her sister Amie Goodman, who wrote to the Home on 15 June 1894). Letter marked Salem, KY. On a letter from 23 July 1894, Utley describes a girl named Julia who has come to live with his family. He says "she has become sattisfied and will stay with us two years any how," and that "she has some faults we would be vary glad she was clare of." He says that she won't go to school and that he "cant force her to go." He asks how she stayed at the Home and has no education. He says, "Julia sez tell the girls that she has got a good many nice preants since she come to Salem." Letter marked Salem, KY. In a letter from 2 Oct 1894, Utley writes that he cannot keep Jula (Julia? Lula?) Fox, as he "cant controler her she has the worst disposition of eny human I ever seen." He says that they have tried every method to control her "but use the rod." He says he "won't have [his] wife tormented to death" and he will try to find her a home in the country. He asks to be released from her. Letter marked Salem, KY. In a letter from 29 Oct 1894, Utley writes that he "got Julia for a good home in the county where she will be well treated if she will behave herself." He says that many "Brothers and Sisters that was strong friends to the Home" say that if Julia "was a fair sample of the training of the Home that they would never give another dollar." He asks for a "girl that has a mild plesant disposition" between 10 and 14 that he will send to school, feed and clothe. Letter marked Salem, KY.
Vanzant, J. P.	birth father	11 May. 1906	BJ/B222/9	Vanzant writes to the Home regarding his three children- aged 3, 7, and 12 years- asking what it would "cost me per week to have three children taken care of." He says that his wife is "very low and the physicians say she cant live a great while." He doesn't want the children to be adopted out; rather he wants the Home to take care of the children until he can himself. Handwritten, "Rules explained." Letter marked Edmonton, KY.
Walker, Mr. Charles	interested party	29 Dec 1893	BJ/B222/4	G. W. Perryman writes to Hollingsworth regarding Mr. and Mrs. Walker, who want to adopt a little girl from the Home between 1 and 2 years old. Perryman also mentions that Walker's sister, Mrs. Knight, adopted a child from the Home. Letter marked Newport, KY. Another letter from January 5, 1894 from Mr. Perryman states that Mr. Walker's father and mother have contacted him to say that the young Walkers are too young to adopt and child and "it would be bust all around." Letter marked Newport, KY.
Wallers	Possible matron of the Home	6 Feb 1895	BJ/B222/7	W. D. Bryant writes to Hollingsworth on behalf of his wife, who wants to know about Miss Wallers and "what parte of the work they did in your home and are they capable of taking charge of a similar institution as matron." He says that the letter is in confidence. Letter marked Lexington, KY.
Watson, Jr., Jas.	surrendering guardian	13 Sept 1894	BJ/B222/6	Watson writes to the Home in regard to a boy about 3 years of age under his care. He says that his mother and father have "parted," and "his mother not being qualified to keep him," he wants the child kept away from her and where he will be "properly trained." He says that the father consents to the child being sent to the Home, and encloses stamps for any forms. Letter marked Berry, KY.
West, Ben H. and A. C.	interested party	22 Dec 1893	BJ/B222/4	Ben and West write to Hollingsworth to donate \$1 to the Home and to ask about adopting a little boy. They say that "next year Nannie is most grown dear sweet child light of our home," which could refer to another adopted orphan. Letter marked Crofton, KY.
West, Cornelia	orphan	16 March 1895	BJ/B222/7	Sarah F. Keely, Superintendent of the Indiana Reform School for Girl and Woman's Prison, writes to Hollingsworth regarding Cornelia West. She says that Cornelia has been at the Reform School as "an orphan and homeless girl since April 21 1891." She states that Cornelia is now staying with "our lady Dr. Caning" with her sister, who is an "invalid." Dr. Caning is teaching her to be a nurse, and Keely says that they "consider her pure gold." She goes on to compliment West more, and asks that Hollingsworth pass the information to her brother because she sent his letter back, stating that they had "an Effie West." Letter marked Indianapolis, IN.
West, Effie	orphan	8 Feb 1893	BJ/B222/4	A. C. Boulton writes to Hollingsworth about Effie West. He asks if she is still living at the Home and if he could see her "just so I don't let me self be known to her of cours." He says he does "not want to entice her" to leave the Home, but it has been a long time since he's seen her. He also says that he has some of her property and asks what to do with it. Letter marked Harrisburgh, KY.
West, Effie C.	orphan	3 Nov 1890	BJ/B222/3	Robt Green writes to the Home inquiring about Effie, as he is her guardian and has not heard from her. He says she was sent by the Baptist Church at Harrisburgh. Letter marked Owenton, KY.
Wheat, D. Zenobio	orphan	24 Oct 1892	BJ/B222/3	Tho. J. Jones writes Weller to thank him for selecting a "smart little girl," D. Zenobia Wheat. He encloses an apprentice bond and asks if Weller will send Wheat "by some passing friend." Letter marked Greenville, KY.
White, Edna	adopted orphan	1 Jan. 1907	BJ/B222/10	Katie M. Wright writes to the Home on behalf of her mother and father, asking if the Home has a girl about 10 or 12 years old they could adopt. She says that she is their only daughter, and married 15 years ago, after which they adopted an orphan girl who has also recently been married. She says that her "only brother Dr. A. B. Coons" adopted a boy about 14 years ago from the Home who is now "a fine young man." She says that they are all Baptists and offers Bro. W. E. Powers and J. T. Sampson as references. Handwritten, "Sent them Edna White." Letter marked Pendleton, KY. In a telegram from 6 Jan 1907, Wright writes to clarify any questions the home has, saying that her mother is 65 and her father is 75 and there "has always been a orphan in this home even before my birth." She says that they live on a four mile plot in the country, 2 miles from a church and 0.5 miles from a school. In a letter from 17 Jan 1907, Wright asks if the girls have ever had measles, and says that she has been very sick. In a letter from 12 Feb 1907, Wright says that she might come into the city this week and asks if the children in the Home are over the measles. In a letter from 25 Feb 1907, Wright says that her father will send the necessary paperwork in soon for Edna White. She says that Edna is now with her mother and father, and that her husband visited on Sunday and "told her he had come to see if she wanted to return to the home and she informed him she did not and was so far well pleased." Letters marked Pendleton, KY.
White, Milford	concerned citizen	4 Feb 1894	BJ/B222/5	White writes to the Home regarding "a large family of little children" from his area whose mother died recently and whose father "is unable to take care of them at all comfortably." He says he has not yet gotten consent from the father regarding the children. Letter marked Williamsburg, KY.

White, Mr. and Mrs. A. M.	interested party	21 May 1892	BJ/B222/3	White writes to Dr. Burton at the Home about adopting a little boy between 10 and 12. She explains that they do not want to adopt him, nor do they want him "bound" to them because it "seems to much like coming in the capacity of a servant." She and her husband have a daughter, live in the country, and would send the boy to school. Letter marked Lexington, KY.
Whitmer, Etta	orphan	14 May 1889	BJ/B222/2	Q. B. Coleman (co. judge and attorney, Muhlenberg co.) writes to the Home about Etta Whitman, a "distitute little child" whose father is dead and mother is incarcerated. Coleman says she will be sent by Bro. J. H. Craig. Letter is marked Greenville, KY.
Whitwarth, Lutishia	widow; birth mother	2 Jan 1894	BJ/B222/5	Ms. Whitwarth writes to the Home regarding two of her three children-- two boys aged 10 and 12 and one girl aged 13. She is "bad sick" and her husband has been dead for two years, and she wants to drop the boys off at the Home. Her daughter had the measles five years ago and "it made a cripel I girr of her for life," so she wants to keep her; she requests repeatedly that the boys be kept together and that she be allowed to visit them and send gifts and clothing. Letter marked Lewisbart, Louback Co., KY.
Wiley, D. L.	concerned citizen	3 Dec 1898	BJ/B222/7	Wiley writes to Hollingsworth regarding "half" orphans in his town- two children aged 4 and 7 years. Their mother died two weeks ago and their father is paralyzed and unable to provide for them. He provides references and asks for the children to be placed in the Home. Letter marked Arlington, KY.
William and "wife"	interested party	10 Dec. 1873	BJ/B222/1	J. L. Swan writes to Hollingsworth about a family in Rockport, Indiana that has 3 or 4 young sons. The couple, William Hill and Sister Hill, are upstanding in the community and Mrs. Hill "yearns" for a daughter. He asks if the Home has a "sprightly girl of a good family of from 9-to-13 years of age." The P. O. box of the Hills is in Sanborn Knot Co., Indiana. Letter is marked Vincennes, Ind.
William, L. P. V.	concerned citizen	24 July 1894	BJ/B222/6	Williams writes to the Home regarding two orphans in his town. He says they are 8 and 10 year old boys who are bright. Letter marked Morehead, KY. On a letter from 4 August 1894, Williams writes again to say that he is "very sorry you cannot admit the two little brothers 8 & 10 years respectively." He says he also has two little sisters of a different family, 7 and 12 years old. He asks the Home to reconsider. Letter marked Morehead, KY. In a letter from 29 August 1894, Williams says that "after all [his] persistent effort in behalf of the orphan children of our town in securing for them a place in our home: they wont any of them now aggree to let the children go." Letter marked Morehead, KY.
Williams children	possible orphans	6 July 1899	BJ/B222/8	W. D. Beck writes to Weller regarding "the two little Williams children," who he says are "niece and nephews of Jo Williams who remembered the Orphans Home so nicely in his will." He says the Home ought to take the children if they can. Letter marked Owenton, KY.
Williams, Ida	orphan	10 Sept. 1900	BJ/B222/9	M. Sevies [spelling?] writes to the Home on behalf of Andrew Crawford regarding Ida Williams. He states that "some years ago" Ida was placed in the care of Crawford and is now 19 years old. She is now interested "in some pension money of her mother and also something in her own rights." He says that Mr. and Mrs. Crawford consider Ida "almost as a daughter," and want to know anything regarding her estate. Letter marked Hardinsburg, KY.
Williams, Joseph C.	birth father	13 April 1894	BJ/B222/5	Williams writes to Weller regarding the commitment of his five daughters to the Home, which a J. W. Van House had previously written to the Home about. Williams states that he has "carefully considered the conditions on which they are to be comitted," and that it is "more than [he] can bear." He says not to expect the girls to come to the Home. Letter marked Luod, Magoffin Co., KY.
Williams, Luke P. V.	concerned citizen	29 June 1899	BJ/B222/8	Williams (Past of the Morehead Baptist Church and seemingly the President of the Bank of Morehead) writes to Hollingsworth regarding a widow from his church who has two girls she wants to place in the Home. He says that she has to "work by the week for her support and the children is separated and driven from place to place." He asks for them to be admitted and says that they are bright. Weller writes at the bottom "Blank commitment sent," July 3/99. Letter marked Morehead, KY.
Williams, Mary	orphan	21 Nov 1887	BJ/B222/2	Hollingsworth writes to Weller that Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Haines "selected" Mary Williams, born March 3rd, 1876.
Williams, Mary	orphan	11 June 1890	BJ/B222/3	Williams writes to Weller about her home with the Velings. She says that Aunt Fronia or Mrs. Veling was going to write to the Home but she asked her not to ask she felt she had a good home. She says she "new [she] hadent done right" but that she asked Veling to stay longer and she would "try me a awhile longer." Letter marked Sulphur, KY. In a letter from 2 June 1890 in folder 11 (incomplete), J. A. Veling (likely) writes to Hollingsworth "in regard to Mary," stating that he has "tried many sufficcient to know that she will not suit me." He says that even though he "dressed Mary neat and nice," she wouldn't go to Sunday School "without crying." He adds that he "could not manage her without rough means." Incomplete. Letter marked Sulphur, KY.
Wilson, Mollie H.	surrendering guardian	13 June 1894	BJ/B222/5	Wilson writes to the Home from the Home Mission group regarding the Home taking "the children." She includes the train and their departure time, and says they will be accompanied by James Vernon. She says that if a Mrs. Perry of Henderson tries to adopt Pebe Hazzelife, not to allow her to. She also says that they applied to multiple orphan homes to take the children (the Presbyterian Home took one, the German Home took one, and the Methodist none) and that she is very grateful that the Baptist Home took all of the children. Letter marked Henderson, KY.
Winkler, Emma	orphan	11 Aug. 1909	BJ/B222/10	W. R. Moorman writes to Abercrombie regarding the preparation of apprenticeship papers for Winkler. He says that his wife has been very ill and is hesitant at the prospect of apprenticing the girl, but asks for the papers to be sent anyway. He provides a reference, Mr. J. W. Newman, Sect. of the KY State Fair. Handwritten, "No further word." Letter marked Glendeane, KY. In another letter from R. Sidney Owen to Abercrombie, Owen recommends Moorman as "a suitable person to take charge of one of the girls of the home." He says that he is wealthy, has a young daughter, and that "Miss Gertrude Wainscott, a former inmate of your Home, lived with Bro. Moorman for years." Handwritten, "Did not apply for child." Letter marked Hardinsburg, KY.
Winkler, H. D.	interested party	26 June 1894	BJ/B222/5	Winkler writes to the Home inquiring about adopting a girl from the Home. He says that he would want a "girl of good size, about 14 years old or older smart, industrious, nice, good manners and disposition willing to learn and know how to work to stay with family of three. He says she "would not be treated as great many people treat servants." Letter marked Scythia, KY.
Winston, Dr.	interested party	21 Feb 1874	BJ/B222/1	J. S. Phelps writes to Hollingsworth on behalf of his business partner, Winston, and Winston's wife, Phelps' cousin. Letter is marked Louisville, KY
Woodcock, Effie	orphan	22 Sept 1893	BJ/B222/4	Geo. A. Cabbage writes to Weller regarding a young orphaned girl name Effie Woodcock. Her father is deceased and her mother has abandoned her. He says that she is "a beautiful child, healthy and strong, with a beautiful suit of hair." He also says that she is anxious to get into school, and if she can't get into the Home will have to stay in the poor house. Letter marked Leitchfield, KY.

Worh, Willie	orphan	31 March 1894	BJ/B222/5	W. T. McGill writes to the Home regarding Wilie Worh, a boy who they apparently adopted from the Home and are having trouble with. They say that Willie says he will not stay unless they will "pay him wages as he is bent on having money of his own." He goes on to say that they have given him too much to pay him, and that any money they have given him he has spent on "tobaco and other trash." They want to send him to "a house of reform as soon as posible" and ask for the Home to advise. They specify that they want him to be treated well but "do not want to think of him as tramping over the world being mistreated and nocked about." Letter marked Sonora Hardin Co., KY.
Worix, Willie	deceased orphan	undated	BJ/B222/12	W. A. Guthrie, attending physician, writes to "certify that the cause of Willie Worix's Death was caused from Summarice [?] he had all the medical attention necessary." Letter marked Franklin, KY.
Worwood, S. B.	interested party	5 Dec 1894	BJ/B222/6	Worwood writes to Weller to say that he thinks it would be best for him to pick out a child from the Home himself, so he is going to wait until spring to come to the Home. He says that he wants to take a boy by apprenticeship, so that in case he dies before his widowed mother or little sister his property will go to them. He says he will treat the boy like his own and give him "a good start in the world." He includes the names of families in the area with no children that he thinks would provide a good home, but asks Weller not to use his name. Letter marked Wicksiffe, Ballard Co., KY.
Wright, Charles	interested party	3 Feb. 1877	BJ/B222/1	Wright writes on his wife's behalf to be notified when a little girl comes to the Home that they may adopt. Letter is marked Louisville, KY.
xxx, Bernie	orphan	19 Nov 1893	BJ/B222/4	Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bennis write to the Home complaining about Bernie (spelling?), a girl they adopted from the Home. Letter not marked.
xxx, Lulu	adopted orphan	6 May 1894	BJ/B222/5	A third letter from Mrs. Edith Baker asks for the details of the arrival of Lulu, a girl from the Home who she plans to apprentice. She asks for arrival information, for the Home to tell Lulu about her, and for any further information. She wants to meet her at the train depot. Letter marked Eubanks, KY.
xxx, Minnie	adopted orphan	2 Dec 1895	BJ/B222/11	Incomplete letter. Unnamed author (seemingly adoptive parent of "Minnie") writes to include "a few lines this 'lonesome rainy day'" from Minnie. Minnie writes about the weather and asks about her little sisters and brothers still in the Home. The author of the letter says that they will take Minnie to see them in the Spring. Letter marked Buchanan, TN.
xxx, Mocabee	orphan	17 Nov 1892	BJ/B222/3	William Jayne writes to Hollingsworth in regards to an orphan named Mocabee. Her mother died when she was 8 and her father left her. She has weak eyes from the measles and cannot read or write, but is currently staying with Dr. Williams in Morehead. She expressed a desire to be placed in the Home. Letter marked Farmers, KY.
xxx, Netta	adopted orphan	12 April 1894	BJ/B222/5	Judge Joshua Naylor writes a strongly worded letter to the Home regarding Netta, an 18 year old adoptee from the area. He says that Weller misinterpreted his previous letter, and that there is no way that Netta would want to go back to the Home, as she is old enough to take care of herself. He also says multiple times that he does not approve of the envelope that Weller used in his letter, which was labeled W. J. Weller and Son Wholesale Liquor dealers." He asks for Weller to send him the information on Netta's birth mother, and that she wants to visit the Home soon to retrieve the information. Letter marked Fulton Co., Hickman, KY.
xxx, Ora	orphan	21 March 1891	BJ/B222/3	Maggie Meguiar writes to Weller that she has moved to a new house away from her son and his wife and is very lonely. She asks to take Ora back "if she wants to come I am so lonely." Letter marked Franklin, KY.
Yaden, Lucy C.	Aunt of orphans	10 Aug. 1905	BJ/B222/9	Yaden writes to Hollingsworth regarding her two orphaned nieces, aged 5 and 9 years old. She says that their father was a Baptist and their grandfather was a Baptist minister. They are currently staying with Yaden's father, but she writes that he is "getting old and is not able to support them." They have decided that the best thing for the girls is to place them in the Home, and asks for the particulars of their admittance to the Home. She also asks if they will be able to visit their old home and if their relatives can visit them. They children are currently in Laurel Co., KY near London. Typed at the top of the page, "Answered and sent Application Blanks Aug. 10, 905." Letter marked 151 W. Main St, Lexington, KY. In another letter from 8 Aug 1905, Yaden writes to the Trustees of the Home, stating that she wrote Hollingsworth and hopes to hear from them soon. Handwritten on the back," Decided to keep the children longer." Letter marked 151 W. Main St, Lexington, KY.