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No. 1

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History of John Kelley

Committed to the House of Refuge By his mother

Size medium Complexion light florid

Appearance a fine open countenance Marks and Scars none perceivable

Height 4 ft 5 in Weight 76 lbs

Your Name? is John Kelley Born in the County of Galway Ireland

Date of Birth was Jan 14th 1839 Former Residence " " " "

Father's Name? is Michael Kelley He was born in " " " "

Mother's maiden Name? was Margaret Burke She was born in Ireland

They have mostly resided in Ireland until last years.

How have you been employed? in running about the streets drinking whiskey

Who have been your companions? with idle boys and men who gave me liquor

How long since you have attended school? never attended school but few days when I (Played truant)

Have you ever been arrested before? I have not been arrested before

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3 Grade 4 Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Oct. 25th 1850.

John came from the Mayor's office, accompanied by his mother. She Stated that he had been in the habit of lying out nights, Sometimes Sleeping in cellars, Sometimes in a board yard, and frequently She did not know where he was for weeks at a time. He had been intoxicated when he came, and his face was badly scarred from falling. He says he has been drunk often, but never Stole any thing except old iron. His father is very intemperate and has been in the habit of beating his mother while drunk. His mother drinks, but he never saw her intoxicated. Last fall his father whipped his mother, when She left him and he has not been home since. Thinks he went to New Orleans. John is a good natured pleasant boy always ready to do what he is told, but he is very thoughtless. He appears well satisfied with his home. He tells the boys he would not try to escape if the gates were left open, Seems quite anxious to learn to read although he did not know a letter when he came.

Dec 10th 1850

John begins to learn quite rapidly can read words of three letters and spell many words correctly.

Apr. 16th 1851

John was this day indentured to C. Sobey to go about 40 miles up the Ohio river He has been a good boy and will no doubt do well.

Nov. 12th 1852

John this day returned to the refuge. He says the people did not use him well and he left them and went back to his father. He did not stay long before his father got drunk and abused him. He went to the Mayor and requested to be sent back here. He changed his name for fear the Mayor would recollect him and refuse to let him come back

Apr. 20th 1853.

John has this day been indentured to Saml. J. Wherly of Eaton, Preble County, Ohio. John has been a tolerably good boy.

No. 2

History of Oliver Wright

Committed to House of Refuge — By his mother

Size rather small for his age — Complexion very fair, regular features

Appearance is remarkably good — Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 5½ in — Weight 80 lbs

Your Name? Oliver Wright — Born in U. S. cannot tell where

Date of Birth Jan. 28th 1838. — Former Residence New Richmond.

Father's Name? William R. Wright — He was born in Virginia

Mother's maiden Name? Rhoda Steward — She was born in Pennsylvania.

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati.

How have you been employed? most of the time assisting my mother who is in poor health.

Who have been your companions? boys in the street and around the engine house

How long since you have attended school? about six months (mother's sickness hope of learning not been regular on account

Have you ever been arrested before? never have

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes — Entered 3d Grade 2d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Nov. 2d 1850.

Oliver Wright was brought here by a police officer accompanied by his mother. She stated that She was out of health and totally destitute of any means of support except two dollars per week earned by an older son than Oliver. Her husband was a drunkard, about five years ago he was sent to the Ohio Penetentiary, he stayed nearly three years and died there of Cholera. She obtained a divorce immediately after his sentence. She got Oliver into the Orphans Asylum where he stayed six months and ran away. She next got him a place in the country but he would not remain, for the last year and a half she had tried to keep him with her, but of late he has become totally unmanageable. He would stay around the engine house nights and during the day was playing in the streets with bad boys.

Oliver is a smart intelligent boy, anxious to learn and generally pleasant. He is quick tempered and sometimes quarrelsome, but bids fair to become a useful man. He can read and write and knows something of Arithmetic When he first came was very unhappy but now seems well contented.

Dec. 16th 1850

Oliver has difficulty frequently on account of his unpleasurable temper but on the whole is doing well.

Nov. 24th 1852

Oliver was indentured to Mr. Hazeltine of Oxford Ohio but we learned that he did not stay long but ran away His family had gone to Memphis Tenn. and his anxiety to see them probably induced him to go.

No. 3

History of George Curtis

Committed to the House of Refuge — By the Mayor

Size Small — Complexion light

Appearance fine, high forehead — Marks and Scars one on forehead

Height 4 ft 8 in — Weight 84 lbs

Your Name? Geo. Curtis — Born in Lower Canada

Date of Birth Sept. 24th 1836 — Former Residence Lafayette Indiana

Father's Name? James Curtis — He was born in U.S. Place not known

Mother's maiden Name? Sarah Brown — She was born in " " " " "

They have mostly resided Lafayette Ia.

How have you been employed? Setting up ten pins & wondering about a tavern

Who have been your companions? respectable boys until I came to Cincinnati

How long since you have attended school? three years

Have you ever been arrested before? twice by the police of Cincinnati

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes — Entered 3d Grade 2d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Nov. 9th 1850

George was Committed by the Mayor on the charge of Vagrancy, wandering about day and night without a home or means of support. George states that he has a mother & sister living at Lafayette Ia. and that he ran away from home, last Nov. and came to Cincinnati. He was 2d cook on a steam boat about 3 month, when he became acquainted with a gang of Burglars who persuaded him to join them His business was to break a pane of glass and get into windows, and open doors for them or get in some other way. He thinks he has been into between one and two hundred houses- never took any thing but money except 2 gold watches & 5 silver ones. They went to Portsmouth, Wheeling, and other places, at one time they robbed a trading boat of $136, After Geo. came back to Cincinnati he was arrested by a day watch man while attempting to get into a house on the Sabbath, He was sent to jail where he was confined three months- no witness appearing against him he was released. He joined the gang again but was arrested the second time on the charge of stealing five dollars two or three weeks after his first arrest. The prosecuting witness failed to appear before the grand Jury as he wished him to be sent to the Refuge.

He was released by the decission of the Judge that after bound over to Court he must be convicted and tried Geo. is a very bad boy—time will show whether there is hope or prospect of reform.

Dec. 17th 1850

Geo. has made two efforts to escape—see but little improvement in him

February 19th 1853

George this day succeeded in making his escape He managed, in Company with William Peacock to secure a ladder about ten feet long. upon which, with the aid afforded by a piece of scantling some 15 or 16 feet long, they both scaled the wall.

July 15— 1861

George visited the Institution to day He appears to be a respectable, intelligent Young Man—Says he is at work at the Sailors' Trade in Indiana—We were well pleased with him—

No. 4

History of Agatha Cardona

Committed by an Aunt to the House of Refuge

Size medium

Appearance rather idiotic

Height 4 ft 1 in

By

Complexion Very dark

Marks and Scars none

Weight 67 lbs

Your Name? Agatha Cardona

Date of Birth Oct. 3d 1838

Father's Name? D. Cardona

Mother's maiden Name? do not Know

They have mostly resided New Orleans

How have you been employed? in the family of my Aunt

Who have been your companions? boys and girls down by the river

How long since you have attended school? six months

Have you ever been arrested before? no

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes

Born in Old Spain

Former Residence Fulton Ohio

He was born in Old Spain

She was born in " "

Entered 3 Grade 3 Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Nov. 11th 1850

Agatha was brought here by her aunt. She stated that her mother was dead, and her father had deserted her, and gone back to Spain. The Aunt was willing to keep the child but her temper was so violent that she could not controll her. Agatha was evidently a very hard child to manage and was doubtless a proper subject for the Refuge, but as her aunt lived in Fulton and was not able to support her The Board thought best to dismiss her.

1851 Dec. 2. Discharged to her Father

No. 3

History of William Young Gibney

Committed to the House of Refuge — By his Mother
Size large of his age — Complexion light
Appearance rather pleasant — Marks and Scars none
Height 5 ft 6 in — Weight 132 lbs

Your Name? Wm Young Gibney — Born in Nashville Tenn.
Date of Birth July 4th 1835 — Former Residence Cincinnati
Father's Name? John Gibney — He was born in U.S. do not know where
Mother's maiden Name? Sarah Wildman — She was born in Virginia
They have mostly resided in Chilicothe and Cincinnati
How have you been employed? in traveling to different cities, (Brewing houses &c. pr King pocket
Who have been your companions? generally been alone sometimes one companion
How long since you have attended school? four years
Have you ever been arrested before? Six times, I was in the Ohio Penetentiary 8 months
Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes — Entered 3d Grade 2d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Nov. 18th 1850

William was committed by his mother, who represented that he was associated with some of the worst men in the city, and she feared that he was about to go down the river and get into difficulty again. Wm. States that he commenced his course of crime by playing truant from school — He fell in with bad company and took money to gratify his appetite for candy &c. He took $25 from the till of a store. He was arrested and the money taken from him but the Mar shal released him without trial. He however continued to steal until he was arrested for taking the pock et book of Mr. Shroder who keeps a clothing store on Main St. He was sentenced to the Ohio Pen itentiary for one year after staying 8 months, the Governor pardoned him on account of the prevalence of the Cholera. Immediately on his release he asso ciated with another boy and went to N. Y. City for purpose of picking pockets. They visited Boston, Albany Buffalo, Detroit, and his companion robbed him and they separated. He says he can form no idea how many persons he has robbed — the higest amount of money he ever got at one time was $730.

He came to Cincinnati stayed a few weeks and went to visit an Uncle near Chilecothe, he stayed all winter. He was honest while there - thinks his friends did not know his character and is very anxious that they never shall. In the Spring went to New Orleans St. Louis Chicago & other places pursueing his usual course of crime. He came back to Cincinnati early last fall sick with fever and ague. As soon as he recovered he formed the plan of Spending the winter in the South with Green Mc. Donald. His mother learning his intentions, had him sent to the Refuge.

Dec. 19th 1850.

Wm. has conducted himself gentlemanlike since he has been here, I think there is some hope that he will reform.

July 5th 1851

Wm. was this day Indentured to M. Greenwood to learn the finishing business.

No. 6

History of James Steward

Committed to the House of Refuge By his father

Size rather small Complexion light

Appearance rather pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 9 in Weight 82 lbs

Your Name? is James Steward Born in Albany N. Y.

Date of Birth July 8th 1837 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? James M. Steward He was born in U. S. do not know where

Mother's maiden Name? Margaret Dunning She was born in Near Albany N. Y.

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? have lived at home except a few months in the country

Who have been your companions? Such boys as attended the city Schools

How long since you have attended school? Six months always played truant when I could

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 2d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Nov. 2d 1850

James was brought here by his father, who States that he has manifested a disposition to Steal ever since he was six or seven years of age. He has had constant trouble with him for the last four years. About two years ago he broke into a Saddler's Shop and took a lot of bridles carpet bags &c. He punished him severely for this and sent him to Indiana with a hope that he would reform by being away from his city associates, but he stole money from his employer and he was obliged to take him home. He still continued to take money, knives, or any thing else he could lay his hands upon. Last spring he took him twenty miles back of Madison Ia. James stayed three or four months and ran away from there and came home. Soon after his return he went into the house of a neighbor ~~and took~~ and took money and other articles. About three weeks before his father brought him to the Refuge he took twenty three dollars which a Sabbath School had raised to purchase a Library, This money he hid in the ground, when this fact came to light his father brought him here as a last resort as he preferred to bring him to the Refuge rather than to have the Mayor give him a trial and commitment James is a very artful boy, it is almost impossible

to know whether he tells the truth. It will take a long course of training to reform him

Dec. 20th 1850

James was guilty to day of Stealing from one of his companions. The circumstances were very aggravated showing an entire want of principle.

May 10th 1850.

To day dates James's discharge from the Institution. He is released to the care of his father. That he will do well is problematical to my mind.

No. 7

History of James Rouze

Committed to the House of Refuge By his mother

Size large Complexion light, blue eyes

Appearance very good Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 0 in Weight 105 lbs

Your Name? James Rouze Born in Franklin Ohio

Date of Birth May 1st 1837 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Caleb Rouze He was born in U. S. do not know where

Mother's maiden Name? Hannah Todd She was born in " " " " " "

They have mostly resided Franklin Ohio

How have you been employed? Working on a farm in the country

Who have been your companions? Boys in the street since I came to the city

How long since you have attended school? one year, Have attended school but little

Have you ever been arrested before? no

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 2d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Nov. 25th 1850

James was committed by his mother. She stated that she was left a widow about five years since - that she had always been in poor health and had found it difficult get along. James is her only son and she had been very indulgent to him. He has always had a violent temper, but when not under its influence is an affectionate boy. She has never been able to get him to go to School as he did not like to go. He has been honest so far as she knows. Of late he has become totally unmanageable he has threatened his mothers life several times. She was unable to keep him with her, as the family where she boarded turned him out of doors. He threatened to go on the river and as he was in the street without a home she very much feared that he would get into bad company and be ruined.

By the advice of her friends she has committed him to the Refuge with the hope that he may obtain an education and become a useful man in Society.

July 19th 1852

James was this day released to M. Ispeenwood to learn the finishing business. He has been a good boy for a long time.

1864 Feby 23. James Colerd to see us to day - He is
married. has 4 Childrer and reside at
Middletow Ohio. where he suits at Broom
Making a trade he learned here —

1876. Augt. 16 Heard from James. He is living at Clevs. O
is reported as a good Man. Industrious. has a
pleasant Family. And works at Broommaking, yet.

No. 5

History of Ellen Desmond

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size rather large Complexion light, gray eyes

Appearance modest, with down cast look Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 9 in Weight 97 lbs

Your Name? Ellen Desmond Born in Buffalo N.Y.

Date of Birth July 4th 1838 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Timothy Desmond He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Catharine Coener She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati Ohio

How have you been employed? assisting my mother, been about the Streets for two years

Who have been your companions? Ellen McCune Biddy Riley R. Dunham & two others girls

How long since you have attended school? five years

Have you ever been arrested before? once

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? no Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Nov. 30th 1850

Ellen was committed by the Mayor on a charge of Larceny, taking three calico dresses. She states that she has been in the habit of running away from home for about two years. Was persuaded to leave home by a woman who came to the house, Parents did not know where she was for six months. She staged two weeks at home and ran away again, Says the reason she did not stay at home was that her father whipped her severely. She says she has never stolen any thing except clothes from yards and money from her father. Ellen is to all appearance a girl easily persuaded to do wrong, and been nearly ruined by the influence of wicked companions The Matron has strong hopes that proper training will have an influence to correct her evil habits, and make her a useful member of Society.

Sept. 24th 1852

Ellen was this day indentured to Mrs. John Arnold Farmington P. O. Rush Co Ind.
She has no doubt a good place and we hope she will do well.

No. 4

History of Rebecca Dunham

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size medium Complexion dark, black eyes

Appearance bold with an open countenance Marks and Scars None

Height 4 ft 10½ in Weight 111 lbs

Your Name? Rebecca Dunham Born in Lawrenceburg Ind

Date of Birth May 1st 1835 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Ebenezer Dunham He was born in U. S. do not know where

Mother's maiden Name? Frances Bazel She was born in France

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati Ohio

How have you been employed? assisting my mother until a year since

Who have been your companions? bad girls in the Streets

How long since you have attended school? Six years always playing truant when I got an opportunity

Have you ever been arrested before? three times

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Nov. 30th 1850

Rebecca was committed by the Mayor on the charge of Larceny. The commitment charges that Ellen Duffy, Ellen Desmond and Rebecca Dunham were guilty of Stealing three calico dresses of the value of one dollar. As near as can be learned from Rebecca's Story she is the daughter of a French woman, who was divorced from her father some twelve years since. Her father came in the night and took her from her mother, but she regained possession of her again in one one year Rebecca has lived with her mother until she went to the Streets about two years since. The first she stole was a dress, she has stolen a variety of articles, at one time she and another girl dressed in mens clothes and went into a baker's shop with a view of robbing it of money, Rebecca was to shoot the man with pistol but her hand trembled so that she could not shoot. Her companion took the pistol and fired but missed him. She has visited New Orleans, St. Louis, Pittsburg, and many other places, has been in the habit of getting intoxicated, She has lived in several houses of ill fame and is evidently a very bad girl. She states that there are four other girls younger

who should be committed to the Refuge. Two other girls who are here have been her companions on the ~~Streets~~ & if she is reformed it will add greatly to the reputation of the House as a place of reform

Dec. 18th 1850

Rebecca manifests an ungovernable temper, says she never has been controlled and never will be. She was made to yield after severe discipline, — now promises to be a good girl.

May 3d 1853.

To day we have received orders to release Rebecca to the custody of Col. Dudley, who is about to take up his residence at Gambia, Ohio. For some time Rs conduct has been commendable, and it is greatly desired that she may continue to do well.

No. 10

History of Domineco Rocco

Committed to the House of Refuge — By the Mayor.

Size Small — Complexion very dark

Appearance Swarthy — Marks and Scars none

Height 3 ft 7½ in — Weight 56 lbs

Your Name? Domineco Rocco — Born in

Date of Birth — Former Residence

Father's Name? — He was born in

Mother's maiden Name? — She was born in

They have mostly resided

How have you been employed?

Who have been your companions?

How long since you have attended school?

Have you ever been arrested before?

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? — Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Dec. 5th 1850

This boy was sent here this day by the Mayor. The commitment sets forth that he is a vagrant wandering about the city without visible means of support or Known place of Residence. He is probably an Italian but as he cannot talk English it is impossible to Know any thing of his history, as near as I can learn his mother is dead and his father left him in the streets some months since. He has supported himself by begging. This is what I learned from one of the boys, who speaks a little Italian. When he came here he was in a dreadful condition almost without clothes, covered with vermin and so dirty that it took several days to get down to the true skin. He is however a bright smart boy.

Dec. 20th 1850

Dominico is as mischievous as a young monkey begins to talk English a little

May 20th 1851

Dominico was this day taken from the Refuge He was claimed by an uncle from Phila

delphia who states that he was stolen by one of these organ grinders last fall and brought to Cincinnati and there left by him to perish in the streets. He had become a very good boy and we had all become very much attached to him. He was learning to read rapidly He wept very much at the thought of leaving us and it was with dificulty that his uncle could induce him to go.

No. 11

History of Frederick Fredericks.

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size large for his age Complexion light with blue eyes

Appearance cheerful and pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 2 in Weight 71 lbs

Your Name? Frederick Fredericks Born in Germany

Date of Birth Dec. 25th 1840 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? John Fredericks He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided Germany until year and half ago came to U.S.

How have you been employed? at home until I ran away

Who have been your companions? with boys in the Streets

How long since you have attended school? two months, went to public school on Ainc St

Have you ever been arrested before? no

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Dec. 5th 1850

Frederick came from the Mayor's office on the charge of vagrancy, sleeping in vacant houses and without means of support. He states that his mother died about four years ago, and his father this last summer of Cholera. His father left no property and he was left without a home. He went to live with a friend of his father's who was in the habit of whipping him severely while intoxicated. He ran away and was several days with but little to eat. Says he did not taste a mouthful of food for three days. He slept in a vacant house. Was afraid to return for fear of punishment. Frederick appears to be an honest boy and doubtless will do well.

Sept. 16th 1852

Fred. was this day permitted to leave the refuge with Mr. John Ackerman of Eaton Preble Co. preparatory to binding to the farming business. He appears to be a good boy.

No. 12
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History of Francis Harvey alias Daniel Moorehan

Committed to the House of Refuge — By the Mayor

Size medium — Complexion light, with blue

Appearance respectable — Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 4½ in — Weight 130 lbs

Your Name? Francis Harvey — Born in, Lower Canada

Date of Birth May 8th 1834. — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Francis Harvey — He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? do not Know — She was born in England

They have mostly resided Toronto Canada

How have you been employed? as cabin boy on a Steamboat

Who have been your companions? every body on the river

How long since you have attended school? four years

Have you ever been arrested before? never have

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No,

Entered 3d Grade 2d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Dec. 5th 1850

Francis was committed by the Mayor on complaint of H. H. Luken for larceny, stealing one overcoat valued at four dollars.

Francis says he was born in Canada, that his parents are both dead. He can remember neither father or mother. He lived with an aunt until he was twelve years of age, stayed at different places for eighteen months and then came to Cincinnati for the purpose of getting a berth on a Steamboat. He has been cabin boy second Steward &c. Never has been in the habit of drinking or gambling, in reference to the charge of stealing the coat Francis says that two young men accosted him on 5th St. and asked him if he did not want to buy a coat, said they would take fifty cents for it. He very foolishly gave them the money and took the coat. The watchman found him with the coat on in about an hour after the transaction. He positively denies that he Knew the coat was stolen and from all the circumstances I am satisfied that he is innocent. Frank has behaved like a gentle man thus far and if I am not mistaken bids fair to become a useful man.

July 12th 1851

This day is to us one of interest as being one on which the first boy admitted as an inmate, is indentured. Francis Harvey since his entering the Inst.n has behaved himself in a very becoming and gentlemanly manner as a general thing, and is dismissed from the discipline of the House with much pleasure, and a good degree of confidence on the part of the Sup.t as to his reformation. He is indentured to a man by the name of Wright under favorable circumstances, to learn the wagon makers trade. The Gentleman resides in Oxford and it is hoped that he will perform his duty to Frank as a Father to a Child.

Aug. 4th 1851

To our mortification we have learned that this boy has displayed gross deception. His father lives in the city, and has hunted the county over to find his son He came here under a false name. His right name is Daniel Murnahan.

Feb. 17th 1852

Daniel left his master and came back to the city. I went to his fathers house and took him back to the refuge. He will serve his time again as Daniel Murnahan No. 231.

Feb 17. 1852

Daniel this day escaped - So says Mr Hubbard in the Discharge Book.

No. 43

History of Frederick Bandli

Committed to the House of Refuge By his father
Size large
Appearance rather prepossessing Complexion light - blue eyes
Height 4 ft 10 in Marks and Scars none
Weight 96 lbs

Your Name? Frederick Bandli Born in Switzerland
Date of Birth August 14th 1836 Former Residence Cincinnati
Father's Name? Martin Bandli He was born in Switzerland
Mother's maiden Name? Crisinsa Wilt She was born in Baden
They have mostly resided Sinwalt Switzerland
How have you been employed? Driving on canal, on steamboat &c.
Who have been your companions? boys in the Streets
How long since you have attended school? two years
Have you ever been arrested before? once
Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? four Sabbaths Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Dec. 11th 1850

Frederick was brought here by his Step father who is unable to talk English; as near as I can learn this boy is without father or mother and is entirely destitute of friends. He ran away from his Step father about a year ago and went to New Orleans says he was loafing about the streets for some time. After he came back he went to work a little while and ran away again and went to St. Louis. He returned and went to driving on the canal. Spent his money for liquor &c. He says he has stolen small amounts of money several times and other articles. Frederick says his father told him he would take him into the country to live with a milk man but he took him to the Refuge. He is quite an intelligent boy but has some bad habits to overcome, with care and perseverence I think he will become a good boy.

May 16th 1852

Frederick went to work with Mr. Greenwood to learn the moulding business.

No. 14

History of Margaret Kane

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size small Complexion light, blue eyes

Appearance rather interesting Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 4 in Weight 85 lbs

Your Name? Margaret Kane Born in England

Date of Birth Feb. 25th 1837 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? James Kane He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Sarah Hinds She was born in "

They have mostly resided All over the world father & mother both ped

How have you been employed? in the streets, market houses, board yards &c.

Who have been your companions? the worst women and boys I could find

How long since you have attended school? never went but three weeks

Have you ever been arrested before? once

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Dec. 16th 1850

This girl was sent by the Mayor on charge of Burglary, breaking into a store. Also another commitment charging her with Larceny Stealing $5.65

She is the daughter of an Irish woman. Her father has been dead over two years. Her mother has had five husbands since, who are all living. Says she was a good girl until the death of her own father when she became acquainted with a girl by the name of Riley who persuaded her to go out nights for the purpose of stealing, Says they used to get the key of houses and stores and get one made like it and before night return the original key and use the false one. Says as near as she can recollect they went into five houses & stores in New Orleans, four in St. Louis ten in Louisville and three in Cincinnati. They have stolen watches jewelry, dresses, and almost every thing else they could lay their hands upon. Margaret has been in the habit of living in houses of ill fame and is doubtless one of the worst girls in the city. If what she says is true there are several more girls about large who are equally guilty and are a nuisance to the city. They visit fires & say that young men bring them trunks &c. which they take to these houses.

Maryanet is probably a ruined girl, yet there is a opportunity to try the efficacy of the Refuge as a place of reformation. If she ever becomes a respectable woman, it will teach us never to dispair.

Jan. 4th 1853

Maryanet was this day released to return to her worthless mother who makes affadavit that she is over age. She will probably go to destruction as she is strongly inclined to vice.

No. 15

History of Jackson Updike

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size rather large Complexion light, hazle eyes

Appearance awkward Marks and Scars one on forehead

Height 5 ft 3 in Weight 113 lbs

Your Name? Jackson Updike Born in Seneca Co. N. Y.

Date of Birth July 4th 1835 Former Residence Buffalo N. Y.

Father's Name? Isaiah Updike He was born in New Jersey

Mother's maiden Name? Matilda Weaver She was born in Syracuse N. Y.

They have mostly resided in the state of New York

How have you been employed? on Lake Erie as porter

Who have been your companions? such men and boys as run on boats

How long since you have attended school? three years, never went more than three months

Have you ever been arrested before? No,

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes a few weeks Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Dec. 18th 1850

Jackson was sent from the Mayors office on the charge of vagrancy, having no home or visible means of support. He states that his mother died about three years since, after her death his father came to Buffalo and went to boating on the lakes. Jackson says he had no one to take care of him and used to go and come when he had a mind to. He has been on the lakes about three years, Spent his money as fast as he earned it for tobacco, candy, nuts &c.

About four weeks ago he took a notion to come to Cincinnati as a boy informed him that he could boat it all winter. He had nine dollars when he started from Sandusky. He paid his own fare and the boys who advised him to come, as far as Springfield. When they got there they found they had money enough to get them a night's lodging but not enough to pay their way any farther. They stayed a week at Springfield got a few jobs sawing wood &c. and then came to Cincinnati on a freight train. Here his companion stole his clothes and he was left entirely destitute in a strange city. The first night he went to the watch house and got

his lodging, during the day he tried among all the boats to get a situation but failed, The second day he got a load of coal to put in, which gave him money enough to pay for his lodging. The third night he went to a sawmill to sleep where he was taken by the watchmen and sent here by the Mayor. Jackson says he never stole any thing in his life except apples or plumbs, out of orchards,
Every thing about his appearance indicates that he tells the truth and is a perfectly honest boy. He appears to be a good tempered pleasant boy and will doubtless be prepared to leave the Refuge in a short time.

Dec. 12th 1852

Jackson this day made his escape He had been here a long time and was trusted to go any where. He was not a very bad boy but became very restless because he had stayed so long.

No. 16

History of Henry Mundle

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size small Complexion dark

Appearance pleasant Marks and Scars red spot on chin

Height 4 ft 8½ in Weight 94 lbs

Your Name? Henry Mundle Born in Belmont Co. Ohio

Date of Birth Mar. 1st. 1835 Former Residence Pittsburg

Father's Name? Andrew Mundle He was born in U. S. Do not know where

Mother's maiden Name? Margaret Holland She was born in Penn.

They have mostly resided in Muskingum County

How have you been employed? worked with a tailor two years and went on the river

Who have been your companions? such men as go on the river

How long since you have attended school? Two years never went but little while one winter

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Dec. 18th 1850

Henry was sent here by the Mayor on two charges one, Larceny stealing a handkerchief of the value of one dollar; and the other vagrancy, have no employment or visible means of support.

Henry lost his mother at an early age. She was a bad woman and his father left her, She soon after died. His father is a respectable mechanic and tried to bring him up properly - was anxious to have him go to school but he always preferred to go on the river. His father bound him to a tailor but he ran away after working two years and a half. He has been on the river three years, Spent his money as fast as he made it The first thing that he ever stole was a cap. Say he has never taken money. He came to the city this time and in consequence of a quarrel with one of the cooks, was discharged. He got out of money and stayed at a Sailors boarding house on Sausage Row. One of his companions took him into a German fair where they were caught taking handkerchiefs from men's pockets. Henry is a pleasant appearing boy and and is not apparently so far gone in crime as many other boys. He makes fair promises and I hope will

be able to fulfil them.

June 21st 1852

Henry appeared to be a good boy up to this time. He had been quite sick in the hospital for some weeks. He was trusted without being locked in the sick room He and two other boys escaped

Nov. 29th 1852

Henry this day returned sick, dirty, and ragged. He says he is very sorry he left us. He was afraid of the Cholera. He is now improving and hopes to be at work in a few days

April 6th 1853.

Henry has this day been released by indenture to Mr. John Keeling of Eaton, Preble County, Ohio. Henry I think has, generally, since his return, been a very correct boy I hope he may do well. He has gone to learn the business of farming.

No. 11

History of James Clary

Committed to the House of Refuge — By the Township trustees

Size very small — Complexion light, face freckled

Appearance downcast — Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 1 in — Weight 68 lbs

Your Name? James Clary — Born in Philadelphia

Date of Birth April 12th 1839 — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? James Clary — He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Margaret Burns — She was born in Scotland

They have mostly resided formerly in Scotland last nine years in Cincti

How have you been employed? I was in the Orphan Asylum a long time.

Who have been your companions? My school mates

How long since you have attended school? About one year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes — Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Dec. 20th 1850

This boy was sent here by the Township Trustees who represent him as an orphan entirely destitute any means of support. His mother took him from the Orphan Asylum about a year ago where he had been for a long time. She died last summer He has been staying at different places but the Trustees have been unable to find any one who would take him and give him a permanent home.
He appears to be a honest boy - very small of his age - fond of his books - and will probably do well.

Aug. 6th 1852

James was this day permitted to go with Mr. James Fagin a respectable farmer near Whitesville Clermont Co. Ohio.

May 8th 1853.

To-day, without any cause or provocation James has left Mr. Fagin for parts unknown.

No. 18

History of Charles J. Fox

Committed to the House of Refuge — By his mother
Size rather small — Complexion fair
Appearance pleasant — Marks and Scars none
Height 4 ft 5 in — Weight 68 lbs

Your Name? Chas J. Fox — Born in England
Date of Birth March 3d 1839 — Former Residence Cincinnati
Father's Name? Wm. J. Fox — He was born in England
Mother's maiden Name? do not Know — She was born in "
They have mostly resided Cincinnati for three years before that Eng.
How have you been employed? Assisting my mother
Who have been your companions? Several boys
How long since you have attended school? one year
Have you ever been arrested before? no
Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes — Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Dec. 23d 1850

Charles was brought here by his mother
She Stated that She been a widow four years
Has a large family of children and is not able
to support herself without assistance from the
Township. This boy has always lived at home with
her. He has been a good boy until some three months
since he became acquainted with a gang of
boys who make a practice of going into the
country beyond the Brighton house for the
purpose robbing market waggons. He was out
two nights last week. Says they slept in a market
waggon one night and the other they built a fire
and roasted some of the turkeys they had stolen.
They sold the ballance. Charles says the gang have
been at this business about a year — thinks there
are about fifteen boys concerned in it.
He is evidently a fit subject for the Refuge as
he will tell a lie without the least hesitation.

Oct. 16th 1852

Charles was this day released to a worthy Quaker
family by the name of Barnard who reside at

Cottage grove P.O. Union Co. Ia. Chas has no doubt got a good home.

March 3: 1857 Charles. according to his own Story, remained with this family about two years and then becoming dissatisfied with them left and came to the city in the Spring of 1855- he found that his Mother had died one week before he got home. This being the case he returned to the Refuge- where he still remains.

1857. Apl. 24- Indentured to Mr John J. Boreham, of Mount Carmel. Franklin Co. Ind. to learn Blacksmithing & to receive at the expiration of his time $200.

1857 June 24 Charles was this day returned by his Master, he being so saucy to people who came into the Shop- also given to falshoods- he also appeared to have taken a dislike to his trade.

1858. Aug 10 Escaped for particulars see Daily record of this Date

1858 Aug 30- Returned by Police. —

1859 June 6- Charles was this day discharged, to the care of himself, on certain conditions for which see his commitment. —

No. 11

History of James Nicholason

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size medium Complexion dark

Appearance down cast Marks and Scars loss of 2d finger on right hand

Height 5 ft 2½ in Weight 103 lbs

Your Name? James Nicholson Born in Pennsylvania

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Philadelphia

Father's Name? Dominick Nickolason He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Bridget O. Hara She was born in "

They have mostly resided Philadelphia

How have you been employed? Driving on the canal for six years

Who have been your companions? Such men and boys as go on canals

How long since you have attended school? Six years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Dec. 23d 1850

This boy was sent here by the Mayor but without a commitment. He came to the Mayors office and requested that he might be sent here.
His parents have been dead six years. He and three sisters were left destitute. He got a situation as driver on the canal five years ago. Has been on the Erie, Penn. several other canals. Says he has tried to be saving of his money has helped support his little sisters, which has kept him poor. He has sometimes been cheated out of his wages. This season he was driving on the Penn. canal and was taken sick. This took nearly all his money, when he recovered, the canal was closed and he did not Know what to do. He heard that the boats on the Miami canal run all winter. He paid $1.50 for his passage to Cincinnati. When he arrived here he had less than a dollar. He tried on both canals to get a situation but failed. He went to the Mayor to ask his advoise. He sent an officer with him to the Township Trustees but they did not wish to assist him as he was not a citizen of the city. The Mayor sent him out here and left his

case at the disposal of the Board of Managers of the House of Refuge. James appears to be a perfectly honest boy fond of his book, and will doubtless make a respectable Mechanic.

Mar. 5th 1851

James attempted to escape after being perfectly correct in his deportment up to the present time.

Jan. 19th 1852

James went this day to work for Mr. Greenwood at the moulding business. His deportment has always been correct with the exception his effort to escape. Mr. Greenwood takes great interest in the institution all will no doubt do well for James

No. 20

History of George Bermot

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Township Trustees

Size above medium Complexion rather dark

Appearance very pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 2 in Weight 69 lbs

Your Name? George Bermot Born in Maysville Ky.

Date of Birth Feb. 3th 1840 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Philip Burmot He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Maysville last five years in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? in going to School & working in factory

Who have been your companions? boys on the Streets

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? no

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Dec. 24th 1850

George was committed by the Township Trustees on complaint of J. Dewees, W. Perkinent J. F. Harris & B. F. Smith who represent him of dissolute character and frequently taking money that did not belong to him. His father died five years ago and his mother last summer of Cholera. There are five children scattered about in different places. Mr. J. Dewees took Geo. with the intention of bringing him up, but he had trouble with him. He took money from his store several times, and frequently he missed other articles. A few nights since he ran away from him home and was gone all night. He concluded it was best to bring him to the Refuge. Geo. is a very intenesting looking boy and with proper training bids fair to do well

Feb. 1st 1853

Geo. was this day indentured to Oliver Stout a respectable farmer of Colerain Tp. Hamilton Co, Ohio P.O. Ohio Geo. has usually been a good boy.

No. 21

History of John Coles

Committed to the House of Refuge — By his Sister

Size small

Appearance rather pleasant — Complexion light, red hair

Height 4 ft 2½ in — Marks and Scars none

Weight 66 lbs

Your Name? John Coles 1837 — Born in England

Date of Birth May 22d — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Wm. Coles — He was born in England

Mother's maiden Name? Eliza Scholes — She was born in "

They have mostly resided in England — came to Cincinnati two years ago

How have you been employed? worked in Mr. Greenwood's foundery cleaning engine

Who have been your companions? my cousins & other boys

How long since you have attended school? two months

Have you ever been arrested before? no

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes — Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Dec. 31st 1850

This boy was brought here by his sister who states that they have been orpans for a number of years and no one to look after them. John was in a workhouse in England about six years. Two years ago an acquaintance of the family brought him to Cincinnati An uncle of his came over and brought his sister a short time after. They both resided with the uncle but John was disobedient and they could do nothing with him. I strongly suspect that he is sent here to get rid of him as I have been able to see nothing very bad about him. He appears to be a quiet inoffensive lad and would more properly be a subject of an Orphan Asylum than the Refuge

Oct. 10th 1851

John has become a universal favorite with all He is pleasant, trusty, and always respectful

Mar. 29th 1852

John was this day indentured to Mr. Joseph Hall of Oxford He maintained his character

for honesty and good behavior and had the good wishes of all for his prosperity and success.

No. 22

History of Thomas Hasset

Committed to the House of Refuge — By the Mayor

Size medium — Complexion light- blue eyes

Appearance very pleasant — Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 4 in — Weight 74 lbs

Your Name? Thomas Hasset — Born in Ireland

Date of Birth June 24th 1839 — Former Residence Wisconsin

Father's Name? James O. Brian (Step father) — He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know — She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Canada and the U. S.

How have you been employed? in going to School

Who have been your companions? boys at School

How long since you have attended school? two years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes — Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Jan. 2d 1851

Thomas was brought by order of the Mayor. He was taken by a police officer as a vagrant. He has not a relative in the world that he knows. His Step father died about two months ago, his mother a week after and his sister three weeks since.

He states that he has no remembrance of his own father that his mother came to Canada when he was very young and placed him at a Monastery where he remained four years. He learned the French language while there and made some progress in reading & writing in English. During this time his mother married again and came and took him away. They traveled to many parts of the U.S. and Canada. employed on public works. Last summer they came from Wisconsin and Thomas was left as above Stated He appears to be an honest boy and will probably do well

June 17th 1852

Thomas was this day released from the refuge His story about being an orphan was all false. He has a mother and Step father living in Covington. They did not Know where he was until a few days since

He has been a good boy while here and if his parents can take care of him he will probably do well

No. 23

History of Amanda Steel

Committed to the House of Refuge — By the Mayor

Size medium — Complexion dark

Appearance downcast — Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 1½ in — Weight 111½ lbs

Your Name? Amanda Steel — Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth July 5th 1833 — Former Residence "

Father's Name? John Steel — He was born in England

Mother's maiden Name? I do not know — She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? assisting the family where I lived until the last year

Who have been your companions? bad men for the last year

How long since you have attended school? two years

Have you ever been arrested before? no

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes — Entered 3d Grade 2d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Jan 2d 1851

Amanda was sent here by the Mayor in anticipation of a law permitting girls over 14 years of age to come to the Refuge. She states that when six years of age, she was taken from the Commercial Hospital, where her mother died and placed with a family on Sixth Street. She remained there until a year ago last Summer when her master died of Cholera. Says the woman where she lived whipped her severely. She would not live with her but went to reside with a family on Kemble St. Her former mistress persuaded her to return home again, promising not to beat her. This promise she did not fulfil; and Amanda left and went to live at the house of a man by the name of Harding. Says she did not know that he was a bad man or kept an improper house.

Here she was introduced to the notorious Bill Allen who seduced her from the path of virtue. She remained a few weeks at this place when her former mistress sent a police officer and had her taken to Louisville

and placed with the Sisters of Charity.
She staged here three months, says she would not obey the rules of the Institution and they sent her back to Cincinnati. She would not return home but went to several houses of ill fame. Her former mistress again sought her out and it was through her influence that she was sent here. Amanda has become very much degraded, seems melancholy and unhappy.
Time only will show whether there is any hope of reformation

April 22nd 1853.

This dates Amanda's release from under the guardian eye of the institution. She has gone to reside in the family of a gentleman by the name of Sylvester J. Leonard near Liberty, Union County Indiana. She has the good wishes and prayers of the officers of the institution.

No. 27

History of Edward C. Meaby

Committed to the House of Refuge — By the Mayor

Size small — Complexion rather dark

Appearance pleasant — Marks and Scars None

Height 5 ft 0 in — Weight 101 lbs

Your Name? Edward C. Meaby — Born in Limerick Co. Ireland

Date of Birth Jan. 31st 1835 — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Thomas C. Meaby — He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Fanny Walsh — She was born in "

They have mostly resided Limerick Ireland

How have you been employed? in attending School until the last six months

Who have been your companions? boys at school

How long since you have attended school? Six months

Have you ever been arrested before? no

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes — Entered 3d Grade 2d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Jan. 4th 1851

Edward was sent to the Refuge by the Mayor on charge of vagrancy, wandering about the Streets day and night without visible means of support, or Known place of residence.

He states that he came to this country about four years ago. His father was the Editor of a news paper in Limerick Ireland. He died five years since, and Edward's mother found it very difficult to support her large family.

A brother of his father, now a Catholic Priest of Dayton Ohio sent for him and a younger brother to come to the U. S.

His uncle then resided in Pittsburg. He sent him and his brother to School. Two years ago they all removed to Dayton O. His uncle bound him an apprentice to a tailor. He stayed one year and ran away and came to Cincinnati He went on a Steamboat as third cook says he got twelve dollars per month but spent it all as fast as he made it for clothes, cigars liquor &c. He has been running about the Streets of Cincinnati for the last two months

He has been boarding at a sailors boarding house on Water St. says he has been out of money for some time. He was arrested by a day watchman, while trying to dispose of a new cloth coat at a second hand clothing store. Edward says he bought the coat of a boy by the name of John Smith, acknowledges that he gave him a counterfeit dollar for it. He however positively denies that he knew the coat was stolen. He has been so long in bad company that his perception of right and wrong is not very acute. He appears disposed to obey the rules of the Institution and I have strong hopes that he will do well.

Oct. 30th 1852

Edward was this day indentured to William McLane of Oxford Ohio to finish the tailor trade. He has been a quiet gentlemanly boy for a long time. He was a good workman at the tailor business and has taken care of the shop for weeks at a time. His great fault is a very high temper.

No. 25

History of John Fifer

Committed to the House of Refuge By his mother

Size small Complexion light

Appearance good Marks and Scars none

Height 3 ft 8½ in Weight 54 lbs

Your Name? John Fifer Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth Former Residence "

Father's Name? John Fifer He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? She was born in

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Never did any work

Who have been your companions? boys in the Streets

How long since you have attended school? three months

Have you ever been arrested before? no

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? no Entered 3 Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Jan. 10th 1857

This boy was brought here by his mother She states that her husband is a drunkard and abused her so badly that she was obliged to complain of him and have him sent to jail. She has supported the family by taking in washing. Says she can do nothing with John. He runs in the streets continually and is much of the time with bad boys. He is only eight years of age appears to be a bright intelligent boy and will probably do well

Feb. 2d/63

John was this day released to return to his mother He was a mischievous little fellow but nothing very bad about him.

No. 96

History of William Gibbons

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size rather small Complexion dark

Appearance downcast Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 7½ in Weight 83 lbs

Your Name? William Gibbons Born in Ireland

Date of Birth June 3d 1838 Former Residence Huntington Co. Penn.

Father's Name? Michael Gibbons He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Sarah Mealy She was born in "

They have mostly resided Mayo Co. Ireland

How have you been employed? never did much work

Who have been your companions? neighboring boys

How long since you have attended school? two years

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Jan. 10th 1851

William was sent here by the Mayor on charge of vagrancy, wandering about the streets day and night without employment or visible means of support He states that he came from Ireland with his parents two years. They settled in Huntingdon Co. Penn. His father, mother two brothers and two sisters all died in the month of March last and left him without a relative in the world. It took all the property to pay the doctor's bill and those who took care of his friends in their sickness. In his destitute situation no one would take him and he started for Pittsburg with a view of finding some one who would learn him a trade He stayed one week there, but was unsuccessful in finding a home.

He came to Cincinnati, thinking he would be more fortunate, but without home, friends, or money he found he would be likely to suffer for food, as a last resort he went to the Mayor and requested to be sent to the Refuge. He says he has never stolen any thing and his appearance indicates that he is an honest boy.

March 17th 1853.

This day William Gibbons was indentured to Gilbert W. Churchill of Oxford Co. William has estat lished, in the institution, a good character, and doubtless, should the Gent. to whom he is indentured prove a good man, he will make a val- ued and valuable man.

May 7th 1853.

We have heard that William Gibbons has left Mr Churchill and that without any provocation. As to where he has gone, it is unknown.

No. 27

History of Edward T. Jordan

Committed to the House of Refuge By a Magistrate

Size large Complexion dark

Appearance good with bold open countenance Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 2½ in Weight 107 lbs

Your Name? Edward T. Jordon Born in Clifton near Cincinnati

Date of Birth Jan. 15th 1836 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? John Jordan He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Nancy Hill She was born in Hamilton Co. O.

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? working on a farm & going to school

Who have been your companions? my school mates

How long since you have attended school? one year and a half

Have you ever been arrested before? no

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 2d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Jan. 11th 1851

Edward was committed by J. Bangoine Esq. at the request of his father. The commitment charges him with being a disobedient boy frequently leaving home without consent of his parents going into vicious company and in danger of being ruined by his irregular habits.

His father is very much out of health, and finds it impossible to enforce obedience. He has kept him at College until the last two years. He then permitted him to go a few miles in the country and live with a farmer. Edward stayed six months and returned home He says E. always after that was unwilling stay with them. He would frequently go away without their consent and stay until his clothes were worn out, and as soon as they clothed him up again he would again leave home. He is fearful that he will get into bad company and for this reason he has sent him to the Refuge. So far as I am able to judge a few months here will be sufficient to show him the importance of promptness

steady habits. I have strong hopes that he will become an industrious, useful citizen. Feb. 15th 1851

Edward is getting along quite well

Mar. 3d 1851

Edward made a desperate effort to escape. he finds the restraints of the Refuge very trying to his impetuous temper

May 20th 1851

Edward is in the dungeon and will stay two weeks he tried to escape and manifests an uncontrolable disposition

May 6th 1852

Edward was this day released to return to his father He had lost his mother and his presence had become very necessary to his father who is nearly blind He makes fair promises to do well but I have my doubts

Jan. 28th 1853

Edward made us a visit this day. He is married and appears to be doing well

Sept. 3. 1853.

The present Superintendent has been informed by a gentleman whose word cannot be called in question that Edward is yet a bad boy — not much reformed.

No. 28

History of Edward Welch

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Township Trustees

Size medium Complexion light – blue eyes

Appearance very prepossessing Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 3½ in Weight 67 lbs

Your Name? is Edward Welch Born in New York city

Date of Birth Feb. 20th 1840 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? John Welch He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in New York city

How have you been employed? going to school

Who have been your companions? my school mates

How long since you have attended school? about five weeks

Have you ever been arrested before? no

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Jan. 13th 1851

This boy was committed by the Township Trustees as a destitute orphan.

He says his father was an industrious mechanic. They lived in the city of New York for a number of years – removed to Cincinnati five years ago. A year last summer his father died of cholera His mother supported the family by washing. Last summer she died of cholera and left him entirely destitute of friends.

An acquaintance of his father to him to bring up as his own child. Edward stayed with him two months and ran away.

He states that the reason he did so was that he was sent to get a dress for his mistress and lost two dollars of the money on his way. She accused him of stealing it and threatened him with being sent to the Refuge He was running in the streets more than a week slept in an old stable and lived on apples and bread that boys of his acquaintance gave him. He was taken to the Hospital and transfered to this place by the Trustees.

May 16th 1853.

This day Mr. Benjah Stout took Edward out of the institution by indenture. Edward has, as a general thing, deported himself commendably — very.

July 20th 1853.

Mr Stout was informed us that Edward was left him. He was good boy during his stay with Mr. S——

No. 27

History of Henry Elick. see also No 1410

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size Small Complexion Dark

Appearance rather pleasant Marks and Scars

Height ft in Weight lbs

Your Name? Henry Elick Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth May 2d 1842 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Ferdinand Elick He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? Theresa Titch She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Germany - Been in Cincinnati nine years

How have you been employed? in going to school

Who have been your companions? boys in the Street

How long since you have attended school? two weeks

Have you ever been arrested before? no

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Jany 13th 1851.

This boy was committed by the Mayor on charge of Larceny, Stealing twenty yards of mouselin de laine of the value of five dollars. His father sent him to school and supposed he was going regularly every day but finds since his arrest that he has been playing truant with bad boys for a long time.

He and another boy took those umbrellas and sold them for fifty cts. Althoug only eight years old he has probably been in the habit of stealing for some months past. He says the other boys with him took the above goods and gave them to him to sell, promising to give him half the money. His father did not know for several days where he was or what had become of him. He is very anxious to get him out, threatened to tear the buildings down unless we let him go.

Feb. 10th 1851

This boy was discharged by the court of Common Pleas on his father's paying a fine and giving

bonds for his future good behavior

1853 March 23. Recommitted Justice Marchant for Petit Larceny -

1854 Jany 30 Returned to his parents on writ of Habeas Cor.

1854 June 1 Recommitted by Police Court for Vagrancy and disorderly Conduct.

1854 Augt 11 Escaped when the back gate was left open by carlesmen of Mr H. Warner.

1854 Augt 12 Returned by Police Officer.

1856 April Escaped through the Com House

1856 Sept 19. Recommitted by Police Court for Petit Larceny.

1860 Oct 1 - Discharged to care of himself and by order of the Board of Directors taken by assistant Supt. Going to New York. with a view of going to Sea.

No. 30

History of Elizabeth Kilmarton

Committed to the House of Refuge By the mayor

Size medium Complexion light, with red hair

Appearance rather pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 10¾ in Weight 105 lbs

Your Name? is Elizabeth Kilmarton Born in Ireland

Date of Birth I do not Know suppose I am 15 years old Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? John Kilmarton He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Mary Marony She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Rochester N. Y. 7 years - came from Ireland

How have you been employed? doing house work

Who have been your companions? bad girls

How long since you have attended school? never attended school

Have you ever been arrested before? no

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? no Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Jan 16th 1851

This girl was brought here by the police officer from the Mayor's office on charge of pregnancy.

She came to Cincinnati last Summer from Rochester N. Y. with her parents. They both died three weeks after their arrival of cholera.

She is the oldest of the family and kept house for her little brothers and sister for some time.

Bishop Purcell gave her an order to get her little sister into the Catholic Orphan Asylum and procured places for her brothers in a cotton factory.

She went to live with a woman by the name of Whalon who resides on 3d St. West of Smith. Says she asked her at church if she knew of a young girl who wanted a place to do house work. Elizabeth told her the situation of her family. The woman persuaded her to break up House Keeping and come and live with her, promissing to give one dollar fifty cents per week. She says she did not know the woman was bad and as she had no friends or acquaintances to advise her she went.

Mrs. Whalon Keeps a house of ill fame

and it was through her influence that she was tempted from the path of virtue and became an outcast in Society. She is a poor uneducated Irish girl and would probably remained respectable had her parents lived. Her history shows the wickedness and abominable cruelty of those who tempt the unprotected orphan from the path of rectitude. Nothing but the severest punishment will stop the ruin and destruction of hundreds whose only crime is poverty and want of proper friends to guide them in the right way

1854 Apr 1. Discharge to care of herself the being of age

No. 31

History of Catharine Getzer

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size large Complexion dark

Appearance not prepossessing Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 11½ in Weight 77 lbs

Your Name? Catherine Getzer Born in New York city

Date of Birth Dec. 25th 1838 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? John Getzer He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? Catharine Bussena She was born in "

They have mostly resided N. Y. Phila Cinti & Germany

How have you been employed? Gathering rags

Who have been your companions? two girls with me picking up rags

How long since you have attended school? three years

Have you ever been arrested before? no

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? no Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Jan. 20th 1857

This girl was brought from the Mayors office on charge of vagrancy. Her father died two years ago of Cholera. Her mother soon after took up with a man by the name of Meyer. They have been living in Adultery ever since. They both are in the habit of getting drunk and lead a wretched life. Meyer works just enough to keep him in liquor and the woman does nothing. Catharine has been obliged to hunt rags in the Streets. She says she could make from twenty five to fifty cents a day. Her mother took all the money she made to buy food and whiskey. Says there are several girls who follow picking rags, that go to the landing for the purpose of Stealing coffee, sugar, cotton &c. One girl whose parents own two houses and lots follows this business. Catharine says she never stole any thing from houses but took what she could find in the Streets. Meyer and her mother were arrested for creating disturbance in the neighborhood The police officer States that the condition of the family was the most disgusting picture he ever witnessed not a bed, chair or table in the house and no

cooking apparatus except an old broken pot. I think this girl is comparatively innocent but poverty ignorance and wretchedness have left indelible marks on her character that will take years to eradicate

March 26th 1852.

Catharine, having been, to day, indentured to Mr. John Martindell, has been released. Catharine has made a good character. It is to be hoped that she may do well.

No. 32

History of Belinda McKinney

Committed to the House of Refuge By her mother

Size large Complexion dark- black eyes

Appearance very prepossessing Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 11 in Weight 99 lbs

Your Name? Belinda McKinney Born in Warren Co. Ohio

Date of Birth Feb. 1st 1836 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? John McKinney He was born in Connecticut

Mother's maiden Name? Belinda Paine She was born in Ohio

They have mostly resided Warren Co. near Lebanon Ohio

How have you been employed? as a servant girl

Who have been your companions? young girls in the neighborhood

How long since you have attended school? never went to school more than six months

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Jan. 24th 1854

Belinda was brought here by her mother. She states that she has not lived with her husband for the last four years.

They were married seventeen years ago and had two children. Soon after the birth of this daughter her husband became a drunkard and used her so badly that they parted.

They were seperated two years. On his promise of reform they lived together again. They have parted some three or four time. The last time the Husband took the boy and she took the girl. She found it very difficult to get along. Belinda was put out in several different families but the father found her out and used to come on the Sabbath and take her down to the steamboat landing and spend the day in drinking and carousing. The mother to prevent her ruin secretly placed her with the Shakers where she has remained eighteen months. She returned to the city two months since and has remained with her mother. She is very much afraid her daughter is getting into bad company as she has been out nights with improper associates.

She is very anxious to get her into the Refuge. I think Belinda is not as bad a girl as many others but she is very ignorant of the ways of the world and would be easily led astray. The discipline she will receive here and the watchful care and advice of the managers will probably make her a useful member of Society.

Jan. 28th 1852

Belinda was this day indentured to J. B. McGowen of Urbana. Although a lively volatile girl she has always been obedient. She became very much attached to the Refuge and wept because she was obliged to leave. I have no doubt she will do well if properly treated

Mar. 31st 1852

Belinda returned again to the refuge Mrs. McGown though she was not able to do her work

Oct. 1st 1852

Belinda returned this day to her mother. She was a sickly girl not able to do any hard work.

No. 33

History of Thomas Dugan

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size medium Complexion rather light

Appearance good Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 8 in Weight 81 lbs

Your Name? Thomas Dugan Born in Providence R.I.

Date of Birth Aug. 16th 1835 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? John Dugan He was born in Kilkany Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Agnes Casley She was born in Ireland

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? tending bar at the American theater

Who have been your companions? men and boys who attend the theatre

How long since you have attended school? four years

Have you ever been arrested before? no

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? no Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Jan 24th 1851

This boy was committed by the Mayor, on charge of vagrancy. His father died four years ago and his mother two. There are five children who were left without friends and scattered in several families in this city. Thomas worked in Walter & Meaden's bureau factory awhile and then went on the river. He has been knocked about from one place to another for the last two years. He tended bar at the National Theatre several months and then went to the American. He has been in the habit of getting intoxicated while out of employ. Says he was always steady while he had work but when he was idle men would persuade him to drink for the purpose of having fun with him. When the theatre was closed this last time he got on a spree and the watchman took him to the Mayor's office. He came here willingly as he had no where else to go. From all I can learn of his history he is not so bad a boy as might be expected from his exposed situation and the company he has kept

Nov. 10th 1851

Thomas was this day indentured to Mr. D. Sedam a farmer three miles down the river. He continued to do well and it is hoped he will be a good boy.

Sept. 3. 1853.

Thomas has left his place.

No. 34

History of Patrick Miscoll

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor
Size medium Complexion light
Appearance not pleasant Marks and Scars none
Height 4 ft 9 in Weight 83 lbs

Your Name? Patrick Miscoll Born in Ireland
Date of Birth Former Residence Cincinnati
Father's Name? Thomas Miscoll He was born in Ireland
Mother's maiden Name? Bridget Noon She was born in "
They have mostly resided in Ireland been in Cincinnati 4 years
How have you been employed? driving on the canal
Who have been your companions? boys in the Street
How long since you have attended school? one year
Have you ever been arrested before? no
Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? no Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Jan. 24th 1851

This boy was committed by the Mayor on
charge of Larceny, Stealing three plugs of tobacco
the property of John Pifhen. His mother is dead
and his father has exercised but little control
over him for some time. He has been selling cigars
on the Levy for a year or two. Last Spring he
commenced driving on the white water canal
and followed it until the boat laid up.
He is evidently a very bad boy, but I am unable
to get much out of him. He acknowledges he took
the tobacco but says it is the only thing.
He was disposed to use very bad language
when he first came. He has a sullen appearance
and not the least idea what is meant by obedience.
Time only will show how far he has gone in
Crime and how far he can be influenced by
by the discipline of the Refuge

Sept. 20th 1852

Patrick made his escape last night by
forcing the bars of the windows and going
over the walls

No. 3.5

History of William H. Hurst

Committed to the House of Refuge By his father

Size medium Complexion light, florid

Appearance respectable Marks and Scars badly marked on throat by a burn

Height 4 ft 11½ in Weight 92 lbs

Your Name? Wm. H. Hurst Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth May 4th 1836 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Thomas Hurst He was born in Erie Penn.

Mother's maiden Name? Phebe Gildersleeve She was born in Pokeipse N. Y.

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? making chains & wonking about town

Who have been your companions? bad boys who persuaded me to steal

How long since you have attended school? about a year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 2d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Jan. 30th 1851

This boy was committed by his father. He came voluntarily with his mother who expresses great solicitude for his reformation. She states that his father has been worth a handsome property but of late has taken to drink and spent it all. He is in no business and totally unfit to govern his family. William has been guilty of taking small sums of money from his parents at different times for several years. About a year ago he commenced going to the theatre in company with a boy by the name of Stone. They would frequently be gone all night and sometimes a whole week. They often represented themselves from the country and would get their supper & breakfast on credit promising to pay when their fathers sold the load. They spent the nights prowling about steamboats and other places. Stone has been arrested several times but has managed to get clear. Wm. says that just before he was brought here he had a plan made up to go into the country for the purpose of stealing. He took twenty dollars from his mother about a month ago. Says he spent it going to the theatre and buying [illegible]

they wanted. He seems to be a boy easily influenced to do wrong and is totally devoid of shame for his past conduct. It will probably take years to eradicate his propensity to to steal and inculcate that principal of honesty which will render it safe for him to go again into Society.

July 14th 1852

Wm. Was this day released to return to his parents He has been a quiet boy and may do well

June 18th 1853.

William has ~~conducted~~ himself in such a manner as to get back here again. He was brought here to-day by Mr. Hubbard, former Superintendent. He is a wicked, vicious boy in his appearance and, if we are not very careful, will give us trouble. He has spent several months, loafing about, and stealing for a living.

Aug. 11th 1853.

William together with Ezra P. Taylor, and John Martin, to-day made their escape from the girls side by means of a ladder which they threw out of a window of the shop building. The boys themselves also jumped out of a window in the Second Story of the shop building. William in consequence of his having sprained and perhaps fractured his ankle could not make much headway in running and was soon caught and will, when his ankle gets well, be taken through a "Course of sprouts"

April 12th 1854.

William was to day released to his mother who promises to find him regular employment.

No. 36

History of Herman Weston

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Township Trustees

Size Small Complexion light

Appearance good Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 6½ in Weight 80 lbs

Your Name? Herman Weston Born in Germany

Date of Birth Oct. 24th 1836 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Harmon H. Weston He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? Sakle Barkman She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati Came from Germany 13 years ago

How have you been employed? in going to school & traveling from place to place

Who have been your companions? Men on steamboats

How long since you have attended school? about a year

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Jan 31st 1851

This boy was committed by the Township Trustees as a vagrant. His mother died seven years ago and his father two. He has a step mother, but she could do nothing with him.

He got into the habit of staying out nights sleeping out in old stables, shops &c. Says he got his living by stealing from market waggons.

About a year ago he went to New Orleans. He was unacquainted with a single person on the boat but contrived to get along by working for his passage. He wandered about Orleans awhile and went to St. Louis. He there found friends and worked steadily for eleven months. He concluded to come back to Cincinnati and see his sister. He has been here two months. He continued his practice of stealing articles of small value but says he has never stolen money. He has a fine pleasant countenance and will probably make an intelligent man.

Nov. 2d 1852

Hannon was this day indentured John Kuhn to learn the tailor business. He goes three miles back of Covington Ky He has been a good boy for a long time and will probably do well if rightly managed.

No. 37

History of James H. Huston

Committed to the House of Refuge By his father

Size medium Complexion light with light hair

Appearance very pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 10¾ in Weight 91 lbs

Your Name? is James H. Huston Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth June 22nd 1837 Former Residence "

Father's Name? David Huston He was born in

Mother's maiden Name? Catharine Richardson She was born in Grand Gulf Miss.

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Never did any thing but go about town

Who have been your companions? Bad boys in the Streets

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? yes twice

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3rd Grade 3rd Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Feb. 3d/51

This boy was committed by his father who is one of our oldest citizens.
He states that he has been out of health for some time, and his boy has been left without any one to control him
Three years since he became associated with a set of the worst boys in the city They led him into the habit of drinking gambling Stealing, and every thing else that is bad. In order to get money to gratify their inclination to go to the theatre they would steal copper, ~~kettles~~ old iron, lead pipes &c. He has sent him into the country to School several times but he would soon return home again. He has tried every meathod to break him of his bad habits but without Success. The boy expresses a willingness to reform but is very easily persuaded to do wrong. The temptation of his associates would no doubt have ruined him What effect his residence at the Refuge will have time only will show

Sept. 17th 1857

James was this day taken from the Refuge by his father. He was in poor health and it was thought best by the directors for him to return to his parents He has behaved well while here & was in the class of Honor and strong hopes were entertained that he would do well but we have learned not to be too sanguine Time only will develop his character and determine his future history

No. 35

History of George W. Wyatt

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size large

Appearance rather pleasant

Height 5 ft, 0 in,

Complexion light blue eyes

Marks and Scars none

Weight 109 lbs

Your Name? Geo. W. Wyatt

Date of Birth July 11th 1836

Father's Name? Andrew Wyatt

Mother's maiden Name? Elizabeth Harvey

They have mostly resided Fairfield Green Co. Ohio

How have you been employed? Hostler in a tavern the last two years

Who have been your companions? Men & boys at the tavern

How long since you have attended school? more than four years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes

Born in Fairfield Green Co. Ohio

Former Residence Above St. Louis

He was born in England

She was born in "

Entered 3d " Grade 3d " Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Feb. 3d 1851

This boy was committed by the Mayor on charge of vagrancy. He gave himself up voluntarily to the police. He found it exceedingly difficult to support himself honestly as he could get no regular employment or place of residence. He states that his father died twelve years ago. Four years after his death his mother married a man who became a drunkard and abused him. He ran away from home and came to Cincinnati when he was ten years of age. He wandered about awhile and finally got employment on a steamboat. He was knocked about from one place to another for two years. He finally got a steady place with a hotel keeper at Oquawka Henderson Co. Ill. He stayed with him two years but got nothing for his labor but his food and clothes. He started for home last November. He stayed at home a month when his step father in one of his drunken sprees undertook to whip him and he left again for Cincinnati. He has been here two weeks. Sometimes he would get a little work

throwing in wood or carrying a market basket but could get nothing permanent to do. He did not get a regular meal of victuals while in the city but subsisted on crackers cakes &c. Some days he would have nothing to eat.
During all his wanderings he says he has been honest and so far as I am able to judge he tells the truth.
He appears to be a well disposed boy and judging from all I can learn of him will do well

Oct. 8th 1852

Geo. was this day released to his step father who lives at Babb. P. O. Miami Co. Ohio. His name is Michael Brobst. I think Geo. will do well.

Jan. 30th 1853

In consequence of the bad treatment of his step father who became intoxicated and beat him Geo. returned to the refuge.

May 10th 1853.

We have heard that Geo. has left Mr. Stem to whom he had been indentured Feb. 18th 1853. Either he has been unfortunate in getting a good place or he is a boy of no stability. S. Cather thinks the latter supposition is the true one.

Released 2d time Feby 18 1853.

No. 37

History of Bernard Rantzson

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size medium Complexion light

Appearance Sickly Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 5¼ in Weight 71 lbs

Your Name? Bernard Rantzon Born in Holland

Date of Birth Dec. 5th 1838 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Mr. Rantzon He was born in Holland

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided Holland Five years in New Orleans

How have you been employed? Working with my sister

Who have been your companions? Never had any

How long since you have attended school? two years

Have you ever been arrested before? yes twice

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Feb. 3d 1851

This boy was sent here by the Mayor on charge of vagrancy. He states that his father and mother have been dead five years.

They with two brothers died of ship fever on their passage from Holland five years ago. He, with an older sister was left destitute in the city of New Orleans. They managed to support themselves awhile when the sister went out to service and Bernard was sent to the Poor house 7 House of Refuge he does not know which. They came to Cincinnati about a year ago. He lived with his sister, who is now married. Says his brotherinlaw beat him and abused him and he ran away. He has been in the streets without a home about two months. Sometimes he would sleep in vacant shops or houses sometimes in coffee houses and about twenty times in the watch house. He got his living by begging or doing little jobs of work. He is a pale sickly boy and appears very ignorant. I am not satisfied whether he is honest or not. He says he has never stolen any thing but it is hard to tell when a boy has been so exposed

1853. Feb. 9 - Indentured to Samuel E. Campbell of Franklin Warren County to learn farming.

No. 40

History of Mary Ellen Curry

Committed to the House of Refuge By her father

Size medium Complexion dark with black eyes

Appearance respectable Marks and Scars none

Height ft in Weight lbs

Your Name? is Mary E. Curry Born in Boone Co. Ky.

Date of Birth Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Wm. Curry He was born in Bourbon Co Ky

Mother's maiden Name? Elizabeth Hamilton She was born in Franklin Co Pa.

They have mostly resided in Kentucky. The last five years in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? living out in a family on Columbia St.

Who have been your companions? Bad girls since last April

How long since you have attended school? four years

Have you ever been arrested before? Yes

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Feb. 5th 1851

This girl was brought here by her father accompanied by a police officer. She states that all her friends are respectable. Her parents were old Settlers in Bourbon Co. Ky. They moved to the city of Cincinnati Some years since. They were both members of a Christian church. Eight years ago her mother died and she was placed in a highly respectable family on Columbia St. by her father. She has lived there some years. Last Christmas an older sister persuaded her to attend a ball and complained that she was not dressed as richly as she should be. This made her unhappy and dissatisfied with her place. She left and went to live with her sister. They could not agree and Mary left and went to reside with another sister who lives in Franklin Co. Pa. She says up to this time she had been but little in company and was perfectly innocent. She stayed several weeks at her Sisters but it was so lonesome that she concluded to return to the city. On the canal boat were two girls of bad.

character who persuaded her to do as they were doing.
During the passage to Cincinnati she had intercourse with
one of the hands on the boat, and fell from the path
of virtue. When they arrived at the city they induced
her to drink liquor until she became quite intoxi-
cated. They took her to a house on Fulton St. for-
merly kept by old Letetia Gray. She has been
there since last April. Says she was very unhappy
and would have been glad to reform if she
thought there was any hope for her.
Her father learned where she was a few days since
by inquiring at the police office and had her
immediately taken out here. She expresses
great anxiety to become respectable and it is
hoped her residence at the Refuge may be beneficial
to her.

Dec. 22d 1851.

This girl has shown herself to be a very wicked girl and
the probability that much she has related above is false

Nov. 5th 1852

Mary was this day released to go into the family
of Wm. McCoy 7 miles from West Jefferson,
Madison Co. Ohio. We have but little confidence
in her ultimate reformation but she was
19 years of age and it was best to let her
go and try what she could do.

Jan. 19th 1853

Mary returned to day to the refuge in a dreadful condition
She had left her place and got in company with a set
of butcher boys. She had been two days without food in
an old shanty near the house ashamed to come in and
did not know where to go. She will probably never do any
good.

June 10th 1853.

Mary was sent to day to the infirmary. She has very
much disgraced herself. She is E—— having become
so daring her absence from the Institution

Mary Ellen Curry was delivered of a living female child, in the
City Infirmary August 28th 1853— (the child died Jany 20th 1854)
Taken from the Infirmary Books by O.M. Langdon

No. 11

History of Rachael Brown

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Township Trustees

Size large Complexion rather dark

Appearance prepossessing Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 9 in Weight 107 lbs

Your Name? Rachel Brown Born in New Orleans

Date of Birth Dec. 25th 1835 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? John Brown He was born in the U. S.

Mother's maiden Name? Rachel Smith She was born in Spruce

They have mostly resided in New Orleans and Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Keeping house for my brothers

Who have been your companions? The neighbors near us

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? Once I was sent to the Hospital

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Feby 3d 1857

Rachael was committed by the Township Trustees. She was among the debased and dissolute, in one of the dens of infamy which abound in this City. She was sent here as a last resort, to save her from ruin. She states that her father died six years ago, in New Orleans of Yellow Fever. He was the owner of a house & lot and was in comfortable circumstances. After her father's death her Mother sold the property and came to Cincinnati. Here she supported herself and her Children in a very respectable manner. Three years ago the Mother married a wealthy German, after which she lived but a few months. She died of Cholera. Rachael kept house for her Brothers. her Step Father having gone into the Country. The Brother soon obtained a situation on a Steamboat as Engineer and left her to board with an acquaintance. While here a woman by the name of Milligan, on Longworth St. persuaded her to come and live with her, promising her one dollar pr week for her services. She did not suspect her employer to be a woman of bad character, but had not been there long before the Woman locked her up in a room with a man of damnable character, who by threatening her life and operating upon her fears in other ways, using violence withall, succeeded in accomplishing her ruin. She says she resisted him as long as she was able, and finally the Woman herself assisted him in his evil deed. The next day she ran away from the place and returned to her former boarding place. This was four weeks ago

Then she remained about a week when she found herself so diseased that it became necessary for her to remove to the Hospital

July 17th 1852

Rachel was this day released to Wm. C. Swenburg of Va. She has got a first rate place and it is to be hoped she will do well

Nov. 12th 1852

Rachel left her place and returned to the refuge She thought it was too lonesome where she was

May 30th 1853.

Rachael has this day been released to the custody of the Rev. Horace Bushnel, City Missionary. The Supt. discharged her illegally not thinking but that she was over 18 yrs. of age.

No. 42

History of Francis Henry

Committed to the House of Refuge By his mother

Size medium Complexion light - florid

Appearance very good Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 7 in Weight 71 lbs

Your Name? Francis Henry Born in Cincinnati Ohio

Date of Birth I do not Know - Think I am 12 Former Residence " "

Father's Name? Benedict Henry He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati 13 years came from Germany

How have you been employed? running in the Streets

Who have been your companions? boys down at the river

How long since you have attended school? three years

Have you ever been arrested before? no.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No. Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Feb. 11th 1851

This boy was brought here by his mother, who was so much intoxicated that I could get no intelligent account from her. The police officer stated that She was constantly under the influence of liquor and her children were in the Streets without food or clothes. They were sent out here by the advice of the Mayor.

Francis Says his father died a year ago last Summer of Cholera. He frequently drank very hard and abused his wife and children

His mother has been a drunkard for some years His father would whip her when they were intoxicated. He and his brother have been playing in the Street about a year. They have been in the habit of Spending their time down at the river picking up old iron Would Sometimes Steal from the piles and sometimes pick it up in the Streets. They sold all they got for 1 cent a pound. Says he never taken any thing but old iron and this in daylight. He has been to School a little but played truant most of the time.

Says he was very much opposed to coming here but is very glad he came From his present

appearance I think he may become a respectable man
through the influence of this institution

June 18th 1852

Francis was this day indentured to Mr. Whitehead
of Industry Ham. Co. Ohio He has always been
a good Boy and will no doubt do well.

No. 43

History of Joseph Henry

Committed to the House of Refuge By his Mother

Size medium Complexion light with blue eyes

Appearance pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 1 in Weight 65 lbs

Your Name? Joseph Henry Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth Probably sometime in 1841 Former Residence "

Father's Name? Benedict Henry He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Germany & Cincinnati

How have you been employed? running in the Streets

Who have been your companions? bad Boys

How long since you have attended school? never went to school

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No. Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Feb. 11th 1851

This boy is a brother to No. 42 on the last page, consequently his history is very much the same. He is entirely without education seems to be a quiet ingensive boy and seems well contented with his home.

Sept. 7th 1852

This boy was released this day for the purpose of being indentured to Joseph Finke to learn the business of shoe making

No. 44

History of Owen Clark

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Township Trustees

Size medium Complexion light – blue eyes

Appearance very good Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 10½ in Weight 79 lbs

Your Name? Owen Clark Born in Liverpool Eng.

Date of Birth May 8th 1839 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? James Clark He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Mary Brady She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Liverpool & Cincinnati

How have you been employed? In assisting my parents

Who have been your companions? Boys in the Streets

How long since you have attended school? One year

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Feb. 15th 1851

This boy was committed by the Township Trustees He had no home or visible means of support His father died last Summer of Cholera. He was an intemperate man but did not abuse his family. Owen lived with his mother who supported herself by taking in washing. He was obliged to pick up all the wood she burned down at the river She died very suddenly three days before he was brought here, leaving him destitute of friends or home. He seems to be a quiet pleasant boy and will doubtless do well.

Oct. 19th 1852

Owen was this day indentured to B. H. Baker of Bennington Edwards Co. Ill. He has been an obedient boy and will no doubt do well if he has a good home His employer is a farmer and trader

No. 45

History of Rachael Snyder

Aged 16 years 7 months and 20 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By herself

Size medium Complexion dark – black eyes

Appearance rather good Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 3 in Weight 119 lbs

Your Name? Rachel Snyder Born in Virginia

Date of Birth July 4th 1834 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Daniel Snyder He was born in Indiana

Mother's maiden Name? Rachel Wells She was born in Virginia

They have mostly resided Virginia

How have you been employed? Living in a house of ill fame

Who have been your companions? Very bad men and women

How long since you have attended school? Two years

Have you ever been arrested before? No Have been at the Hospital

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Feb 24th 1851

This girl came voluntarily and begged to be admitted to the Refuge She has been eight months in that notorious house on Fulton St. formerly kept by old Tetetia Gray. She states that her parents reside in Virginia are respectable and in good circumstances. The reasons for leaving were that she wished to be married to a young man in the neighborhood but could not obtain the consent of her parents. This rendered her unhappy and melancholy. Her brother who is a mate on a Steamboat invited her to come to Cincinnati with him promising to take home when she wished to go. He took her to a Hotel and paid her board for two months and left her to attend to his duties on the Steamboat While here a young man by presents and a promise of marriage seduced her from the path of virtue. She soon left the Hotel and hired as a servant to a family on 6th St. While here an old woman persuaded her that this place of Fulton St. was a good place to get work She says she hired to do house work but through the persuasion of the women who kept the house she went up into the parlor with the rest of the girls

She led a miserable life and says she is determined to reform.

June 20th 1851

Circumstances have come to light in regard to Rachel that prove nearly all the foregoing history false. She made an attempt to escape and exhibits one of the worst dispositions of any girl here. Her father live near New Richmond and she has lived in the city two or three years.

July 25th 1851

Rachel was this day sent home to her parents Palestine Clermont Co. Ohio. She is a very bad girl and will probably go to ruin

Feb. 6th

Contrary to our expectations Rachel has done quite well. She has been here since her release and brought testimony that she had been perfectly correct. I have heard that she is now married

No. 46

History of Dumont Mills

Aged 12

Committed to the House of Refuge — By his mother

Size rather small — Complexion light florid

Appearance very pleasant — Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 8½ in — Weight 79 lbs

Your Name? Dumont Mills — Born in Wilmington Ia

Date of Birth Feb. 11th 1839 — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Isaac Mills — He was born in Reading Ohio

Mother's maiden Name? Joanna Camphean — She was born in Pokeepsie N.Y.

They have mostly resided Cincinnati

How have you been employed? living at home

Who have been your companions? boys in the streets

How long since you have attended school? never went to school

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No — Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Feby 21st 1851

Dumont was committed by his Mother who represents him as a boy needing that control she is not able to render, that he has had his own way pritty much and fearful of his end if allowed to go on thus has thought the Institution would be the means of saving him. Cause for his commitment. She further states that he has been in the habit of staying out nights and that he has been guilty of stealing. Her son older has been sent to the Penitentiary and she wished to save him from a like fate. The boy states he has been taken by the Watch once but released without being criminated. Says he never was taken befor the Mayor. Has been in company with vicious boys who have at different times endeavord to induce him to steal from his Mother & others but was deterred by fears of the Penitentiary. Has been at work in a Druggists on Fifth and Race at $4 pr month. He has no Father and has been under the guidance of a Mother who is easily operated upon by entreaty of whom the boy has taken advantage. All probably necessary in his case is, proper training, exemption from evil influences till sound principles shall take root. The difficulty seems to have been governed by an over indulgent Mother. sufficient to ruin any boy in a city like Cincinnati when so many ways, and influences to crime are almost unavoidable.

Feb. 22: 1853. Discharged to care of his Sister

No. 47

History of Joseph Lehmkuhle

Aged 14 years 1 month and 20 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By his Guardian

Size large Complexion light

Appearance coarse with large features Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 10½ in Weight 95 lbs

Your Name? Joseph Lemkuhle Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth Jan. 2d 1837 Former Residence "

Father's Name? Henry Lemkuhle He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? Mary Lehmkuhle She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Have been nine years in Orphan Asylum

Who have been your companions? The inmates of the Asylum

How long since you have attended school? two years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

German Catholick.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Feb'y 22nd 1851

Joseph was committed by a Trustee of the Catholic Orphan Asylum in connection with his Guardian to whom he had been indentured a short time previous. They state that he ran away from the Asylum twice and as many times from his Guardian. He was learning the Tailors trade. He was taken to the Asylum when but five years old. Where he remained till he arrived at the age of 13 years when he was indentured. He makes no complaint against the Institution or his usage there in any respect. But says the reason why he left his last employer was that he was kept at work early and late without being allowed any time for play or any boys recreation whatever. Commencing work at 6 O.C. and continuing till 11 O.C. P.M. excepting mealtimes. He is accused of stealing small sums of money at several different times. but says himself he never took but twenty five cents in his life. He has been sent to school since four years of age. but taught in the German tongue till within the Year past. He is an ordinary scholar. Has been taught Catholic principles but seems disposed to less bigotry than some who have been pcd. into the Institution. All necessary in this boy's case is steady. reasonable employment sound instruction and exemption from evil habits & influences These the Institution will afford him and no doubt be the means of fitting him to be a blessing rather than a curse to society.

June 3d 1853

This day dates the release of Joseph from under the guardian eye of the Institution. He is indentured to Mr. William Breeden of Westfield, Morrow County, Ohio to engage in the business of farming. So far as the present Superintendent has observed, Joseph's conduct has generally been good — may it ever continue to be so.

Nov. 21st 1853

Joseph has to day returned to the Refuge, of his own accord. It is presumed that to him this Institution is the most desirable home known to him. He complains of mal-treatment from Mr. Breeden and that he could not stand the labor of farming. He says Mr. Breeden wrongfully accused him of stealing from him. There is no telling whether he tells the truth or not. Joseph ran away from Mr. B.

April 19: 1854. Indentured to Mr James M. Butler of Oxford Butler Co. Ohio, to learn the busines of Farming.

No. 18

History of Henry Getz

Aged 15 years 4 months and 14 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By his father

Size medium tall & slender Complexion dark

Appearance very pleasant Marks and Scars None Scar on forehead

Height 5 ft 4 in Weight 116 lbs

Your Name? Henry Getz Born in Germany

Date of Birth Oct. 18th 1835 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? John Getz He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided Germany

How have you been employed? Cigar making and loafing

Who have been your companions? Such men and boys as stay at Coffee houses

How long since you have attended school? four years

Have you ever been arrested before? no.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Feb. 24th 1851

This boy was committed by his father, who states that he is unsteady sometimes three months from home at a time. He has come home several times without clothes, in a filthy condition covered with vermin and debased by intoxication.

The father says he has furnished him money to buy Tobacco to carry on his business (He is a cigar maker) but he always spent it at Coffee houses treating his companions who were among the worst boys in the city. Henry says he has worked steadily while away from his father paid two dollars a week for his board and took the balance of his earnings to buy clothes He acknowledges that he has been in the habit of drinking and that he did not save any money. Says he has never stolen any thing of value. He appears satisfied with his home and very anxious to learn to read and write. The strong probability is that the regular habits of the Refuge will make a good boy of him

Sept. 6th 1852

Henry was this day released for the purpose of being indentured to H. Warren of Carthage Ohio to learn the broom making business

Feb. 1863

In consequence of the sickness and death of Mrs Warner's wife he returned Henry to the refuge. He was again indentured to J. M. Stern of Oxford Ohio to learn the Shoe making business.

No. 49

History of John Wollam

Aged 13 years and 16 days

Committed to the House of Refuge — By his father

Size Small — Complexion light, florid.

Appearance pleasant — Marks and Scars burn on right arm

Height 4 ft 8 in — Weight 75 lbs

Your Name? John Wollam — Born in Beaver Pa.

Date of Birth Feb. 16th 1839 — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Bolser Wollam — He was born in Pennsylvania

Mother's maiden Name? Harriet Swonger — She was born in "

They have mostly resided four years in Cincinnati before that in Penn.

How have you been employed? In running about the Streets

Who have been your companions? very bad boys

How long since you have attended school? 3 years

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes — Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Feby 25th 1854

John was committed by his Father who states that he had become quite unsteady, was in the habit of being out among vicious boys who had induced him to stay away from home sometimes two and three days & nights at a time. He also states that John has at sundry times been guilty of stealing from him and others, articles of small amount and fearful that these associates might ruin him thought best to commit him to this Institution. He has attended school formerly on Fifth St. but for the past two years has not been able to obtain books and therefore has not been. He has attended Sunday school also, some few times. He states that the reason he left home was that his Father beat him so often. His Father is a Carpenter who has little or no property and depends upon his labor for support. and therefore could not give him that attention his case demanded. His appearance favors an inclination to be easily influenced, and therefore will probably soon become a good boy.

February 14th. 1854. John was discharged by Indenture to Mr John Smith, of Abington P.O. Wayne Co. Ind. to learn farming.

No. 50 Sec 72 / History of Ethan A. Palmer

Aged 13 years 11 months and 26 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By his father

Size very small Complexion florid

Appearance rather pleasant Marks and Scars Cut on left arm

Height 4 ft 5 in Weight 73 lbs

Your Name? Ethan A. Palmer Born in Warren Co. Penn.

Date of Birth March 1st 1838 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Wm. H. Palmer He was born in

Mother's maiden Name? She was born in

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? doing nothing but loafing about the streets

Who have been your companions? boys in the streets

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? no.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Feby 27th 1851

Ethan was committed by his Father who states that he has been in the habit of running away and staying out nights, sometimes being gone from home for a week at a time. He further says that he has at times taken small sums of money from him. He says himself he has run away several times from home on account of the harsh treatment he received from his Mother He has been in no employment but throwing in coal around the City. and could not find more than one load pr day on an average. His appearance indicates idle habits and disposition. Is easily influenced to do wrong and is no doubt a proper subject for the House of Refuge

June 3d 1853.

Ethan has to-day been indentured to Milton Stapp Esq. of Madison, Ind^a. It is to be hoped he may do well at his new home.

1854 Dec 15 Voluntarily returned not letting his place.

1855 Nov 1 Indentured to Mr Hiram Alley of Cliffy,
Decatur Co Indiana to learn farming and to
receive 150 $.

No. 57

History of Lewis Stone

Aged 15 years 11 months and three days

Committed to the House of Refuge By his father

Size medium Complexion light

Appearance rather pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 11 in Weight 94 lbs

Your Name? Lewis Richard L. Stone Born in Pennsylvania

Date of Birth April 3d 1835 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Richard L. Stone He was born in Pennsylvania

Mother's maiden Name? Josephine Penroy She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Running about the streets

Who have been your companions? the worst boys I could find

How long since you have attended school? a long time I cannot remember when

Have you ever been arrested before? yes twice

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Feb. 28th 1851

This boy was committed by his father who says he has been running in the Streets for a long time. He commenced when very young to play truant from school and as a natural result became associated with very bad boys.

He has tried every means in his power to break him but without success Lewis has been in the watch house two or three times but always succeeded in breaking out He was arrested this time for breaking into one of the public School houses and stealing a globe, boots &c He is a shrewd cunning boy and has been the means of ruining quite a number of boys among his associates. He has stolen money at different times, spent it going to the Theatre and other places of amusement He bought pistols and in company with other boys went over the river back of Newport Ky. for the purpose of stealing chickens. They stayed out several nights in the woods. Lewis commenced his career by associating with two boys by the name of Williams. What effect his residence with us will have time only will show

May 1st 1852

Lewis escaped this day. In consequence of the break in the canal the walls were down and he gave us the slip

June 7th 1852

Lewis was this day returned. He had been in the city concealed at his mothers house. He made a desperate effort to escape.

~~June 3 1853~~

March 25 1854 - Indentured to William McCord of Cincinnati to learn Tailoring

No. 52

History of Mathew A. Fritch

Committed to the House of Refuge — By the Mayor

Size medium — Complexion rather dark

Appearance pleasant — Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 10 in — Weight 89 lbs

Your Name? Mathew A. Fritch — Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth I do not Know think Jan 15 — Former Residence "

Father's Name? Blasius Fritch — He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? Barbary Snyder — She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Germany in Cincinnati 10 years

How have you been employed? running about the streets.

Who have been your companions? bad boys in the streets

How long since you have attended school? about three years

Have you ever been arrested before? yes been in jail 5 times

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes — Entered 3 Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge May 1st 1851

This boy was sent to the House of Refuge by the Mayor to await his trial for larceny He commenced stealing when quite young and was brought before the Mayor but on account of his youth was released Very soon he was arrested again and sent to jail for seven months. He had not been out long before he was stealing again He has got along in this way for the last two years part of the time in jail and part of the time out He has not stolen any thing of very great amount but principally old iron copper &c. that he has taken from ships, mills, and the public landing He is a pleasant appearing boy but the probability is that his propensity to steal is so great that it will take a long time to overcome it.

June 11th 1853

Mathew has this day been released from the guardianship of the Institution — he is indentured to Joseph Fudge of Eaton Preble County Ohio. It is hoped that.

he may do well.

No. 53

History of George Allborough

15 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size Small

Appearance not very prepossessing Complexion light with light hair

Height 4 ft 7 in Marks and Scars None

Weight 79 lbs

Your Name? George Allborough Born in Germany

Date of Birth Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Joseph Stubenrough He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Germany

How have you been employed? Setting up ten pins at Sam Smiths

Who have been your companions? Bad boys in the streets

How long since you have attended school? three years

Have you ever been arrested before? yes been in jail three times

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No. Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Mar. 1st 1851

This boy was committed by the Mayor to await his trial for Larceny. He has been in jail several times for stealing.

He came here in company with M. Smith who has been his associate in crime for the last two years. They have been wretchedly neglected by their parents, who have probably encouraged their theft as a means of support They were in the habit of taking the proceeds of their guilt home to their parents, thus growing hardened in crime. They have neither taken articles of great value but old iron, copper, clothes and such loose things as could be easily disposed of at second hand stores.

They are both nearly destitute of education. If we do not succeed in reforming them it will be a safety to the city to have them confined.

I am induced by what I have Mar. 10th learned of this boy by other persons since I wrote the above that he is a much worse boy than I at first supposed He is a shrewd pickpocket and a very dangerous boy in community

July 28th 1857

George was doing very well. He appeared contented and happy. Although when he came into the institution he was a very bad boy he gave us but little trouble and appeared disposed to do right. just as we began to be encouraged he was bailed out.

No. 54

History of Magdalena Fritch

Aged 13 8 months and 7 days

Committed to the House of Refuge — By a magistrate

Size medium — Complexion light with blue eyes

Appearance very pleasant — Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 6 in — Weight 77 lbs

Your Name? Magdalena Fritch — Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth July 4th 1837 — Former Residence "

Father's Name? Blazes Fritch — He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? Barbary Snyder — She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Picking pockets

Who have been your companions? The worst boys and girls I could find

How long since you have attended school? two years

Have you ever been arrested before? Yes several times — been in jail 7 months

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No. — Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge March 1st 1851

Magdalena was committed by a Magistrate at the request of her Mother. Two years ago her Father died, leaving a family of Eleven Children. Four of the oldest have been guilty of stealing more or less. Her trade was to pick pockets. She states that they were all instructed in this business by a boy who is now here. and who commenced quite young, being taught by his own Parents. She and this boy went into partnership and she states they frequently succeeded in picking $100 from pockets, which was always divided equally between them. She thinks they have picked as many as one or two hundred different pockets. About eighteen months ago she was sent to jail by the Police. for seven months. Here she associated with the worst girls in the city. Once they attempted to fire the jail but did not succeed. After her confinment here she took to her former business in company with an older brother. Soon they took a younger brother with them only eight years old, and went to Louisville. While there the older brother threatened the life of the younger. became a drunkard. got into difficulty and was sent to jail. From this place she went to Baltimore, her young brother being with her She had saved money enough to defray their expenses there and support herself & B. for three weeks. She then came to

Cincinnati. but did not return to her Mother. Lived with a woman by the name of McCann. who gets her living by boarding pickpockets and thieves. While here she succeeded in obtaining a pocket book containing $200. and immidiately left for St Louis still keeping her little brother with her. Here she supported herself as useual by stealing. Five weeks ago she concluded to come back to Cin. and see her Mother. and was sent her two weeks after her arrival. having become totally unmanagable. These facts have been gleaned from herself. her brother. and her associates. and probably can be relied on as such

1854. September 22nd. Magdalena was this day indentured to Mr Drummond, of Franklin, Ind. to learn Housekeeping.

No. 55

History of John Grant

aged 13 years 11 months and 1 day

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size large Complexion light – blue eyes

Appearance rather pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 2½ in Weight 107 lbs

Your Name? John Grant Born in Newry Down Co. Ireland

Date of Birth April 14th 1837 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Michael Grant He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Margaret Farley She was born in "

They have mostly resided Newry Down Co. Ireland

How have you been employed? Always been at school

Who have been your companions? Boys at school

How long since you have attended school? three months

Have you ever been arrested before? no

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 2d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge March 1st 1851

John Grant was committed by the Mayor on the charge of vagrancy. He states that he has a Father and Mother in Ireland and they are in easy circumstances. but that he was beaten by his Father and therefore he ran away. He moreover states that he stole the money necessary to defray his expences to America. The sum was about $34. He landed in N. Orleans. where he staid about a week. and finding no employ took the Boat for Cincinnati. Here he remained for a week without finding employment. after which time one Mr Cobb. gave him work. but finding him dishonest soon discharged him. Since then he has been wandering about without any visible means of support. He has been brought up a strict Catholic. never was put to work at home but sent to school. He is a very good scholar for one of his age appears quite well. and no doubt would make a smart man. if properly disciplined. He expresses no regret for leaving his Parents. seems to be indifferent upon the subject. His manner of conversation indicates very good breeding. far above the mass of boys who are found here. He is exceedingly curious to find out all there is about the Institution rather too inquisitive.

May 12th 1853.

John, to-day, has been discharged by indenture to John Barber of Springfield, Franklin County, Ohio. I must confess that, though John was not a very bad boy in the Institution, I have not much confidence that he will do well.

No. 56

History of Peter Potee

Aged 15 years 9 months and 15 days

Committed to the House of Refuge — By the Mayor

Size medium — Complexion light, gray eyes & (hair) very light

Appearance bold and unpleasant — Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 2½ in — Weight 105 lbs

Your Name? Peter Potee — Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth Dec. 25th 1835 — Former Residence "

Father's Name? Peter Potee — He was born in Baltimore

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know — She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Prowling about the Streets for the last three years

Who have been your companions? The worst boys I could find

How long since you have attended school? three years

Have you ever been arrested before? yes several times

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes — Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge May 2d 1851

Peter was committed by the Mayor on the charge of burglary to await his trial before the Court of Common Pleas. He has been an idle worthless boy for several years past. His Father who is a respectable Mechanic has tried every means to break him of his bad habits but without succes. He has been bound as apprentice to several different trades but always ran away from his Guardians. He was a ringleader of a gang of boys on Western Row who robbed Market wagons, Stores Shops houses &c. They frequently built fires in the lower part of the City and staid out all night drinking gambling and carousing. He has been guilty of robbing several Stores of money. Some of the time he was on the river practicing his usual tricks, and petty robberies. He was arrested by an Officer by the name of Howard who caught him in the act of stealing from a money drawer. He was quite drunk when taken, and came here without shoes or boots, ragged and dirty. He is considered one of the most dangerous boys we have to deal with. He knows how to read some but never studied any thing else from books. From what could be gleaned from his brother it seems his Father has done his duty so far as he was able but the boy would not heed his counsels or be benefited by his correcting. Seems to be hardened and callous to reproof or chastisement.

June 21st 1852

Peter appeared very much improved. He was apparently sick in the Hospital when he was left without being locked and mad his escape with two other boys.

Jan. 18th 1853

Peter was this day returned to the refuge. He has been boating on the canal. He returned to the city when the boat laid up and was brought back.

April 1st 1853.

Peter has, to-day, been released to the care of his father - it is hoped that he may do well.

No. 57

History of Gideon Mikes

Aged 14 years 7 months and 24 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size very large Complexion rather dark blue eyes

Appearance decidedly verdant Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 8¼ in Weight 150 lbs

Your Name? Gideon Mikes Born in Harlan Co. Ky.

Date of Birth July 24th 1836 Former Residence Burlington Ohio

Father's Name? Wm. P. Mikes He was born in Virginia

Mother's maiden Name? Sarah Rendfro She was born in Kentucky

They have mostly resided in Kentucky

How have you been employed? Bound an apprentice to an edge tool maker

Who have been your companions? Mr. Ryan, the man who raised me

How long since you have attended school? Never went to school a day

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Mar. 3d 1851

Gideon was sent here by the Mayor to await his trial for larceny. He was raised in Ky. His parents were very poor and placed him with a farmer when only six years of age. He stayed here a number of years but had no opportunity to attend school. He started on foot when only 12 years of age to go to Penn here he staid one year trying to learn the blacksmith business. He left in one year and went on the river as fireman on a steamboat, work becoming scarce he went up to Burlington 12 miles from the City and hired with a man by the name of Higgins to learn edge tool making. He was to have $7.00 per month for three years and his board. After he had worked two months he called for his money but did not obtain it. A man by the name of Shephard told him Higgins never paid his men for work and persuaded him to take the property - go to the city, get on a boat, and clear himself. He did so and was caught just as the boat was going to start. The articles stolen were found in his possession and he was sent here to await his trial. He is entirely without education & has been left without friends to advise him

His appearance indicates that he is not hardened in guilt and the probability is that he may yet do well.

Dec. 12th 1852

Gideon was left to take charge of the boilers this evening in consequence of the sickness of the engineer and took the opportunity to go over the wall by means of a ladder which he made in the engine room.

No. 55

History of William Bates

Committed To the House of Refuge
By The Township Trustees
Size Medium or rather small
Complexion Sallow with brown hair
Appearance By no means unfavorable
Marks and Scars None
Height 4 ft 4½ in
Weight 68 lbs

Your Name? William Harrison Bates
Born in Newport. Kentucky
Date of Birth •
Former Residence Newport & Cincinnati
Father's Name? Harrison Bates
He was born in
Mother's maiden Name? Amanda Marsh
She was born in
They have mostly resided In Cincinnati
How have you been employed? In the Tobacco Trade
Who have been your companions? Boys in the Streets
How long since you have attended school? Eight months
Have you ever been arrested before? No.
Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No

Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge March 3d 1857

This boy came here accompanied by his Uncle with a Commitment from the Township Trustees His Uncle states that he has for a long time been exceedingly troublesome to his Mother, on account of his ungovernable disposition. He has at times been from home for 3 or 4 weeks without his Mothers knowing when he was, or what had become of him. He had himself taken the boy and tried to bring him under restraint. but as soon as an opportunity presented itself he would run away. He was under the influence of certain evil disposed boys who induced him do wrong, and aided him by their superior experience in getting away. The Boy states that it was on account of his Step Fathers harsh treatment that he left home. Says he once whipped him with a chain which was kept for chaining up the dog. The boy does not appear to be a very bad Child. nor evil disposed and the probability is, all he needs to make him a worthy citizen. is. kind and gentle treatment. good management and proper moral culture.

Feb. 15, 1853 Indentured to John Ozias of Preble Co. O.
to Learn farming.

No. 59

History of Stephen W. Royston

Aged 10 years and 28 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By his mother

Size medium Complexion fair with black eyes

Appearance very pleasant Marks and Scars on forehead

Height 4 ft 5½ in Weight 67 lbs

Your Name? Stephen W. Royston Born in Goshen, Ohio

Date of Birth Feb. 6th 1841 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Daniel Royston He was born in Ire., not Known

Mother's maiden Name? Mary Bobo She was born in " " "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? playing with boys in the streets

Who have been your companions? boys round the market

How long since you have attended school? about a year - played truant frequently

Have you ever been arrested before? no.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Mar. 4th 1851

This boy was brought from the Mayors office accompanied by his mother.

She states that She is a poor widow with a large family of Children to support by taking in washing. This boy is beyond her control. He will not go to School or stay at home. He is in the streets with very bad boys and She is afraid he is learning to steal He frequently is out nights until very late. She has tried him in the country for a short time but he will not stay. Her friends advised her to put him here. She went to the Mayor who investigated the case but preferred to have her commit him and leave the final decission of the Case to the Board of Managers

Jan. 1st/53

Stephen was this day released to the care of Hugh Garnett a farmer of Cedar Grove P.O. Franklin Co. Ia.

No. 60

History of Lewis Hatt

Committed To the House of Refuge — By His Mother

Size Medium for age — Complexion Rather dark - black eyes & hair

Appearance Rather pitiful and morbid — Marks and Scars Right Eye sightless

Height 4 ft 4/4 in — Weight 73 lbs

Your Name? Lewis Hatt — Born in Colerain Township

Date of Birth Oct 14th 1838 — Former Residence Do

Father's Name? William Hatt — He was born in Green Township

Mother's maiden Name? Sarah Hubbard — She was born in Colerain Township

They have mostly resided Cincinnati

How have you been employed? School & Idling

Who have been your companions? Boys in the Streets promiscuously

How long since you have attended school? Only about a week

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes — Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge March 10th 1851

Lewis was brought here by his Uncle by the request of his Mother, and brought a note from M. Greenwood stating that he was a proper subject for the Institution. He has a Father, who is now in the States Prison of Indiana. His Mother is quite poor and depends on the needle for her living. She has no time to look after the boy, and as he associates with the bad boys in the Streets, learns bad habits and is becoming ungovernable She sends him here to save him from probable ruin She fears his Fathers example may prove injurious to him and therefore wishes to place him where he may receive proper instruction and training. From what can be learned from him, the conclusion is that he is not a bad boy and only needs what all other boys of his age need, to make him a respectable man

July 27th 1852

Lewis was this day returned to his father who resides at London Ohio Co. The father proved that the mother was a bad woman and that his imprisonment was a malicious outrage. Lewis was a good boy and will probably do well.

No. 61

History of James Whitney

Committed to the House of Refuge By his mother

Size medium Complexion

Appearance very prepossessing Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 3 in Weight 60 lbs

Your Name? James Whitney Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth Former Residence "

Father's Name? David Whitney He was born in New England

Mother's maiden Name? Elizabeth Thomas She was born in Ohio

They have mostly resided Ohio

How have you been employed? Has always been at school

Who have been your companions? Boys in the Streets

How long since you have attended school? Came from school here

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge March 12th/57

This boy was committed by his mother who states that he is in the habit of running in the streets nights with bad boys. As he is easily persuaded she is afraid he will get to stealing. She was married to a man who has been a drunkard and is very abusive to his family. This boy is the object of his particular spite. He frequently beats him until the neighbors interfere, this she thinks is the reason why the boy will not stay at home. She has decided to separate from her husband and as this is not his child she thinks he has no right to control her in the disposition of the boy. I have my doubts whether the child is bad enough to need to come to the Refuge, but knowing the facts of his abuse and the destitution of his mother I have ventured to take him and submit the case to the board.

Nov. 8th 1852

James was this day released to go to his mother. She has procured a place for him somewhere in the country

No. 62 Sec 569 History of Robert Jackson

Aged 9 years 1 month and 2 two days

Committed to the House of Refuge By his father

Size small Complexion light

Appearance pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 3 ft 10 in Weight 48 lbs

Your Name? Robert Jackson Born in New Orleans

Date of Birth Feb. 10th 1842 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? John Jackson He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Frances C. Conner She was born in "

They have mostly resided in the U. S.

How have you been employed? running about the streets playing truant

Who have been your companions? boys at school

How long since you have attended school? three months

Have you ever been arrested before? no

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Entered Grade Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Mar. 12th 51

Robert was brought here by his Father, who represents that although so young, he is a very bad boy. He finds it impossible to keep him at school. He frequently runs away from home, and is gone a week at a time A few day since he found him down in Stores Township. Says it has often taken him two and three days in a week to hunt him up. He thinks he has tried every means he could devise to no avail. He is under the influence of larger and vicious boys who induce him to steal for them. He has taken money and numerous other articles at different times. His Father seems to be an honest, hard working man but some radical defect in his discipline, is probably producing such results in the character of the boy.

1854, April 15th. To day discharged by indenture to Mr. Isaac Kinnaston of Bloom P.O. Rush Co Indiana, to learn farming.

1854 Meay 31 Returned for general misconduct and
discontent

1856 Feby 7 Indentured to Mr William Pumphrey of Clifty
Decatur Co Indiana to learn farming and to
receive 250 ℔.

1863. Aug. 24. Mr Pumphry writes that Robt. Jackson
left him May 15. 1859. and is now in the
18th. Ind.a Regt. of Vol Inf. at Vicksburg..

No. 63

History of Daniel Blackleach

Committed House of Refuge — By His Step Father

Size Medium — Complexion Light, Light curly hair

Appearance Prepossesping. Very neat. Active mind — Marks and Scars No fore finger on right hand

Height ft in — Weight lbs

Your Name? Daniel Blackleach — Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth Jan'y. 22nd 1842 — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Step Father Daniel Davidson — He was born in Reading Ohio

Mother's maiden Name? Nancy J. Calhoun — She was born in Virginia

They have mostly resided Cincinnati

How have you been employed? In going to School

Who have been your companions? Bad Boys in the Streets

How long since you have attended school? About a week

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes — Entered 3d Grade Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge March 13th/57

Daniel was brought here and committed by his Step Father who represents that he has for some time past given his Mother much trouble on account of his conduct. For the past three years he has been in the habit of running away more or less, sometimes being gone till midnight, and in company with vicious boys. He has often taken money with which he was intrusted to buy bread, or other articles, and appropriated it to his own use. His Father's business leads him necessarily much from home, and consequently cannot exercise much control over him. He could not mind his Mother, and they think he will be saved from ruin if placed in such an Institution as this. He has many bad habits formed already, such as Lying, Swearing &c. His conduct since he has been here shows him to be a proper subject for the House of Refuge

May 27: 1854. Indentured to Thomas Nesbit of Mt Carmel, to learn farming.

1858 November 25- Daniel was to day received into the Institution by the Supt.- he having made application at the Date to be permitted to return.
From his own account, Daniel remained with Mr Nesbit about a year, and for some reason, left his place & returned to his Mothers at the Refuge Date, where he remained until the Summer of 1857- Rufus Hubbard, then having given up his Contract at the Refuge took Daniel, on to his farm in Iowa- where he has remained until the present time- Mr Hubbard having given up farming had no further use for him, he therefore returned to the Refuge-
He enters the 3rd Reader Class in School.

Feb'y 29. 1860 Daniel was this day discharged to the Care of Himself & Goes to the Country with a farmer. For date of discharge see the other Books as July 21-1860. It having been neglected at the proper date.

No. 64

History of Moses Marks

aged 13 years 5 months and 10 days

Committed by his father — By

Size Medium

Appearance very pleasant — Complexion florid - blue eyes

Height 5 ft 7½ in. — Marks and Scars none

Weight 76 lbs

Your Name? Moses Marks — Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth Oct. 4th 1837 — Former Residence "

Father's Name? Isaac Marks — He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? Matilda Wise — She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? going to school

Who have been your companions? Boys at school

How long since you have attended school? left school to come here

Have you ever been arrested before? yes once

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes — Entered 3d Grade 2d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge March 14th/57

This boy was brought here by his father who is one of our most respectable citizens. His reason for bringing his son to the Refuge were that he had several times been guilty of stealing and and a total disregard for truth. Moses commenced his career as usual by playing truant from school and falling an easy prey to the influence of bad boys older than himself. He, in company with another boy, went into a book store on Main St. a few weeks since and while his companion engaged the attention of the salesman, he robbed the safe of a large amount of money. His father paid one hundred dollars to get him out of the difficulty and have him released. He sent him to Louisville with the intention of keeping him there, but on his solemn promise that he would never steal again he permitted him to return. In a few days he was again caught in the act of taking money out of the draw of Dr. Reed's Book Store on 4th St. His father brought him here to prevent his having a public trial. He is a quiet obedient boy and may do well,

Nov. 5th 1831

Moses was this day released and indentured to a gentleman by the name of Wise in Miss. I have some doubts about his being honest and trusty although his conduct here was good

No. 65

History of Caroline Herder

aged 15 years 8 months and 7 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By her father

Size large quite tall Complexion light gray eyes

Appearance not prepossessing Marks and Scars None

Height 5 ft 5 in Weight 132 lbs

Your Name? Caroline Herder Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth July 13th 1835 Former Residence "

Father's Name? Gustavus Herder He was born in Prussia

Mother's maiden Name? Elizabeth Wattenmatt She was born in Pennsylvania

They have mostly resided Cincinnati

How have you been employed? At work in my father's house

Who have been your companions? Girls in our neighborhood

How long since you have attended school? three years

Have you ever been arrested before? no

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Mar. 1857

Caroline was committed by her Father with the understanding that he would defray her expenses while she remained. He represents her as having become exceedingly troublesome to her Mother and himself frequently impudent & much given to running about the streets. Her associates were not of good character althought it is not ascertained that she has departed from the path of Chastity. About two months ago she left home and Eluded all search for some time. She was finally found at a Coffee house on 4th Street. a very improper place for a girl, to say the least. although she states that she was sewing for the Mans wife & saw none of the rough Company.

Since she has been here she has manifested a disposition to disregard the rules of the Instt & has made an attempt to escape Time only will show whether the discipline of the Institution will have a salutary Effect upon her Character or not

Sept. 18th 1852

Caroline was this day released to the care of her father who has paid her board since she has been here. He sends her to the country with a friends. She will provably do well if the animal does not run away with the mental and mentul faculties

No. 66

History of William Plattenberg

Committed To the House of Refuge By His Father

Size Medium Complexion Sandy. Hair red

Appearance Indicative of roughness of mind Marks and Scars None

Height 4 ft 5½ in Weight 76 lbs

Your Name? William Plattenberg Born in Virginia

Date of Birth Former Residence " Ohio

Father's Name? Alfred Plattenberg He was born in

Mother's maiden Name? Elizabeth McKenzie She was born in

They have mostly resided Virginia

How have you been employed? In nothing particular

Who have been your companions? Bad boys in the Streets

How long since you have attended school? About 1 Year since regular attendance

Have you ever been arrested before? Yes

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Mar 8th 57

William was committed by his Father, with the understanding that he would defray his expences. He states that the boy had become uncontrolable, unsteady, and would frequently be out nights till 11 O.C. – went to the Theatre, and associated with bad boys. He has even been out all night his parents not knowing where he was, or what had become of him. He is very profane in his language and quite stubborn. Has taken many articles of little value at different times, and has stolen money from his Father + others frequently. Was very unsteady in his attendence on School, constantly playing truant. On the whole his history and appearance especially indicate him to be a very proper subject for the House of Refuge

May 4th 1852

William was this day released to go and live with Mr. Greenwood as his errand boy. He is a smart observing fellow and will no doubt do well

No. 17 History of Mary Smith

Committed To the House of Refuge By Her Grandmother

Size Quite Small of her age Complexion Sallow

Appearance Very innocent indeed Marks and Scars None

Height 4 ft 5 in Weight 63 lbs

Your Name? Mary Smith Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth May 10th 1839 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? John G Smith He was born in Scotland

Mother's maiden Name? Mary Lounge She was born in Cincinnati

They have mostly resided Cincinnati & Illinois

How have you been employed? In household matters in different families

Who have been your companions? Judicious generally speaking.

How long since you have attended school? Never have been to school any to speak of.

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Mar. 18th 57

Mary was committed by her Grandmother, who states that she is a girl given to falsehoods, and has been guilty of stealing small articles frequently. Her Mother died about 5 years ago leaving her with a drunkard for a Father, and she received no instruction of a moral nature from that source. She was soon taken to the home of the Grandmother, who became her guardian. She was placed in different families by her. and the probability is the influence of the Servants over her was anything but judicious. The girl owns that she has stolen, and told falsehoods but expresses a determination to do different and make a good woman. She is of prepossessing appearance, and her countenance at once excites sympathy. The strong probability is she has been sinned against by those who have had the care of her. Her behaviour since she has been here has been unexceptionable and the probability is she will make a good and virtuous woman if permitted to remain under proper influences.

Nov. 16th 1852

Mary was this day released from the refuge to live with Mr. Calloway a respectable farmer of Elizabethtown Ham. Co. Ohio. She was in the family of the Supt. for more than a year before she went out and was a tolerably good girl.

No. 68

History of James Mc. Minnis

Committed To the House of Refuge — By Township Trustees

Size Medium — Complexion Rather dark

Appearance Rather dull. not pleasing — Marks and Scars None

Height 4 ft 4½ in — Weight 65 lbs

Your Name? James McMinnis — Born in Pittsburg

Date of Birth — Former Residence Pittsburg

Father's Name? James McMinnis — He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Ann Maguire — She was born in Ireland

They have mostly resided Ireland

How have you been employed? Nothing in particular

Who have been your companions? Bad boys in the Streets

How long since you have attended school? About a year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No — Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Mar. 21st 1857

James was committed by the Township Trustees by request of his Mother, who states that he is disobedient, of idle habits. a vagrant, wandering from place to place, exposed to vice & uncontrolable. The boy does not appear to be a vicious one, and probably needs only proper influences, to restrain him from vice

May 11: 1854 Indentured to Mr David Combs of Billingsville, Union Co, Indiana.

No. 67
or 761

History of George B. Dockstader

Committed To the House of Refuge By His Mother
Size Small of his age Complexion Light & sandy.
Appearance Rather prepossessing Marks and Scars None
Height 4 ft 4½ in Weight 70 lbs

Your Name? George B. Dockstader Born in Cleveland
Date of Birth Sept. 28th 1837 Former Residence Cleveland
Father's Name? Wm B. Dockstader He was born in
Mother's maiden Name? Harriet Norton She was born in
They have mostly resided Cleveland
How have you been employed? In going to school
Who have been your companions? School boys & boys in the Streets
How long since you have attended school? About 3 weeks since
Have you ever been arrested before? No
Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Mar. 24th 1851

George was committed by his Mother, who states that his Father died when he was quite young & that he has always given her much trouble. He commenced playing truant from school, when he first went, and has followed it up ever since whenever the opportunity occurred. She has taken much pains to produced a reformation in his character, but without avail. While at school in Berea his appetite for candies nuts &c. led him to take money from the boys to gratify it. At one time he got angry with the Principal of the school, and stole $10. from a boy & ran away. He would sell his clothes to get money, & even went so far as to steal a Pr of Pants & Coat, besides other sundry articles. He has been in the habit of using profane language & not particular in regard to telling the truth. His Mother is well off as to pecuniary means & supports him here. She has the appearance of a Lady and feels deply for the reformation of her Son. The boy came here well dressed and has a smart appearance.

May 6th 1852

Geo. was this day released to go into Morgan & Coverdale's Printing establishment. He is to live with

his mother who is married to R. P. Betmore the foreman in the printing and book binding establishment. Geo. may do well but I have fears that he will always be dishonest

April 12th 1853.

George has to-day been brought back to the Refuge. It appears that the institution failed during the time that he was here before to work any reformation in his character. He has been but a short time at home since he left us. He ran off from his parents but a short time, after he was taken out and followed the river. He is a very bad boy no doubt. His father is to pay his board.

1854. September 15th George this day effected his escape, in very bad company. For particulars see "Daily Record" of the above date.

Feby 12: 1855 George was this day returned by a Police Officer.

Mar 31: 1855 George this day again effected his escape. For particulars see "Daily Record".

No. 70

History of Francis Hewitt

Aged 12 years 7 months and 16 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By his mother

Size Small Complexion light

Appearance very pleasant Marks and Scars None

Height ft in Weight lbs

Your Name? Francis Hewitt Born in St. Clair Co. Ill.

Date of Birth Aug. 15th 1838 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Thomas B. Hewitt He was born in New Jersey

Mother's maiden Name? Eliza Esher She was born in Philadelphia

They have mostly resided In Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Going to school-passing the time loafing about the Streets

Who have been your companions? Boys in the Streets

How long since you have attended school? Two months

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes - Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Mar. 31st 1851

Francis was brought here by his mother who is a widow. Her Husband was killed last 4th of July. and left six children to the care of the Mother. Previous to his death there was no difficulty in governing the children, but the Mother not possessing that discision necessary to restrain Boys soon had much trouble with him. Francis was quite ungovernable. would do as he chose. ran away from school, associated with vicious boys from whom he soon learned to swear. deceive and practice many pranks of an evil nature. He frequented the Theatre & of course was out nights sometimes keeping his Mother sitting up till 12 & 1 O.C. waiting for him. He was in the sure road to ruin. and was placed here by his Mother with much hesitation however. to save him. The Boy is not naturally inclined to evil more than the generality of Boys. but was left to the care of a Mother in a City where all evil influences are against them and went astray as thousands do

April 4th 1853.

To-day Francis has been released by indenture to Mr. Benj. F. Redman to learn the Tailoring business. Francis is a good boy and by proper management he will without doubt become a useful man.

June 12th 1853.

Francis has to-day been returned to the Institution by Mr. Redman to whom he was indentured. It appears from every circumstance of the case, that Francis' goodness had been altogether feigned. Under the discipline of Mr. Redman Francis was unmanageable. He will not be discharged from the house until his reformation is thought to be radical.

July 1: 1854. Indentured to Mr William McCord of Cincinnati to learn Tailoring.

No. 71

History of George W. Voice

Committed To the House of Refuge By His Mother

Size

Appearance

Height ft in

Complexion

Marks and Scars

Weight lbs

Your Name? George Wm Voice

Date of Birth Apr 3d 1837

Father's Name? Wm Voice

Mother's maiden Name? Elizebeth Gomans

They have mostly resided In England

How have you been employed? As a Waiter

Who have been your companions? Vicious Boys in the Streets

How long since you have attended school? About a Month

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes —

Born in England

Former Residence England

He was born in England

She was born in England

Entered 3d Grade Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Apr 8th 1851

This boy was brought here by a Deputy Marshal accompanied by his mother. She had endeavored at different times to bring him here, but he had managed to get away from her. The watch finally arrested him and upon finding who he was, sent him here forthwith. He is legally committed by his Mother. She states that She has been in this Country about one year and that previous to her coming, the boy was not troublesome, but getting into bad company he soon learned to practice decut and finally became notorious for lying. He is quite unsteady and cannot be controled by her. Has been in the family of the Rev. Mr Nicholson, also Mr Wades, and was turned off on account of lying. His mother states that She has never known of his taking anything which did not belong to him. He is naturally a smart boy, well spoken & exceeding smooth. He has had good opportunities to learn the wickedness of lying, and bad conduct, and needs a thorough course of discipline

Nov. 15th 1851

Geo. Voice indentured Esqr Sedam who lives about three miles down the river.

No. 12 on 548 History of Mary L. Farmer

Aged 12 years 7 month and 18 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Township Trustees

Size Medium Complexion dark

Appearance rather pleasant Marks and Scars None

Height 5 ft 4 in Weight 97 lbs

Your Name? Mary Louisa Farmer Born in Georgia,

Date of Birth Aug. 13th 1838 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Asael Farmer He was born in Geo. near Savannah

Mother's maiden Name? Frances Scroggs She was born in " " "

They have mostly resided in Savannah

How have you been employed? in families as a servant

Who have been your companions? Never had any

How long since you have attended school? Six months

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No. Entered 3d " Grade 3d " Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Mar. 31st 1851

This girl was committed by the Township Trustees. She was brought from Savannah Geo. by Dr Law. He took from the Orphan Asylum with the design of Keeping her till of age. She has been in his family about a year but they have found her unmanageable She has a violent temper, and is totally regardless of truth. They became satisfied that She was taking small sums of money at different times This was the statement made to the Township Trustees but Louisa positively denies having stolen any thing but acknowledges that she did not tell the truth or try to please the family as she wished them to send her back to Geo. The girl does not appear to be very vicious or hard to manage but the probability is that She is better here than she would be any where else.

May 11th 1853.

Louisa has to-day been discharged to the care of Dr Law. She has improved much within a few months and it is fondly hoped she may do well.

1854 April 6. Returned by Dr. Law

1854 Sept 4. Indentured

No. 73

History of Albert Hewitt

Committed April 14th 1851 for Insubordination By Eliza Hewitt, his mother.

Size Small.

Complexion light

Appearance Pleasant, sandy hair,

Marks and Scars on the back of the neck,

Height ft in his height and weight and in fact the ~~Weight~~ ~~lbs~~ whole history of this boy was neglected to taken at the proper time.

Your Name? Albert Hewit

Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth Dec. 31st 1842

Former Residence

Father's Name? Thomas B. Hewitt (deceased)

He was born in the state of Delaware.

Mother's maiden Name? Eliza Eshier.

She was born in Philadelphia Penn.

They have mostly resided Cincinnati

How have you been employed? In going to school

Who have been your companions? Boys in the streets

How long since you have attended school? One day.

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Always regularly. Entered Grade Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Apr 1851

Albert Hewitt is Brother to Francis No 70 and is committed for the same reasons except frequenting the Theatre. The probability is Mrs Hewitt though a good woman has no government, and the Boys naturally smart active lads. follow their own bent of mind, and no doubt the influences under which they remained in the City would have effected their ruin.

Nov 16th 1853.

Albert has to day been discharged into the care and custody of Mr. Foster of the vicinity of Covington Ky. Albert is indentured to Mr. F. to learn the business of farming. Albert is a good boy.

No. 74

History of John Ragen

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size Medium Complexion light

Appearance rather pleasant Marks and Scars None

Height 4 ft 8 in Weight 80 lbs

Your Name? John Ragen Born in Ireland

Date of Birth Aug 14th 1838 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Thomas Ragen He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Mary Tobey She was born in "

They have mostly resided Ireland.

How have you been employed? Working in Bucket Factory

Who have been your companions? boys in the Shop

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3 Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Apr. 26th/51

John was returning from the theatre in company with two other Boys at 12 oclock at night and was arrested by the Mayor and sent here. His mother went to the Executive Committee and proved that he was a steady honest boy by a certificate from his employer N. C. Mc. Lean and on this representation he was discharged — Apr 28 - 1851

No. 73

History of John Kent

Aged 12 yrs. 4 months and 3 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size Small Complexion very light

Appearance quite pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 7 in Weight 75 lbs

Your Name? John Kent Born in Ireland

Date of Birth Jan 1st 1839 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Luke Kent He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Mary A. Kinford She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Ireland

How have you been employed? working in a bucket factory

Who have been your companions? boys in the shop

How long since you have attended school? five years

Have you ever been arrested before? no

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Apr. 26th/51

This boy was found by a watchman about 12 o'clock at night and taken to the watch house. He stated that he had been at the Theatre and was returning home. On his examination the mayor thought best to send him out here. His mother did not know where he was until Monday. She was nearly deranged on his account and made strong efforts to get him out I sent her to the Executive Committee of the House who after hearing all the evidence discharged him - April 26 - 1851.

No. 76

History of Charles Green

Aged 15 years 1 month and 13 days

Committed by the Mayor — By

Size Medium — Complexion rather dark

Appearance quite pleasant — Marks and Scars badly pitted from small pox

Height 4 ft 11 in — Weight 92 lbs

Your Name? Charles Green — Born in Otsego Co. N. Y.

Date of Birth Feb. 20th 1836 — Former Residence I have had no residence for the last year

Father's Name? Wm. Green — He was born in Connecticut

Mother's maiden Name? Hannah Flint — She was born in New York

They have mostly resided in Utica N. Y.

How have you been employed? on a steamboat & wonking on the rail road

Who have been your companions? Such boys as go on boats

How long since you have attended school? Never went much

Have you ever been arrested before? once in Buffalo

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No — Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Apr. 27th 1851

This boy was committed by the Mayor on charge of Vagrancy. He was found by a watchman asleep in a railroad car at the Depot and brought here. He states that he was raised in the State of New York a few miles from Utica He ran away from home three years ago and has been wandering about ever since Sometimes he drove a cant on a rail road sometimes went cook on the lake but the most of his time was spent loaping about cities doing little jobs just enough to make a living.
He was in jail in Buffalo for some time.
At St. Louis he had the small pox so badly that he was in the Hospital for several months His older brother with whom he traveled was caught breaking open a trunk on a steamboat and is now in jail in Cincinnati Charles has been about this city several times and as he always associated with thieves the strong probability is that he is a very bad boy. He has behaved well thus far here but he has been here so short a time that I can form

no opinion concerning his future conduct

April 1st 1853.

Chas. was this day released by indenture to Horace W. Whipple to learn the Stone Cutting business. Thos. he will do well is to my mind problematical.

No. 77

History of Oliver S. Riddle

Aged 15 years 1 month and 10 days

Committed to the House of Refuge — By the Mayor

Size rather large — Complexion light florid

Appearance quite pleasant — Marks and Scars badly scarred from small pox

Height 5 ft 4 in — Weight 127 lbs

Your Name? Oliver S. Riddle — Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth Mar. 15th 1836 — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Hiram Riddle — He was born in Cincinnati

Mother's maiden Name? Mary Ann Tuttle — She was born in Cincinnati

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Working on a farm near Goshen Ohio

Who have been your companions? I had no one

How long since you have attended school? two years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes — Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY

House of Refuge Apr. 27th 1851

This boy was committed by the Mayor on charge of Vagrancy. His father has resided a long time in the city but his health becoming feeble he moved to the country. He obtained a situation for his boy on a farm. Oliver stayed a few months and ran away and came to the city. He loafed about for several days. His father learning where he was came and took him back to his place again. This has been repeated four times. He will neither stay with the farmer with whom he was placed or at his father's house His great aim appears to be to get back to the city. Here he sleeps in Stables or any place where he can find lodging. He has frequently taken money from his father and other and spent it foolishly going to the Circus, Theatre, Horse race &c His behavior here has been good. He appears to be a boy who has been Knocked about and had no encouragement to do right.

From his appearance I am greatly encouraged that he will do well.

Feb. 17th 1852

Oliver escaped this day from the refuge by getting a ladder and scaling the walls

No. 78

History of Albert Emmerson

Aged 15 years and 5 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size rather small Complexion florid

Appearance very pleasant Marks and Scars None

Height 5 ft 2 in Weight 97 lbs

Your Name? Albert Emmerson Born in New Richmond Ohio

Date of Birth May 1st 1836 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? John Emmerson He was born in I do not Know

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in " " " "

They have mostly resided in New Richmond Ohio

How have you been employed? working in a bucket factory

Who have been your companions? boys in the Shop

How long since you have attended school? three months

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Apr. 28th 1851

Albert was sent here by the Mayor on charge of vagrancy. He was found in the Street at 12 oclock at night and as he did not give a very intelligible account of himself he was sent here. He states that he came from New Richmond Ohio about a year ago and has lived with a Sister. He has attended school a part of the time run in the Street a a part and worked a part. I am acquainted with his family and from what I Know I am inclined to think he is not a very bad boy.

May 18th 1852

Albert was this day released to go with a brother who lives four miles above New Richmond on the Kentucky side of the Ohio

No. 71

History of William W. Peacock

Aged 14 years 11 months and 12 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size Small Complexion florid

Appearance very much freckled Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 8½ in Weight 75 lbs

Your Name? Wm. W. Peacock Born in Woodbury N. J.

Date of Birth June 3d 1836 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Samuel H. Peacock He was born in N. Jersey

Mother's maiden Name? Catharine Peters She was born in " "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Driving cart on Streets

Who have been your companions? bad boys in the Streets

How long since you have attended school? never went steady always played truant

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 2d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge May 1st 1851

This boy was committed by the Mayor charged with Larceny or breach of Trust. He was in company with another boy who had a $3.00 bill given him by his father to pay a debt. William says the boy let him see the money and he ran away with it; but the boy testifies that he took the money away from him by force. He was caught with the money in his possession and sent here at the request of his father. He says he has always played truant from school and been in the company of bad boys. He has frequently stolen articles of small value but never took money before. Once he took a watch & sold it for $2.50. He has thus far been a quiet pleasant boy and I am inclined to think his associates have had great influence over him and induced him to do many things that he would not have done of his own accord. A boy is almost sure to go to ruin who plays truant from school and associates with boys in the Streets.

Feb 18: 1853. Escaped

No. 80

History of John Ray

16 years 8 months & 26 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size medium Complexion dark

Appearance not prepossessing Marks and Scars loss of two fingers on right hand

Height 5 ft 4½ in Weight 112 lbs

Your Name? John Ray Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth Aug 24th 1834 Former Residence "

Father's Name? Robert Ray He was born in U. S.

Mother's maiden Name? Mary Florence She was born in " "

They have mostly resided Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Loafing part of the time & working part

Who have been your companions? Bad boys & men who are thieves

How long since you have attended school? three years

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge May 2d 1851

This boy was committed by the Mayor charged with larceny, stealing Brittania ware of the value of $20,00 the property of Riley & Homan His mother is a poor widow and this is her only son. He has been very unsteady for the last three years. She has tried frequently to get him places to work. He has been at some twenty different places but never stayed more than three weeks at any one place. He has been in the habit of going out nights to the Theatre, fires &c. He always went after every fire to gather broken glass and whatever else he could obtain. I find it very difficult to obtain his correct history as it seems impossible for him to tell the truth. When he came in he & his companion were armed with pistols and a colt He has probably been stealing some time. His appearance is stupid and his countenance him to be a boy rather stupid and totally devoid of correct moral feeling. What effect our course of moral training and steady habits may have upon him time only will show.

June 14th 1853.

This day dates the discharge of John from our institution. He never has been a boy that we could altogether rely upon under all circumstance — but think we have done all for him that we can do. It is to be greatly desired that he may do well — but our hopes are not very strong.

Sept. 3. 1853.

We have heard, from sources that can be fully relied upon, that John left his place after remaining there not exceeding two weeks.

No. 81 History of William W. Lonee

Aged about 15 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size medium Complexion light

Appearance pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 11½ in Weight 75 lbs

Your Name? Wm. W. Lonee Born in State of N. Y.

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Aaron M. Lonee He was born in N. Jersey

Mother's maiden Name? Rosanna C. Grainger She was born in N. York

They have mostly resided Jamestown, New York in Cin. two years

How have you been employed? working at tailoring for the last few months

Who have been your companions? bad boys in the Streets

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge May 2d 1851

This boy was committed by the Mayor charged with larceny He was in company with Ray (No. 80) and his crime is the same. He has a father and mother who are represented as steady industrious people, but they have been unable to control him for a long time. He has been loafing about the Streets for the last year. His father is a tailor and tried to have his son work with him but without success He would prowl about Sundays & nights &c, The probability is that Ray and Wm. have just commenced a career of crime that would ultimately have landed them in the Penetentiary They were armed with colts & pistols and are just of that age and disposition to be led into any crime that a designing rogue would point out to them It is to be tried whether the restraint of the Refuge will have a salutary effect

Jan. 1st 1853

Wm. was this day released to return to the care of his step father Adam Sanderson of Cincinnati to finish the tailor trade He is not a very good boy and the strong probability is that he will become a dishonest man.

No. 52

History of Margaret Mahony

Aged 4 years 6 months and 25 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By her father

Size medium Complexion florid

Appearance downcast with a silly expression Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 8 in Weight 75 lbs

Your Name? Margaret Mahony Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth July 24th 1836 Former Residence "

Father's Name? John Mahony He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Ann Tyler She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Working in Cotton Factory

Who have been your companions? Girls in the streets

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

May 2d 1853

Margaret was brought here by her father who represents that she went away from home and is in the habit of being out nights and at very improper places for a young girl She is a very singular appearing child and I am inclined to think not very bright but as she says but little it is difficult to tell how much She Knows. She has thus far been very quiet and gives us no trouble.

March 3d 1853.

Margaret was to-day discharged into the care and custody of her mother.

Nov. 7th 1853.

Margaret has returned to-day and says the Refuge appears more like than any other place. To day, Dec 5: 1853, Margaret was taken to the Police Court, and by that court committed on the charge of Vagrancy. Margaret was released, in March last upon a promise from her father that she should be put with an uncle who lives in the country. She was put with her uncle Mr Luke Wren of Vernon, Ind: and staid with him about 3 months. She left without the knowledge of the family, walked to Vernon, 1 mile, and returned to her father's by the cars. She says she left them soon after dinner on Monday, when they were all sitting in the house. She says she never wanted to go to her Uncles: that they formerly lived next door to her father and were very

crop people; that her father told her she must go, but might return if she did not like. She complains of her uncle's threatening to knock her down with a hoe because she said she had scrubbed the table when he said she had not, & telling her she must go home to her Fathers or he would have her father come and take her again to the House of Refuge. She left the day her uncle was thus angry with: thinks he did not mean what he said but said it because he was angry.

With the exception of one week when she lived out, she was at home, as she says "doing nothing or helping a little about house" until she returned to the Refuge. Her Father is intemperate, frequently comes home at "12 or 1 o clock at night" and is often scolding all night. Her Stepmother treats her badly, so much so that before she ever came to the Refuge he boarded her away from home. Margaret says she returned to the Refuge without telling any one where she was going. As Margaret does not love to work, and as her step mother has several small children, it is surmised that the unpleasant task of taking care of those children, had some influence in inducing her to return. —÷—

1854 Nov 23. Discharged to her father he showing that she is of age.

No. 13

History of Elizabeth Harmon

Aged about 10 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Township Trustees

Size Small Complexion very light, sandy hair.

Appearance very squalid when she entered Marks and Scars None

Height 4 ft 4 in Weight 67 lbs

Your Name? Elizabeth Harmon Born in New York City

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Patrick Harmon He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in New York city

How have you been employed? Begging in the Streets

Who have been your companions? I never had any

How long since you have attended school? Six months

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge May 2d 1851

This girl was brought here by the Ladies relief committee. She had been begging about the Streets. They found her mother in a dying condition in a miserable shanty on water St. They took the Mother to the Hospital and had the child committed here by the Township Trustees She is so young that she knows but little of her history. She says she has a father who has been gone for some time. She never went out to beg until her father left home. but she does not know whether he parted from her mother or is only gone for a limited time

Oct. 25th 1851

Elizabeth was this day removed from the Refuge on a writ of Habeas Corpus. Her father was in Kentucky and satisfied the court that he was able to take care of her She was discharged on the ground that she was not properly a vagrant in the legal sense of the term and consequently not properly committed The case elicited much interest was conducted by Mr. Taft & Mr. Platt

No. 87 History of Adeline Block

Aged 9 years and 4 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By the mayor

Size small Complexion dark black

Appearance rather pleasant cross eyed Marks and Scars None

Height 4 ft 2 in Weight 59 lbs

Your Name? Adeline Block Born in France

Date of Birth May 22d 1842 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Abraham Block He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? Sarah Hauder She was born in "

They have mostly resided in New Orleans

How have you been employed? Peddling in the city and stealing

Who have been your companions? two girls who persuaded her to steal

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge May 9th 1851

This girl was committed by the Mayor charged with larceny Stealing $17.00 the property of C. Kepner At the early age of eight years this child was sent into the Streets to peddle needles thread &c. although her father is worth property and doing a good business. She always perused the full amount that she made or he would punish her severely. She became acquainted with a girl by the name of Smith who persuaded her that the easiest way to make up her account was to take money at the places where she went. She got into this habit as she had opportunity and frequently stole 3 or 4 dollars at a time. The Smith girl always made her give her a part of the Money — Says this girl would tell her to what houses and to what places she should go to get money and wait outside until she came out. The probability is that this girl has been taught by her friends to steal as she is too young to have done much harm unless she had been encouraged by some one older.

July 19th 1854

This girl was this day released on bail
From every appearance her friends are dishonest
unprincipled persons and the probability is that
She will go to ruin

No. 53

History of Luke Shine

Aged about 7 years

Committed to the House of Refuge — By the Mayor

Size quite small — Complexion florid

Appearance very pretty indeed — Marks and Scars None

Height 3 ft 8 in — Weight 44 lbs

Your Name? Luke Shine — Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth I do not Know — Former Residence "

Father's Name? — He was born in

Mother's maiden Name? — She was born in

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? running about the streets

Who have been your companions? boys about town

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No

Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge May 2d 1851

Luke is a very small boy committed by the Mayor. He was found on the landing with a miserable drunken mother. His father & mother are both drunkards and were always quarreling they finally separated the Mother taking their one and the Father the rest. Luke was frequently without any thing to eat while his mother would lie drunk in a miserable coffee house. She finally deserted him entirely when a police officer brought him out here. He is a very interesting child always pleasant and will make an honest man

Aug 26. 1853.

Luke has to day been discharged to the care and custody of his brother who is a lad of some 17 or 18 yrs of age and resides on a farm near Madison with a Mr. ——. The brother of Luke appears to be actuated with a laudable ambition — that of supporting and taking care of his little Brother but whether he can accomplish the object of his aspirations time alone can decide.

No. 86

History of James Hannegan

Aged 14 years 3 months & 18 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size Small Complexion light

Appearance rather pleasant Marks and Scars None

Height 4 ft 7½ in Weight 83 lbs

Your Name? James Hannegan Born in Newburg N. Y.

Date of Birth Feb. 3d 1837 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Patrick Hannegan He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in the State of N. Y. — 4 years in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? working with a butcher last

Who have been your companions? Boys around the Market

How long since you have attended school? two years

Have you ever been arrested before? Not

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge May 5th 1851

James was sent here by the Mayor on the charge of vagrancy He states that his mother died two years ago and that his father is a drunkard and did not take care of him. He has been wandering about from one place to another for a long time He frequently had no home. The last place he had was with a butcher but he was so unsteady that the man would not keep him. He was in every respect a hard boy. Was in the habit of drinking, swearing fighting &c. He has been quiet here thus far but I can form no opinion what his disposition is or how much trouble he may give us

Nov. 16th 1852

James was this day indentured to Mr. Calloway of Elizabethtown Hamilton Co. Ohio He has been a good boy. He has got a good place and will probably do well.

1858. March 23- James visited the Refuge to day- He served his time out terminating with last July 3rd day- His appearance is much in his favor- He acts and talks like an intelligent young man-

1858 Aug 13- Again visited the Refuge with his Former Master- James has been attending School- working for his board out of School hours-

No. 87

History of Elizah McKinney

Committed — By

Size — Complexion

Appearance — Marks and Scars

Height ft in — Weight lbs

Your Name ? — Born in

Date of Birth — Former Residence

Father's Name ? — He was born in

Mother's maiden Name ? — She was born in

They have mostly resided

How have you been employed ?

Who have been your companions ?

How long since you have attended school ?

Have you ever been arrested before ?

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School ? — Entered Grade Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge May 5th 51

This boy was brought here by his mother who represented him to be a very bad boy. He was regularly committed by her but on investigation it was proved that he had a good place and was considered a very steady boy. Her object was to get him away from his place because his father worked in the same shop. She had parted from her and their hatred to each other was of the most bitter kind. When the facts in the case were brought to light the boy was discharged

May 6 1851 Discharged to his father

No. 15

History of Andrew Wirth

Committed — By

Size — Complexion

Appearance — Marks and Scars

Height ft in — Weight lbs

Your Name ? — Born in

Date of Birth — Former Residence

Father's Name ? — He was born in

Mother's maiden Name ? — She was born in

They have mostly resided

How have you been employed ?

Who have been your companions ?

How long since you have attended school ?

Have you ever been arrested before ?

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School ? — Entered Grade Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge May 6th 1857

This boy was sent to the House of Refuge by the Mayor charged with stealing copper valued $20,00 His bail was placed at $200 for his appearance at Court His mother took the imprisonment of her son so hard that she jumped into the canal and endeavoured to drown herself. Some of the friends of family became interested and petitioned the Court to let him out on bail. The court granted the request and he was discharged

May 6 1857 Discharged on Bail —

No. 89

History of Charles Ferdinand

Aged 15 years 9 months & 27 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By his father.

Size large Complexion Sallow

Appearance not very prepossessing Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 2 in Weight 117 lbs

Your Name? Chas. F. Ferdinand Born in Philadelphia

Date of Birth July 26th 1835 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Henry Ferdinand He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not know She was born in England

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? running the streets fighting cocks, stealing &c.

Who have been your companions? The very worst boys in Cincinnati

How long since you have attended school? two years

Have you ever been arrested before? yes twice

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 2d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge May 7th 1851

Charles was committed by his father Charged with being an idle dissolute boy. given to lying stealing and other bad practices He commenced his career of crime by going to the theatre. He found money was necessary to gratify his propensity for amusement and commenced taking a few cents at a time from his fathers drawer. Success made him bolder and he began to take dollars instead of cents. His father missed money for a long time and was much troubled to find out who took it. He did not suspition Charles as he was going to school regularly and apparently behaved well. At length he took a $10,00 piece and I as an acquaintance of his father assisted him to trace out where the money was spent. We found after a thorough investigation that Charles had taken between 200 & 300 dollars from his father and others which he had spent with a gang of thieves they were in the habit of going down the river to Bnits Hotel and spending Sunday in drinking

gambling cock fighting & All the efforts that his father could use would not induce him to work. He got a place for him in the county but he would not stay He has tried him at several different places in the city but to no purpose.
As a last resort he sent him out here One thing is certain that it will do him not harm if it never makes him any better

June 2d 1852

Charles this day left the Refuge He is to be indentured to the hatting business with a man by the name of Rice He has been steady while here but I have fears that it is a bad moove to send him back to the city again among his old associates.

No. 90

History of Elizabeth J. Doyle

About 15 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Township Trustees

Size rather small Complexion light — blue eyes

Appearance very pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft ½ in Weight 96 lbs

Your Name? Elizabeth Jane Doyle Born in Rockbridge Co. Va.

Date of Birth I do not know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? John Doyle Step Father J. Fugua He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Rebecca Flemmings She was born in Virginia

They have mostly resided Went from one place to another

How have you been employed? working at home or living out

Who have been your companions? I had no associates in Cincinnati

How long since you have attended school? four years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge May 7th 1851

This girl was committed by the Township Trustees She says she is the illigitimate daughter of a lawyer in Lexington Va. He appropriated $200,00 per Annum for her support from the time she was six months old until she was 11 years of age. At that time her mother came from Penn. where she had married, and stole her away. Her Step-father and mother are both miserable drunkards She has not been allowed to go to school a day since she left Va. Her parents have moved about from one place to another, never staying more than six months at any one place and always drinking, quarreling &c. They came to Cincinnati this last time about six weeks ago. The man did just work enough to keep them in liquor and the woman was drunk every day She became very much enraged at her daughter because she would not go and get whiskey for her and tore the only dress she had so badly that it was not fit to wear. By some means a woman who keeps a house of ill fame learned the condition of the family and persuaded this girl to come

and live with her. The step father when got sober enough to know what he was about went to the Sp. Inns. and had her sent out here. It is uncertain whether she is really a bad girl but she was exposed to ruin where she was and this is the best place for her.

Mar. 29th 1852

Elizabeth was this day indentured to a man in Oxford She was much respected by all the care takers for her quiet unassuming deportment. There is every reason to hope that if she can be kept from the influence of her mother she will do well

No. 91 See 629 History of Charles Ireland

11 years 8 months and 21 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By his mother

Size Small Complexion light florid

Appearance pleasant Marks and Scars None

Height 3 ft 11 in Weight 50 lbs

Your Name? Charles Ireland Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth Aug. 25th 1839 Former Residence "

Father's Name? Charles Ireland He was born in U. S.

Mother's maiden Name? Eliza Coulter She was born in Ireland

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? going to school played truant most all the time

Who have been your companions? bad boys in the Streets

How long since you have attended school? Six months

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3rd Grade 3rd Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge May 9th 1851

This boy was brought here by his mother. She is a widow with a large famil of Children This boy has become connected with a gang of boy who rob market wagons Stay out nights for the purpos of Stealing &c. The mother of Charles says that she has tried every way to break him but to no purpose. These boys will come round her house and the finist thing she will Know he is out and gone. He has frequently been out all night and she would have to hunt all over the city to find him. He acknowledge he has stolen some but never took money. We have secured the worst of the gang at the House of Refuge and it is to be hoped that they will learn to do right

May 27th 1853.

Charles took his departure from the institution to-day - having been released to the custody of his mother upon the condition that his uncle Alexander Ireland should act as his guardian. Charle's conduct for some time has been good

1854 August 8 Committed by Police Court for Vagrancy and Disorderly Conduct

1857. Janry. 9th. Charles was this day indentured to Wm. S. Payne of Mooney, Jackson County Ind. to learn farming & Shoemaking - and at the expiration of his time to receive one hundred & fifty Dollars - Charles has for some mths stood in the Class of Honor.

No. 42

History of Prior L. Sever

Committed To the House of Refuge — By The Mayor

Size Tall & slender — Complexion Rather dark

Appearance Rather bold & indifferent — Marks and Scars P. L. S. 2 on right arm (pricked)

Height 5 ft 5¼ in — Weight 105 lbs

Your Name? Prior L. L. Sever — Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth Mar. 7th 1845 — Former Residence

Father's Name? John L. Sever — He was born in

Mother's maiden Name? Mary E Summers — She was born in

They have mostly resided In Cincinnati

How have you been employed? In many different kinds of business

Who have been your companions? Boys in the Streets

How long since you have attended school? Four years

Have you ever been arrested before? Once

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes — Entered 3 Grade 3 Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge May 10th 1859

This boy was committed by the Mayor, Charged with passing counterfeit money. He was in company with a set of bad boys, and was given a counterfeit bill by them to buy liquor with. He was doubtless aware that the money was such, as the company were all on the lookout for the Watchmen, and all escaped but him. He has been a trifling boy for some five years past. not having attended School six months in the time. He has tried several different kinds of business, but has never stayed in one place more than two or three mo. at a time. He has always been a very mischievous boy in the neighborhood. He once stole a large number of Pigeons. of valuable breed, from Mr Bodman and destroyed them. He made it a practice to steal these birds for the sport of it. He was arrested about a year ago for being connected with a boy who stole a watch. He was sent to Jail for two days, and then released by his Father, who bailed him out and, finally succeeded in clearing him. His next exploit was to run away to Dayton. Here under pretence of hunting for a lost bird, he went

into a house and took a purse containing $35, for which he was sent to Jail on bread and water for ten days.
He is now so far advanced in years and has been so very unsteady, that there is little hopes of a thorough and complete reformation. It comes very hard for him to work here during regular hours. He is quite bold, and very blunt in his speech, and from all appearances will have to stay inside the walls, for two years, and then a situation in the country would probably be necessary in order to keep him as long as possible from bad influences, till habits of industry and stability, are settled in his character.

Mar. 31st 1852

Prior was this day released to go to Chillecothe with Mr White to learn the coach trimming business. He had become a very steady boy and was much respected by all the officers.
His health is rather poor but he will probably out grow his complaints.

No. 43

History of James Challis

Committed To the House of Refuge — By His Father

Size Medium — Complexion Light sandy hair

Appearance Quite favorable — Marks and Scars None

Height 3 ft 11 in — Weight 57 lbs

Your Name? James Thomas. Challis — Born in England

Date of Birth May 25 1842. — Former Residence England. (London)

Father's Name? James Challis — He was born in England

Mother's maiden Name? — She was born in London

They have mostly resided England

How have you been employed? In school

Who have been your companions? Bad boys

How long since you have attended school? At school when brought here

Have you ever been arrested before? Yes

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes — Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge 13 Aug 51

James was committed by his Father. He is a small boy and appeared to be comparatively innocent It is about one Year since he first played truant from school and was some time in the habit before his Parents found it out. He fell in with other boys who had a bad influence over him and they found it out of the question to break him of these ways while he could associate with them. He was persuaded to take money from his Parents by them. At one time he took $5. from home and gave it to a woman who kept a

Oct. 5th 1857

Jones was this day released to return to his parents He was a quiet boy and will probably do well.

No. 91

History of William J. Mc. Coy

Aged 14 years 3 months & 12 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By a Magistrate

Size very small Complexion light

Appearance very pleasant Marks and Scars None

Height 4 ft 3½ in Weight 67 lbs

Your Name? Wm. J. Mc. Coy Born in Columbiana Co. Ohio

Date of Birth Feb. 12th 1837 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Dennis Mc. Coy He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Ann Shaw She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Ohio—in Cincinnati 11 years

How have you been employed? Working at a steel & copper plate press

Who have been your companions? Boys in the street

How long since you have attended school? two years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 5th Grade 2d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge May 14th 1851

This boy was committed by a magistrate charged with taking a pocket book containing $50.00 from E. C. Middleton The circumstances were these, Mr. Middleton was looking for some plates behind a chest and dropped his pocket book among some papers. Wm. contrived to cover it up until the men left the shop, then took the money out and hid it in the chimney in his fathers house. The pocket book he put under the bed of a young man who slept in the shop. He was not suspected for several days, but after a thorough search among all the hands suspicion fell on him. When charged with the theft he turned pale and began to tremble He finally acknowledged it and went and showed the officer where the money could be found.

He has been in the habit of taking money and other articles from his father but says this is the first he has taken from strangers. He took his father's watch once and sold it for 40 cts. His father says he has tried to break him of this habit but without success. He is a very pleasant boy and has thus far behaved very satisfactorily.

Dec. 31st 1851

John was this day permitted to return to his father His conduct while here was very good. He was scarcely ever reproved for misconduct and was always cheerful and pleasant

No. 73

History of Edward Buckley

About 16 years

Committed to the House of Refuge — By the Mayor

Size medium — Complexion florid

Appearance downcast with a wicked look — Marks and Scars Scar on left hand

Height 5 ft 1 in — Weight 100 lbs

Your Name? Edward Buckley — Born in Virginia at Harpers Ferry

Date of Birth May 25th 1835 — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? William Buckley — He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know — She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Virginia

How have you been employed? Working in shoe shop Setting up ten pins the last (two years

Who have been your companions? Such men as attend coffee houses

How long since you have attended school? five years

Have you ever been arrested before? once

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes — Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge May 15th 1851

Edward was committed by the Mayor on the charge of vagrancy. He was taken up in the street as drunk as a lord, throwing stones at houses and making disturbance in the street.

He has been hanging about grog shops doing little jobs of work setting up ten pins for the last two years. He has no father or mother and has been left to do just as he pleased. His mother died a little more than two years ago of Cholera. Before that he was a sober industrious boy, but since that he has become worthless He says that he always calculated to get drunk Saturday night and lay drunk all day Sunday in some board yard. He has associated with abandoned girls, and is entirely destitute of habits of industry. He is rather an unpromising subject to make any thing of but there is nothing like trying. While there is life there is hope

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Oct. 21st 1852

Edward was this day indentured to Mrs J. M. Stern Oxford Butler Co to learn

the business of shoemaking. He has always been a mischievous boy but never did any thing very bad I have not as much confidence in his correct principle as I wish I had.

Dec. 28th 1852

Recvd a letter from Mr. Stern stating that he allowed Edward to go to the city and he had not returned He has probably left his place

Feb. 5th 1853

Edward returned to the refuge voluntarily He has been loafing about the country since he left Mr. Stern and has become as bad as ever.

May 4th 1853.

Edward has to day been again indentured to William Crane of Eaton, Preble County, Ohio. There is still a want of confidence lingering in the minds of some of the officers, as to whether Edward will really adhere to good principles for time to come.

No. 96

History of Margaret J. Riddle

Aged 16 years 5 months and 1 day

Committed To the House of Refuge By the Township Trustees

Size rather small Complexion dark

Appearance rather downcast Marks and Scars None

Height 4 ft 10½ in Weight 100 lbs

Your Name? Margaret J. Riddle Born in Pittsburg Penn

Date of Birth Dec. 29th 1834 Former Residence Louisville Ky.

Father's Name? Wm. Riddle Chas Shaw He was born in England

Mother's maiden Name? Emma Roddy She was born in Madison Ia.

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati Louisville

How have you been employed? living in houses of ill fame in Cincinnati &

Who have been your companions? Bad girls & men

How long since you have attended school? Seven years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge May 16th 1851

Margaret was committed by the Township Trustees She went to them and requested to be sent here. Her history is a sad one. She says she was driven from home by the cruelty her Step father when only 14 years of age. He was a drunkard and abused her mother and beat her. She ran away and went to live with a woman on Congress St. She was persuaded by a girl who had formerly lived in this family to visit her. She was here introduced to a young man by the name of Manly, who seduced her. He persuaded her that she had no friends and that he would marry her and take care of her. He kept her only a few days and took her to Bank Alley and left her. She stayed in this den of infamy a few weeks and through the persuasion of an associate She went to Louisville. There she lived with a woman, who keeps more than twenty small girls. The youngest is between 12 & 13 and the oldest only 18 She stayed here a long time until one of her companions was shot dead by her side. This so alarmed her that She determined to escape, but she was so closely watched that it was several weeks before She could get away. She finally succeeded in climbing a back wall and fleeing to the convent in Louisville

She resided here a few months and says she was dissatisfied because they were so strict. She was baptized by them and required to say her prayers every half hour. She escaped from the convent by scaling the walls in the evening. She went to live with an aunt in the city and has resided with her over a year. Her aunt was going South and as Margaret did not wish to go with her she concluded she would come to Cincinnati and live with her mother. When she came to her house her mother refused to see or speak to her and she went immediately to the Trustees and requested to be sent here. Her story bears the marks of truth and there is strong hope that she is sincere in her desire to live a virtuous life.

Jan. 6th 1853

Margaret escaped this evening by taking some step ladders and making a scaffold high enough to get over the walls. She was a desperate girl and the Institution is much better without her than with her.

Feb. 19th 1853

Margaret was this day returned to the Refuge. She was in the Watch House and brought here in a wretched condition.

June 6th 1853.

Margaret has to-day been ~~xxxx~~ discharged upon the order of Dr. Joseph Ray, to Mrs. Martin of Delhi Township Hamilton County Ohio. That she will do well is exceedingly problematical to the mind of the present Superintendent.

Nov. 1. 1853.

Margaret has again returned to her old haunts and evil practices. She has not been reformed by the Discipline of the Refuge.

No. 47

History of James M. King

Aged 12 years 10 months and 22 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By her mother

Size rather large Complexion light

Appearance sickly Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 0 in. Weight 101 lbs

Your Name? Jane King Born in Vevay Ia.

Date of Birth June 30th 1838 Former Residence St. Louis

Father's Name? John M. King He was born in U. S.

Mother's maiden Name? Jane Dufour She was born in Lexington Ky.

They have mostly resided in Vevay Ia.

How have you been employed? Have lived in houses of ill fame for more than a year

Who have been your companions? The worst girls of Louisville

How long since you have attended school? two years

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3rd Grade 3rd Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge May 19th 57

This girl was committed by her Mother. About two years ago she was left with her Sister who was maried. Jane has always been a high tempered naughty girl. She thought her Sister abused her and therefore ran away to Louisville where she had another Sister living. She says she enquired of a woman where her Sister was living. and was told to come with her and she would show her. When the woman got her home she shut her up in a room and sent a young man to her who threatened to shoot her if she would not comply with his wishes. She being then only twelve years of age was easily overcome and submitted to him. She says the woman kept her there for a long time and sent men to her room. Finally she was told that her character was lost and she might as well go on. She says she then became desperate and went just where & when she pleased. in many houses of ill fame in one of which she found her Sister. She. although a person of abandoned character, persuaded her to quit her wretched course and endeavor to reform. She went to the convent at Louisville and staid about a month, when her Sister took her to her Mother at

St Louis. She represents that they were both respectable and had been at work at the Milliners trade. Her Mother soon found that Jane was badly diseased, and sent her to her Sister in Cincinnati for the purpose of committing her there. She is very unhappy and seems anxious to get out. She says she can never be happy again and the thought of what she has been almost drives her mad.

Nov. 1st 1853.

Jane was indentured to James Mc Farland Aug. 15th 1853. but soon left him and a pleasant home. She was brought back at the above date having conducted herself with impropriety — great impropriety the Supt. thinks

1855 June 26 Discharged to her sister to take to her mother in St Louis.

No. 48

History of Bridget McEwen

16 years 1 month & 9 days

Committed to the House of Refuge — By the Mayor

Size rather large — Complexion dark, black hair

Appearance tolerably good — Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft ½ in — Weight 101 lbs

Your Name? Bridget McEwen — Born in the Alleghany mountains

Date of Birth April 20th 1835 — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Daniel McEwen — He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know — She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Pittsburg in Cincinnati 7 years

How have you been employed? running in the street two years

Who have been your companions? The bad girls about gas Alley

How long since you have attended school? three or four years

Have you ever been arrested before? three times

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes — Entered 3rd Grade 3rd Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge May 20th 1851

This girl was committed by the Mayor on charge of vagrancy. She has been a terror to all her acquaintances for some time. There was a gang of young girls who made a practise of prowling about nights stealing, fighting getting intoxicated and every thing else that was bad. We have now six of them in the Refuge. Bridget has been one of the most daring of the company. She says she has neither father or mother and became acquainted with the other girls when quite young. They persuaded her to go to a house on Columbia St. Kept by Liz. Roberts. This was the Head Quarters of 16 girls who followed stealing, picking pockets and even going into houses. They hid their stolen goods in the Cellar or under the carpet. They were all young girls but each had a boy on their own as they called them. They frequently Get fines and these boys would bring them trunks, goods or any thing valuable which they took home. Bridget has been arrested several times and sent to jail. She has lived in several houses till last

and was taken from such a house to this place. She charges her ruin to the influence of other girls. This is universally the case. She is probably hopelessly depraved.

Sept 16th 1852

Bridget was this day indentured to Prof. G. W. Sears of Bloomington McLean Co. Ill. She has behaved well for several months and hopes are entertained that she may become a good girl.

No. 94

History of Bridget Reiley

Aged 15 years 5 months and 8 days

Committed to the House of Refuge — By the Mayor

Size Medium — Complexion dark

Appearance bold and daring — Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 9 in — Weight 99 lbs

Your Name? Bridget Reiley — Born in Lower Canada

Date of Birth Dec. 23rd 1838 — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? John R. Reiley — He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Catharine Golden — She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? running about the Street stealing

Who have been your companions? thieves, bad girls, and men

How long since you have attended school? four years.

Have you ever been arrested before? Yes

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No.

Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge May 20th 1851

Bridget was committed by the Mayor on charge of vagrancy. She is one of the boldest of that gang of girls who have so long infested the lower part of the city. Her father and mother are both drunk ards and have never taken care of their children. He was indicted for the murder of his sister in law and laid in jail more than a year. All the parties were drunk at the time and he finally got clear. Bridget has been in the habit of stealing for several years. She was associated with Rebecca Dunham in dressing in mens clothes and attempting to shoot a man. She is much bolder and more daring than the rest of the gang and has frequently been into houses for the purpose of robbing.

She says that Cz. Roberts who secretes their goods for them moves frequently from one place to another and is very cautious about concealing her place of Residence. She goes to different cities with the gang. Some of these girls have been to New Orleans, St. Louis, Louisville & other places with her. There are now here some 15 boys and girls who have belonged to the company.

These girls a different from those who have lived in houses of ill fame although all are bad girls. Their main business is to set fires, steal break into houses &c. They are so desperate and hardened that the strong probabelity is that they will go to ruin. Could we have had them a few years ago they might have been saved

Feb. 15th 1853

Bridget was this day released to go into the family of Rev. H. Bushnell the Chaplain of the Institution She is over 18 years of age. If She does well it will be a miracle as She is a very bad girl

No. 100

History of Eleanor Duffey

Aged 17 years 2 months & 2 day

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size rather large Complexion light, florid

Appearance mild, and pleasant Marks and Scars badly marked with small pox

Height 5 ft 3½ in Weight 117 lbs

Your Name? Eleanor Duffey Born in Detroit Mich.

Date of Birth April 3d 1834 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? James Duffey He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Ann Brady She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Detroit, 4 years in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Running about the streets, stealing

Who have been your companions? Sikly about gas alley

How long since you have attended school? two years

Have you ever been arrested before? Yes twice in jail

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge May 20th 1857

This girl was committed by the Mayor on the charge of vagrancy. She is another of the wretched girls who have been so long a terror to the citizens of the lower part of the city. The three last girls were all taken from a house of bad repute on 7th St. Eleanor says she was first induced to run about by Biddy Riley who coaxed her away from school. They very soon became acquainted with this gang of thieves who persuaded them to join them. She deceived her mother a long time by coming home about the time school was out and saying she had been to school. She has been arrested several times for stealing. She was twice in jail and has been guilty of stealing several times and sent to the mayor's office but released through the influence of friends. She has been to New Orleans, St. Louis, Louisville, & other places. She has been living a life of prostitution for some two years. She now appears anxious to reform but it is hard to tell whether such characters are sincere. She appears to be a mild tempered girl and not difficult to manage.

Apr. 5th 1852

Ellen was this day released to go to New York and live with a married sister. Her conduct while here was very exemplary indeed. She was never known to do any thing really wicked and was seldom reproved. She had the respect of all in the house and when she left the girls wept as though they were parting with a dear friend. There is every prospect that she will do well

No. 101

History of William Kershal

Aged about 15

Committed to the House of Refuge — By the Mayor

Size small — Complexion very dark

Appearance wild and unpleasant — Marks and Scars None

Height 4 ft 9 in — Weight 86 lbs

Your Name? William Kershal — Born in Germany

Date of Birth March 1st 1836 — Former Residence Selina Mercer Co, O.

Father's Name? Wm Kershal — He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? Rachel Swantz — She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Germany 14 years in Ohio

How have you been employed? loafing about with no one to look after me

Who have been your companions? boys in the streets

How long since you have attended school? three years

Have you ever been arrested before? yes

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes — Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge May 2d 1851

This boy was committed by the Mayor on charge of vagrancy. He states that he has no father or mother, but has been left to come up without any one to look after him. He has lived in Selina Mercer Co. several years. Says he went from one house to another sometimes catching a few fish but more frequently doing nothing and obtained a miserable subsistence by begging. He left this place three month since and visited Greenville Eaton, Dayton, Hamilton & other places; At Dayton he was arrested for some of his tricks but got away on his promise to leave the city. He had been in Cincinnati about a week when he was sent to the Refuge. He was begging about the streets and probably stealing if he had a chance. When he came out here he was from home. He began immediately to be disorderly and when checked by the teacher he went into a Spasm that alarmed all the care takers. The next morning he had another and I took him to the bath room and deluged him with cold water and attempted to throw him into the bathing tub he recovered immediately

and has not been troubled in that way since.
He is a very troublesome boy. There is not the least dependence to be put upon his word and he is so lazy that it is almost impossible to make him work Time only will show whether any thing can be done with him.

Aug. 10th 1853.

William having been indentured to Daniel C. Lewis has this day been discharged to his care and custody. That William will do well is extremely doubtful.

No. 102

History of James Mc. Cabe

Aged about 16

Committed to the House of Refuge — By the Mayor

Size rather small — Complexion florid

Appearance pleasant - black eyes — Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft in — Weight 86 lbs

Your Name? John Mc. Cabe — Born in Ireland

Date of Birth I do not know — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Patrick Mc. Cabe — He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Bridget Gafney — She was born in "

They have mostly resided in New Orleans

How have you been employed? running with theives

Who have been your companions? bad boys and girls

How long since you have attended school? four years

Have you ever been arrested before? yes four times

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No — Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge May 21st 1857

John was sent here by the mayor, charged with vagrancy. He ran away from New Orleans 4 years ago and came to Cincinnati. He very soon became associated with a gang of thieves and was one of the most expert of the company. He is a pleasant looking boy and would not be taken for so bad a boy as he is. He has been in jail four or five times and would doubtless have been in the Penetentiary had it not have been for his youth. He was once committed for high way robbery, and laid in jail 28 days on bread and water for stabbing a man. He says he never stole large sums of money because he never got a chance, but took goods, clothes, watches, and every thing he could make money out of. He is so under the influence of older theives that they can persuade him to do almost anything. I do not anticipate any great trouble from him although he has been so long associated with crime and criminals as he is one of these smooth pleasant boys that know it is best to behave but a permanent reform is only to be hoped for after a long course of discipline

April 7th 1853.

This day John has been released to the custody of Reuben Douty of St. Charles P.O. Butler County, Ohio, to learn the business of farming. Mr. Douty is also a Wagon-maker and Cooper and it is not improbable, that John may get an insight into those trades. John's deportment has generally been very good and it is to be hoped he may continue to do well. He was indentured

No. 103 Sec 758 History of Catharine Desmond

aged about 13 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size rather small Complexion florid

Appearance pleasant rather crossed Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 3 in Weight 67 lbs

Your Name? Catharine Desmond Born in Cleavland O.

Date of Birth I do not know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Timothy Desmond He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Catharine Conover She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Buffalo, Cleavland and Cincinnati

How have you been employed? running about the streets the last year

Who have been your companions? the theives that live in gas alley

How long since you have attended school? two years

Have you ever been arrested before? yes

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge May 9th 1857

Catharine was committed by the Mayor for vagrancy She came herself and requested to be admitted as she heard an officer was in pursuit of her to take her here. She has an older sister here who was anxious to have her come. Their parents are both drunkards and quarrel continually. They beat and abused the girls which led them to run away. Catharine left home about a year ago and went to live with that gang of young theives kept by Liz. Roberts. She was the youngest of the company and was not trusted to steal much but was kept begging cold victuals from hotels and boarding houses and informing the rest where there was a good opportunity to steal. She was however with them sometimes and was arrested and sent to jail once or twice. Her father found out where she was and took her home. He sent her to school but she did not stay long. She soon went to a house of ill fame but she positively declares that she is innocent of any criminal act while there. She is so young that there is some hope of saving her but she is apt to every kind of vice & wickedness.

Nov. 16th 1852

Catharine was this day indentured to Mr. Wm. Watton
of Connensville Pa. She has usually done quite well.

1856 Mar 24 Indentured to Mr L C Goshorn of Foster Ky
to learn Housekeeping and to receive 50 ℔.

1855 Feby 2 Deserted her place & returned to the Refuge

1857 Jany Catherine it is said has left her home
and is about the city.

No. 104

History of William Shennick

Committed — By

Size — Complexion

Appearance — Marks and Scars

Height ft in — Weight lbs

Your Name ? — Born in

Date of Birth — Former Residence

Father's Name ? — He was born in

Mother's maiden Name ? — She was born in

They have mostly resided

How have you been employed ?

Who have been your companions ?

How long since you have attended school ?

Have you ever been arrested before ?

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School ? — Entered Grade Division in School.

HISTORY.

June 3th 1851

This boy was only here two day He was committed by the Mayor for Larceny but was bailed out by his friends June 7th 1851

1850 ~~August 9~~

1853 Octo 28. Discharged to his mother.

1855 ~~Augt~~ Augt 9 Recommitted by Police Court for Grand Larceny

1855 ~~Octo~~ Octo 8 Escaped over the wall at North end of Halls.

No. 105

History of Michael Henry

Committed Apr 30 1857 Peter Lacey By Mayor

Size | Complexion

Appearance | Marks and Scars

Height ft in | Weight lbs

Your Name ? | Born in

Date of Birth | Former Residence

Father's Name ? | He was born in

Mother's maiden Name ? | She was born in

They have mostly resided

How have you been employed ?

Who have been your companions ?

How long since you have attended school ?

Have you ever been arrested before ?

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School ? | Entered Grade Division in School.

HISTORY.

April 30th 1857

This boy was bailed out by the Court
He was committed by the Mayor for Larceny
April 28 - 1851 Dischatged.

No. 106

History of David Mooney

Aged about 9 years

Committed To the House of Refuge — By the Mayor

Size very small — Complexion light, freckled face

Appearance dull & stupid — Marks and Scars None

Height 3 ft 11 in — Weight 55 lbs

Your Name? David Mooney — Born in Ireland

Date of Birth I do not Know — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Leary Mooney — He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Bridget Cosgrove — She was born in "

They have mostly resided Ireland in Cincinnati five years

How have you been employed? running about the streets

Who have been your companions? boys in the street

How long since you have attended school? never went to school

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No — Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge June 3d 1851

This little boy was committed by the Mayor for vagrancy. He had been noticed for a long time by the police running about the streets with no one to look after him or feed and clothe him He says his father was a fireman on a steamboat and was drowned, Since that he has lived with his step mother who has let him go where he pleased He is so young and knows so little that it is difficult to learn much about him

Oct. 11. 1853.

David was to-day discharged into the custody of Ephraim Stout to whom he is indentured. David has been a good little boy and it is to be hoped he may continue to walk in the right paths.

1856 Feby Discharged to the care of Ephraim Stout to whom he was formerly indentured, and under the indenture first executed.

No. 107 History of Frederick Shoemaker

Aged 11 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By A Magistrate

Size large Complexion florid black eyes

Appearance roguish but pleasant Marks and Scars cut on left cheek

Height 4 ft 5 in Weight 70 lbs

Your Name? Frederick Shoemaker Born in Germany

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Martin Shoemaker He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Germany seven years in Ohio.

How have you been employed? Shoveling coal doing errands (the streets) and running about

Who have been your companions? boys in the streets

How long since you have attended school? Never went to school

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge June 3d 1857

This boy was committed by Wm. Roll Esq for Larceny Stealing coopers tools valued at $5,00 and a pair of boots. He says his parents moved from Germany 7 years ago and settled in Chilicothe They have lived in Columbus, Portsmouth & other places. They came to Cincinnati 5 months ago They are so poor that they never sent this boy to school consequently he run in the street with bad boys. He came near loosing his life a few weeks since in a fight with a negro boy.
When he was arrested for the present offence the officer had much trouble to take him. The boys father came at him with a lance and his sister with an axe and kept the boy under the bed for a long time. The officer finally succeeded in overturning the bedstead and getting him. The whole family followed him to the Magistrates office and the conduct of the father and daughter was so improper that they were committed to jail and this boy sent here I am unable to determine how bad a boy he is as he pleads that he is very innocent and this his first offence

Mar. 18th 1852

Frederick has become a very pleasant good boy
His parents are in Germany and were very much
dissatisfied to have him here. He was very sick
with the Scrofula Under the circumstances the
Board thought it best to release him

No. 108

History of Sebastian Butzback

Aged 9 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By a magistrate

Size Small Complexion light

Appearance Simple not prepossessing Marks and Scars None

Height 4 ft 1 in Weight 52 lbs

Your Name? Sebastian Butzback Born in Germany

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Maurice Butzback He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Germany

How have you been employed? Picking rags

Who have been your companions? Ragpickers in the street

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge June 3d 1857

This boy was committed by Wm. Doll Esq for Larceny. He has no father or mother to look after him and all the care has devolved upon a drunken step father. He set him to picking rags in the street and as a matter of course he fell in with bad boys. They soon got to stealing peices of carpet blankets old iron & every thing he could pick up. They were arrested and as there was no security that they would be raised in a proper manner, the Magistrate thought best to send the whole of them here.

May 3d 1853.

Sebastian has to-day been indentured to the Rev. Mr. Eleazer Brainerd of Oxford, Ohio. Doubtless he will have what he deserves — a good home. His conduct, for a long time, has been very good.

No. 109

History of Charles Fritch

Aged 9 years

Committed to the House of Refuge — By a magistrate

Size Small — Complexion light

Appearance very pleasant — Marks and Scars none

Height 3 ft 9½ in — Weight 47 lbs

Your Name? Charles Fritch — Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth I do not Know — Former Residence "

Father's Name? Blazus Fritch — He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? Barbary Taylor — She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Wandering about the streets of several cities

Who have been your companions? I have been with my sister picking pockets

How long since you have attended school? Never went to school much always played truant

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No — Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge June 3d 1851

This boy was committed by W. Roll Esq. for Larceny
He is a brother of Magdalena Fritch No. 54
The father of the family died two years ago and left
a family of eleven children. Several of the oldest
commenced a career of crime after his death that
is something unusual for children so young
The oldest commenced stealing getting drunk &c and
finally was sent to prison in Ky. Mathew was
in jail in Cincinnati five times and is now
here at the Refuge. Magdalena commenced picking
pockets when only 11 years of age, visited all the
large cities in the U. S. and on her return
to Cin. was taken up and sent here.
Charles was taken by his sister when only 7 years
of age to Louisville, St. Louis, New Orleans, Baltimore
and many other places. She was instructing
him to steal and pick pockets as fast as she dared
to trust him. After she was sent here Charles
commenced stealing on his own account
He was engaged with other little boys in stealing
clothes, carpets, boots &c. and all were sent here by the
Magistrate

December 30th 1853. Indentured to Mr Long
to learn Farming.

No. 110 Sec 682 History of Henry Williams

Committed to the House of Refuge By a magistrate

Size small Complexion light

Appearance not prepossessing Marks and Scars None

Height 3 ft 11 in Weight 48 lbs

Your Name? Henry Williams Born in Germany

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Michael Williams He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Germany

How have you been employed? a few weeks picking rags

Who have been your companions? boys in the streets

How long since you have attended school? two months

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 4 Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge June 3d 1851

This little boy was also committed by W. Roll Esq. He was in company with Butzback and Gaitch Stealing carpets blankets whips &c from a stable They have all been stealing more or less for some time. The father of this boy seems to be an honest hard working German. He sent his boy to school and thought he went regularly but he was running the streets with these boys They were on the road to ruin and will all do better here than at home

Nov. 4th 1851

Henry is quite troublesom but begins to Know more about obedience

Feb. 3d 1852

Henry was this day released to return to his father. He has become a pleasant obedient boy and it is hoped he will do well

1854 Oct 9. Recommitted by Police Court for Vagrancy
& disorderly Conduct

1858 Nov. 5- Discharged to care of his Parents—
Henry had attained the Badge of Honor &
was in the highest Class in School. He
has a good knowledge of the Tailors Trade &
some knowledge of the Shoemaking - with due
perseverence he is capable of earning a good
& respectable living - but I have my fears.

No. 111 01392 History of Michael Strable

Aged 10 years 1 month & 24 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By his mother

Size small Complexion light

Appearance very dutchy Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 7 in Weight 50 lbs

Your Name? Michael Strable Born in Germany

Date of Birth April 19th 1841 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? John Strable He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Germany 7 years in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Going to School always played truant

Who have been your companions? Bad boys

How long since you have attended school? three month

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge June 5th 1851

This boy was admitted on an order from the Chairman of the Executive Committee. He was complained of by his mother. She states that since his fathers death he has been left to run at large without control or restraint He became associated with bad boys and had got into the habit of lying out nights. He was gone two or three days at a time frequently and as his mother is a poor widow she found it very difficult to manage him. He is so young that he can probably be broken of his bad habits All he wants is a master to control him

June 16th 1852

Michael was this day released on an order from the chairman of the indenturing committee He goes with an uncle who promises to take care of him.

Feb. 13th 1853.

Michael was this day re-committed on the charge of vagrancy. The circumstance of his leaving his uncle is not understood by Rickoff the present Supt.

April 6th 1853

To-day Michael was again indentured. He was indentured this time, to Jacob Michael of Eaton Preble County Ohio.

No. 112

History of Emma Purdy

Aged about 16 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Township Trustees

Size Medium

Complexion light

Appearance rather simple

Marks and Scars one Scar on face

Height 4 ft 10 in

Weight 101 lbs

Your Name? Emma Purdy

Born in I do not Know

Date of Birth I do not Know

Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Geo. Purdy

He was born in I do not Know

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know

She was born in " " " "

They have mostly resided the U. S.

How have you been employed? Working in the Kitchen at Orphan Asylum

Who have been your companions? girls in the Asylum

How long since you have attended school? two or three years

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes

Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge June 5th 53

This girl was committed by the Township Trustees She has been in the Orphan Asylum a long time. She has no recollection of her parents and does not know that she has a relative in the world. The managers of the Asylum kept her until she was too old for them and sent her to live with a woman on 4th St. She stayed only about three months and was again sent back. From all I can learn of her she is not a very vicious girl but perfectly worthless so far as work is concerned. She seems to have no ambition to learn and from her appearance has not a large share of common sense The reason the managers of the Asylum sent her here instead of finding her a place outside was that she was disposed to talk improperly and they thought they discovered a tendency in her to go to ruin

December 12th 1853. Discharged & delivered to the Managers of the Cincinnati Orphan Asylum, who contemplate sending Emma to Columbus. Emma is inclined to Insanity & is an unfit subject.

No. 113

History of William Beer

Aged 14 years 11 months

Committed to the House of Refuge — By the Mayor

Size large — Complexion light, florid

Appearance rather pleasant — Marks and Scars None

Height 5 ft 3 in — Weight 118 lbs

Your Name? William Beer — Born in I do not Know

Date of Birth Aug. 9th 1836 — Former Residence All over the world

Father's Name? Samuel Beer — He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Nancy Carr — She was born in Rising Sun Ia

They have mostly resided Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Running about over the world for the last two years

Who have been your companions? Sometimes bad men & sometimes good men

How long since you have attended school? four years always played truant

Have you ever been arrested before? yes once for forgery

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes — Entered 3rd Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge June 9th 1851

William was committed by the Mayor at the request of his mother. He never saw his father He says his friends tell him that his father is still alive but his mother says he is dead. I am inclined to the belief that he is an illigitimate child. His mother after this was married or lived with a man by the name of Scarf. Wm. Says that his mother & Step father both got drunk and abused him. When he was about 7 years of age he ran away and went to the West Indie Islands, Florida & other places. He was gone about 3 years and came back and undertook to live with his mother again, but says they did not use him well and he stole $60,00 and ran away again. He went into Virginia and his friends did not hear from him for two years. He was arrested and thrown into jail for forgery. The probability is that he is not guilty of this crime as he is not old enough to carry it through. but he was no doubt a tool for some other person. He is a smoothe spoken boy - and unless a person is well acquainted with human nature he would

be likely to deceive them. He has been so long unsteady that it will take a long time for him to be fit to trust again.

Feb. 18th 1852

This boy escaped by putting a ladder out of the window while at work in the shop. It was a very rainy day and he succeeded in eluding the Caretakers who were on the ground.

No. 114

History of Thomas Palmer

Aged about 8 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size Small Complexion Light

Appearance Simple Marks and Scars none

Height 3 ft 9 in Weight 47 lbs

Your Name? Thomas Palmer Born in Warren Co. Pa.

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence

Father's Name? Wm H. Palmer He was born in

Mother's maiden Name? She was born in

They have mostly resided in Pennsylvania in Cincinnati 7 years

How have you been employed? going to school & playing in the Streets

Who have been your companions? bad boys

How long since you have attended school? six months

Have you ever been arrested before? no

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? no Entered 3d Grade 1st Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge June 16th 1857

This little fellow was sent here by the Mayor He had been lying out for several nights in dry goods boxes and on benches in the market house. The watchmen took him home several times but they found that his father was a drunkard and and his step mother abused him and it was impossible to get him to stay at home; for that reason they thought it best to send him to the Refuge. He does not seem a very bright boy and is very backward about learning. He may be able to make something of him in a few years.

February 25 th. 1854. Thomas was discharged by Indenture to Mr Wm W Read, of Fiskburg Kenton Co, Ky. to learn Carpentering or Manufacturing

No. 113 See 695. History of *Edward Murphy*

Committed *About 15 years to the House of Refuge* By *the Mayor*

Size *small*, Complexion *rather dark — blue eyes*

Appearance *sickly with signs of consumption* Marks and Scars *none*

Height *5* ft *4* in Weight *80* lbs

Your Name? *Edward Murphy* Born in *New York*

Date of Birth *I do not Know* Former Residence *Cincinnati*

Father's Name? *Edward Murphy* He was born in *Ireland*

Mother's maiden Name? *I do not Know* She was born in *"*

They have mostly resided *in Cincinnati*

How have you been employed? *Working in bucket Factory*

Who have been your companions? *I never had many friends*

How long since you have attended school? *two years never got a chance to go much*

Have you ever been arrested before? *no*

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? *No* Entered *3d* Grade *3d* Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge June 11th 1851

This boy was committed by the Mayor at his own request. He says his mother has been dead some years. His father was a drunken worthless fellow. He was drowned in the canal about a year ago. Edward was left entirely destitute of friends or acquaintances. He got work in a bucket factory but found he was not strong enough to do much. He then went to work in a bolt factory but the man abused him and he left He tried every where to get work but failed He is a sickly boy with a very slender body. His appearance indicates honesty and good temper. He says however he has stolen small amounts of money when quite young. I have no doubt he will do well if he gets a good home

1853 Feb. 26 Indentured Mr Arthur B. Cray of College Hill. to learn farming —

1854. Oct. 20. Returned by his Master — for reasons unknown to the Writer —

1856 March 19 Indentured to W H. Herron of Darlington
Butler Co O. to learn farming and to receive 90 $

No. 116

History of William Gregg

Aged about 9 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size medium Complexion light

Appearance pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 1 in Weight 61 lbs

Your Name? William Gregg Born in Kentucky

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Augustin Gregg He was born in Kentucky

Mother's maiden Name? Susan Kirby She was born in Virginia

They have mostly resided in Kentucky and Ohio

How have you been employed? going to school

Who have been your companions? boys in the streets

How long since you have attended school? three months

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge June 17th 1851

This boy was committed by the Mayor on charge of vagrancy. His father has been dead a number of years. His mother died a few days before he was brought here of Cholera. He was entirely destitute of home or friends. He appears to be an honest boy and the probability is that all he want is a good home and proper care to enable him to do well.

May 13th 1853.

This is the date of William's discharge. He is indentured to William H. Campbell of Hamilton, Butler County, Ohio to learn the business of farming. He has stood among the best boys in the institution in respect to conduct. We have but little doubt that he will do well.

No. 111

History of John Gregg

Aged about 11 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the mayor

Size Medium Complexion Dark — blackeyes

Appearance pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 4 in Weight 63 lbs

Your Name? John Grigg Born in Ky. Clark Co,

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Augustin Grigg He was born in Kentucky

Mother's maiden Name? Susan Kirby She was born in Virginia

They have mostly resided in Kentucky & Ohio

How have you been employed? going to school

Who have been your companions? Boys in the Streets

How long since you have attended school? four weeks

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge June 17th 1857.

John was sent here by the Mayor with his brother Wm. They were both brought to the Refuge by an older sister who is a very bad girl She is living in a house of ill fame and would educate these boys for ruin if she could have the opportunity. John is the older of the two brothers and seems a sensible little fellow. He is fond of reading, willing to work and on the whole is a good ~~boy~~ boy

March 25 1854 Indentured to T. V. Peticolas Mount Carmel Clermont County, Ohio, to learn Farming

No. 118

History of Matilda Spears

641. Aged about 8 years

Committed to the House of Refuge — By the Mayor

Size small — Complexion olive with dark eyes

Appearance interesting — Marks and Scars none

Height 3 ft 9 in — Weight 44 lbs

Your Name? Matilda Spears — Born in I do not Know

Date of Birth I do not Know — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Henry Spears — He was born in U. S.

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know — She was born in " "

They have mostly resided in U. S. in Cincinnati two years

How have you been employed? doing nothing

Who have been your companions? girls in the alley

How long since you have attended school? a long time ago

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes — Entered 3d " Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge June 20th 1851

This little girl was committed by the Mayor at her own request, she says her father has been a drunkard for four years. She had nothing to eat frequently and supported herself by begging cold victuals. Her father drove her into the street to pick rags and he was in the habit beating her severely if she did not get money for him to buy liquor She says her grand mother advised her to go to the mayor and state her case to him and ask to be sent to the refuge. She has the appearance of being honest and will no doubt do well.

Aug. 19th 1852

Matilda was this day taken by Miss. Macy one of the Asst. Matrons of the Inst. to Salem Union Co Ia and placed in the family of a worthy member of the Society of Friends named Daniel Sandnen. She was a sweet little girl and will probably do well

August 19: 1854. Matilda has this day been returned
to the Refuge after an absence of two years.
Mr Gardiner says she indulges in such lewd
conduct he is afraid to have the children of
the neighborhod or his grandchildren be alone with
her & is afraid to keep her lest she bring scandal
upon the family & ruin on herself. Matilda says
she was with good people and what they tell
about herself may be relied upon as true.
She says she has told falsehoods, and been very
naughty with the children & with the hired girl.
1858 Apr. 15 Discharged to the care of Mr James
Woodward & Cincinnati O.—

No. 119

History of Patrick Mc. Laughlin

About 15 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size rather large Complexion light — blue eyes

Appearance rather pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 3½ in Weight 126 lbs

Your Name? Patrick Mc. Laughlin Born in Derry Co. Ireland

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? John Mc. Laughlin He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Mary Ronahan She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Ireland

How have you been employed? Trunk making and running on the river

Who have been your companions? Drunkards on the levee

How long since you have attended school? a long time ago

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d " Grade 3d " Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge June 22d 1857

Patrick was brought here by a police officer on the Sabbath Charged with assaulting a woman with the intent to Kill. He says he and his Sister two years older left Ireland about two years ago. They have no friends in this country They landed in New Orleans and stayed there one year. They then came to Cincinnati. Patrick got a situation on a steamboat for awhile and then went to learn the trunk making business. He here become associated with a set of bad boys on the Levee and got into the habit of getting intoxicated. They habit grew on him so much that he neglected his work and was drunk a week at a time. When in this condition he got into a quarrel with the woman who does his washing also a row at his boarding place. He drew a Knife on the woman and threatened to Kill her. His whole difficulty originated in the use of liquor. He appears to be a steady boy and it is to be hoped he will do well

Aug 24th 1851

Patrick's parents arrived at St. Louis from Ireland and from the strong recommendations he brought I was induced to bring his case before the board and they released him on his promise of good behavior.

No. 120

History of Anthony Hannegan

Aged about 8 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size small Complexion florid

Appearance rather simple Marks and Scars none

Height 3 ft 7 in Weight 43 lbs

Your Name? Anthony Hannegan Born in New York

Date of Birth I do not know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Patrick Hannegan He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? I do not know She was born in

They have mostly resided Newburg N. Y.

How have you been employed? Doing nothing

Who have been your companions? Boys at School

How long since you have attended school? six months

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge June 22d 1853

This little fellow was committed by the mayor He was picked up in the market house without any one to look after him. He says his mother died of Cholera two years ago and that his father is drunk all the time. He lived with a woman until she could keep him no longer and turned him into the streets. His father would sometimes beg cold victuals for him but he was frequently very hungry He had no clothes fit to wear when he came in and was covered with vermin. He would have been a proper subject for the Orphan Asylum had his father been dead, but a child is worse off to have such a father than to have none. The cause of many childrens coming here can be traced directly to drunkenness.

April 22, 1854. Indentured to Mr Joseph Wentworthy of Richmond Wayne Co. Indiana, to learn farming.

No. 121

History of *Charles Ismail*

Committed — By

Size — Complexion

Appearance — Marks and Scars

Height ft in — Weight lbs

Your Name ? — Born in

Date of Birth — Former Residence

Father's Name ? — He was born in

Mother's maiden Name ? — She was born in

They have mostly resided

How have you been employed ?

Who have been your companions ?

How long since you have attended school ?

Have you ever been arrested before ?

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School ? — Entered Grade Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge June 24th 1857

This boy with the four following was committed for a riot on Walnut Hill. They all gave bail after staying here two or three days

No. 122

History of Joseph Kutz

Committed — By

Size — Complexion

Appearance — Marks and Scars

Height ft in — Weight lbs

Your Name ? — Born in

Date of Birth — Former Residence

Father's Name ? — He was born in

Mother's maiden Name ? — She was born in

They have mostly resided

How have you been employed ?

Who have been your companions ?

How long since you have attended school ?

Have you ever been arrested before ?

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School ? — Entered Grade Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge June 24th 1857

His boy was concerned in a riot but gave bail

No. 123

History of *Michael Fitzmen*

Committed — By

Size — Complexion

Appearance — Marks and Scars

Height ft in — Weight lbs

Your Name ? — Born in

Date of Birth — Former Residence

Father's Name ? — He was born in

Mother's maiden Name ? — She was born in

They have mostly resided

How have you been employed ?

Who have been your companions ?

How long since you have attended school ?

Have you ever been arrested before ?

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School ? — Entered Grade Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge June 24th/67

This boy was concerned in a riot that gave bail

No. 124

History of William Leonard

Committed — By

Size — Complexion

Appearance — Marks and Scars

Height ft in — Weight lbs

Your Name ? — Born in

Date of Birth — Former Residence

Father's Name ? — He was born in

Mother's maiden Name ? — She was born in

They have mostly resided

How have you been employed ?

Who have been your companions ?

How long since you have attended school ?

Have you ever been arrested before ?

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School ? — Entered Grade Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge June 9th 1857

This boy was arrested for riot but was bailed out by his father

No. 125

History of *Joseph Stevens*

Committed — By

Size — Complexion

Appearance — Marks and Scars

Height ft in — Weight lbs

Your Name ? — Born in

Date of Birth — Former Residence

Father's Name ? — He was born in

Mother's maiden Name ? — She was born in

They have mostly resided

How have you been employed ?

Who have been your companions ?

How long since you have attended school ?

Have you ever been arrested before ?

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School ? — Entered Grade Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge June 24th 1857

This boy was arrested for riot but was bailed out by his friends.

No. 126

History of Ann Nolan

12 years 9 months and 7 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size very large Complexion dark

Appearance rather pleasant & healthy Marks and Scars None

Height 5 ft 4 in Weight 115 lbs

Your Name? Ann Nolan Born in Gallia Co. Ohio

Date of Birth Oct. 8th 1838 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Lewis Nolan He was born in U. S.

Mother's maiden Name? Rowanna Wilkinson She was born in U. S.

They have mostly resided Moowing from one place to an other

How have you been employed? Living out in diffenent places

Who have been your companions? The people where I lived

How long since you have attended school? Never went to school

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3rd Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge June 24th 1857

This girl was committed by the Mayor for vagrancy. She says her father is a drunken trifling man and has taken no care of his children for a long time. Her mother died five years ago since that she has been left to the cold charities of the world. Sometimes she had a home and sometimes none. The last place she was at was some twenty miles in the country. They made her work out in the Sun until she was nearly as black as a mulatto. She had diffeculty with some of the family and they turned her away without suitable clothes, money or friends. She came to the city and went to several places where they were acquainted with her but none of them could keep her. A lady who was acquainted with her mother called the attention to of the Mayor to her condition and His Honor thought best to send her here. She does not appear to be a very bad girl and it is to be hoped she may do well.

June 30th 1852

Ann was this day released to David Ulmer preparatory to being Indentured. She was a great good natured girl without much energy or perseverence

No. 127

History of Sarah Gregg

Aged about 14 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size medium Complexion dark – black eyes

Appearance rather pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 11½ in Weight 95 lbs

Your Name? Sarah Gregg Born in Kentucky

Date of Birth Nov. 30th 1836 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Augustin Gregg He was born in Ky.

Mother's maiden Name? Susan Kirby She was born in Virginia

They have mostly resided in Ky. & in Cincinnati 6 years

How have you been employed? Working in cotton Factory

Who have been your companions? girls in the neighborhood

How long since you have attended school? three months

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge June 25th 1851

Sarah was committed by the Mayor for vagrancy She states that her father was once worth a handsome property but lost it by going security for a man. He soon after died leaving a family of six children entirely destitute. Her mother labored very hard with her needle to support herself and family. When the cotton factory was started the mother & an older sister & Sarah got a place in the factory. They got along very well while there but the mother's health failed and they were oblige to give up. The older sister was seduced and became a prostitute she helped her mother to money and by the charity of friends they supported the family. A few weeks since the mother took the cholera and died. This left the children entirely destitute of a home. The mayor sent the two boys here and the older sister took her two younger sisters to the notorious Bell Gonests to live with her. The city Marshal found the young girls at this place. He took the youngest to the Sisters School and Sarah here strong efforts were made to seduce her even by her own sister. Sarah says that a gambler

offered her a hundred dollars and a gold watch to go with him She maintains most positively that she is yet innocent I am unable to decide whether she tells the truth The hounds made a desperate effort to get her away from here They succeeded once in having her taken out for bail but she is committed in such a manner that she cannot be bailed out. She seems discontented and it is to be feared if she is not already guilty it was her purpose to become so.

June 30th 1852

Sarah was this day released to live with Rev. S. S. Smith of Champaign Co. Ohio. She has always been a quiet pleasant girl and it is to be hoped she will give good satisfaction where she goes

No. 128

History of Catharine J. Higgins

Aged about 13 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size small Complexion florid

Appearance healthy & pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 4 in Weight 64 lbs

Your Name? Catharine J. Higgins Born in New Orleans

Date of Birth Aug. 1838 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? John Higgins He was born in U. S.

Mother's maiden Name? Mary Cumming She was born in U. S.

They have mostly resided in New Orleans & Cincinnati

How have you been employed? living out the last 3 years

Who have been your companions? Girls in the streets

How long since you have attended school? three months

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 2d Or Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge June 26, 1851

This girl was committed by the mayor for vagrancy. She states that her father died when she was very young. Her mother soon after became a drunkard and left her and a younger brother to the cold charities of the world with out a single friend to look after them. Catharine went from one place to another to live. She was probably a trouble some girl as she gives trouble here. The last place she was at she stayed about a year but the family were going to leave the city for the summer and they turned her out into the streets without a home. She was deemed a proper subject for the house in view of her destitute condition.

May 8th 1852

Catharine was this day indentured to Mr. Pond, who lives about 4 miles down the plank road. She is a smart active girl and will do well if she is managed in a proper manner.

No. 129

History of John Schaffer

Aged about 17 yrs

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size large Complexion light

Appearance downcast & guilty Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 11 in Weight 136 lbs

Your Name? John Shaffer Born in Raysville Indiana

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Enoch Shaffer He was born in Pennsylvania

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Pittsburg, Cincinnati & Indianapolis

How have you been employed? Doing nothing for the last three years

Who have been your companions? Thieves on 6th St.

How long since you have attended school? Never went to school

Have you ever been arrested before? Yes.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes. Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge June 29th 1857

John was committed by the Mayor charged with larceny. He states that his father has been dead 11 years. He lived in Indianapolis a long time. There were 10 children left destitute when he died. John went into the country and stayed with a former ~~and staged~~ 5 years. He returned to the city two years ago and has been a source of annoyance to his friends ever since. He would not work and is a most incorrigible loafer. He has kept the company of a gang of burglars but I think he is too lazy to steal large amounts. He has been in the habit of petty larceny for a long time. He has spent his time fishing hunting and lying about Coffee Houses. While here he has given us but little trouble although he would escape if he could get an opportunity

Sept. 2d 1852

John was this day released on a writ of Habeas Corpus. He became industrious and was much respected by all. His friends promise to put him to a trade.

No. 130 History of Robert Mc. Conkey

Aged about 12 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size Small Complexion light

Appearance very pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 3½ in Weight 68 lbs

Your Name? Robert G. Mc. Conkey Born in Belfast Ireland

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Geo. Mc. Conkey He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided Belfast Ireland in Cincinnati one year

How have you been employed? Running about the streets with bad boys

Who have been your companions? boys that were stealing

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge June 29th 1851

This boy was committed by the Mayor stealing a saddle & bridle He has been only 10 months from Ireland. His parents appear to be very respectabl old people who are anxious to have their boy do well but he became associated with a set of very bad boys and they found it impossible to keep him in. He was in company with Bambridge & others when they took the horses and had been in the habit of riding with them there is no satisfactory evidence to my mind that he ever stole one of the horses but he was fond of such company and they made use of him. He has frequently sold old copper & other things for the rest of the boys but they say he never stole himself. He has a good education for a boy of his age and is a boy of pleasant appearance It is to be hoped he may do well.

Nov. 23d /52

Mc. Conkey was this day released to go into the dry goods store of Messrs Richey in Lower market

No. 131

History of George Bambridge

Aged 11 years

Committed to the House of Refuge — By the Mayor

Size medium — Complexion dark — black eyes

Appearance rather pleasant — Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 6¼ in — Weight 80 lbs

Your Name? Geo. M. Bambridge — Born in Lebanon Penn.

Date of Birth I do not Know — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Wm Bambridge — He was born in U. S.

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know — She was born in U. S.

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Running about the city stealing

Who have been your companions? Bad boys on Geo. St.

How long since you have attended school? Six months always played truant

Have you ever been arrested before? yes twice

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes — Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge June 29th 1857

Geo. was committed by the mayor for larceny He has a father and mother in the city who are respectable. About two years ago they mooved on to Geo. St. where their boy became associated with some of the worst kind of boys. The first thing they Knew he was taken by a watchman for stealing. His father got him off, punished him severely and tried to keep him at home He soon ran away from school and got with these boys again They got into the habit of stealing horses that were tied in the streets and riding them through the city and then putting them up at an old stable on the White water Canal. They would keep the horses two or three days and turn them out in the streets. The saddles & bridles they took to an old jew and sold. They have taken some seven or eight horses in this way. They had three horses stolen at the time of the arrest of Geo. He has stolen every thing he could lay his hands upon. He frequently watched an opportunity when a family

was mooving in or out to take copper Kettles or any thing else he could sell. He is evidently a very bad boy and in the night place

1853 Feb. 23. Discharged to the care of his Brother in-law - Alexander Brown to go to St Louis.

No. 132

History of William R. Thomas

Aged 15 years 5 months

Committed to the House of Refuge By his father

Size small Complexion light

Appearance sly & deceitful Marks and Scars on back of both hands

Height 4 ft 10 in Weight 77 lbs

Your Name? William R. Thomas Born in Fort Wayne Ia

Date of Birth Feb. 22d 1836 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Osborn Thomas He was born in Virginia

Mother's maiden Name? Rebecca Borland She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Working in the shop with my father & running in the streets

Who have been your companions? Bad boys in Pendleton's field

How long since you have attended school? Six months always played truant

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 2d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge June 29th 1851

William was committed by his father, who states that his boy got into bad company about three years ago and was into the habit of stealing small articles. He took him into his shop and tried to keep him away from them but it seemed a hopeless task. They would come about his house and whistle for him. It seemed impossible for him to resist the temptation to run away. He stole a watch from one of the hands in the shop and kept it several days. When he was detected in this the father sent him to Urbana where he stayed one year. As soon as he returned to the city he again went with his old associates and became as bad as ever. He had no hope of reforming him while under the influence of these boys and as a last resort he brought him here. He is very home sick and thinks he could do better if he was to go home again.

Jan. 17th 1853

Wm was this day returned to his parents. He is not strictly correct and I fear never will be. He is naturally sly dishonest and deceitful.

No. 1,223

History of Joseph Fox

Aged 13 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By a magistrate

Size small Complexion light, red hair, blue eyes

Appearance not very prepossessing Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 4½ in Weight 67 lbs

Your Name? Joseph Fox Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth Aug. 1838 Former Residence "

Father's Name? Silas Fox He was born in I do not Know

Mother's maiden Name? Hannah Knox She was born in " " " "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Going to school

Who have been your companions? Boys at school

How long since you have attended school? 8 weeks

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 2d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge July 1st 1857

Joseph was sent here with a commitment from a magistrate. He has been an orphan for several years. He was placed with an uncle who was willing to keep him at school. In an evil hour Joseph went to his uncle's desk and took money to the amount of $3,00 He spent a part of it and part he brought home and concealed He was detected and brought here. He says this was his first offence - never having taken more than 5 cts before. I am inclined to think from his appearance that he is not a very bad boy or will give us much trouble

May 16th 1853.

To day Joseph has been discharged by indenture to Joseph Stout of Reis P.O. Hamilton County Ohio. Joseph has been a tolerably good boy.

No. 134

History of John Buckley

Aged 17 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size rather large Complexion light

Appearance rather pleasant Marks and Scars Scar on forehead

Height 5 ft 4 in Weight 126 lbs

Your Name? John Buckley Born in New Orleans

Date of Birth Nov 3d 1834 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Thomas Buckley He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in New Orleans in Cincinnati 4 years

How have you been employed? Sometimes on the river sometimes stealing

Who have been your companions? Thieves & drunkards

How long since you have attended school? four years

Have you ever been arrested before? yes three or four times

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No. Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge July 2d 1851

This boy was committed by the Mayor for larceny He was left an orphan four years ago. Since that he has lived as he could. Sometimes he went on the river sometimes worked in the country but more frequently spent his time loafing about with a gang of idle drunken young men. He soon got into the habit of getting intoxicated and from that to stealing. He was arrested for stealing a coat and laid in jail 3 months. In consequence of his youth he was released but soon got back again for drunkenness. He has been to jail some three or four times He is now here on charge of larceny. He is a quiet boy and gives no trouble but it is easy to see that he is a very bad fellow without moral principle or any disposition to be honest or do right. If ever any change takes place in his character it must be effected by a long course of training and a constant watchfulness of his actions and conduct

June 21st 1851

This boy escaped with two others

No. 135

History of Nicholas Clayton

12 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size small Complexion light

Appearance not prepossessing Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 4½ in Weight 59 lbs

Your Name? Nicholas Clayton Born in Ireland

Date of Birth Aug. 1839 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Nicholas Clayton He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Margaret Mahony She was born in Ireland

They have mostly resided Boston, two years in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? running about the streets

Who have been your companions? nobody

How long since you have attended school? 6 months – always played

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge July 7th 1851

This boy was committed by the Mayor for vagrancy He lost his father five years ago and his mother was obliged to break up house Keeping and go out to service in a family. This boy was neglected and got into the habit of stealing staying out nights &c. She placed at a uncle's but he soon began to steal money from him and run away from home. He would be away a week at a time. Says he slept in stables dry goods boxes or in the market houses. got his victuals by begging. He appears to be a quiet inoffensive boy The probability is that there is fault on the part of his friends or he would have behaved himself.

May 18th 1853.

This day dates the discharge of the literary character of our Institution, as Nicholas most emphatically was – when not employed in labor he has almost invariably spent his time in reading and study. He is indentured to Daniel Crosby, his brother-in-law, of Manchester Ohio, who intends to instruct him in the business of plastering. Nicholas has been a good boy.

No. 136

History of William Smith

14 years 5 months and 2 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size rather small Complexion florid – black eyes

Appearance interesting Marks and Scars lame in right leg

Height 4 ft 10½ in Weight 80 lbs

Your Name? Wm. S. Smith Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth Mar. 3d 1837 Former Residence "

Father's Name? John S. Smith He was born in Scotland

Mother's maiden Name? Mary Lounds She was born in Cincinnati

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? living out any where I could get

Who have been your companions? Boys in the Streets

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge July 7th 1851

William was committed by the Mayor for vagrancy at his own request. His father was formerly a respectable merchant in Cincinnati and all the family were highly esteemed in the community. He sold his Store and bought a steam boat of which he was Captain. There he contracted the habit of intoxication He became unfit for business and went on a farm. His conduct was so bad that his wife died of a broken heart.

William says that after his mother died he abused his children in a shocking manner. He and a younger sister kept house for him and it was frequently the case that the father would be gone two or three days at a time and these two little children left at home without food or lights When he came home he would kick and beat them because his food was not ready This continued until the children were forced to run away. The friends would not or dared not interfere as they did not wish

to arouse his angen. William got onto a hay wagon and went with a farmer into Clermont Co. He stayed in the country in diffenent places for some two years. He came to the city a few weeks ago to find his father. He learned that he was as bad as ever and did not go to see him. As he could get no work or place to stay he came here

April 3th 1852.

William has, to-day, been indentured to John D. Dunham. His deportment has been, generally, good. It is to be hoped that he will do well. William has not been entirely faultless.

No. 137

History of Henry Johns

8 years old

Committed to the House of Refuge By a Magistrate

Size medium Complexion very light

Appearance downcast & despondent Marks and Scars None

Height 4 ft 1½ in Weight 57 lbs

Your Name? Henry Johns Born in Mill Creek Tp. Han. Co.

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Hamilton Co.

Father's Name? Andrew Johns He was born in I do not Know

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in " " " "

They have mostly resided Hamilton Co.

How have you been employed? working at home

Who have been your companions? never had any

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d " Grade 3d " Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge July 8th /51

This little boy was committed by a Magistrate for Larceny. He was accused of Stealing a pistol. Henry says a little boy took the pistol out of the house and lent it to him but he gave it back again. I have learned by the citizens of the vicinity where he lived that it was only a pretence to get the boy from the influence of his parents. His step father is a drunken vagabond and his mother an abandoned prostitute. She had instructed this boy in vulgarity so that the neighbors were afraid to have him associate with their children. I think from all I can learn the boy is not morally guilty of crime but like others the victim of abandoned parents.

June 10th 1853.

This day dates Henry's release from the institution. He is indentured to Mr. Elijah Vansandt of Beachy Wine Union County Ind.a. Henry has been a good boy, and it is hoped he may continue to be good.

Aug 10-1863 Mr. Van Sant. writes that Henry left here
about the middle of July 1858- Supposed he went
to Cincinnati

No. 138

History of Francis Franks

About 16 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size large Complexion light

Appearance awkward Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 3 in Weight 104 lbs

Your Name? Francis Franks Born in Germany

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Joseph Franks He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided Germany

How have you been employed? Picking rags in the streets

Who have been your companions? boys who gather rags

How long since you have attended school? never went to school

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge July 8th 1857

This boy was sent here by the Mayor for Vagrancy He is an awkward Dutch boy who has been picking rags for several years His parents represented that they were very poor and obliged to keep him at this business His mother followed begging near the Post office for sometimes Circumstances developed themselves that they were worth a handsome property and able to purchase a good farm. The parents worked on the sympathies of the community in such a manner that the Board of trustees concluded to let the boy go back to them again.

No. 139

History of Henry Spillman

Aged 14 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size medium Complexion florid

Appearance rather simple Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 1 in Weight 100 lbs

Your Name? James H. Speelman Born in Susquehanna Penn.

Date of Birth. Jan. 20th 1837 Former Residence Penn.

Father's Name? James M. Speelman He was born in Penn.

Mother's maiden Name? Hannah Duncan She was born in "

They have mostly resided Pennsylvania

How have you been employed? Driving on the canal

Who have been your companions? Bad Boys and men

How long since you have attended school? never went to school much

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge July 9th 1851

This boy was committed by the Mayor for larceny He says he is from the interior of Penn. His father ran away and left his family without support. Henry had no one to care for him and went to drive on the canal. Here he learned all kinds of wickedness The boat laid up and he came to Pittsburg to get another situation but was unable to find one He came to Cincinnati and stayed about several days without any money or friends. He contrived to beg & steal enough to get along. He stole a Skiff to go across the river to Ky. He says he designed to return it the next day. but the Yacht took him to the Mayor's office. He was committed more because he was a vagrant than any thing else. He appears to be a simple boy and I think will not be hard to manage.

May 24th 1853.

Henry has this day been released from the Institution by indenture to Henry Pence of Eaton, Preble County, Ohio.

Since the present Superintendent took charge of the Institution, Henry has deported himself quite creditably, and it is hoped he will continue to do so.

No. 140

History of Rebecca A. Malone

11 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Township Trustees

Size small Complexion florid — black eyes

Appearance very pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 3½ in Weight 39 lbs

Your Name? Rebecca A. Malone Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence "

Father's Name? John Malone He was born in America

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Living out at different places

Who have been your companions? Girls in our alley

How long since you have attended school? 6 weeks

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge July 10th 1857

This little girl was sent here by the Township Trustees. It is very difficult to find out any thing about her as she is so young she does not Know any thing about her family or she is so shrewd that she will not Tell. She has two sistens older who are living in houses of ill fame and this one was in a place where she would soon have been led to that Kind of life. The officer had much difficulty to get her as the woman where she lived fought like a tigress. She was no doubt training her up for infamy. Her olden sistens are about 15 years of Age. They are twins there is a warrant out for their arrest but whether the officer gets them remaining to be seen.

June 29th 1858

Rebecca was this day released for the purpose of being indentured to Jacob M. Cumming of Madison Ia. She is an interesting child

and we hope she may do well

On account of ill health of his wife Mr. Cumming returned Rebecca again to the refuge She was again indentured to Mr. Samuel Houtz of Addison Champaign Co. Ohio, Jan. 19th 1853

No. 141 History of Charles Bennett

Aged about 18 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By his Guardian

Size large Complexion dark black hair

Appearance loafenish Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 5½ in Weight 120 lbs

Your Name? Charles K. Smith Bennett Born in Eaton Preble Co. O.

Date of Birth Aug. 7th 1833 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Smith Bennett He was born in U. S.

Mother's maiden Name? Charlotte Jennifer She was born in Hamilton Ohio

They have mostly resided in Eaton Ohio

How have you been employed? loafing about the last year

Who have been your companions? Men at the race track & theatre

How long since you have attended school? two years - never went steady

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3rd Grade 3rd Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge July 18th 1857

Charles was brought here by an uncle His father went to California about two years ago and left his boy an apprentice to the Brick laying business. He soon became unsteady and neglected his work. The habit of running with fine companies had as much to do in making him a loafer as almost any thing else. From going with the fine companies he became associated with thieves and gamblers His highest ambition was to hold and ride horses at the race grounds His mother found she could do nothing with him. She could not induce him to work or quit his bad associates As a last resort she placed him here. He appears willing to work and gives no trouble I think he will become steady and do well

June 17th 1858

Charles was this day permitted to leave the institution. He has, for a long time, taken care of the boilers and engine

He goes into the country for the present with Samuel Jennifer, who lives a few miles down the river It the intention of his mother to get him a place on the rail road as engineer.

Dec. 12 th 1855 - Charles visited the Refuge to day. He has the appearance of a smart and active man. He says he is an Engineer on the Indianoplis & Bellefontaine Rail Road.

No. 1 1/2 See 532 **History of** Thomas Hewitt

Aged 11 years

Committed to the House of Refuge — By his mother

Size Small — Complexion fair red hair

Appearance very pleasant — Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft in — Weight 56 lbs

Your Name? Thomas B. Hewitt — Born in St Clair Co. Ill.

Date of Birth Augt 11th 1840 — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Thomas B. Hewitt — He was born in New Jersey

Mother's maiden Name? Eliza Usher — She was born in Philadelphia

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Going to school part of the time

Who have been your companions? Boys about

How long since you have attended school? two or three months

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes — Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge July 29th 1851

Thomas was brought here by his mother. He has two brothers here. They were all found to be unmanageable by the mother. She was left without property and had to resort to keeping a boarding house. The children took the advantage of her situation and refused to go to school and would run about the street where they chose to go. They had gone so far that they would curse their mother and threaten her life. She is a very nervous person and cannot govern herself. She doubtless did the best thing for her children in placing them here. They are all pleasant boys, & mean to learn and quite as obedient as boys generally. I have every reason to hope they will all do well.

June 30th 1853.

Thomas was to day discharged by indenture to Wm. Les. H. Turner of Springfield Clark County, Ohio, to learn Daguerotyping. He has been a good boy during his stay in the institution and will probably do well.

1854 Feby 24 Returned for insolence and general misconduct, in which he indulged as he says in order to have his master return him to the Refuge, as he would only employ him in such work as gave him no knowledge of the business which he was ind. to learn.

1856 March 28 Indentured to Mr Abram Ebersole of Thompkins Hamilton Co O; to learn farming and to receive 250 ff.

No. 143

History of Wilbur F. Cornelius

Aged 11 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By his mother

Size medium Complexion florid

Appearance very pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 4 in Weight 59 lbs

Your Name? Wilbur F. Cornelius Born in Burlington Ky.

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Absolum Cornelius He was born in

Mother's maiden Name? Lucy Manning She was born in

They have mostly resided in Covington Ky. & Cin. Ohio

How have you been employed? Running about the streets

Who have been your companions? boys who lived near us

How long since you have attended school? one year always played truant

Have you ever been arrested before? no

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge July 14th 1857

Wilbur was committed by his mother. His father was an old citizen of Covington Ky. His health was very poor for several years and all the care of the children devolved on the mother. This boy showed an early propensity to associate with bad boys and run away from home. He would sometime be out all night. As the health of his father was so feeble, he bound him to an uncle in Cincinnati who did his best to keep him but Wilbur would continue to run away. He would not go to school if he could possibly avoid it. He got into the habit of taking small sums of money where he could get them. The uncle by the concent of the mother placed him here on the death of his father who died six weeks ago. I have had no difficulty with him thus far. He is pleasant and seems disposed to do right.

Mar. 29th 1852.

Wilbur was this day released to return to his mother She has mooved into the country and has got a good place for her boy.

No. 144

History of John Mc. Nulty

Aged about 16

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size small Complexion dark - black hair

Appearance rather pleasant Marks and Scars J. M. N. on arm

Height 5 ft 1 in Weight 96 lbs

Your Name? John Mc. Nulty Born in Ireland

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? John Mc. Nulty He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Alice Carrigan She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Ireland in Cincinnati 6 years

How have you been employed? Hauling lime & cement for Mr. Moore

Who have been your companions? Boys about the streets

How long since you have attended school? two years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d" Grade 3d" Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge, July 21st 1857

John was committed by the Mayor for larceny stealing $65,00 the propert of Patrick Murray. He says he has been steady at work hauling lime & cement for Messrs. Moore & Boal. About three weeks ago his horse died and he was left without employment. He ran about the street playing marbles His little brother took a purse containing this $65,00 from Mr. Murray and brought it to John. They took the money and began to spend it. John bought a suit of Clothes and the balance he spent for nuts, cakes and drink. He kept the money about four weeks and had spent all but 14 dollars. The purse was found in his clothes when he was arrested, he confessed that he took the money but says there was only about $40 in the purse. John is a very quiet industrious boy but is probably addicted to theft.

His parents are very anxious to get him out but he had better stay awhile yet.

Sept. 29th 1857

John was this day taken from the Refuge

His parents were very poor and needed his services at home. He had done so well here that the board thought it safe to try him out. He is to live with a farmer by the name of Owens in Colerain Township and can earn $10 pr. month

No. 145

History of Andrew Geo Finlay

529 Aged 12

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Township Trustees

Size very small Complexion light

Appearance effeminate Marks and Scars tumor on left eye

Height 4 ft 3½ in Weight 56 lbs

Your Name? Andrew G. Finlay Born in Niagara Canada

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Andrew Finlay He was born in Canada

Mother's maiden Name? Esther Geo She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Canada 3 years in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Going to school

Who have been your companions? My school mates

How long since you have attended school? Six months

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge July 22d 1851

This boy was committed by the Township Trustees As near as I can ascertain his father is a very bad man. He was married in Canada and had five children. He came to Cincinnati and opened a fashionable tailor shop under the Henry house. He left his family in Canada one year and sent for them to come here. When his wife came here she was utterly astonished to find he had another wife. He denied that he was married and his first wife commenced a suit for Bigamy, but she found so much trouble to prosecute it that she abandoned the attempt. Finlay has given her money from time to time to support the family. He went to California about a year ago. His wife was left entirely destitute with five small children to support. She has tried every way to keep the family together but finds she is not able to do so. She has no home and no one to care for her. The father of Finlay's second wife came here with her representing that the children were illegitimate and this a bad woman

The whole transaction shows fraud & rascality.

Nov. 21st. 1853.

Wm John Bell of Connorsville Ind.a has to-day taken Andrew from the Institution. Andrew has been indentured to Wm Bell to learn the business of farming.

1854. Feb. 16. Returned by Mr Bell on account of his partial blindness

1854. Feb. 25. Indentured to Mr George Dickson of Mt. Carmel Franklin Co. Ind. ———

No. 146

History of George Geo Finley

Aged 10 years

Committed to the House of Refuge — By the Township Trustees

Size large — Complexion dark – black eyes

Appearance very pleasant — Marks and Scars Scar on right Knee

Height 4 ft 3 in — Weight 57 lbs

Your Name? Geo. G. Finley — Born in Niagara Canada

Date of Birth I do not Know — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Andrew Finley — He was born in Canada

Mother's maiden Name? Esther Geo — She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Canada

How have you been employed? Going to School

Who have been your companions? My School mates

How long since you have attended school? Six months

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes — Entered 3d" Grade 3d" Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge July 22d 1857

This boy is a brother to Andrew No. 145 and as a matter of course his history is very much the same. He is a very smart intelligent boy of his age. They both show that they have been well instructed by their mother. They have never been allowed to run in the street, are very respectful and obedient to what is said to them and will no doubt do well.

Dec 1853 This boys mother has not visited him since she put him into the Refuge

February 25th. 1854. George was discharged by Indenture to Mr George Dickson of Mt Carmel, Franklin Co Ind. to learn farming.

May 26. 1863. George made us a visit to-day. He is a very fine appearing young man has just served out an enlistment of 18 months in the U.S. Service – got an Hon Discharge – He appears that

Mr. Dickson lived but a short time after George went with him - Mr Francis Kirk. the Son-in-law of Mr Dickson. has carried on the farm since the decease of Mr Dickson - Mr with whom George continued to live and is, in fact, now making it his home with them - although he had served his time out some two years since. George has taught School a year - and is now thinking of studying for a Physician - all the above facts are corroborated by Mr Kirk who accompanied him here this morning -

1863 Dec 14. Mr Kirk writes that George is with him yet and doing well -

No. 147. History of Andrew Mooney

Aged about 14 years

Committed To the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size Small Complexion Light

Appearance dull & uninteresting Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 8½ in Weight 77 lbs

Your Name? Andrew C. Mooney Born in Washington Co. Pa.

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Liberty Pa.

Father's Name? Jacob Mooney He was born in U. S.

Mother's maiden Name? Sarah Chapman She was born in Pa.

They have mostly resided Washington Co. Pa.

How have you been employed? Living out from one place to another

Who have been your companions? Those with whom I lived

How long since you have attended school? two years – never went much

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge July 24th 1857

This boy was sent by the Mayor for vagrancy. He states that his mother died when he was two years old and his father when he was five His grandfather took him to raise. He lived with him until he was 12 years of age. He then lived a short time in one place and a short time in another. He finally came to Parkersburg Va. and got on a Steamboat. He was without friends and Knocked about for some time and finally left the boat. He wondered about the city several days and could get nothing to do. He was advised by some one to go to the Mayor and get committed here. He appears to be a simple minded boy with but little knowledge of the world and not disposed to be a very wicked boy. He has made one attempt to escape but he showed that he was not at all shrewd.

April 22. 1853

Andrew has this day been released to the care of his uncle, Daniel Mooney, of Wheeling Virginia, who proposes to give him a collegiate education. I think the institution has improved him.

No. 148

History of Catharine Weinreiten

Aged about 12 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By a magistrate

Size medium Complexion light

Appearance very forbidding Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 7 in Weight 72 lbs

Your Name? Catharine Weinreiten Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence "

Father's Name? Mr. Weinreiten He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? Elizabeth Host She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Vicksburg Miss, in Cin'ti 6 weeks

How have you been employed? Running about the streets

Who have been your companions? little rag pickers

How long since you have attended school? Six months

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge July 24th 1851

This girl was brought here by a commitment from a magistrate setting forth that she was of vagrant habits. She says she has a step father who does not wish her to live at home. Her mother has got her several places but she always ran away. She could not be induced to go to school as she always played truant. She was in the habit of going about the streets with a gang of rag pickers and be gone all day Her mother represented to the Magistrate that she had used her utmost efforts to restrain her but without success. The girl appears to be a stubborn sullen piece that requires great decission to manage. Her appearance is not promising whether she will come out and make any thing time only will show

May 15th 1852

Catharine was this day released to go with Mrs. Whitehead with a view to be indentured. They live down the river about 12 miles.

No. 119

History of Henry Tannehill

Aged 17 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the mayor

Size small

Appearance not very prepossessing

Height 5 ft 2 in

Complexion light — white hair — blue eyes

Marks and Scars none

Weight 114 lbs

Your Name? Henry Tannehill

Date of Birth July 25th 1834

Father's Name? James Tannehill

Mother's maiden Name?

They have mostly resided St. Louis

Born in St. Louis Mo.

Former Residence St. Louis

He was born in U. S.

She was born in Georgia

How have you been employed? Making brick, driving on canal & going on the river

Who have been your companions? Kicked men & boys

How long since you have attended school? three years

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes

Entered 3d Grade 2d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge July 25th 1851

Henry was committed by the mayor for vagrancy He states that he was born in St. Louis. His father died 12 years ago and his mother six. He was left entirely without a home or any one to look out for him after the death of his mother. He went to New Orleans and stayed some time From there to St. Louis. He lived in Vicksburg awhile and from there he came to Louisville. He came to Cincinnati early last Spring. He had but three dollars when he landed his money was soon gone and he was without victuals or clothes. He got a berth on a canal boat but soon was thrown out as the boat laid up. He was so bad off that he suffered from hunger He went to work for his victuals on another boat They abused him & kicked him about so that he could not stay with them. Henry was a very hard boy I think he was the worst boy to swear that I ever heard He very soon broke himself of it and he has not sworn to my knowledge since he came here. He is now in the Shoemaker shop. He bids fair to do well and make a likely man.

July 5th 1852

Henry was this day indentured to James Hudson of Cincinnati to finish his trade of boot and shoe making. He has got a first rate place and it is to be hoped he will go on and do well. He has been a remarkably steady boy since he came here.

No. 150

History of John Singer

Aged about 14 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size Small Complexion light

Appearance pleasant German Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 8½ in Weight 79 lbs

Your Name? John Singer Born in West Indies

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Henry Singer He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? working in a bristle factory

Who have been your companions? Boys in our alley

How long since you have attended school? four years

Have you ever been arrested before? Yes once

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge July 28th 1857

This boy was sent here by the Mayor for vagrancy at the request of his mother. His father died two years ago of Cholera. He left a family of 7 children without means of support. John would not mind his mother but loafed about the streets. He got into the company of a gang of boys who followed picking rags and stealing, and as a matter of course the boy got to stealing. He was sent to jail where he stayed some time. He went to work after he was released in a bristle factory, but they got out of work and John was idle again. He would run away from home and be gone a week at a time says he slept in Stables Sheds &c. and took things in market to live upon. His mother saw no hope but that he would go to ruin so she sent him here. He is quiet, industrious and pleasant here and says he is contented to stay with us.

July 7th 1852

John was this day taken by Mr. Antoinette Wettenkia to learn the Shoemaking business. He has never given us much trouble although I do not consider him a very good boy

No. 157

History of Adelaid McKinly

Aged 15 years 5 months and 10 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size medium Complexion florid with blue eyes

Appearance rather pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 11 in Weight 92 lbs

Your Name? Adelaid McKinly Born in Marietta Ohio

Date of Birth Mar 12th 1836 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Jackson West He was born in Lexington Ky.

Mother's maiden Name? Margaret Hubbard She was born in Pennsylvania

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? living out at different places

Who have been your companions? Bad girls & boys for some time.

How long since you have attended school? two years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3rd Grade 3rd Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge July 30th 1851

Adelaid was committed by the mayor for vagrancy. She lived in Cincinnati until last year. She went to Indiana to live with her mother and step father. She stayed a few months and returned to live again with her married Sister.

She says her step father did not use her well. While at her Sister's she became acquainted with a girl by the name of Mary Robbins who came in here with her. They became discontented and went to board at a Mrs. Jones on College St. They had made up a plan to act on the Stage. It is uncertain from their own testimony which is the master Spirit as Adelaid accuses Mary of coaxing her away and Mary accuses Adelaid. They have become associated with some of the theatre characters and as a matter of course they were soon corrupted. Adelaid became the Mistress of a young fellow by the name of Young, and had just begun to run the streets. She is a girl of determined Spirit and will no doubt give the Matron

much trouble She has probably just commenced her career of vice and it is very uncertain whether all the advice and discipline of the Refuge will save her

March 14th 1853.

This dates the release of Adelaid from the institution

No. 152

History of Mary Robbins

Aged 15 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size small Complexion very dark

Appearance forbidding Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 1 in Weight 95 lbs

Your Name? Mary Robbins Born in Cleavland

Date of Birth Do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Francis Dalla He was born in Mexico

Mother's maiden Name? Mary Babcock She was born in Do not Know

They have mostly resided in Cleavland Jeffersonville & Cincinnati

How have you been employed? living out as a servant

Who have been your companions? Bad men and girls

How long since you have attended school? three years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge July 30th '57

This girl was the associate of Adelaide (No. 151)
She says her mother died two years ago. Since that
she has had no one to look after her or take any
care of her. She lived out in different families as
a nurse to childrens She says she got into the
habit of going to Wood's Museum and the
American Theatre where she formed very improp
er associations. She commenced a life of licen=
tiousness and vice that was fast hurrying her
to ruin. Neither she nor Adelaid had yet become inmates
of a house of ill fame but young as they were
they had fully made up their minds to throw
themselves away. They had left their homes and
commenced Boarding at a house on College St,
but both of them affirm that it was a respectable
place. They had only stayed one week when by some
means their condition was made known
to the police and they were sent here.
They are both about as hopeless cases as
we have in the house as they do not have
the least desire to reform and are very
much incensed because they were brought
here. They have not the least regard for
truth and will probably give us trouble.

Nov. 30th 1852

Mary was this day permitted to return and live with her Step father who made affidavit that she was over 18 years of age. She is a bad girl and will probably go to destruction

No. 153

History of Mary Wise

Aged about 8 years

Committed To the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size very small Complexion light

Appearance rather interesting Marks and Scars none

Height 3 ft 11 in Weight 47 lbs

Your Name? Mary Wise Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence "

Father's Name? John Wise He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided Germany

How have you been employed? Living with my mother

Who have been your companions? I do not Know

How long since you have attended school? Six months

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 1st Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge July 31st/57

This little girl was brought here because she had no home. She is German and talks English very imperfectly. I am unable to learn much about her. She is a very interesting little child and will probably do well

Apr. 23d 1852

Mary proved a very pleasant child became a favorite with the matron and others. She was this day indentured to Mr. Holt a respectable lawyer of the city who has his residence about 5 miles down the River

No. 1541

History of John F. Jackson

Aged 15 years & 11 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By his mother through the mayor

Size rather small Complexion light

Appearance pleasant Marks and Scars cut on right leg

Height 4 ft 10½ in Weight 87 lbs

Your Name? John F. Jackson Born in New York city

Date of Birth Aug 20th 1836 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? William Jackson He was born in Philadelphia

Mother's maiden Name? Catharine R. Dunn She was born in N. Y.

They have mostly resided in Hamilton Co. near Chicot

How have you been employed? Driving on the Canal

Who have been your companions? bad boys & men

How long since you have attended school? three years

Have you ever been arrested before? no

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Aug. 1st 1851

John was committed by the mayor at the earnest request of his mother. His father has been dead several years. He was a respectable farmer near Chicot. Two years ago his mother moved to the city. Very soon then boy got into bad company. He would loiter around Coffee houses Livery Stables &c and would be gone sometimes two or three days. He finally left home entirely and went to driving on the Canal. He was several times guilty of taking that which did not belong to him and his mother had every reason to fear that he was on the road to the Penetentiary. The family are highly respectable and disliked the idea of sending him here, but they finally concluded that it was their only hope for him.
He says he is glad he is here as he would have been ruined had he continued driving on the Canal

Apr. 16th 1852

John was this day released to go with a brother in law who designes to take him into Ia

Stone a short time until he is indentured

Jan. 3th 1853

John was this day returned to the refuge. He was about just as usual and would not mind what was said to him.

December 7th 1853.

Discharged to Mr
to learn the business of

Wm R St. Clair of
Farming; discharged by Indenture.

1860 March 26. Mr. St-Clair called to day to get another boy. He states that John some time ago was permitted to visit his friends in Cin — was attacked and died with the Cholera —

No. 135 See 292 History of Michael Sullivan

Aged 7 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size Small Complexion florid

Appearance not prepossessing Marks and Scars none

Height 3 ft 9 in Weight 45 lbs

Your Name? Michael Sullivan Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence "

Father's Name? Daniel Sullivan He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Ireland

How have you been employed? running about the Streets

Who have been your companions? boys who steal old copper

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d ~~Grade~~ ~~1st~~ Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Aug. 1st 1857

This little boy was committed by the Mayor for ~~Larceny~~. He has been running about with other boys stealing copper brass &c. He is so young that I can find out but little about him or his parents. He and another boy went into a Shoe Store and took several pairs of shoes. They were seen by the Shop Keeper and pursued. They dropped the shoes and ran away this boy was taken but the other boy escaped. The parents of Michael are very anxious to get him out but he is probably better off here than at home

Dec. 5th 1857

Michael was this day released to return to his parents. They manifested great anxiety about the matter and as they were strongly recommended by several influential persons the board thought best to let him go

See No. 292

May 31, 1852 Recommitted for Petit Larceny
by the Mayor—

May 26, 1854 Discharged to care of his father.

No. 136

History of Elizabeth Gregg

Aged 13 years and 6 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size medium Complexion rather dark with blue eyes

Appearance pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 7½ in Weight 77 lbs

Your Name? Elizabeth Gregg Born in Kentucky

Date of Birth Aug. 29th 1838 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Augustus Gregg He was born in Ky.

Mother's maiden Name? Susan Kirby She was born in Virginia

They have mostly resided in Ky. Lived in Cincinnati 6 years

How have you been employed? lived with my mother until two years ago

Who have been your companions? girls in the neighborhood

How long since you have attended school? six months was with the Sisters of Charity

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Aug. 8th 1851

Elizabeth is the 4th of the same family whom we have at the Institution. The mother died with the cholera a few weeks ago and left the whole family destitute. The oldest sister is a girl of bad character living at a house of ill fame. The city Marshal knew the circumstances of the family and thought it best under all the circumstances to have all the rest of the children sent to this place to prevent the influence of the Sister from leading them to ruin. She came very near destroying an older sister and would doubtless have so corrupted Elizabeth that would have become abandoned and gone to destruction.

Apr. 19th 1852

Elizabeth was this day indentured to Mr. Hughs of Indiana. She was recommended by J. D. Jones as being a very suitable person to take charge of her. She was a general favorite here among the girls and matrons.

No. 137

History of Ellen Sitton

Aged 15 years 1 month & 9 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size medium Complexion dark

Appearance very forbidding Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 0 in Weight 113 lbs

Your Name? Ellen Sitton Born in Nashville Tenn.

Date of Birth Aug. 30th 1836 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Thomas Sitton He was born in Virginia

Mother's maiden Name? Louvina Angler She was born in Nashville Tenn.

They have mostly resided Nashville Tenn

How have you been employed? living in a house of ill fame

Who have been your companions? Bad men and women

How long since you have attended school? Six months

Have you ever been arrested before? Yes

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 2d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Aug 4, 1851

This girl was sent here by the Mayor for vagrancy. She states that her father is a Physician in Nashville Tenn and that she has been a very naughty girl for some time. She ran away from home in the night when only 10 years of age and was brought home by a watchman. She says when her mother punished her she always ran away. About 4 months ago she ran away from Nashville with an aunt who is a prostitute. While on the boat she was seduced by one of the hands on the ~~boat~~. She came to Cincinnati in a wretched condition and went to live in a house of ill fame on Columbia St. She was so young her condition excited the attention of a fellow who visited the house and he had her sent out here. Ellen seem to be deficient in good common sense She is evidently a very bad girl and the probability is that she had not told me the truth about herself. She is about as low in the scale of humanity as any girl we have here.

Jan. 6th 1852

Ellen tried to make her escape but was detected.

1853 Apr 18. Discharged to care of her Brother

No. 158

History of William Clinch

Aged 11 years 10 months and 4 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size Small Complexion light

Appearance Irish Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 3½ in Weight 63 lbs

Your Name? William Clinch Born in Louisville Ia.

Date of Birth Oct. 19th 1839 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? William Clinch He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Mary Hannegan She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Indiana

How have you been employed? Working in a tobacco factory

Who have been your companions? boys in the streets

How long since you have attended school? three years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes. Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Aug. 1851

William was committed by the mayor for vagrancy The officer stated that they were objects of pity when he took them to the Mayor's office Their mother was one of the worst kind of drunkards and her children were almost naked and entirely without food. They were huddled together in a shanty on Water St. The neighbors say that the mother is frequently intoxicated for a week at a time. She goes on the river and leaves these children at home without food. They were compelled to beg and probably steal. Surely a House of Refuge will prove a blessing to those placed in the circumstances of these children.

Aug. 13. 1853.

William, as a reward of his good obiduct, was to day discharged by indenture, to the custody of Mr. Richard Kirkland of Eaton Preble County.

No. 139

History of Peter Clinch

Aged 7 years two month & 18 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size Small Complexion light

Appearance not pleasant Marks and Scars Cross eyed

Height 3 ft 10 in Weight 50 lbs

Your Name? Peter Clinch Born in Gonersville Pa

Date of Birth June 17th 1844 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? William Clinch He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Mary Hannegan She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Indiana

How have you been employed? never did any thing

Who have been your companions? my brother

How long since you have attended school? never went to school

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

Aug 10: 1851

As Peter is a brother to Wm. No. 138 his history is very much the same. He is small boy and has the appearance of having been kicked and cuffed about until what little sense he might have had is nearly gone.
They both show the awful effects of intemperance

Aug 13th 1853.

Peter was to-day indentured to William H. Potter of West Alexandria Preble County Ohio. Peter has been a good boy since his introduction to our Institution

1861 Aug. 1 – William writes that he is still with Mr Potter and is well satisfied with his home –

1862 Jany 18 – William writes encouragingly from Mr Potter –

1864 Sept. – Mr Potter writes that Peter is well and doing well

" July 1st Peter writes that he is well has joined the Church – in fact writes very encouragingly ——

No. 160

History of Fanny Connor

Aged 12 years 6 months and 3 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size large Complexion light

Appearance not very prepossessing Marks and Scars bad mark on left arm from Scrofula

Height 4 ft 8 in Weight 46 lbs

Your Name? Fanny Connor Born in Ireland

Date of Birth March 6th 1839 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Edward Connor He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Fanny McMullen She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Ireland three years in this country

How have you been employed? living out two month in the Hospital one year

Who have been your companions? Persons in the Hospital

How long since you have attended school? never went to school

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 2d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge May. 15th/57

This girl was committed by the Mayor for vagrancy. She came with her parents from Ireland about three years ago. She says they were formerly in good circumstances but the crops failed and they concluded to emigrate to Cincinnati They stayed about a year and the father concluded to go to Missouri and purchase a farm. While he was gone Fanny was taken with two very bad fellons one on each hand. The mother did not take as good care of her as she might and a friend of the family took Fanny to the Hospital. She was there about a year when it was found necessary to have both fingers taken off. When nearly well she was taken with Small pox and lived at the Pest house for some time. She went from there to live with a lady on 5th St. Her parents had emigrated to Missouri without enquiring for her and she was thus left destitute of friends. Some who knew her circumstances fearing she was likely to be ruined by exposure to the society of improper young men thought it best to have her sent here

July 22nd 1852

Fanny was this day taken by M. Sweenwood into his family. She is steady and will probably do well

No. 161

History of John Lazun

Aged between 10 & 12

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size medium Complexion dark Italian

Appearance pleasant Marks and Scars none except a bent thumb

Height 4 ft 2 in Weight 60 lbs

Your Name? John Lazun Born in Italy

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Philadelphia

Father's Name? Basida Lazun He was born in Italy

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Italy

How have you been employed? Begging through the Streets

Who have been your companions? A man who brought me to Cincinnati.

How long since you have attended school? Never went to School

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Aug. 17th 1857

This little boy was committed by the Mayor for vagrancy. He is an Italian and talks but little English. As near as can learn he came from Italy to Philadelphia about one year ago with his mother. His father had probably separated from his mother as the boy says his father took another woman. The mother died eight months ago and left this boy without money or friends. An Italian beggar took him and brought him to Louisville Here by some means they became separated and this boy was again destitute of friends He wandered about Louisville, Jeffersonville & New Albany a few days and got on the Mail boat and came to Cincinnati He was found wandering about the streets in the night and was sent here for a home. He appears to be a bright boy and will probably do well

1853 March 10 - Discharged on Indentured to
David Geeling of Preble Co O. to learn
farming -

No. 162

History of Francis Seibert

Aged 11 years 5 months

Committed to the House of Refuge By a magistrate

Size large full Complexion florid

Appearance pleasant with an open Countenance Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 5 in Weight 66 lbs

Your Name? Francis Seibert Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth April 15th 1840 Former Residence "

Father's Name? Francis Seibert He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Running about the Streets doing nothing

Who have been your companions? Boys in the streets

How long since you have attended school? one year always played truant

Have you ever been arrested before? No,

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No, Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Aug. 18th 1851.

This boy was committed by a magistrate for Larceny. He states that his mother died three years ago of cholera His father is a drinking man and was in the habit of beating him, while drunk. He would run away and be gone several days at a time. His father would find him and bring him back again. His father wished him to go to the Catholic German school but he wished to go to the English school. The result was that he did not attend any. He becam associated with other bad boys and as might have been expected they got to stealing. He was taken before a magistrate on charge of Larceny and committed here. He is an interesting child & I am inclined to think will do well The abuse of his father has doubtless made him what he is.

March 31st 1853.

Francis has this day been indentured to Bolace W. Whipple I think he will do well if not otherwise influenced by Chas. Green who is bound to the same man.

April 11th 1893 Mr Seibert Called here to day, said he left here just 40 years ago to day, He appears like a good substantial intelligent man, well dressed and appeared well

No. 163

History of Edward B. Wheeler

Aged 13 years 6 months & 22 days

Committed to the House of Refuge — By his mother

Size Small — Complexion very light

Appearance cunning with a peculiar look — Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 7 in — Weight 69 lbs

Your Name? Edward B. Wheeler — Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth April 23d 1838 — Former Residence White water, (shaken village)

Father's Name? John Wheeler — He was born in Does not Know

Mother's maiden Name? Mary A. Watson — She was born in Va.

They have mostly resided Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Running about from one place to another

Who have been your companions? Been living among the Shakers the last year

How long since you have attended school? Two years

Have you ever been arrested before? yes once

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No — Entered 3d Grade 1st Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Aug. 19th 1851

Edward was committed by his Mother She has lived in Cincinnati until two years ago She went to join the Shakers. She took the boy with her but he soon ran away and came back to the city. He loafed about here awhile and went to New Orleans He was gone from home about one year. Says he sometimes lived by begging & stealing and sometimes lived among the Planters. He returned to his mother and the Shakers say they tried to induce him to stay with them but the moment they would undertake to correct him he would run away and come to the city again. They took him back three or four times. He was in the city the last time some six weeks. He got his living by running about among the boats, begging or stealing. He slept in an old stable His mother hearing where he was had him taken and brought here. He shows a disposition to be shrewd disobedient & troublesom

June 14: 1854. Released to the care of the Shakers of Whitewater Village.

No. 164

History of John C. Mc Kinny

Aged about 8 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By a Magistrate

Size small, Complexion florid with red hair

Appearance roguish & downcast Marks and Scars none

Height 3 ft 9 in Weight 52 lbs

Born January 18th 1843

Your Name? John C. Mc Kinny Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence "

Father's Name? Charles Mc Kinny He was born in France

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in U. S.

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? running about the streets

Who have been your companions? little boys about our alley

How long since you have attended school? never went to School

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Aug. 20th 1855

This little boy was committed by a magistrate for vagrancy. He is so young I can find out but little about him. He says his father is a Frenchman & his mother an American and that his mother put him here because he would run away but the indictment charges that Rosanna Hoover is his Guardian and that he was totally unmanageable. He is a singular child. I can hardly get him to speak about himself or his friends. He acknowledges he has taken money and other things and that he run about the streets. From what I can learn he is a very bad boy and will probably give us trouble

August 6: 1855 Johns Mother Mrs Rosanna visited him to day bringing a card which shows she was last here Oct. 20: 1853. She lives, "sometimes in one place sometimes in another, now on 6th below Freeman in a kind of an out of the way place". Her husbands name is Charles Soqual, an engineer. She has been married to him about 3 years. She has a child Mary Teresa aged 10 years sister to John and a child about 1 year old by her present husband.

John has an Uncle Moses Abel living 5 miles beyond Hamilton who perhaps will desire to have John live with him if he becomes a good boy.

1859 Oct. 26- John Died this morning at about 4 o'clock, of apoplexy, having been attacked yesterday morning, about 1. o'clock- John had recently had an attack of the Dropsy- had apparently recovered from that & was in the Shop day before yesterday at work. Seeming very Cheerful - As a general thing he has been very healthy during the past three years.

He was buried this afternoon, at Wesleyan Cemetery at Cumminysville, in Grave 29- 15th Range North Ground- Both yesterday & to day exertions were made to find his mother, but we were unable to find her whereabouts.

29th Grave
15th Range
of Adults
North Ground
Wesleyan Cemetery
Cumminsville
Ohio

No. 165

History of Wilkinson B Allen

Aged 12 years 6 months & 10 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size medium Complexion rather dark

Appearance wild & uncouth Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 5½ in Weight 75 lbs

Your Name? Wilkinson B. Allen Born in I do not Know

Date of Birth Mar. 9th 1839 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Thomas Allen He was born in Penn.

Mother's maiden Name? Elizabeth Mullkin She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Selling chickens in market that my father stole

Who have been your companions? Boys in the Streets

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Aug. 27th 1851

This boy was committed by the Mayor for Larceny His father is a drunken vagabond who ran away from his wife & family and took a Strumpet to live with. He kept this boy with him. The father has been in the Habit of Stealing for the last three years. He owns a horse & wagon and goes into the country every night and gets chickens and early in the morning the old woman and this boy sells them. He also takes saddles & harness when he can lay his hands on them. The boy says he did not go with his father often, but knew the chickens were stolen. Says he frequently took things in market He has not been so bad a boy as we might have expected since he has been here. He is very willing to work and may do well if we can keep him a sufficient length of time

March 16th 1853.

Wilkinson was this day indentured to Mr. Hugh Garret who is doubtless a good man. He resides at Mount Carmel Franklin County Ind.a. From the character that Wilkinson established during his stay in the institution it is confidently anticipa

that he will do well.

No. 166

History of George Watts

Aged about 15 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size medium Complexion florid — blue eyes

Appearance rather pleasant Marks and Scars Dots of ink on left hand

Height 5 ft 4 in Weight 108 lbs

Your Name? Geo. Watts Born in Philadelphia

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Pittsburg

Father's Name? Thomas H. Watts He was born in U. S.

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in " "

They have mostly resided Philadelphia

How have you been employed? Going about for the last six months

Who have been your companions? Such people as I found on steamboats

How long since you have attended school? two years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3rd Grade 3rd " Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Aug 29. 1857

Geo. was committed for vagrancy. He states that his father formerly carried on a large business in Philadelphia. About two years ago he moved to Cincinnati and soon took to drink He ~~soon~~ became reduced in circumstances and moved to Pittsburg. This boy only stayed with them two weeks when he left to come back to this city. He got on to a boat but as he had no money they put him ashore at the mouth of Big Sandy. He lived with several men about that vicinity for six months until his clothes were nearly worn out. He got on to a flat boat and came to Cincinnati Here he found his acquaintances moved away and he was without friends. He got a chance to drive on the canal but soon took the fever and ague and was obliged to stop As he was entirely destitute he was sent here He does not appear to be a very bad boy says he has been honest but has been in the habit of getting intoxicated

June 24th 1852

Geo. was this day released to return to his friends His father has become a member of the Sons of Temperance and appeans to be doing well. It depends entirely upon the company Geo. is thrown into whether he does well.

No. 167

History of Elmira Saunders

Aged about 16 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the mayor

Size medium Complexion florid

Appearance pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 1 in Weight 132 lbs

Your Name? Elmira Saunders Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth Former Residence " "

Father's Name? Samuel Sanders He was born in I do not Know

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in " " "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Working in diffenent families

Who have been your companions? Such girls as work in house

How long since you have attended school? one year never went much

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d " Grade 3d " Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Aug. 30th 1851

This girl was committed by the Mayor for vagrancy She says her mother died when she was six years of age and her father soon after left her to the charities of the world. She lived about at diffenent places until an older sister was married. She then went to live with her in the country. Says her brother in law got intoxicated and beat her and she left and came to the city again. She went to live with several families but she knew but little about work She did not stay long in a place She finally was entirely without a home and by the advice of a woman went to the Mayor's office and requested to be sent here She has been here several weeks and seems to be a pleasant girl Says she is well satisfied with her home and expresses a determination to be a good girl

1854. February 10th. Elmira was this day discharged; she being 18 years of age. She went to perform house work with Mr. Harris of Cincinnati.

No. 168 History of Geo. W. Richards

Aged 9 years 8 months and 11 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By his mother

Size rather small Complexion light

Appearance rather pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 1 in Weight 60 lbs

Your Name? Geo. W. Richards Born in Penn.

Date of Birth Aug. 30th 1842 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? W. Richards He was born in I do not know

Mother's maiden Name? I do not know She was born in " " " "

They have mostly resided Cincinnati

How have you been employed? running about the streets playing truant

Who have been your companions? boys who are thieves

How long since you have attended school? about three months always played truant

Have you ever been arrested before? no

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d " Grade 3d " Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Aug. 30th 1853

This boy was brought here by his mother who states that she has been unable to control him for some time. She would send him to school but if he got the least opportunity he would run away and associate with the worst boys in the city. He was easily persuaded to do wrong and says he was fregently persuaded to slip into groceries and other places and take apples, candy money or any thing else he could lay his hands upon. He would divide with older boys and they in turn would teach him how to escape detection. He got into the habit of staying out nights. At last the neighbors interfered insisted upon the mother sending the boy to the refuge. When he came here he had as little idea of obedience as any boy I ever saw. He has now become quite an obedient pleasant boy.

Aug. 26. 1853.

George to-day was discharged to the care of his parents. It is to be hoped that he may continue to be a good boy.

No. 169

History of Geo E. Fox

Aged 9 years 3 months

Committed to the House of Refuge By A magistrate

Size very small Complexion light

Appearance sickly Marks and Scars none

Height 3 ft 10½ in Weight 47 lbs

Your Name? Geo. E. Fox Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth Aug. 6th 1842 Former Residence "

Father's Name? Silas Fox He was born in I do not Know

Mother's maiden Name? Hannah Enos She was born in " " " "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? living with my uncle

Who have been your companions? Boys at school

How long since you have attended school? three months was in the habit of playing tru

Have you ever been arrested before? no

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 1st Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Aug 31st 1852

Geo. was committed by a magistrate on complaint of his uncle who has had the care of him since his father died. He charges him with a disposition to take that which does not belong to him Says he has taken money from him several times The little fellow has been an orphan for the last four years and the probability is that his education and moral training has been neglected. But it does not seem possible that one so young could not have been managed without the necessity of sending him here.

July 15th 1852

Geo. was this day taken by an uncle to Shelbyville Shelby Co. Ia

No. 170 See 581 History of George K Marshal

Aged about 12 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By a magistrate

Size medium Complexion florid blue eyes

Appearance very pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 8 in Weight 80 lbs

Your Name? Geo. Marshal Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth Do not Know Former Residence "

Father's Name? John Marshall, He was born in Hamilton Co.

Mother's maiden Name? Letetia Paine She was born in " "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? A short time at brush making

Who have been your companions? Boys in the Streets

How long since you have attended school? One year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Sept. 2d 1851

This boy was committed by a magistrate charged with stealing a breastpin worth $4.00.
He says his father is a drunkard and quarrels with his step mother. He left his family a few weeks before Geo. came here and went to St. Louis with the intention of getting work while he was gone his step mother put Geo. here It was a very wrong act on her part as there is no evidence that he stole or is a bad boy She probably wished to be relieved of his support.

Dec. 9th 1851

Geo. was this day released by the board to go with his father. He states that he returned from St. Louis in a few days from the time he left and found his boy gone. The step mother said he had run away and gone on the river. He searched every place to find him but did not learn that he was here until about a week ago. The case was so evident a fraud on the part of the step mother that I advised the release of the boy

1854 June 10 Committed by Police Court for Vagrancy & Disorderly Conduct.

1855 March 26 Discharged to his mother by Bd. of Directors.

No. 171

History of Peter Long

Aged 10 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size large Complexion light florid

Appearance not prepossessing Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 4½ in Weight 70 lbs

Your Name? Peter Long Born in Germany

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Jacob Long He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Germany 4 years in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Peddling matches & stealing

Who have been your companions? boys in the Streets

How long since you have attended school? Six months.

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d " Grade 4th " Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Sept. 6th 1851

This boy was committed by the Mayor for Larceny
He says his father has been dead 10 years.
His mother came to Cincinnati 4 years ago
and married a man by the name of Kelley
They were very poor and picked up a scanty
subsistence by selling matches. Peter soon became
associated with other match boys who were in the
habit of stealing. They would take small articles
when they could get an opportunity. He went into
a store with one of his companions under the pretense
of buying Knives to sell again and while the other
boy was making the trade he slipped two or
three doz. into his basket. They were both caught
and sent to the refuge.

Oct. 18th 1852

Peter this day returned to his friends He
has a very severe attack of Typhus fever
It was not thought he would live for several
weeks but he so far recovered that his
friends took him home.

No. 172

History of William Goodling

Aged 13 years 1 month

Committed To the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size medium Complexion light

Appearance rather pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 9 in Weight 86 lbs

Your Name? William Goodling Born in Germany

Date of Birth Aug. 6th 1838 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Peter Goodling He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided Germany in Cincinnati 2 years

How have you been employed? Selling matches

Who have been your companions? Boys in the Streets

How long since you have attended school? Two years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3rd Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Sept. 6th/57

This boy was committed by the Mayor on charge of Larceny. He was in company with Peter Long (Not 171) when they stole the Knives. Wm. has no doubt been in the habit of stealing for some time. His parents are poor and degraded and probably encouraged him to steal.

Oct. 31st 1857

Wm. was this day released on bail granted by Judge Laffin

No. 113

History of Martha Malone

Aged about 15 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size rather large Complexion light

Appearance rather pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 1 in Weight 125 lbs

Your Name? Martha Malone Born in in Kentucky

Date of Birth I do not know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? John Malone He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Mary Hall She was born in Kentucky

They have mostly resided Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Nooning out

Who have been your companions? Living most of the time with thieves

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Sept. 9th 1857

This girl was committed by the Township Trustees. Her father was a very intemperate man He died 5 years ago of Consumption. Her mother died three years ago Her older sister lives with a noted thief in a state of prostitution. This girl and her two sistens had no other home but with them. They were associated with some of the worst thieves in the city. Her brother has been in the Kentucky Penetentiary for Stealing Martha as might have been expected with such an example before her, soon began to steal and run about the Streets. She lived with several of the gang Burglars until She attracted the attention of the day police. Some persons acquainted with her circumstances recommended her to the notice of the Township Trustees and She was placed here. She is rather modest in her appearance Still and reserved so that it is very difficult to tell how depraved She is.

April 8th 1858.

Martha's discharge by indenture to Mr. Nathan Morgan took place to-day. She was released on the score of correct deportment as is invariably the case in this institution.

August 10th 1853.

Martha Sears to-day voluntarily returned to the Refuge. She had left her place.

February 11th 1854. Martha; being over 18 years of age, was to-day discharged. She goes to live with Mr John Edwards of Cincinnati O; to do house-work.

No. 171

History of Mary Malone

Aged about 15

Committed To the House of Refuge By the Township Trustees

Size Medium Complexion light

Appearance very pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 11 in Weight 109 lbs

Your Name? Mary Malone Born in in Kentucky

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? John Malone He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Mary Hall She was born in Kentucky

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? living in different families as nurse

Who have been your companions? My home has been among thieves

How long since you have attended school? two years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3 Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Sept. 9th 1857

Mary is a twin sister to Martha No. 173 and her history is very similar. They have both been kicked about from one place to another. and it is a wonder that they are not more depraved.
They say that the man who lives with their sister has tried to ruin their character by inducing them to associate with thieves and reporting that they frequently went to houses of ill fame. They both positively declare that although they have stolen fruit and trinkets they have not been guilty of connexion with men. It was no doubt a prudent course to send them here as they would soon have become thieves and prostitutes. Their appearance and deportment is in their favor of becoming respectable girls

Feb. 19th 1858

Mary was this day indentured to James H. Price of Richmond Ia. She has been a quiet girl and will probably do well.

Sept. 11. 1853.

To-day Mary attended church in our institution, and as it was known that she had run away from the man to whom she was indentured, she was detained to serve another apprentice ship with us. It is not presumed that she will be much improved by the detention, but perhaps it will serve to deter others from thinking that they can leave those to whom they are bound with impunity.

N. P. G.

February 10th. 1854. Mary, being 18 years of age, was to day discharged. She goes to live with Mr Gregory, near Olivet, O. to do housework.

No. 173

History of Lewis Meyers

Committed — By

Size — Complexion

Appearance — Marks and Scars

Height ft in — Weight lbs

Your Name ? — Born in

Date of Birth — Former Residence

Father's Name ? — He was born in

Mother's maiden Name ? — She was born in

They have mostly resided

How have you been employed ?

Who have been your companions ?

How long since you have attended school ?

Have you ever been arrested before ?

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School ? — Entered Grade Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Sept. 13th/57

This boy was committed by a magistrate for Larceny. Stealing lumber of the value of $10.00. He was only here one week when he was bailed out.

No. 176

History of Anthony Brightman

Re Committed Feby 27-1858 - Petit Larceny — By Police Court

Size Large

Appearance ugainly - unprepossessing

Height 5 ft 6 in S — Complexion

Marks and Scars

Weight 115 lbs

Your Name? Anthony Brightman — Born in New-Orleans

Date of Birth March 27-1840 — Former Residence Cincinnati 18 years -

Father's Name? Louis Brightman — He was born in Europe

Mother's maiden Name? Christina Hemf dec — She was born in "

They have mostly resided 18 years in Cin

How have you been employed? Cotton, Glue, Screw Factory & Rope walk

Who have been your companions? Boys that run around -

How long since you have attended school? Never went to School but 2 months

Have you ever been arrested before? Once

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Sir — Entered 3 Grade 1 Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Sept. 13th /58

This boy was committed by a magistrate for Larceny As he was only here one day when he was hailed out I Know but little about him.

1858 Feby 27 - Anthony was recommitted by the Police Court for Petit Larceny -

1859 Apr 30 - Anthony was this day discharged to the care of himself - He has done very well since he has been in the House, having risen from Badge three to the "Grand of Honor" -

He goes out on certains conditions, for which See Commitment 176

It has since the above date come to the Superintendents knowledge, that this boy has become a Vagabond -

No. 177

History of Joseph Gasser

Aged about 13 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size rather small Complexion light

Appearance not prepossessing Marks and Scars badly scarred by small pox

Height 4 ft 4½ in Weight 73 lbs

Your Name? Joseph Gasser Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence "

Father's Name? Joseph Gasser He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in Germany

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Picking rags & Stealing old copper &c

Who have been your companions? Thieves & bad boys

How long since you have attended school? Two years

Have you ever been arrested before? Yes

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No. Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Sept. 15th 1854

Joseph was committed by the Mayor for vagrancy He states that his father is dead and he has a drunken step father. He has been running about the streets for some time associated with a set of boys who gather rags part of the time and steal whenever they could get an opportunity. He was once arrested by the Police for stealing old Copper Says he stole all the wood his family used from board yards. He has stolen money Shoes and other articles He is a bad boy, totally neglected and disposed to do wrong It will take a long course of training to effect a reformation

March 15th 1854. Joseph was indentured to Mr Andrew Small; of Miamisburgh Montgomery Co. O. to learn Farming

No. 178

History of Henry L. Baldwin

Aged 12 years 8 months & 5 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By his father

Size small Complexion florid blue eyes

Appearance sprightly Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 5 in Weight 67 lbs

Your Name? Henry L. Baldwin Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth April 1st 1839 Former Residence "

Father's Name? Moses Baldwin He was born in I do not Know

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in " " " "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Working in a tobacco Shop

Who have been your companions? Bad boys who were guilty of stealing

How long since you have attended school? One year always played truant

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Sept. 17th/51

This boy was committed by his father who appears to be a respectable man. He states that his boy has become associated with a set of very bad boys who enticed him to leave home nights. and stay about engine houses, theatres, & other places. Henry as a matter of course soon began to steal. He took small amounts of money and articles which he could sell from home at first then he stole from other persons. Before he was brought here he took a pocket book from his brother with $350 in it He threw the pocket book into the river and spent the money with his associates for cakes, candy &c.

July 8th 1852

Henry was this day released on an order from the board. To return to the care of his father. I do not consider him reformed and he may give his friends trouble

No. 179

History of Laura Wilbur

Aged 18 years 7 months

Committed to the House of Refuge By her own request

Size large Complexion light

Appearance not prepossessing Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 3½ in Weight 129 lbs

Your Name? Laura Needham alias Wilbur Born in Albany N. Y.

Date of Birth May 1st 1833 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? I do not Know He was born in I do not Know where

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in I do not Know where

They have mostly resided I never Knew any thing about them

How have you been employed? Always working out in families

Who have been your companions? Respectable people until last Spring

How long since you have attended school? Never went to school

Have you ever been arrested before? Yes once

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Sept 18th 1847

Laura was committed to jail on charge of Larceny being too old to come to the Refuge She excited the sympathy of the officers who sent for M. Greenwood one of the Directors to induce her to come voluntarily She did so after the nature of the Institution was explained to her She says she was an orphan placed in the Asylum at Albany before she could remember. She never Knew or saw her father or mother. She was bound out when only six years of age. Says she was used badly so badly that she wished she was dead She took Arsenic when she was 8 years old but was found out and the poison removed by an emetic. At 12 She ran away and went to Mobile with a lady as a nurse She lived about a year in New Orleans and went to St. Louis. here she remained two years as a servant girl in a boarding house She became acquainted with a widower by the name of Needham and Married him He proved to be a drunkard abused her and his children by his first wife therefore she left him after she had lived with him about 4 months. She came to Cincinnati and went out as a servant again. Last winter she was taken with inflamatory Rheumatism and went to the Hospital

where she remained until last May. On her discharge she again went out to service but found she was unable to work She says she felt as though she had not a friend in the world and wished she was dead. She fell in with some girls of bad character who induced her to go with them to a house of ill fame over the canal. She lived in several different houses of this kind for about 5 months. Says she was in the habit of stealing money from men who visited her. She became very tired of this course of life and went to live in a respectable family. The woman missed some money and had her arrested for stealing. Laura affirms most positively that she is not guilty. She says she wishes to remain here until she can get a good place in the country where she can avoid all her former associates and lead a different life.

Feb. 16th 1852

Laura was this day hired by the institution at $1,00 pr week as she was too old for us to have any legal claims upon her she continues to do well

Oct. 20th 1852

Laura this day left the refuge as a nurse in the family of A. G. Tyler. She has always done well until she got into some difficulty in a rebelion among the girls. Her situation was a hard one here and it was thought best for her to leave

No. 180

History of Nathan Goldsmith

Aged about 12 years

Committed To the House of Refuge — By the Mayor

Size Small — Complexion Light

Appearance very modest — Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 8 in — Weight 74 lbs

Your Name? Nathan Goldsmith — Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth I do not Know — Former Residence "

Father's Name? Nathan Goldsmith — He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know — She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Living with my uncle going to school

Who have been your companions? Boys in the Street

How long since you have attended school? three months

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No — Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Sept. 19th 1851

Nathan was committed by the Mayor on charge of vagrancy. He was brought here by his uncle and guardian who represented him as a very unsteady boy. They stated he would not go to school but would lie out nights and they were afraid he was in the habit of stealing. The boy states that he was not used well where he lived and for that reason ran away. His father has been dead some years. He was a long time a Priest in the Jewish Synagogue, when he died his children were scattered into different families

Dec. 1st 1851

Nathan was released by order of the board. His uncle found his mother was dissatisfied to have him here and at her earnest request he was released in condition that Mr. Solomon his uncle would become responsible for his

No. 181

History of George Henke

Aged 15 years 11 months 10 days

Committed to the House of Refuge — By the Mayor

Size Small — Complexion light

Appearance pleasant German — Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 10½ in — Weight 100 lbs

Your Name? George Henke — Born in Germany

Date of Birth Feb. 16th 1837 — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Geo. Henke — He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? Eliza Meyer — She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Germany in Cincinnati 7 years

How have you been employed? Working in a chair factory

Who have been your companions? Boys in the Shop.

How long since you have attended school? Two years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No — Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Sept. 19th 1851

Geo. was committed by the Mayor for Larceny. He says his mother died two years ago of Cholera. His father is intemperate and could do nothing for the support of his family. There are 4 children, who are scattered in different places. Geo. got a place in a chair factory. He says he could earn about 30 cts. per day when he could get work, but the wages was so low that the proprietor stopped work. He had no money to pay his board and was induced to steal. Says he took 10 cts. from a fellow boarder first after which he took larger amounts. He finally had an opportunity to take a pocket book with about $10 in money. He was suspitioned and finally acknowledged the theft. He was sent here by the advice of a Cousin who is a respectable business man on Main St. The boy here appears quiet, orderly and obedient. I have reason to hope that it was poverty and want of good advice that led him to crime.

Oct. 2d 1852

Geo. was this day indentured to Mr. Stern of Oxford Butter Co. to learn the business of shoemaking. He has always been a steady boy.

No. 182

History of Sylvester L. Bliss

11 years 4 months 23 days

Committed To the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size Medium Complexion florid

Appearance pleasant Marks and Scars burn on face

Height 4 ft 4 in Weight 68 lbs

Your Name? Sylvester L. Bliss Born in Lebanon Conn

Date of Birth June 6th 1840 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Sylvester Bliss He was born in Mass.

Mother's maiden Name? Jane Tuttle She was born in Conn.

They have mostly resided Lebanon Conn.

How have you been employed? living at home with my parents

Who have been your companions? My Brothers

How long since you have attended school? Six months

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Sept. 23d 1851

This little boy was committed by the Mayor for vagrancy. His parents had moved from Conn a few weeks since and were strangers in the city. Sylvester left home on the morning of the opening of the Dayton Rail Road and became excited with the music & firing and got on to the cars and went to Dayton. When he returned he said he was afraid to go home for fear of punishment.
He wandered about the next day and made up a story to suit his case He stated to those who enquired about him that his father & mother both died at Pittsburg and that he came to Cincinnati but had no friends to take care of him.
A watchman came across him and took him to the Mayor's office He told the same story and told the place in Conn. where his grand father lived The Mayor sent him here and the Marshal immediately wrote to his grand father for information. He received a letter in a few days stating where his father and several of his uncles lived in the city and soon informed his friends where he was His father had spent weeks in trying to find him He was released

by the Bound to go with his father. Oct. 31st 1837

No. 183

History of Edmond G. Jackson

Aged about 8 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size very small Complexion light

Appearance pleasant but roguish Marks and Scars none

Height 3 ft 7 in Weight 45 lbs

Your Name? Edmond Young Jackson Born in I do not Know

Date of Birth I do not Know 1844. March 26— Former Residence Indiana

Father's Name? I do not Know (Chas. Ferrell) He was born in I do not Know

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in " " " "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? living on a farm

Who have been your companions? The family where I lived

How long since you have attended school? never went to school

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Sept. 23d 1857

This little boy was sent here as a vagrant. He is so young that he knows but little about himself or his friends. He says he lived in Indiana on a hill where he could see the river. The family where he lived placed him on a steam boat and sent him to Cincinnati. A Mr. Meader took care of him for some time and took him to a man who Edmond thinks is his Step father. He says this man had a step wife and they did not wish to keep him. They turned him out into the streets where he was found by the police. He is a bright smart little fellow but as mischievous as a monkey. Says his right name is Edward Ferrell: that when he was quite young his Father died, and his mother married Charles Ferrell: that his right Father did not give him a name & he was called Ferrell. His step Father put him with Mr — Jackson of — Ind. who kept him two years. He then sent him to his Father Ferrell who took him to the court and had him committed. Mr Ferrell after Edmonds mother died broke up housekeeping & He is a sail maker and goes from place to place.

May 5: 1855. Indentured to Mr Geo D. Clapsaddle of Eaton, Preble Co, Ohio to learn Farming and at the expiration of his term of service to receive Two Hundred & fifty dollars. Up to the time of his discharge Edmond has been one of the most troublesome boys in the institution. Mr C. has no children and was pleased with Edmonds intelligence and smartness. He trust he will be able to keep him, and make him a good boy.

1857 March 2- According to his own story Edward G. Staid at the above place about one year - At this time he stole $3 and a pistol - He intended to run away & go down to the City in the cars - the money however was missed, they Searched Edward - but he had concealed it under the ash barrel where they found it - he was then returned to the Refuge where he still remains & with a fair prospect of staying for a long time to come -

1855 Dec. 31 Returned by his Master to whom he was indentured May 5: 1855

1861 March 27- Indentured to Mr David M. Hendrick of Oxford Butler Co Ohio to learn farming and to receive at the expiration of his term of Service to receive $100-
Edward still Maintains his former Character and if he does well he Shall consider it almost a Miracle -
He Graduates Jr. 3rd Division - Badge 4 - Class 5th -

1861 June 3- Mr. Hendrix write that Jackson left him on the 2nd Inst - for parts unknown -

1861 July 11- Edward returned this P.M. and asked to be received into the Institution again - desiring to finish his trade which is that of a Shoemaker -

1863 Oct 10. Escaped - See daily Records
He subsequently enlisted in U. S. Service in the Cavalry

1863 Oct 13- has brought back - Serves his time out and
1864 May 1 — was discharged to Care of himself with Honor —

No. 184

History of Lucy Beazley

Aged about 9 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size small Complexion florid

Appearance very pretty – a little crossey Marks and Scars none

Height 3 ft 10½ in Weight 50 lbs

Your Name? Lucy Ellen Hayman Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence "

Father's Name? John Hayman He was born in I do not Know

Mother's maiden Name? She was born in

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? living with my brother part of the time (the Street running about

Who have been your companions? My brothers children

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Sept. 23rd 1857

This little girl was committed by the Mayor for vagrancy. Her father was killed about a year ago by the explosion of a steam boiler and she went to live with her brother who is a respectable man. Her mother has been in the habit of getting intoxicated for many years. After the death of her husband she became worse than ever. She would coax Lucy away from her home and take to low coffee houses and other improper places until her brother found he could do nothing with her. He brought her here to protect her from the influences of his mother. He would have been perfectly willing to have kept her if he could have done so with safety. His object in having her committed under an assumed name was to prevent her mother from finding her.

May 24th, 1858

Lucy this day returned to her brother. Her mother fell or threw herself from a steamboat and was drowned. She was a very pleasant child and all had become attached to her.

No. 185

History of Edward Schenck

Aged 14 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Magistrate

Size medium Complexion light - florid

Appearance rather pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft in Weight 96 lbs

Your Name? Edward Schenck Born in Athens Ohio

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Mr. Schenck He was born in Sweden

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Living at home worked in the printing office 4 months

Who have been your companions? Boys in the Streets

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? Yes

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 2d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Sept. 25th 1851

This boy was sent from the Mayors office charged with larceny. He took up a horse which he says was loose in the Streets but which the owner says was fastened securely in an alley. He kept him three or four days in a livery stable on Walnut St. and then removed him to Sycamore St. where the owner found him Edward positively declares that he had no intention of stealing the horse and says he looked and enquired through the city to find an owner. He acknowledges however that he was a bad boy. Says he was in the habit of going into the country to steal apples, peaches, melons &c. and has several times stolen money. He once stole $2.00 from a Grocery. Says he was disobedient because he had a Step father. He is a boy easily persuaded to do wrong and is no doubt a bad boy.

Oct. 9th 1851

Edward this day made an attempt to escape He jumped from the walls of the new workshop 26 ft. to the ground and ran for the city He lamed himself badly and did not get far until he was caught It was a great wonder he was not killed.

Mar. 29th 1852

Edwond was this day released. He had been sick for some time and it was thought best for him to have his mother to nurse him. His parents promise to indenture him to the carpenters trade as soon as he is well. He had become a very good boy.

No. 186

History of Catharine Sloop

Aged 16 years 2 months

Committed to the House of Refuge By her Guardian

Size large Complexion rather dark

Appearance modest with downcast look Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 5 in Weight 139 lbs

Your Name? Catharine Sloop Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth Oct. 19th 1835 Former Residence "

Father's Name? Samuel Sloop He was born in Penn.

Mother's maiden Name? Sarah Donaldson She was born in Baltimore

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Dress making

Who have been your companions? My Sisters & friends

How long since you have attended school? One year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d" Grade 3d" Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Sept. 1857

This girl was committed by her guardian. Her father and mother died when she was quite young and she was committed to the care of an Aunt.
They resided in the country until last Spring when they removed to the city. As her aunt was in moderate circumstances Catharine was obliged to do something for herself. She says she had a great antipathy to work as a servant as she had been taught that it was degrading. She went to learn dress making and stayed until summer when she stopped a few months. During the time she was idle she became acquainted with a dry goods clerk who persuaded her to take a dress. She refused but permitted him to come and visit her at her boarding house. He invited her to take a walk out in the vicinity of the Brighton House where they had improper intercourse A married sister who is highly respectable learning some of the circumstances, questioned her closely and was much pained to learn what had happened. The Sisters husband went to the clerk and threatened to horsewhip him if

even spoke to her again. Catharine was removed to her
uncle's to board who is her legal guardian
She remained there 3 days and stole a gold chain
& pencil worth about $20,00 They found she was deter-
mined to do wrong and as a last resort they brought
her here. The girl has no doubt gone astray for want
of proper control while young. Her aunt was kind
and affectionate but never made her obey. When she
came to the city she was unacquainted with the dangers
that beset her path, and was easily led astray.

~~Dec. 27th~~ Apr. 14th 1852

Catharine was this day taken from the Refuge to live
with a man in the country near Mount Pleasant
I failed learn his name

No. 187

History of Emily Loft

Aged about 14 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size Medium

Appearance not very pleasant

Height 4 ft 9 in

Complexion florid – black eyes

Marks and Scars mole under right eye

Weight 91 lbs

Your Name? Emily Loft

Born in Germany

Date of Birth I do Not Know

Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Peter Loft

He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know

She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Germany

How have you been employed? Running about the Streets

Who have been your companions? Two girls who went with me

How long since you have attended school? Never went to school

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes

Entered 3d " Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Oct. 3d 1852

This girl was committed by the Mayor for vagrancy Her father & mother came from Germany to Cincinnati about 3 years ago. They are very poor and obliged to let their children go out to service as soon as they were old enough This girl was required to go to a family by the name of Jones to wash their dishes scour knives &c for which she got the cold victuals that was left. About a year ago she was enticed into a house and seduced. Since that time she has made a practise of running about the Streets a part of each day and visiting offices, stores and other places for the purpose of having connexion with profligate young men. Her friends must have known her course of life as she says she was once nearly dead from disease The Mayor and officers had observed her in company with another girl lurking about in suspicious places and had her arrested and sent here. It is sickening to human nature to think that girls of her age will become so lost to all the feelings of humanity

Jan 1st 1853

Emily was this day permitted to return to her friends her mother died leaving a very destitute family of little children. Emily's conduct had been very correct for some time and we strongly hope she may do well.

No. 158

History of Sarah Johnston

Aged 12 years and 4 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size large full Complexion light florid

Appearance rather pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 7½ in Weight 89 lbs

Your Name? Sarah H. Johnson Born in Cleaves Ohio

Date of Birth Sept. 24th 1839 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? John C. Johnson He was born in Vermont

Mother's maiden Name? Elizabeth Robertson She was born in Virginia

They have mostly resided in Ohio

How have you been employed? living with my parents

Who have been your companions? A girl by the name of Lofft, who is bad

How long since you have attended school? Six months

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Oct. 3d 1851

This girl was in company with Emily Lofft (No. 157) and committed under the same circumstance. Last April her father left home without informing his family where he was going and left them in a very destitute condition. The mother took in washing and supported her family as well as she was able. She sent this little girl to worke in the cotton factory. She here became acquainted with lewd boys and learned to do very wrong. Her mother took her from the factory and sent her into the streets to beg cold victuals. It was here she became acquainted with Emily Lofft.

They were committed by the Mayor for vagrancy. The mother was very much troubled about her child and made every effort to get her out. She came and represented that a brother from Arkansaw wished to take her and her family with him and brought the pretended brother to the Refuge. She was detected and her whole story proved to be false. Her husband finally returned from Missouri and was very much enraged about his daughter being here. He tried to obtain her on a writ of Habeas Corpus but failed

Oct. 20th 1852

Sarah was this day released by order of the board to return to her parents. She was not a truthful girl still she may keep out of trouble if she is not spoilded by her friends.

Oct 21 1854 Indentured to Wm Hall of Trimble Co. Ky. to learn Housekeeping

1855 Jan 6 Returned dissatisfied with her home. Did not like to work with Colored servant.

" Feby 7 Indentured to Mr J M White of

No. 159

History of Mary A. Dagnell

Aged 13 years 10 months and 21 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size medium Complexion florid — black eyes

Appearance pleasant Marks and Scars None

Height 4 ft 11 in Weight 104 lbs

Your Name? Mary A. Dagnell Born in England

Date of Birth Dec. 23th 1838 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Daniel Dagnell He was born in England

Mother's maiden Name? Martha Kirtland She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Living out at different places

Who have been your companions? Boys and girls in the Street

How long since you have attended school? never went to school

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Oct. 4th 1857

This girl was committed by the Mayor for vagrancy She says she cannot recollect either father or mother. Her father died when she was one year old, and her mother placed her in the Orphan Asylum. She has never heard anything from her since but supposes she is dead. Mary was placed in a family when about 6 years of age where she stayed two years. For some cause she went to live with an old lady who kept her till she died. She was then taken by a woman who gets intoxicated. She was beaten and abused so badly that she ran away She went to live with Mrs. Gaskill who keeps a house of ill fame. She says she only stayed a few days when an acquaintance told her what kind of a house she was in and advised her to leave She says she did not do anything wrong here but the woman was very anxious to have her stay. She went to live with a poor woman who supports herself by washing. She says she got into the habit of playing out in the streets with boys & girls at night and the woman told her she would place her here if she did not stop. She kept on and the result was that she was brought here

1854 September 7th. Mary Ann was indentured
to Mr John Allen, of Patriot, Switzerland Co. Ind.
to learn Housekeeping.

No. 190

History of Peter Brown

Aged about 16 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By a Magistrate of Walnut Hills

Size medium Complexion light

Appearance very coarse and unpleasant Marks and Scars A club foot

Height 4 ft 11 in Weight 104 lbs

Your Name? Benson P. Brown Born in Canada

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Walnut Hills

Father's Name? Nelson Brown He was born in Wales

Mother's maiden Name? Ivy B. Wood She was born in Canada

They have mostly resided Canada

How have you been employed? Working one place & another, selling papers &c.

Who have been your companions? Boys in the Streets.

How long since you have attended school? Six months

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Oct. 16th 1851

This boy was committed for vagrancy by a magistrate from Walnut Hills. His father died when he was quite young. His mother married a man who proved to be a drunkard and spent all her property. She lived with him three years when he was drowned. She moved to Cincinnati and supported herself by washing. allowing this boy to sell papers gather rags &c. Five years ago she married the third time. Her husband was a miserable drunkard and and and abused her in a shocking manner. To drown her troubles she took to drink and soon became as bad as her husband. Peter was kicked about by them both. He became a terror to the place on account of his vicious conduct. The citizens of Walnut Hills bore with the family until forbearance ceased to be a virtue. The husband & wife were arrested for drunkenness & riot and sent to the county jail and this boy sent here. He does not appear to be a very hard boy to manage and it is no doubt owing to his miserable training at home that he is brought here.

April 14th 1835.

Peter was this day released to his mother. He has been a good boy — exemplary in his conduct.

No. 191

History of Samuel Donnally

Aged about 14 years

Committed to the House of Refuge — By the Mayor

Size medium — Complexion florid

Appearance pleasant — Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft. 3 in — Weight 95 lbs

Your Name? Samuel Donnally — Born in East Tennessee

Date of Birth I do not Know — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Wm. Donnally — He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Sarah J. Griffith — She was born in Penn.

They have mostly resided in Penn. & Cincinnati six years

How have you been employed? Doing what I could get to do

Who have been your companions? My sister & friends

How long since you have attended school? three years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes — Entered 3d Grade 9th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Oct. 16th 1851

This boy was committed by the Mayor for vagrancy. He is a orphan. His father died eight years ago and his mother six. He lived with an older sister who was a widow with three small children to support. She kept him as long as she was able and tried to get a place in some shop. She found it very difficult but secured a place in the country. Samuel stayed here a few months and returned to the city. He drove cart, worked in a plane factory & several other places, but could get no permanent business His sister finding winter coming on and not being able to keep or clothe him requested the Mayor to send him here. He is a very quiet industrious boy has been well instructed at home, is honest respectful and obedient and will no doubt do well.

Apr. 22nd 1853.

Samuel has this day been indentured to James Fagin of Mt. Phisgay P. O. Clermont County, Ohio. Samuel's conduct has been generally good; and we have discharged him with the strong hope that his future course will be commendable.

May 8th 1853.

Samuel, in company with James Clary (No 17) has to-day left Mr James Fagin for parts unknown.

June 1st 1853.

We have heard to-day that Samuel returned to Mr. Fagin in a very short time, but about three days previous to the date of this note ran off again, in company with John Haffin (No. 305) and Jefe Cole (No 205).

No. 192 History of John Williamson

Aged 9 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size rather small Complexion light

Appearance quiet inoffensive Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 1½ in Weight 55 lbs

Your Name? John M. Williamson Born in East Tennessee

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Andrew Williamson He was born in England

Mother's maiden Name? Mary Connally She was born in Penn.

They have mostly resided in Penn. Six years in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Living with my mother

Who have been your companions? Never had any

How long since you have attended school? Never went to school

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 1st Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Oct. 10th 1851

This little boy is a nephew of Sam'l. Donally (No. 191) and committed at the same time. I suppose the only reason either of them was placed here was want of a home John is a quiet little boy gives no trouble and should be placed out as soon as a good place can be secured.

July 30th 1853.

John was this day discharged to the care and custody of his mother.

No. 148

History of Samuel Watson

Aged about 12 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size Small Complexion Light

Appearance inferior and vicious Marks and Scars Scar on right leg

Height 4 ft 3 in Weight 65 lbs

Your Name? Samuel Watson Born in Ireland

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Bartholomew Watson He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Ann O, Connor She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Ireland in Cincinnati 4 years

How have you been employed? Scouring Knives on a steam boat

Who have been your companions? Boys in the Street

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Oct. 12 1857

This boy was committed to the Refuge by the Mayor for vagrancy. He says he has a father and step mother living at Louisville but his father gets drunk and his mother abuses him so he ran away and went on a steamboat. He was up in Penn. for several months and then he run on a packet from Cinti to Pittsburg. He got so bad and saucy that they drove him from the boat and he was found wandering about the streets with no home. He is one of the worst boys here to manage. Knows nothing about obedience—Quarrelsome and thievish. He says he has not stolen articles of any great value but acknowledges he has taken a great many small things. He is very quick to learn and if we can succeed in learning him obedience and habits of order he may do well.

1854. September 11th. Samuel was this day discharged by Indenture to his Uncle.

No. 194

History of Mary Eliza Patrick

Aged 16 years and 2 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By her aunt

Size large Complexion florid

Appearance rather pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 3½ in Weight 125 lbs

Your Name? Mary E. Patrick Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth Oct. 16th 1835 Former Residence "

Father's Name? Isaac Patrick He was born in I do not know

Mother's maiden Name? Julia A. Mooney She was born in Cincinnati

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Living in the family of my aunt

Who have been your companions? Girls at school

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Oct. 14th 1851

Eliza was brought here by an aunt who had raised her from a little child. She charges her with being very disobedient and hard to manage but says she never did any thing very criminal. The facts in the case as near as I can learn, are that the Uncle failed in business and was obliged to break up house keeping and go to boarding. He felt that the girl was a burden to them and wished to get rid of her. They therefore devised the plan to place her in the Refuge. Eliza says her mother died when she was 10 months old and her father when she was three years. She has lived with her aunt ever since. I have discovered nothing wrong about the girl since she has been here and have no doubt she will do well.

Dec. 18th 1852

Eliza was this day released to the guardianship of John Moon her cousin. There is not much mind about her or much danger of her becoming a very bad girl

No. 193 See 627 History of Elizabeth Ford

Aged 13 years 5 months and 8 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By Her father

Size large full Complexion very light flaxen hair

Appearance down cast but pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 0 in Weight 111 lbs

Your Name? Elizabeth Ford Born in Butler Co. Ohio

Date of Birth May 10th 1838 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Samuel Ford He was born in England

Mother's maiden Name? Abagail Woods She was born in Virginia

They have mostly resided in Butler County Ohio

How have you been employed? living with my parents or running about the (Streets

Who have been your companions? Girls in the Street

How long since you have attended school? Six months

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Oct. 18th 1853

Elizabeth was committed by her father. He states that his daughter has shown a strong disposition to steal ever since she was a little girl. His mother lived in the same house with him Elizabeth would take every thing she could get from her grand mother and was caught taking money from him several times. About six months ago, he sold his farm in Butler Co. and moved to the city. Here she became very disobedient to her mother and would run about the streets with other girls. He found it impossible to check the disposition she manifested to steal. He punished her severely but without effect. As a last resort he brought her here. She soon began her stealing while at the Refuge and has been punished several times. Time only will show what can be done to eradicate

Apr. 20th 1853.

Elizabeth Ford has this day been indentured to John J. Low of Cleveland Ohio – doubtless she has got a good home. For her welfare She has the prayers and well wishes of the officers of the institution.

See No 627.

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~~1855 July 21~~

1854 August 2 Returned for general misconduct.

1855 July 21 Indentured to Andrew Stevens of Moscow
Rush Co. Indiana to learn Housekeeping.

No. 196

History of Herman Casteen

Committed — By

Size — Complexion

Appearance — Marks and Scars

Height ft in — Weight lbs

Your Name ? — Born in

Date of Birth — Former Residence

Father's Name ? — He was born in

Mother's maiden Name ? — She was born in

They have mostly resided

How have you been employed ?

Who have been your companions ?

How long since you have attended school ?

Have you ever been arrested before ?

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School ? — Entered Grade Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Oct. 29th 1852

This boy was committed by the Mayor for Larceny. He only remained one day when he was Bailed out

No. 197

History of John Long

Aged about 15 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size small Complexion light-florid

Appearance rather pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 10 in Weight 91 lbs

Your Name? John Long Born in Germany

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? John Long He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Germany- three years in this country

How have you been employed? Selling matches the last three years.

Who have been your companions? The match boys

How long since you have attended school? Never went to school

Have you ever been arrested before? Yes- been in the watch house a dozen times

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No. Entered 3d " Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Oct. 29th 1851

This boy was committed by the Mayor for larceny
He says his father is dead. His mother married
a drinking man about three years ago.
He made matches and sent John out to sell them
He has been at this means three years.
He soon learned to steal. says all the match boys
and rag pickers will steal. He was arrested
several times but as it was always for petty offences
he was released. He followed letting chickens out
of coops and catching them. I cannot learn
that he ever stolen any thing of great value
but he was in a school where he would have
become an expert thief. Since he has been
here he has conducted well.

Oct. 9th 1852

John was this day indentured to his brother
to learn the Business of Shoemaking.
He goes to Newport Ky. He has not been
a very bad boy and will probably make
a good mechanic.

No. 195

History of Sarah J. Bates

Aged 13 years 1 month and 23 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By her mother

Size very large Complexion light— gray eyes

Appearance awkward full face Marks and Scars None

Height 5 ft 3 in Weight 135 lbs

Your Name? Sarah J. Bates Born in Newport Ky.

Date of Birth Sept. 3d 1838 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? James L. Bates He was born in Covington

Mother's maiden Name? Selena J. Kisk She was born in Bracken Co. Ky.

They have mostly resided in Newport Ky.

How have you been employed? Going to school and playing about the streets

Who have been your companions? Two girls who were bad

How long since you have attended school? Six months always played truant

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Oct 1857

This girl was committed by her mother for vagrancy She states she is a widow and supports her family by washing. Her situation precludes her from taking that care of her children she could wish. This girl had become associated with girls of ill fame and she found it impossible to keep her from their company The probably is that Sarah has never been guilty actual crime in this matter but she was exposed to influence that would soon led her to throw herself away.

Mrs. Bates lived in Newport Ky, and in order to get her daughter into the institution she moved to the city for a few weeks until she could place Sarah here and then moved back

This course was not treating the directors in a proper manner and shows there is some thing wrong in the management. It is hoped that the girl will do well.

March 27 1855 Indentured to Mr Samuel Bean of West Alexandria Preble County, Ohio: to learn Housekeeping and at the end of her time of service to receive $75.00.

No. 199

History of Sarah Dilliant

Aged about 15 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By A magistrate

Size medium Complexion light mulatto

Appearance pleasant Scarcely know she is aquadroon Marks and Scars

Height 5 ft 0 in Weight 101 lbs

Your Name? Sarah Dilliant Born in Woodville La.

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? John Dilliant He was born in Louisiana

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Louisiana

How have you been employed? Living in the family of Rev. Mr. Challan

Who have been your companions? Mrs. Challans Children

How long since you have attended school? Six months

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Nov. 6th 1851

This girl was committed by the lady of Rev. Mr. Challan. She has raised her from a little girl until she became so saucy and unmanageable that she could keep her no longer. She girl threatened to cut Mrs. Challan's throat at one time before a company of ladies and she was just as liked to refuse to any kind of work as to do it. It appears from Sarah's statement that she was born a slave in Louisiana. Her mother was a slave but nearly white. The master had several children by her mother all of whom were dead but this one. The uncle gave this child to Mrs. Challan to raise. Sarah now does well and appears to be obedient and willing to work. She thinks if she was permitted to return home she could obey and do well.

March 23d 1853.

Sarah was this day released to Mrs. Challen. She has been a good ~~good~~ girl while here, and it is fondly hoped she may continue to do well.

May 15th 1853

We have heard that Sarah is not doing well.

No. 372

History of Eugene Williams

Committed — By

Size — Complexion

Appearance — Marks and Scars

Height ft in — Weight lbs

Your Name ?

Date of Birth Aged 13 years — Born in

Father's Name ? — Former Residence

Mother's maiden Name ? — He was born in

They have mostly resided — She was born in

How have you been employed ?

Who have been your companions ?

How long since you have attended school ?

Have you ever been arrested before ?

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School ? — Entered Grade Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Nov. 10th 1857

This boy was committed by the Mayor for riot He in company with Baker (No. 201) and several other boys Stoned a house. Eugene is a very bad boy. His father is a very respectable man of high standing in the community but for some reason he is unable to control his boys. This boy has been running about the streets two or three years He has been into several houses and stores to steal. Mischief rather than money seems to be his object. Several times he has gone into public school houses and torn the books destroyed the furniture &c. He is easily persuaded to do wrong and will probably get into some mischief that will send him to the State prison.
His father is too indulgent with him and has spent large amounts of money to get him out of scrapes. He let him remain here only about two weeks when he bailed him out.

1857 Nov. 10 Bailed out.—

1852 Dec. 30. Recommitted by his father.

1853 Sept. 17. Discharged to the care of his father.

1855 Aug. 31 - Recommitted for Petit Larceny by the Police Court -

1856 June 7 - Discharged to the care of his father

No. 201

History of Francis Baker

Committed — By

Size — Complexion

Appearance — Marks and Scars

Height ft in — Weight lbs

Your Name ? — Born in

Date of Birth — Former Residence

Father's Name ? — He was born in

Mother's maiden Name ? — She was born in

They have mostly resided

How have you been employed ?

Who have been your companions ?

How long since you have attended school ?

Have you ever been arrested before ?

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School ? — Entered Grade Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Nov. 10th 1851

Baker was only here one night consequently I know but little about him. He was in company with Williams (No. 200) and one of his associates. He is said to be a very bad boy.

No. 202

History of James Bailey

Committed to the House of Refuge By his father

Size large Complexion light

Appearance decidedly pendant Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 2½ in Weight 101 lbs

Your Name? James Bailey Born in Ireland

Date of Birth April 10th 1835 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Daniel Bailey He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Ireland

How have you been employed? Driving cart for my father

Who have been your companions? Boys about the engine houses

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d" Grade 3d" Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Nov. 13th 1851

This boy was brought here by his father who states that he has a habit of staying out nights and is very disobedient and hard to manage. He is their only child and they seem to be desirous of having him do well I am of the opinion that the boy has been spoiled by indulgence from the mother

Dec. 26th 1851

James was this day released to go back to his father. The mother was very much distressed on account of his being here and the boy appeared to be "non. Compas mentus" it was thought best by the board of Trustees to let him return to his parents

No. 203 History of Mary A Riffey (Dunseth)

Aged about 14 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By her mother

Size large full Complexion florid blue eyes

Appearance rather pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 10½ in Weight lbs

Your Name? Mary A. Dunseth Born in Wheeling Va.

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? James Dunseth He was born in U.S.

Mother's maiden Name? Elizabeth Montgomery She was born in " "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati & Pittsburg

How have you been employed? running about the Streets

Who have been your companions? Bad girls who are now here

How long since you have attended school? Six months

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Nov. 19th 1851

This girl was committed by her mother, who says her husband died about three years ago and left her a widow with two children. She was very poor and was obliged to resort to various methods to gain a living. She sold vegetables in market and took this girl with her to take care of her younger brother. Mary became associated with some very bad girls who are now at the Refuge. She refused to go to school and would be gone from home a week at a time. Says she was at the House of Mary Hughes where these girls all congregated. She denies ever having stolen any thing or having any connexion with men but she was no doubt fast hastening to ruin. Her mother seems to feel deeply the necessity of placing her daughter here and is very anxious to have her do well. It was Mary's wish to be committed under the name of Riffy. (The name of her Step father) but her own name is Dunseth.

Oct. 5. 1855.

Mary A. Dunseth was to-day discharged to the care and custody of her mother who resides in Louisville at the present time, but is about to remove from thence to Iowa. Mary is unfortunate and is likely to be. It was only in consideration of her mother being about to remove to so great a distance, that she was discharged.

No. 204

History of Xavier Duppe

Aged about 14 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By a Magistrate

Size small Complexion light

Appearance dull German look Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 6 in Weight 85 lbs

Your Name? Frank K. Dupps Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence "

Father's Name? Rony Dupps He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Playing truant from school

Who have been your companions? Little boys who stole

How long since you have attended school? one year always ran away when I could

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d" Grade 3d" Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Nov. 20th 1861

This boy was committed by a magistrate at the request of his uncle. His mother has been dead about two years, His father is a drunken loafer who has been divorced from the mother several years. Francis was placed in the Catholic Orphan Asylum where he remained some time His uncle took him to raise at the age of 12 years He soon found trouble with him It was almost impossible to make him go to school as he would run away and sometimes be gone a week at a time, Frank says he slept in stables and got his living by stealing. He took money from his uncle several times also stole iron copper &c, He finally went into a slaughter house near Brighton and stole a man's pocket book after sleeping out several nights he returned home with a small part of the money. His uncle took him before a magistrate and had him sent here

Feb. 16th 1853

Dupps was this day indentured to Joseph Putterf of Eaton Preble Co. Ohio. He is a smart boy to work but not very trusty He was taken by this German farmer who promised to give him 80 acres of land if he served his time faithfully

No. 205

History of Francis Deitz

Aged about 14 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By his sister

Size medium Complexion light

Appearance pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 1 in Weight 100 lbs

Your Name? Francis Deitz Born in Germany

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? John H. Deitz He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Germany — in U.S. 12 years

How have you been employed? Making trunks

Who have been your companions? Boys in the street

How long since you have attended school? Never went to school

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Nov. 20th 1851

This boy was brought here by his sister
He says his mother died when he was quite small
and since that he has lived at different places
Last summer his father left him at New Albany
with a milk man and told him, he would be at
work in Louisville. Frances stayed a few weeks
and went to find his father. He found he had
left and no one knew where he had gone.
He was destitute of clothes, shoes, &c. but managed to
get to Cincinnati where he has a married
sister. He lived with her a few months
but they did not agree and Francis was on the
point of leaving to find a home. His sister advised
him to come here and get an education
and he took her advice

March 15th 1853.

Francis has been engaged this evening in a rebellion against
the Principal Teacher, Mr. Bartlett. He, with others, had concocted
a plan to escape — which was to be effected by knocking the Teacher
down and taking the keys from him by which they could have
escaped through the gate — the attempt was met so promptly as to
the conspiracy was put down immediately. He was

May 16th 1853.

Francis was released to-day to Henry Gulicks of Bevis P.O. Hamilton County, Oo. Francis since the escape of March 15th has been generally exemplary in his deportment.

No. 206

History of Wm. H. Clark

17 years 3 months and 27 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Court

Size large Complexion light

Appearance very pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 8 in Weight 145 lbs

Your Name? William H. Clark Born in New York City

Date of Birth July 24th 1834 Former Residence Covington Ky.

Father's Name? Edward C. Clark He was born in New York

Mother's maiden Name? Susan C. Cowden She was born in New York

They have mostly resided New York City in Cincinnati 12 years

How have you been employed? Working with a saddler

Who have been your companions? boys in the streets

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Nov. 2nd 1851

This boy was taken from the county jail where he was committed for trial. He was charged with larceny, but there are circumstances that show that although he did take property that did not belong to him, he could hardly be charged with larceny. He says his father left his family when he was 7 years of age and did not return for five years. His uncle Geo. Cowden who was a notorious counterfeiter took him into Missouri. He was coaxed off by a gang of horse thieves into the Indian territory, and kept there 4 years. When he was about 12 years of age he came down to Lexington Missouri and was recognized by a friend of his mothers. He was taken to Cincinnati to his mother where he lived with her one year and went to Covington to learn the saddling trade. His mother died two years ago, and left him without friends. He staged with his employer until he died. He got unsteady and out of work. He was exposed to idle company and got into difficulty. He does not appear to be a very bad boy.

March 8th 1853.

William has this day been released to the care or custody of Mr. Anderson of Covington, to learn the saddle and harness making business.

No. 201 See 265 History of Josiah M. Ross

Aged about 18 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size Small Complexion light

Appearance rather pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 4 in Weight 138 lbs

Your Name? Josiah M. Ross Born in Burlington Vt.

Date of Birth do not know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Philetas Ross He was born in Vermont

Mother's maiden Name? Louisa Taylor She was born in "

They have mostly resided Vermont — six years in the west

How have you been employed? Working at the Mason's trade

Who have been your companions? Boys about an engine house

How long since you have attended school? three years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d "Grade 1st "Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Nov. 23d 1851

This boy was committed by the Mayor for larceny His father died when he was about 4 years old His mother being in destitute circumstances he never lived with her after his father died. His uncle kept him until he was 13 years of age when he went into the country to work on a farm. He staged awhile, and went to the printing business in the city. He did not stay long at this but went again to the country to learn bricklaying & plastering. He worked at this until the cold weather set in last fall when he came to the city to spend the winter. He says he had been steady and moral up to this time. He joined a fine company and soon got into the habit of drinking and getting drunk. While at a fire he took a pistol that did not belong to him. He says he was intoxicated and did not know what he was about His friends who are highly respectable advised his being sent here

May 6th 1853.

This dates the discharge of Josiah. He is indentured to to Samuel D. Billings of Oxford, Butler County, Ohio, to engage in farming and broom-making. Mr Billings' bro. has Casper Speakenward (see 265). That Josiah will do well is rather problematical to the minds of some.

See

No. 215 History of John Leary

Aged about 12 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size medium Complexion light freckled

Appearance downcast with bright ped (hair) Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 7 in Weight 78 lbs

Your Name? John Leary Born in Albany N. Y.

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? I do not Know He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Albany N. Y.

How have you been employed? going out on the hills to steal chickens

Who have been your companions? some black & white boys

How long since you have attended school? 1/2 months always played truant

Have you ever been arrested before?

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Entered 3d" Grade 3d Division in School.

Irish Catholick

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Dec. 1st 1851

This boy was committed by the Mayor for Larceny His father has been dead ten years and his mother is a hard working Irish woman who appears to be respectable John always had a great dislike to attend school and played truant when he could get a chance. His mother says she tried every way to break him without success. As a matter of course he soon became associated with bad boys and got to stealing. He was in the habit of going into the country and stealing chickens also stealing old iron copper &c. He was finally detected taking honey from a bee hive in the city and sent here. He appears to be a stupid dull boy and may have been persuaded to his course of life by other boys.

Oct. 8. 1853.

John made his escape today. He and Theodore Baerlein, who escaped with him, had been trusted to empty the slops at the pig-pen which is without the walls. The gate today for a part of the time was tended by the Steward's little Son, and as he was tending it, these boys were thoughtlessly sent by Mrs Fifield

the Stewards lady, to perform their regular duty of emptying the slops, and when without the walls, they took the advantage of the occasion and ran off. None but adults should be trusted to keep the gate, and none others shall be, under the administration of the present Superintendent.

1854 April 27. Returned by Police Officer.
1854 Augt 11. Escaped.
1854 " 18 Returned by Police Officer.
1854 Sept 12 Escaped
1854 Oct 7 Returned by Police.
1856 June 6 Escaped.
1856 June 10 Returned by Police.
" July 8 Escaped.
" July 26 Returned by Police.
" Aug. 5 Escaped
" Oct. 17 Returned by Sheriff from Jail - where he had been confined sometime under Sentence for attacking an officer -

1857 Feb. 14. Indentured this day to Mr John Brannon of Eaton Preble Co. O. to learn the Stone cutting business - The Superintendent informed Mr. Brannon of John's previous Character - and that he had but little confidence in him - that he had little doubt but that he would desert his place the first opportunity - There is no question in my mind but that he is a candidate for the State Prision or Gallows -

1857 Feb. 20 - The Superintendent is informed that John has gone to parts unknown -

1857. July 7. John was to day rearested by the Officers of the House by order of the Director and returned to it as an inmate. He appears to have improved in villainy during his absence - No doubt he is a candidate for the gallows -

1857 Aug. 13 - After being kept in close confinement since the above date John was this morning released to himself, after having entered into obligation to leave the County and not return again for two years -

No. 909

History of James Mc Caffery

Aged about 14 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size Small Complexion light

Appearance rather pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 7 in Weight 71 lbs

Your Name? James McCaffrey Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence "

Father's Name? Mr. McCaffrey He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Running about from one place to another

Who have been your companions? Boys who stole

How long since you have attended school? three years always played truant

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3 Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

Dec. 4th 1857

This boy was committed by the Mayor for vagrancy He says his father died when he was an infant and his four years ago. Since the death of his mother he has had no home. She gave him away on her death bed to a poor Irish woman but he did not stay long. He soon got into the company of a set of thieves in a small way They stole old iron copper &c. also things about steam and canal boats. Two years ago some persons induced him to go to Indiana and live with a farmer He stayed there until about two weeks before he was brought here. He ran away from Indiana and walked all the way to the city without money, and almost without clothes After his arrival here he begged and stole enough to live upon but could get no permanent residence. He seems to be a smart active boy, and will doubtless do well if the seeds of mischief are not so deeply sown that instruction and proper discipline will not eradicate them

April 12th 1854. James was to-day Indentured to Mr John McD Norris of Gettysburg, to learn the business of Farming. We confidently expect James will do well.

No. 210

History of Michael Carroll

Aged about 7 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size very small Complexion light white hair

Appearance intenesting Marks and Scars none

Height 3 ft 7 in Weight 42 lbs

Your Name? Michael Carroll Born in Cincinnath

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence "

Father's Name? Owen Carroll He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Never had any

Who have been your companions? my uncles children

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3 Grade 4 Division in School.

HISTORY.

Dec. 17th 1851

This little boy was committed by the Mayor for want of a home As near as I can learn his father is a trifleng worthless fellow and his mother is dead He lived with an uncle awhile but they got tired of him and had him sent here. He is so young I can find out but little about him. He has been a quiet pleasant boy since he come here.

May 31st 1852

Michael was this day released to go to Providence R.I. with his friends

No. 211

History of Charles H. Cope

Aged about 13 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size small Complexion light

Appearance sly and roguish Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 4½ in Weight 65 lbs

Your Name? Charles H. H. Cope Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth I do not know Former Residence "

Father's Name? Jason Cope He was born in Columbiana Co. Ohio

Mother's maiden Name? Belinda Bird She was born in Cincinnati Ohio

They have mostly resided Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Living in the country the last two years

Who have been your companions? Boys about the country

How long since you have attended school? one year always played truant

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d" Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

Dec. 17th 1857

This boy was committed by the Mayor at the request of his guardian and relations. His father was a respectable mechanic. He died about seven years ago and left a family of six boys. He left sufficient property to maintain his family and left a judicious guardian to take charge of it. This boy was found to be very wild and hard to control. His mother could do nothing with him after he was ten years of age. He got into the habit of playing truant from school and all the whipping that could be done would not induce him to go while running about the streets he stole several articles among the rest a horse. His guardian sent him to Columbiana Co. among the friends of his father. He here ran about from place to place staying two or three weeks. He would not work. None of his friends could control him. They sent to his guardian to take him back to the city. They did so and as a last resort they sent him here.

1854 Nov. 6 – Discharged to his friends.

No. 312

History of John Lecount

Aged about 16 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By himself

Size medium Complexion florid

Appearance downcast melancholy Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 6 in Weight " lbs

Your Name? John Lacount Born in Dayton

Date of Birth Aug. 23d 1836 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Henry Lacount He was born in U. S.

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in " "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Driving on Canal

Who have been your companions? Boys and men on boats

How long since you have attended school? Never went to school

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Dec. 25th 1851

This boy came here on Christmas day and requested to be admitted into the Institution. It happened that the Directors had a meeting and after examining his case they agreed to permit him to stay. He says his father is a drunkard and has not done any thing for him for three years He left home and worked at several places on farms in the country. One year ago he had a good place but his father took him away He placed John to driving on canal and took all his wages for liquor. last Summer his father went down the river and he has not heard of him since. John says he was saving of his money and accumulated about $40,00 to keep him through the winter but just before the boat laid up some one stole his cash and left him without a cent. He was without comfortable clothes and come to the conclusion to try and get in here I do not think him a bad boy and shall try to get him a good place

June 16th 1852

John was this day released by the board to live with Mr. B. Aimer of Yellow Springs Ohio. He is a quiet boy without much force of character. He was melancholy for some time at the fate of his father who is sentenced to be hung.

No. 213

History of Charles Bromley

Aged about 8 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size Small Complexion florid

Appearance mild and pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 3 ft 10 in Weight 45 lbs

Your Name? Charles Bromley Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence "

Father's Name? Thomas Bromley He was born in England

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Running about the Streets

Who have been your companions? Boys about town

How long since you have attended school? Six month

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Dec. 27th 1851

This little boy was committed by the Mayor for larceny. He is so young that he could scarcely know that it was wrong.
As near as I could find out from the relatives his father is a worthless fellow and went off and left the mother with a family of small children to support. Charles would run away from home and stay out nights. The mother brought the charge of stealing some trifling article against him in order to get him into the Refuge. He appears to be a quiet boy, and I see no reason why he should not do well.

April 22: 1854. Indentured to Mr John Clark of Richmond Wayne Co. Indiana, to learn the business of Farming.

Feby 24-1857 - Charles was to-day returned by his master, having proved unreformed - he has been in the habit of running away from his home and has recently been trying to entice others from their homes -

1860 Apr. 11 - Indentured to Mr. Michael Geokle of McDonough Butler Co. O. to learn farming & to receive $200. — Charles has been a very good boy since he has returned — he leaves from the "Cadets of Honor" Class.

No. 214
or 1002

History of James Norman

Aged about 7 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size small Complexion florid

Appearance downcast Marks and Scars none

Height 3 ft 9 in Weight lbs

Your Name? James Norman Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence "

Father's Name? I do not Know He was born in I do not Know

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in " " " "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? living at home

Who have been your companions? Never had any

How long since you have attended school? Never would go to school

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Dec. 27th 1851

This little boy was committed by the Mayor for vagrancy. I find it very difficult to learn any thing of his history from him. Some of his friends were here and said his father was drowned and his mother could do nothing with him. She is poor and probably took this course to have him supported. He appears to be a harmless inoffensive boy and should be in some family where he could be taken care of

Oct. 1st 1852

James was this day committed to the care of his mother who promises to leave the city and go to the country. She thought she would go to Pomeroy Ohio.

Sept. 12th 1856 Recommitted by Mayor Faran on the complaint of his mother who could not govern him. — See No. 1002

1860 Oct. 25. Discharged to the care of his Mother by Verbal order of the Committee yesterday. She proposes to indenture him to a Man named Fryer — of Ky — to learn farming.

No. 215

History of Jesse Cole

Committed Aged about 16 years to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size medium Complexion florid

Appearance innocent but bendant Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 3 in Weight 115 lbs

Your Name? Jesse Cole Born in I do not know

Date of Birth I do not know Former Residence Ripley

Father's Name? John P. Cole He was born in I do not know where

Mother's maiden Name? Sarah Veach She was born in " " " "

They have mostly resided Portsmouth Ohio

How have you been employed? Working at several kinds of business

Who have been your companions? men about the country

How long since you have attended school? four years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d " Grade 3d " Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Jan. 9th 1852

This boy was sent here from the Mayors office He was found in the streets without home or visible means of support. He states his mother has been dead 12 years and his step mother did not use him well and as his father is a drunkard he ran away from home and came to Ripley Ohio and went to work with a farmer. He stayed with him about two years when he left and went to Maysville Ky. to learn the Blacksmith trade. He not stay long but came to Cincinnati to find employment He very was without money and without a home He stayed about the boats a few days sometimes without food or shelter when he was sent out here. He appears to be an honest well meaning boy who is willing to work and will probably do well.

April 5. 1853.

Jesse has to-day been indentured to Morgan Beala of New Richmond Ohio. If there is any thing in the appearance of men, I should judge that the gentleman to whom Jesse is indentured, is one of earths noblemen, and I think that Jesse will do well with him. Jesse has been a good boy.

June 1st 1853.

About three days previous to the date of this note Jesse Cole left Mr. Morgan in company with John Caffin (No 256) indentured to James Fagin and James O Donelly (246) indentured to the same gentleman. A pretty set indeed to make their way through the world.

No. 216

History of John H. Parry

Aged 16 years 4 months

Committed to the House of Refuge By Court of C. Pleas

Size Small Complexion rather dark — black eyes

Appearance pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 2 in Weight 95 lbs

Your Name? John H. Parry Born in Indiana

Date of Birth Dec. 4th 1835 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Thomas Parry He was born in Wales

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in England

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Working about the engine house

Who have been your companions? bad boys who stole

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d "Grade 3d "Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Jan. 10th 1852

John was first committed by his brother who is a respectable mechanic. After he had been here he was indicted for larceny taken out tried and found guilty he was remanded to the House of Refuge by the Court of C. Pleas. Mar. 9th 1852

He is an orphan his father having died 11 years ago and his mother about two. He went to live with a man who keeps a fire engine in order at the engine house John was employed to keep the apparatus in order and very soon imbibed all the bad habits of the fire company. Although not naturally a bad boy he soon learned to swear and drink and finally was in company with a gang of thieves. A boy took two boxes of cigars and gave them to John and another boy to sell They sold them to a grocer one dollar per box although they were worth three. They admitted to the officer that they took the cigars and sold them but their plea was that they did not know they were stolen John's actions I think are the result of circumstances I do not think he is naturally a bad boy

May 31st 1852

John was this day indentured to learn the tinning business He goes with his brother who will doubtless do well by him He has been a good boy while here

No. 217

History of George Arnold

Aged about 16 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size Small Complexion florid

Appearance loaferish Marks and Scars None

Height 5 ft ½ in Weight 109 lbs

Your Name? Geo. Arnold Born in Michigan

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence St. Louis

Father's Name? Jeremiah Arnold He was born in U. S.

Mother's maiden Name? Elizabeth A. Brewer She was born in England

They have mostly resided in St. Louis Mo.

How have you been employed? Loafing for the last two years

Who have been your companions? Steam boat men and boys

How long since you have attended school? never went to school

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 4 Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Jan. 12th 1852

This boy was committed by the Mayor for vagrancy He states that his father has been dead 13 years His mother married a drunken worthless man who abused him. He left home about a year ago and went to live with farmer about 60 miles from St. Louis. He did not remain long but came back to the city and went on a steam boat as cabin boy He remained on diffenent Steam boats some time but according to his own statement he was a real loafer. He had some difficulty with the engineer and was driven off the boat at Cincinnati. He loitered about the city severeal days and was finally sent out here.

Nov 3d 1852

George has, to-day, been sent to his brother at St. Louis The Supt. does not see any reason why George should not do well. He is a boy of excellent judgment and considerable moral sensibility

A. P. R.

No. 218

History of Emma Magill

Aged about 9 years

Committed to the House of Refuge — By Trustees of Sycamore Township

Size large — Complexion dark – freckled

Appearance brutish and degraded — Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 5 in — Weight 70 lbs

Your Name? Emma Mc. Gill — Born in Ham. Co. Ohio

Date of Birth I do not Know — Former Residence Lockland Ohio

Father's Name? Charles Mc. Gill — He was born in U.S.

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know — She was born in " "

They have mostly resided in Ham. Co

How have you been employed? Living out in different families

Who have been your companions? Boys & girls in the Streets

How long since you have attended school? Two years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes — Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

Jan. 8th 1852

This girl was committed by the Trustees of Sycamore Township. She knows but little about her parents, says her father left her mother when she was a very small. She can hardly recollect him. The mother is probably a bad woman from what I have heard from other sources. Emma was placed in different families but she was very uncontrolable. The Tp. Trustees placed her with a tavern Keeper in Lockland by the name of Fisher. She refused to mind and he punished her severly. She ran away, he caught her and tied her up by the thumbs and whipped her most cruelly for two hours with a large strap. The neighbors found it out and and threatened to mob him. He came to Cincinnati and swore out a warrant against 30 of the most respectable ladies of Lockland. They were brought to the city and immediately acquitted when the facts in the case were developed. Fisher ran away and the girl was brought here

1854 Sept. 8. Discharged to the care of the Trustees
of Sycamore Township.

No. 219

History of Abagail Chalfant

Aged about 14 years

Committed to the House of Refuge — By A magistrate

Size medium — Complexion rather dark

Appearance downcast—rather simple — Marks and Scars badly burned on face

Height 5 ft 1 in — Weight 99 lbs

Your Name? Abagail Chalfant — Born in Ohio

Date of Birth I do not Know — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? John Chalfant — He was born in Pa.

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know — She was born in "

They have mostly resided in different parts of Ohio

How have you been employed? Rowking in different families

Who have been your companions? girls in our neighborhood

How long since you have attended school? three years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes — Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

Jan. 21st 1852

This girl was committed by the Mayor for vagrancy She says her mother died 7 years ago and her father was drowned about two years ago. She has two brothers and two sisters who are married. After the death of her father she lived with one of her brothers for some time and was taken from there to live with her sister. Abagail is a poor simple girl subject to epileptic fits. When in one of these she fell into the fire and burned herself very badly.
She does not have the appearance of being a vicious girl and I suppose the only reason why she is placed here is to get rid of her

Aug. 28th 1852

Abagail died this day of typhoid fever. She was sick only a few days. This is the first death which has happened in our family since we have opened.
There was a large audience on the Sabbath to attend her funeral. She was buried at the Methodist grove yard at Cummings

=ville in the 8th range 53d grave It is the
design of the directors to obtain a lot at Spring
grove and inter all the inmates in that place.

No. 920

History of James Morley

About 16 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size large Complexion florid

Appearance roguish — rather downcast Marks and Scars Star & L on arm

Height 5 ft 4 in Weight 137 lbs

Your Name? James Morley Born in Boston Mass.

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Boston Mass.

Father's Name? Daniel Morley He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Ellen Connor She was born in "

They have mostly resided Boston Mass.

How have you been employed? Sailor before the mast

Who have been your companions? Bad men and boys

How long since you have attended school? three years

Have you ever been arrested before? Yes

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d " Grade 3d " Division in School.

HISTORY.

Jan. 23d 1852

James was committed by the Mayor for larceny He says he left Boston Mass. about 4 weeks before he was placed here. He had been to sea for the last two years where he learned all the vices common to sailors. His father and brother are carpenters, who have worked in St. Louis about 3 years, James returned from Liverpool and immediately started to find his father. He had about $20 when he started but as the weather was cold and traveling slow his money was all gone when he got to Cincinnati. To cap the climax when he got here the river froze up and left him without money among strangers. He very foolishly undertook to support himself by stealing. He took a vest from a tailors shop who seen by a police officer pursued and taken, as he relates the story it is his first offence but his looks and conduct since leads me to believe he is an old offender.

May 1st 1852

James has made two efforts to escape and is evidently a bad boy.

July 31st 1852

James this day succeeded in making his escape. He tore off a grating and ran down a spout to the top of the wall.

No. 221

History of John H. Smith

Aged about 16 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size Small Complexion light

Appearance downcast Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft. 6 in. Weight 118 lbs

Your Name? John H. Smith Born in Elizabeth Town N. J.

Date of Birth Do not Know Former Residence New York city

Father's Name? George Smith He was born in New York city

Mother's maiden Name? Mary Hanbacker She was born in N. J.

They have mostly resided New York city

How have you been employed? Going with a gang of Burglars

Who have been your companions? thieves

How long since you have attended school? 5 years always played truant

Have you ever been arrested before? yes

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No

Entered 3d Grade 1st Division in School.

HISTORY.

Jan. 25th 1852

This boy was committed by the Mayor for larceny He says he left New York last August and went to Buffalo Here he was employed in a Coffee house keeping bar. The reason he left home was that his father is a drunkard and abused him He became acquainted with a gang of Burglars while in Buffalo who persuaded him to come to Cincinnati They soon instructed him in all the different branches of stealing. The crime for which he came here was taking money from the drawer of a store. He says his associates were outside and took care of the money. He was not arrested for several weeks Two of his companions were sent to jail and he was recognized as being seen hanging around that store. He was arrested on suspicion and identified by the store keeper as the boy who took his money.

May 6th 1852

John has been very steady up to this time this evening he made an attempt to escape.

1852 Sept. 20. Escaped

No. 222

History of Mary E. Johnson

Committed to the House of Refuge — By a magistrate

Size medium — Complexion dark

Appearance Smiling & pleasant — Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 5 in — Weight 74 lbs

Your Name? Mary E. Johnson — Born in Hamilton Butler Co. O.

Date of Birth December 5th 1840 — Former Residence Mill Creek Tp.

Father's Name? Ezekiel Johnson — He was born in Penn.

Mother's maiden Name? Ellen Hill — She was born in Maryland

They have mostly resided in Hamilton Co.

How have you been employed? Living in different families

Who have been your companions? Never had any

How long since you have attended school? four years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes

Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

Jan. 26th 1852

Mary was placed here on a commitment from a magistrate at the request of her father. She lost her mother when she was small. The mother was deranged for several years consequently Mary has never known a mothers care Her father bound her out but she did not please the persons who took her and they returned her to her father. He kept getting places for her until he had got 16 different places She did not seem to have any thing to be very bad about her but she would not obey. As a last resort he brought her here.

Oct. 20th 1852

Mary was this day indentured to Mr N. Speegy of Elliot Hamilton Co. Ohio She has been a quiet girl here and has no doubt got a good place.

Nov. 24, 1856

After remaining with Mr. Gregory about four Months, and not giving Satisfaction, being troublesom with the Children, She went to live with Mr. Edwin Johnson, in the City, where She lived nearly four years, but here her Conduct was unsatisfactory, being lazy, talkative, and exceedingly impertinent, and abusive to the Childs. She says She has been to School Six months since She has been with Mr Johnson.

She became so troublesom to Mr Johnson, that on application to the Board of Directors, they by resolution, passed Feb. 28, 1856, — authorized Mr. Johnson to return Mary to the Refuge —

He still thought he would try her again — in hopes She would reform and perform her duties properly — but at last he was compelled to return her which he did on the 24th of November 1856.

Mr. Johnson says She knows how to work if She only would.

1858 Dec. 4 - Discharged to the care of Mr E. Johnson of Cincinnati Ohio - by of the Boards. —
She will be of legal age next March —
Mary E - of late has been a very good Girls - & we hope she may continue in the honorable course She has taken. —

No. 223

History of Michael Moran

Aged about 12 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size medium Complexion florid

Appearance decidedly Irish Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 5½ in Weight 76 lbs

Your Name? Michael Moran Born in Ireland

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Ireland

Father's Name? Jeremiah Moran He was born in "

Mother's maiden Name? Catharine Connor She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Ireland

How have you been employed? Living in work house in Ireland

Who have been your companions? Inmates of the work house

How long since you have attended school? Never went to school

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d" Grade 3d" Division in School.

HISTORY.

Jan. 26th 1852

This little boy was committed by the mayor for vagrancy. He was found in the streets in a starving condition. He says his father came from Ireland about four years ago and left him and his friends in the poor house. Last fall his father sent $40.00 to bring a part of them to this country. This one and a brother two years older, sailed for New Orleans. When they got there their money was entirely gone and they were without friends. They begged their way to Cincinnati. Here they became separated, and could not find each other again. Michael wondered about two or three days with out a home. he was sent here for support

May 1st 1852

Michael was this day released to go with his father who hunted a long time for him. He was a very quiet little boy and will no doubt do well. His father now works in the vicinity of Bellfountain

No. 224

History of M. F. Wise

Aged about 13 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size Small Complexion light

Appearance unpleasant Marks and Scars badly scarred from head

Height 4 ft 7½ in Weight 65 lbs

Your Name? Frederick Wise Born in Dayton Ohio

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Portsmouth

Father's Name? Charles Wise He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Springfield Ohio

How have you been employed? Running about the country without employ

Who have been your companions? A drunken brother

How long since you have attended school? Never went to School

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d "Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

Jan. 28th 1852

This boy was sent here by the Mayor for vagrancy He was found in the Streets in a very destitute condition. His head was ~~littlerally~~ raw with disease he had no food and scarcely clothing enough to cover his nakedness.

He says he has a father and mother in Springfield Ohio. An older brother persuaded him to leave home. He took him to several places in this State but he was a miserable drunken fellow and did not stay long in a place At Cincinnati he left Fred. and went to New Orleans. The little fellow was thus left without any one to look after him. He was found by a watchman and sent out here

Aug. 10th 1853.

Frederick has this day been indented to Mr Augustus S. Reigner of Fiskburg, Kenton County Ky. He has been a good boy.

No. 923

History of William Thomas

Aged about 8 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size Small Complexion light

Appearance pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft ½ in Weight 50 lbs

Your Name? William Thomas Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence "

Father's Name? James Thomas He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Living with a woman

Who have been your companions? Drunkards & rowdies

How long since you have attended school? Never went to School

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d "Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

Jan. 28th 1852

This little fellow was committed for vagrancy His father was a drunken worthless fellow who died about four years ago. The mother was also a drunkard. A little more than a year ago her brother-in-law went to her house while intoxicated & as they were both so drunk, they did not know what they were about they got into a quarrel and in the fracas she was killed. William was taken by some of the relatives of the family but his aunt who took the most care of him died and left him without protection. He went about from one to another like a little stray dog until he was turned entirely out of doors The mayor thought best to send him here

May 25th 1853.

William having been indentured to Joseph Stanley of Boston, Wayne County, Ohio, has to-day been discharged from the Institution. William is a very good little boy.

No. 926

History of Thomas W. Craddock

14 years 5 months

Committed to the House of Refuge — By the Mayor

Size medium — Complexion very light white hair

Appearance wild & uncouth — Marks and Scars T. B. on right arm

Height 4 ft 7 in — Weight 76 lbs

Your Name? Thomas W. Craddock — Born in Engla[illegible]

Date of Birth Nov. 7th 1837 — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Thomas W. Craddock — He was born in England

Mother's maiden Name? Georgiana Snow — She was born in "

They have mostly resided England

How have you been employed? Working in a brass foundery

Who have been your companions? Boys in the Streets

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No — Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

Jan. 30th 1852

This boy was committed by the Mayor for Vagrancy He was brought out from England about one year ago by Mr. Thompson. He has a mother in England who allowed him to come to this country with this man. Thomas says he was not well used. The woman was in the habit of beating him severely with a cane, broom stick or any thing she could lay her hands upon. She frequently starved him for for several meals at a time. The neighbors advised him to run away. He did so and was taken up by a watchman and sent here He was no doubt an aggravating boy as he is very careless and inattentive I do not think from his statements and general appearance that he is a dishonest boy. He is doubtless susceptible of improvement

March 29th 1853.

Thomas has been indentured to Hannel Denny of Eaton, Preble County Ohio. He is a tolerably good boy.

No. 227

History of Martha Watkins

Committed — By

Size — Complexion

Appearance — Marks and Scars

Height ft in — Weight lbs

Your Name ? — Born in

Date of Birth — Former Residence

Father's Name ? — He was born in

Mother's maiden Name ? — She was born in

They have mostly resided

How have you been employed ?

Who have been your companions ?

How long since you have attended school ?

Have you ever been arrested before ?

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School ? — Entered Grade Division in School.

HISTORY.

Feb. 4th 1852

This girl was arrested for vagrancy on a rec
ommendation of some of the ladies Committee
of relief. She was begging about the streets
and was thought by them to be a proper subject
Her parents when they found she was here made
a great ado and taking every thing into consid
eration the board thought best to release her
She was only here three days

1852 Feb. 7. Discharged to her Parents

No. 928

History of William Russel

Aged 26 years.

Committed — By

Size — Complexion

Appearance — Marks and Scars

Height ft in — Weight lbs

Your Name ? — Born in

Date of Birth — Former Residence

Father's Name ? — He was born in

Mother's maiden Name ? — She was born in

They have mostly resided

How have you been employed ?

Who have been your companions ?

How long since you have attended school ?

Have you ever been arrested before ?

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School ? — Entered Grade Division in School.

HISTORY.

Feb. 5th 1852

Russel is a man 26 years of age with a wife and two children. Mr. Greenwood one of our directors had raised him from a boy and promised his mother on he death bed he would look after him. Wm. was steady until a few years ago he got into the habit of drinking and gambling. He kept going from bad to worse until Mr. Greenwood was obliged to discharge him He soon became a perfect sot and abused his family in such a manner that his wife was obliged to swear her life against him.
He was sent to jail in default of bail where Mr. Greenwood found him. He told him he might have his choice to lie there or come out here and live like the rest of the inmates until the whiskey was worked out of him
He chose to come here

Apr. 8th 1852

Russel was this day employed to take charge of the gate. He has thus far been steady and appears to do well

Vouchers

No. 227

History of John Owen

aged about 9 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size small Complexion light

Appearance rather interesting Marks and Scars none

Height 3 ft 11 in Weight 50 lbs

Your Name? John J. Owen Born in Kentucky

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? James Owen, He was born in U.S.

Mother's maiden Name? Eunice Gilman She was born in " "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Living with my father

Who have been your companions? Boys in the street

How long since you have attended school? Six months

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade ~~4th~~ Division in School.

HISTORY.

Feb. 5th 1852

John was committed by the Mayor at the request of his Grandfather. His mother has been dead three years. His father died about two weeks before he came to the Refuge. The grand father took the boy to live with him but he is very poor and could not support him. I suppose the only object in placing the boy here was to give him a home. His father was a drunken fellow and probably died of delirium tremens. I do not see any thing wrong about the boy. He is quiet, inoffensive and would no doubt do well if we could get him a good place.

Sept. 14th 1853.

John has to-day been discharged to the custody of Curtis W. Smith to whom he is indentured. John is a quiet, inoffensive boy and promises to make a man.

Address Lunel, Franklin Co. Ind^a

No. 230

History of Daniel Open

Aged about 9 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size Small Complexion light

Appearance idiotic Marks and Scars none

Height 3 ft 11½ in Weight 45 lbs

Your Name? Daniel Open Born in Virginia

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Samuel Open He was born in I do not know

Mother's maiden Name? I do not know She was born in " " " "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? begging in the streets

Who have been your companions? never had any

How long since you have attended school? No

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d " Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Feb. 16th 1852

This boy was sent from the Mayor's office charged with vagrancy. He was the most loathsome distressed object when he came here that I ever saw His head was filled with vermin he was so emaciated by hunger and so nearly perished with cold that I thought it would be impossible to raise him By careful nursing however he soon became strong and healty. The officer said he found him in an old cooper shop in a pile of shavings I am unable to make any thing out of him as he does not seek to know much about himself.

January 6th 1854. Indentured to Peter Blaine Colley Hill to learn Farming.

August 4. 1855. Daniel is to day returned to the Refuge committed by the Mayor for Vagrancy. Little can be learned from the boy of his whereabouts and manner of life since he left the Refuge, how little any one may know by questioning him.

He probably staid with his master a few months and since that time has been Kept by some one for the rags he could pick from the streets.

1858 Apr 15 Indentured to Mr Nathaniel Richardson of Lebanon Warren Co. O. to learn farming and to receive $150—

No. 231
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History of Daniel Murnahan

Committed — By

Size — Complexion

Appearance — Marks and Scars

Height ft in — Weight lbs

Your Name ? — Born in

Date of Birth — Former Residence

Father's Name ? — He was born in

Mother's maiden Name ? — She was born in

They have mostly resided

How have you been employed ?

Who have been your companions ?

How long since you have attended school ?

Have you ever been arrested before ?

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School ? — Entered Grade Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Feb. 17th 1852

Daniel is the boy who came here under the name of Frank Harvey No. 12 He did not learn until he was indentured that he came here under a false name. He Stayed until about the 1st of Jan. with Mr Wright the man to whom he was indentured when he became unsteady and left I brought him back to the refuge but he made his escape

No. 232

History of Joseph E. Connell

604. aged about 11 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By his father

Size medium Complexion florid

Appearance not prepossessing Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 3 in Weight 55 lbs

Your Name? Joseph E. Connell Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence "

Father's Name? George Connell He was born in U. S.

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in " "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Going to School always played truant

Who have been your companions? Bad boys who persuaded me to steal

How long since you have attended school? Six month.

Have you ever been arrested before? no

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3 Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Feb. 17th 1852

This boy was committed by his father. He states that he has sent him to School and tried every way to do something with him but without success. He became associated with bad boys who were older. They had such an influence over him that he did not go to School for weeks at a time. They induced him to steal from groceries &c. At length he would take money when he could find it. The father punished him severely but these boys would again coax him away. He would be gone a week at a time from home and would be heard of in the Streets as drunk as Bacchus. This no doubt is the best place for the boy

April 21. 1854. Indentured to Mr John Blaisdell of Lawrenceburg, Dearborn Co, Indiana; to learn the business of Farming.

June 29: 1854. Joseph was this day received returned by a Police Officer. He staid with the man to whom he was indentured about four weeks. and then left for no better reason than because he wished to be with certain relatives living in Cincinnati. As Joseph had been a good boy when in the House he was allowed to remain in the city until his conduct should determine whether he would do well if left to his friends. He worked a few weeks in a printing office on on Walnut near 4th and afterwards in Nell's Type foundry on Center St.
As the Directors had given orders to his employer to return him to the Refuge if he should not do well he was placed in charge of an Officer and returned. The reson assigned is that he evinced a growing disposition to be at variance with the other boys of the shop
For additional information, see under No 604.

Mar. 16 1855. Indentured to Charles Markey of Eaton, Preble Co O; to learn farming and to receive 250 $.

May 23 1855. Having left his place and returned to the city, the Directors had him arrested & returned.

Aug. 14, 1857. Joseph is this day indentured to Mr Jas R. Day of Jackson C. H. Jackson Co. Ohio to learn Tin Smithing and to receive $175 at the expiration of his term of service.

No. 233

History of Geo. W. Blangy

Aged about 15

Committed to the House of Refuge — By the Mayor

Size Small — Complexion light florid

Appearance pleasant — Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 9 in — Weight 85 lbs

Your Name? Geo. W. Blangy — Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth I do not know — Former Residence "

Father's Name? Samuel Blangy — He was born in Burlington Co. N.J.

Mother's maiden Name? Elizabeth Davis — She was born in " " "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? going to school

Who have been your companions? Boys in the streets

How long since you have attended school? Six months

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes, — Entered Grade Division in School.

HISTORY.

Feb. 17th 1852

This boy was committed by the Mayor at the request of his brother. It appears that Geo lived with an older brother who was down the river. He became indolent and would not go to school and the brother next older than himself though he could place him here for two or three weeks as a punishment and then take him out. When the brother from down the river returned he was very much enraged and made every effort to get him out. An investigation of his ability to take care of the boy proved that he was abundantly able and the Board according voted to release him

May 6th 1852

Geo. Was this day released to go with his brother. He is a quiet pleasant boy and should never have been put here.

No. 234

History of Thomas Edmonds

Aged about 11 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size medium Complexion florid

Appearance pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 4½ in Weight 75 lbs

Your Name? Thomas Edmonds Born in Wales

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Thomas Edmonds He was born in Wales

Mother's maiden Name? Jane Tasker She was born in "

They have mostly resided Wales in Cincinnati 4 years

How have you been employed? working in rolling mill & loafing about the Wharf

Who have been your companions.? Boys who persuaded me to run away

How long since you have attended school? Six months always played truant

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3 Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Feb. 18th 1852

Thomas was committed by the Mayor for vagrancy at the request of his mother. His father died when he was quite young and left the mother with a family of small children to support. This boy was always hard to manage. He would not go to school, and was saucy to his mother. He soon got into the habit of stealing small articles about the steamboat landing. He would stay out nights and became so very disorderly that all the friends of the family advised his being sent to this place.

Sept. 11th 1852

Thomas was this day released to Thomas Cadick, who is a friend of his mother. They propose to return to Wales in a few weeks

No. 235

History of Dennis Conroy

about 9 years

Committed to the House of Refuge — By the Mayor

Size small — Complexion light

Appearance rather pleasant — Marks and Scars none

Height ft in — Weight lbs

Your Name? Owen Conroy — Born in Ireland

Date of Birth I do not Know — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Owen Conroy — He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Sarah Daly — She was born in "

They have mostly resided Ireland in Cincinnati three years

How have you been employed? living with my father

Who have been your companions? boys in the Street

How long since you have attended school? three months

Have you ever been arrested before? no

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No — Entered 3d Grade 1st Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge Feb. 18th 1852

This little boy was committed by the Mayor for vagrancy. It appears that his father and mother live in the city They have boy about 14 years of age who is very bad indeed. He persuaded this little fellow to leave home with him. They stayed about the steam boat landing two or three days when the older brother left his brother in the streets. Dennis wandered about all day and did not know the way home at night he was found by a police officer and brought here. He has been here a little over two months - is a quiet pleasant boy.

May 6th 1852

Dennis was this day released to go to his father It appears the father thought his little boy was dead and the family had mourned for him as one lost to them forever. He happened to think of this place and came out to see if he was here He was overjoyed to find him. The facts of the case being known the boy was given up to his father

No. 936

History of William Shotwell

Aged about 15 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size Small

Complexion light freckled

Appearance Prepossessing

Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 11 in

Weight 66 lbs

Your Name? William Shotwell

Born in Philadelphia Pa.

Date of Birth I do not Know

Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Isaac Shotwell

He was born in New Jersey

Mother's maiden Name? Elizabeth Archer

She was born in Philadelphia

They have mostly resided in Philadelphia in Cincinnati 5 years

How have you been employed? Going to school frequently played truant

Who have been your companions? Bad boys who induced him to steal

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes

Entered 3d Grade 2d Division in School.

HISTORY.

Feb. 19th 1852

This boy was committed by the Mayor for Larceny His parents are respectable and are members of the Society of Friends. The father went to California about one year ago and left his family in the care of the mother. William soon became acquainted with a set of very bad boys. They soon coaxed him from school. They spent most of their time fighting chickens and stealing small articles from market William succeeded for a long time in deceiving his mother. He pretended to go to school when he was prowling about the streets. He finally commenced taking money from stores.
He watched several days about Mr. Hoarth's Grocery Store on 6th & Race St. He finally got an opportunity to take their money when they were engaged in the back part of the store. He got $3 50 and immediately left for Pittsburg. He says he lost nearly all the money Poor board. He was not induced to take the money by any of his companions but had become so lost that he planned the whole thing himself. He is a bad boy

Sept 21st 1853.

Sometime during the night between the 20th and 21st of Sept. 1853 William made his escape. He was either sick or feigned to be, and was left in the Hospital; and it is presumed, that after things became quiet, and all the officers, except the watchman who is principally engaged in the hall of the boys' dormitories, were buried in deep sleep he effected his object — at what hour he escaped is not known. He, by means of sheets tied together let himself down upon the covering of the walk between the main building and the school room and thence he got into the attic of the chapel building from which without difficulty he made his way to the engine room. He broke into an enclosure on the engine room by bursting off a board and from this enclosure he took a ladder, and packing used around the engine. With ladder he made his way to the top of the chapel building as follows: From the railing, surrounding the platform at the heads of the steps at the south door of the second story, he laid his ladder to the window immediately south of the platform and thence scaped into the second story. From a window immediately north of the platform before

No. 237

History of Ann Bebb

Aged about 9 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By her father

Size small Complexion florid dark eyes

Appearance pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 3¼ in Weight 56 lbs

Your Name? Ann Bebb Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence "

Father's Name? Morris Bebb He was born in Wales

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Going to school

Who have been your companions? girls at the school

How long since you have attended school? Six weeks

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d " Grade 3d " Division in School.

HISTORY.

Feb. 20th 1852

This little girl was brought here by her father who represented that she had got into a habit of stealing from the house school house &c She would bring home books, shoes bonnets &c and say she found them It was a long time before they could ascertain who took the things from the scholars at the school house. At length suspicion was fastened on this girl and many of the things were found hid about her fathers house. He punished her severely made her restore all the articles taken and go back to school. She soon began to take things from home and trade them off with children at school. The father did what he could to break her but without success. He was advised to bring her here

Aug. 25, 1853.

To day dates Ann's discharge by Indenture to the care of Mr. James McFarland. of Rossville Ohio. Ann is still addicted to her old habit that of filching. Mr Mc Farland will be a good home for her.

1856 Jany 11. Ann being found guilty of Stealing from her Master, was returned by him to the Refuge -

1860. Augt. 25. Discharged to the care of Mr. Thos. P. Wright of Range Township, Madison Co. Ohio - Mr. Wright agrees to Clothe her well until She becomes of age. - She leaves the Lodge

No. 238

History of John Brown alias Brown

Committed — By

Size — Complexion

Appearance — Marks and Scars

Height ft in — Weight lbs

Your Name? John Brown — Born in

Date of Birth — Former Residence

Father's Name? — He was born in

Mother's maiden Name? — She was born in

They have mostly resided

How have you been employed?

Who have been your companions?

How long since you have attended school?

Have you ever been arrested before?

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? — Entered Grade Division in School.

HISTORY.

Feb. 25th 1852

This was a large boy who was found loafing about the city about 12 o'clock at night He stated that he was working on a steamboat and that he had been at the theatre. He was so ragged and had such a loafenish look that the mayor thought best to send him here. He did not stay but a few days before he made his escape by serging a stick of timber and running over the wall.

"Escaped in a few days"

No. 239

History of John Smith 2nd

Aged about 16 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size small Complexion dark swarthy

Appearance sly but shrewd Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft ½ in Weight 92 lbs

Your Name? John Smith Born in Gettisburg Pa.

Date of Birth do not know Former Residence Philadelphia

Father's Name? John Smith He was born in U. S.

Mother's maiden Name? Elizabeth Gallaher She was born in Pa

They have mostly resided in Philadelphia

How have you been employed? Driving on canal & going on steam boat

Who have been your companions? such men as found on boats

How long since you have attended school? five years ago

Have you ever been arrested before? yes at Pittsburg

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

Feb. 25th 1852

This boy was sent by the Mayor charged with Larceny. He says his father died five years ago. His mother married again and he would not stay at home. He went to driving on the canal. In the winter he lived with a farmer. Last season he came to Pittsburg where he got into a fighting scrape and was sent to jail for 30 days. After his release he went on a steamboat as second cook. He came to Cincinnati and in company with some of the hands took a plush cap. He was arrested and sent here. He is doubtless a bad boy as his countenance and whole deportment indicate it

May 16th 1852

John made an attempt to escape we think him one of the worst boys in the Institution

July 1st 1852

John succeeded in making his escape. He made a paddy which was locked up by an oversight in his place

No. 240 or 544

History of Edward Wilkey

Aged about 7 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Township Trustees

Size small Complexion dark

Appearance odd Marks and Scars none

Height 3 ft 6½ in Weight 41 lbs

Your Name? Edward Wilkey Born in Ohio

Date of Birth I do not Remember Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Edward Wilkey He was born in U. S.

Mother's maiden Name? Charlotte Cooley She was born in Ohio

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Living at the Orphan Asylum

Who have been your companions? Boys at the Asylum

How long since you have attended school? Six weeks

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

Feb. 25th 1852

This little fellow was sent here by the Township Trustees. His father died of Cholera two years ago and his mother is one of the most abandoned drunkards I ever knew. The trustees sent her to the hospital and this little boy to the Orphan Asylum. Just as soon as she would get over her drunken spell she would leave and go and take this little boy with her to some low Doggery where she would have another Spree and again be sent to jail or hospital. This was repeated several times until the Trustees thought best to send the boy here just as soon as she was able to be but she came here in a most desperate passion threatened to break the house down or set it on fire if we did not let the boy go with her. She has been here several times but I have not let her see the boy.

Nov. 12th 1853.

Little Edward discharged to-day by indenture to the care of of Geo. Mitchel of Mt. Carmel Indiana. He goes to learn the business of farming. May he do well.

1854 March 27. Returned by his Master for bad conduct—

1857 Nov. 30 - Indentured to John McKee of Greencastle Putnam Co Indi to learn farming and to receive at the expiration of his term of service $250—

No. 241

History of Jeremiah Mc. Cue

Aged about 11 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size Small Complexion light Sandy hair

Appearance pleasant with small blue eyes Marks and Scars none

Height 3 ft 11½ in Weight 52 lbs

Your Name? Dominic Jr McCue Born in Ireland

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Dominick McCue He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Ireland in Cincinnati three years

How have you been employed? Living in the Catholic Orphan Asylum

Who have been your companions? Boys in the Asylum

How long since you have attended school? Six months

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d " Grade 2d " Division in School.

HISTORY.

Feb. 26th 1852

This boy was committed by the Mayor at the request of his uncle. His father and mother are both dead. He was placed at the Catholic Orphan Asylum three years ago. He remained there until the building was injured by fire when he was removed to a place on 13th St. He was taken from there by an uncle but he ran away and staged out nights. The uncle returned him again to the Asylum as soon as it was repaired. But he had got into the habit of playing truant and frequently ran away from the Asylum. The uncle placed him in another Asylum but he ran away from that also. He became so unsteady that they were obliged to place him here. He does not have the appearance of being a very bad boy and will no doubt do well.

May 25th 1853.

Dominick alias Jeremiah has to-day left our Institution having been indentured to William Boroughs of Boston Wayne County Ohio. Jeremiah is a good little boy.

No. 242

History of Adam Bowers

Committed — By

Size — Complexion

Appearance — Marks and Scars

Height ft in — Weight lbs

Your Name ? — Born in

Date of Birth — Former Residence

Father's Name ? — He was born in

Mother's maiden Name ? — She was born in

They have mostly resided

How have you been employed ?

Who have been your companions ?

How long since you have attended school ?

Have you ever been arrested before ?

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School ? — Entered Grade Division in School.

HISTORY.

Mar. 1st 1852

This boy was sent by the Mayor for disorderly conduct on the Sabbath. He was fined $5,00 and sent here until it was paid. His father as soon as he found where he was, came up and paid his fine. He was only here three days.

1852 Mar 3 Discharged to his Parents

No. 243

History of Martha J. Comar

Aged about 13 years

Committed to the Girl's Home Refuge By the Mayor

Size Small Complexion Dark

Appearance Sickly Marks and Scars None

Height 4 ft 5 in Weight 71 lbs

Your Name? Martha J. Comer Born in in Indiana

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Ezekiel Comer He was born in Henry Co. Ga

Mother's maiden Name? Mary E. Snead She was born in Richmond Va

They have mostly resided In Indiana

How have you been employed? living with my mother

Who have been your companions? never had any who did wrong

How long since you have attended school? Six months

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 8th Division in School.

HISTORY.

Feb. 21st 1872

Martha was sent here by the Mayor for a home, Her mother is a poor widow who supported herself and family by taking in washing She did some washing for a gambler who passed counterfeit money upon her in payment for work. He was arrested and Mrs. Comer summoned as a witness. By some means he was taken to Columbus for trial. She was requined to give $400 bail for her appearance at that place. She was unabl to do so and was taken taken for safe keeping until time of trial She left her little girl with a neighbor who had her sent here Martha appears like a very good child,

May 7th 1872

Martha was this day released to return to return to her mother Mrs Comer was detained in Columbus nearly three months when she returned to the city and found her little girl here she was nearly deranged when the found learned the facts they immediately released her

No. 244

History of James Black

Aged about 16 years

Committed to the House of Refuge — By the Court of Common Pleas

Size medium — Complexion florid

Appearance pleasant — Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 1½ in — Weight 102 lbs

Your Name? James Black — Born in Ireland

Date of Birth I do not know — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Edward Black — He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Barbary Lawson — She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Ireland - in Cincinnati two years

How have you been employed? in a Glue factory

Who have been your companions? Got into company of bad boys

How long since you have attended school? Six months

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No — Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

Mar. 9th 1852

James was arrested and tried by the Court of Common Pleas for Larceny. It appeared at the trial that he in company with two other boys went into a tobacconist shop and took two boxes of cigars and took them to a grocery and sold them. They were traced by an officer and the cigars found. James says he has been unsteady for two years as he could get no steady employment. About two months ago he became acquainted with a boy by the name of Hogan who was in the habit of stealing. They began taking small articles but were not found out until they took the cigars. James eluded the officer for two or three months but was finally caught. He seems to be a quiet boy and says he will reform if he ever gets out of this place

Oct. 1st 1852

James returned this day to the care of his friends who promise faithfully to keep him at work.

No. 265

History of Adolphus Reiley

Committed Aged about 10 years to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size large Complexion light

Appearance pleasant Marks and Scars

Height 4 ft 7 in Weight 89 lbs

Your Name? Adolphus Reiley Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth Former Residence

Father's Name? J. W. Reiley He was born in

Mother's maiden Name? She was born in

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Running about the streets

Who have been your companions? bad boys

How long since you have attended school? Six weeks but played truant all the time

Have you ever been arrested before? yes

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3 Grade 4 Division in School.

HISTORY.

Mar. 11th 1852

This boy was committed by the Mayor for the payment of a fine. It was done at the request of his father who is a respectable Magistrate The father has been lame for several years and his boys have taken the advantage of him and commenced playing truant from School. From that they got into company with bad boys and were led to all sorts of mischief.

Apr. 3d 1852

Resp. Reiley took this boy home. He only designed to leave him a few days and try what effect it would have upon him.

No. 246

History of Adelbert Reiley

Committed Aged about 12 years to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size very small Complexion florid

Appearance very sly & deceitful Marks and Scars

Height 4 ft 2 in Weight 59 lbs

Your Name? Wm. A. Reiley Born in

Date of Birth Oct 1838 Former Residence

Father's Name? He was born in

Mother's maiden Name? She was born in

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Loafing about the Streets

Who have been your companions? Bad boys

How long since you have attended school? Six weeks but played truant most of the time

Have you ever been arrested before? yes

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 4 Division in School.

HISTORY.

Mar. 18th 1852

This boy is a brother to Adolphus (No. 245) and his case is the same. William is the older boy although much the smaller. He is the worse boy of the two. They are said by those who know them to be bad boys

Apr. 10th 1852

William returned home to day on his father's paying his fines. He designs to send both his boys to College but he will be likely to have trouble with this one.

April. 11-1857. Returned to day by his father with the consent of the Board.

June 28-1858- Discharged to the care of his father- Before his return this last time he had been in the habit of drinking very hard- and my greatest fear now is that he will return to that course again-

No. 247
or 642

History of Daniel Kennelly

Aged about 14 years

Committed to the House of Refuge — By the Mayor

Size rather small — Complexion florid - dark hair

Appearance pleasant with an open countenance — Marks and Scars None

Height 4 ft 7½ in — Weight 75 lbs

Your Name? Daniel D. Kennelly — Born in Ireland

Date of Birth April 28th 1838 — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Timothy Kennelly — He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Kate Murray — She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Ireland in Cinti two years

How have you been employed? working in Sawmill & stitching boots

Who have been your companions? boys about the neighborhood

How long since you have attended school? one years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No — Entered 3d "Grade 3d "Division in School.

HISTORY.

Mar. 11th 1852

This boy was committed by the mayor for vagrancy at the request of his father who is a drunken Irishman, Daniel got into the habit of drinking whiskey with his father and getting drunk. They lived together as the mother was dead. The boy did the cooking and the father worked when he could find any thing to do. Daniel appears to be a quiet boy and it is probable will give us but little trouble

1854 Apr 3. Indentured to Lewis L Gebhart of Miamisburg, Montgomery Co. to learn Tanning

1854 Aug 24. Returned by his Master on account of his Sawing & Morose disposition.

1857 Feb 6. Discharged to the care of his Father.

No. 2148

History of Dennis Leary

Aged 15 years 5 months

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size medium Complexion red with red hair

Appearance coarse & rough Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 1½ in Weight 112 lbs

Your Name? Dennis Leary Born in Ireland

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Cornelius Leary He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Joana Shay She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Albany N. Y. in Cincinnati two years

How have you been employed? Loafing about the streets

Who have been your companions? Bad boys

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? once

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? no Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

Mar. 13th 1852

Dennis was sent up by the Mayor for vagrancy His mother has been a widow for the last 12 years She has 5 children and has had much trouble to get along. Her two oldest boys work in a foundery This boy and a younger brother fell into bad company and gave her great trouble. Dennis would loaf about the markets and steal butter, eggs, chickens &c. and with a gang of other boys go out of the city and spend the night eating and drinking. The mother got him one or two places to work but he would not stay. The watchman in his ward had noticed him for some time and at last his depradations became so frequent that it was thought best to send him here.

July 30th 1853.

Dennis has to day been indentured to Joseph T. Potter of West Alexandria, Preble County, Ohio. Dennis's general deportment has been good. That he will continue to do well is not altogether certain.

No. 249

History of Edward Parker

Aged about 10 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size Small Complexion florid

Appearance pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 3 ft 10 in Weight 50 lbs

Your Name? Edward H. Parker Born in Pittsburg

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Christopher Parker He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? Mary Revel She was born in Ireland

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Selling oranges

Who have been your companions? Boys about the market

How long since you have attended school? Never went to school

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

Mar. 17th 1852

This boy was committed by the mayor at the request of his mother. It appears from the statement of the boy that his mother is a drunkard and was in the habit of sleeping with other men while her husband was down the river. The father when he learned how worthless his wife had become left her and went to New Orleans. She kept on in her course of intoxication and found she could not support her children. She placed her little daughters in the Orphan Asylum and Edward here. The father when he found where his boy was placed, [illegible] was very much enraged and is very anxious to get them out. Edward does not appear to be a bad boy and would doubtless do well in a good family.

July 1st 1853.

To day dates the discharge of Edward from the Refuge. He has, almost invariably, since his commitment to this institution, conducted himself commendably.

No. 250

History of Frederick J. Feasleman

Aged about 13 yeans

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size Small

Complexion light with light hair

Appearance rather pleasant

Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 5½ in

Weight 78 lbs

Your Name? Frederick J. Feasleman

Born in Germany

Date of Birth I do not Know

Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? I do not Know

He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know

She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Going to School.

Who have been your companions? Boys in the Streets

How long since you have attended school? Six months

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No

Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

Mar. 22d 1852

Frederick was sent here by the Mayor charged with vagrancy. He has no father or mother and cannt remember either of them. He was supported by some friends of the family and sent to School but he seemed determined not to go, he played truant continually and as they found it impossible to keep him out of the street they had him sent here. The probability is that they wished to get rid of him and took this method to accomplish their design.

Feb. 18th 1853

Frederick was this day indentured to Daniel Shock of Eaton Preble Co. Ohio He goes to a worthy farmer and it is to be hoped he will do well.

1861 Dec 27.

Frederick called to see us to day. He says that he served his time out about two years ago. But has continued to work for Mr Shock since that time. he in company with

Mr. Socks Don - has been making the farm on Shares - Majesty
He states that his settlement with the Dook of his ma-
jesty was in every respect satisfactory. —
Frederick appears remarkably well —

No. 237

History of Robert H. South

Aged about 10 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Township Trustees

Size medium Complexion florid

Appearance very pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 3 ft 11 in Weight 55 lbs

Your Name? Robert H. South Born in Liverpool Eng.

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? I do not Know He was born in Liverpool Eng.

Mother's maiden Name? Charlotte Roberts She was born in " "

They have mostly resided in England in Cincinnati 4 years

How have you been employed? living out in several places

Who have been your companions? never had any that were bad

How long since you have attended school? six months

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3rd " Grade 3rd " Division in School.

HISTORY.

March 23d 1852

This little boy was committed by the Township Trustees at the request of Mr. Forbus a dry good dealer on 7th Row. He says his father died in the Mexican war. His mother married a man by the name of Fletcher who is a drinking man. She did not live long this left Robert an orphan Mr. Fletcher married again, his wife was willing to keep him but the Step father drove him from the house. He lived at several places but he did not seem disposed to mind what was said to him. He got into the habit of running about nights and it was thought best to send him here.

April 1st 1853.

Released. Robert to day to Mr. Lyman McBride by indenture. Robt has been a tolerably good boy.

No. 252
or 582

History of Henry Poggendick

Aged about 16 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size medium Complexion light

Appearance very wild and uncouth Marks and Scars right Knee badly scared

Height 5 ft 2 in Weight 165 lbs

Your Name? H. H. Fred. Poggenditch Born in Germany

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Henry Poggenditch He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? Margaret Bunkman She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Germany

How have you been employed? working on a farm & in a tobacco Shop

Who have been your companions? bad boys

How long since you have attended school? three years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 2d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

Mar. 24th 1852

This boy was sent from the Mayors office charged with ~~Burglary~~ vagrancy. He has not been from Germany long and it is very difficult to find out any thing about him. Though an interpreter I learn that his father is dead and his mother is still in Germany. He say he came to this country with an old man with one arm who inticed him from his home. He has lived in the country in the vicinity of Cincinnati for some time but he ran away and came to the city. He was loafing about without home or friends when he was sent here

1854: May 30th: Indentured to Dr John Treon of Miamisburg Montgomery Co. Ohio. —

1854 June 12. Returned: it is conjectured because he could not do a skillful gardeners work.

1854 Nov 13 Indentured to Andrew J Stout of Bevis
Ham. Co O to learn farming.

No. 253

History of Altona Johnston

Aged about 8 years

Committed to the House of Refuge — By her mother

Size small — Complexion light

Appearance puny but interesting — Marks and Scars none

Height 3 ft 8 in — Weight 41 lbs

Your Name? Altona L. Johnson — Born in I do not know

Date of Birth I do not know — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Jos. Johnson — He was born in I do not know

Mother's maiden Name? I do not know — She was born in " " " "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Living with my mother

Who have been your companions? The worst girls in the city

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No — Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

May 25th 1852

This little girl was committed by her mother As near as I can learn from Altona her father separated from her mother, who is a worthless trollope, and took part of the children. She left this little girl and a boy younger in the Orphan Asylume The mother was intoxicated nearly all the time for several months, but finally took up with a boatman and went to live with Sal Hayden in a house of ill fame. She then took her children to live with her Here Altona was exposed to most dreadful scenes of vice and crime, Her better nature prevailed and she was induced to place her child here The little girl is a very pleasant child and is very much liked by the matrons

July 28th 1853.

Altona according to the direction of the Directors of the institution is not to be bound out.

Sept. 13. 1853.

Altona was to-day released to the care of her brother in law Samuel R. Green of Louisville Kentucky. Atta in many

is an interesting little girl — the most prominent fault to which she is prone is that of fibbing.

No. 257 History of Charles W. Naylor

Aged about 13 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size Small Complexion light light eyes

Appearance rather interesting Marks and Scars bit by dog on right leg

Height 4 ft 3½ in Weight 64 lbs

Your Name? Chas Wesley Naylor Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence "

Father's Name? Isaac Naylor He was born in Mass.

Mother's maiden Name? Elizabeth Robinson She was born in Ohio

They have mostly resided Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Getting Co Whiskey for father

Who have been your companions? Bad boys

How long since you have attended school? two years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

Mar. 29th 1852

Charles was committed by Mayor at the request of his mother. His father has been a poor miserable drunkard for several years. He abused his family so badly that it was dangerous to live with him. He was in the habit of sending this boy into the streets to beg or do errands so that he could get a few cents to buy whiskey. Charles was fast imbibing habits of idleness and theft that would have proved his ruin. He had been to school but little and would stay at no steady employment as his father exercised great influence over him. His mother is quite a sensible woman She by the advice of friends was induced to place him here although it was a great trial to her.

May 19th 1852

Charles made his escape this day from the Refuge He was gone about three weeks when we sent after him and brought him home again

1852 June 10 Returned

March 30th 1853

Charles has been released to-day by indenture to John W. Garwood to learn the business of Carpentering. It is to be hoped that Chas will do well.

No. 255

History of Eleanor Fox

Aged about 8 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size very small Complexion dark - black eyes

Appearance funny Marks and Scars none

Height 3 ft 7 in Weight 41 lbs

Your Name? Eleanor Fox Born in England

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? William H. Fox He was born in England

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in England in Cincinnati 5 years

How have you been employed? Begging for my mother

Who have been your companions? I never had any

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d ½ Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

Mar. 30th 1852

This little girl was committed by the Mayor at the request of the aunt. Her father died about four years ago. Her mother soon became a drunkard. She got a precarious living by washing sending her children out to beg. She got slight relief from the Township Trustees but she usually drank up all the she could get. She finally took the Delerium Tremens and was sent to the Hospital. Little Eleanor was taken by a woman who keeps a house of ill fame. Here she was exposed to ruin An aunt of hers who is also a drunkard hearing where she was had sense enough to go to the Mayor and have her sent out here.

Oct. 16th 1852

Eleanor was this day indentured to Mr. Barnard a worthy member of the Society of Friends who lives at Cottage Grove P. O. Harmon Co. Ia. She has a good place and we hope she will do well.

for No 256 see after No 264

No. 257

History of Mary J. Faulkner

Aged 16 years 8 months 8 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By her father

Size Small Complexion light

Appearance pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft in Weight 94 lbs

Your Name? Mary J. Faulkner Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth July 23d 1835 Former Residence

Father's Name? Stephen Faulkner He was born in England

Mother's maiden Name? Abagail Ray She was born in Boston Mass.

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? working in Type Foundery

Who have been your companions? girls about the street

How long since you have attended school? three years

Have you ever been arrested before? yes.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 2d Division in School.

HISTORY.

Mar. 30th 1852

This girl was brought here by her father She had some difficulty with her friends and left home. She went to a boarding house and supported herself by working in the type foundery. The place where she boarded was thought to be disreputable and her father was very anxious to have her return home but she refused. He obtained a warrant for her and tried to compel her to return she still refused. He then got an order and brought her out here. She was very much distressed at the thought of staying here. She was engaged to be married to a young man and an arrangement was made by the Directors if on enquiry the young man was respectable and they could gain the consent of her parents she might be released on her getting married. Every thing was arranged satisfactorily I attended her wedding and we had a good time.

1852 Apr. 5 – Discharged to the care of her husband
She being married at this time.

No. 238

History of William H. H. Hall

Aged about 9 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By his father

Size Small Complexion florid

Appearance very interesting Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 1 in Weight 57 lbs

Your Name? Wm. H. H. Hall Born in Kentucky

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Michael Hall He was born in I do not Know

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in " " " "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? leading my father about who is blind

Who have been your companions? never had any but my father

How long since you have attended school? Three years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

Apr. 19th 1852

This little boy was committed by his father who has been blind for the the last 8 years He states that he has found it very difficult to support himself. He is incapable of labor and has had to employ his son to lead him about while he went about the country to beg He found lately that William would take the advantage of him and run about the street and stay out nights. He was advised to place him here by a friend, who was afraid he would go to ruin if left to do as he chose

Sept. 21. 1853

William was to-day discharged by indenture to Mr. William D. Woodring of Eaton, Preble County, Ohio. William is not a very brilliant boy, but may do well at certain kinds of work.

1856 June 26. Recommitted by his father for truancy—

1856 Aug. 18. Indentured to his father

No. 259

History of Mary C. Haney

Aged about 17 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By John R. Johnston

Size medium Complexion dark

Appearance rather low & degraded Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 11 in Weight 111 lbs

Your Name? Mary C. Haning Born in New Orleans

Date of Birth do not know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Aaron Haning He was born in Athens Ohio

Mother's maiden Name? Nancy A. Dickerson She was born in Arkansas

They have mostly resided in Athens

How have you been employed? Chamber maid on steam boat

Who have been your companions? Prostitute girls & bad men

How long since you have attended school? 5 years

Have you ever been arrested before? yes was in jail three weeks for fighting

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 2d " Grade 3d " Division in School.

HISTORY.

Apr. 15th 1852

This girl was committed on the representation of J. R. Johnson, overseer of the poor in the 4th ward. She says her mother died about five years ago and left a family five children to the care of the father. He got places for all but her in different parts of the country. She being the oldest kept house for her father. He became very intemperate and did not provide for her, finally in one of his drunken fits he attempted to have connexion with her. She left him and went as chamber maid on a steam boat. Here she was exposed to every temptation but remained virtuous until the boat laid up at Cincinnati. She was boarding at a tavern on Pike St. when a young man came to her room and by threats and promises seduced her from the path of virtue. She did not remain long in Cincinnati but went back to Maysville where her father lived. He had married a second wife and she went to live with them. She and her step mother did not agree and she made up her mind to come back to Cincinnati

and go into a house of ill fame. She came to Louisa Gilliants on the canal. She says she did not live there more than six weeks as she became disgusted with that kind of life. She had a quarrel with one of the girls of the house after she left and they were both taken to the watch house. They were fined $10,00 each. The other girl paid her fine but she chose to go to jail. She stayed about three weeks when she was released by J. R. Johnson Chairman of the jail Committee. He took her to his own house where she stayed several weeks She became unhappy when she reflected what kind of a life she had lived and took two ounces of laudanum for the purpose of taking her life. Fortunately she took so much that she vomited a great part of it up. She was however dreadful sick Mr. Johnson took her to the Hospital and as soon as she was able to ride she was brought out here

Jan. 6th 1853

Mary made her escape with Margaret Riddle No. 96.

No. 160

History of Mary Benjamine

Aged about 14 years

Committed to the House of Refuge — By the Mayor

Size rather large — Complexion florid — light hair

Appearance childish — Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 9 in — Weight 115 lbs

Your Name? Mary A. Benjamine — Born in — I do not know

Date of Birth I do not know — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Roswell H. Benjamine — He was born in U. S.

Mother's maiden Name? Mary Wright — She was born in " "

They have mostly resided Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Living with my sisters

Who have been your companions? Girls in the Streets

How long since you have attended school? one week

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes — Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

Apr. 18th 1852

This girl was committed by the Mayor at the request of Wm. P. Lewis, a brother in law, He stated to the mayor that She was uncontrolable and his wife was totally unable to manage her. Mary says herself that she did not mind her Sister but that she ever stole or kept bad company she denies, It appears that there is a family quarrel among her Sisters who shall keep her. She was with one of the sisters and the others accused her of not dressing Mary in a proper manner, She persuaded her to leave and come and live with her. She did so but found she could not make her obey. The true cause why Mary was placed here is that one was afraid the other would get the girl. They now wish to take her out again, but the directors think it best to settle the difficulty between themselves and then have her bound to the most suitable person.

Dec. 1st 1853

Indentured to Mr William Breeden of Morrow Co, town of Westfield, to learn housekeeping.

No. 201

History of Mary C. Smith

Aged about 16 years

Committed for Vagrancy — By the mayor

Size quite large — Complexion light

Appearance dirty Rusty and unpleasant — Marks and Scars cut on bean on right hand

Height 5 ft 3½ in — Weight 114 lbs

Your Name? Mary Catharine Smith — Born in Va.

Date of Birth I do not Know — Former Residence Va.

Father's Name? John Smith — He was born in Ohio

Mother's maiden Name? Hannes Gaither — She was born in N. C.

They have mostly resided in Virginia

How have you been employed? Living with my brothers and sisters

Who have been your companions? Persons in the neighborhood

How long since you have attended school? never went to school

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No — Entered 3rd Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

Apr. 19th. 1852

This girl was brought from the Mayors office in a wretched condition. She states that she was raised in Virginia about 50 miles back of Wheeling. Her father has been dead several years and her mother is helpless from a stroke of palsy.

Mary lived among her brothers and sisters. She started to go from a sisters in the country to live in Wheeling with her brother. They struck the river at Parkersburg Va. While she was waiting for a boat she fell in with a nice looking woman who told her she was going to Cincinnati for a few days and then was going to Wheeling. She persuaded Mary go to Cincinnati with her. While on the boat this woman brought a young man into her room and they by threats and promises succeeded in accomplishing their hellish purpose of seducing her. The woman brought her to Cincinnati where she kept her two or three weeks during this time she was using every means to induce Mary to lead a life of infamy. She persuaded her to drink and it was while she was partially intoxicated she was brought here. She is an ignorant girl

and feels very much degraded.

Sept. 9. 1853.

Mary was discharged to the custody of Mr. James
S. Blanke of

1853 Oct. 20 Re committed by Police Court 8 — Vagrancy —

March 15th 1854 Mary was this day discharged; she being 18 Years old. She went to live in the family of Mr Cope, a gardener, residing in the vicinity of the Institution.

No. 262
or 729

History of Laurence Conway

Aged about 11 years

Committed for Vagrancy — By the Mayor

Size Small — Complexion florid

Appearance rather pleasant — Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 3½ in — Weight 55 lbs

Your Name? Laurence Conway — Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth I do not Know — Former Residence "

Father's Name? Michael Conway — He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know — She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Playing truant from school

Who have been your companions? Bad boys

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes — Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

Apr. 20th 1852

This boy was brought here from the Mayor's office His father is a drunken worthless Irishman, who probably cares nothing more for his son than to give him a home. He placed him in a boarding house to scour knives. The woman would sometimes send him to school but he found no one cared whether he went or not and as might have been expected he began to play truant. The woman complained to his father who immediately went to the Mayors office and had him sent out here. I think the object was to get rid of him as he does not seem to be a bad boy.

December 2nd 1853. Indentured to Robert Boal of the city, whose son lives in the country and is to take Laurence there and teach him Farming.

1854 Dec 1. Returned by his master for disobedience. His master says he has never corrected him beyond words, and that he will keep no one in his family who will not obey on being told.
Query. What will the young man do when he shall have a family of his own?

1855 Jan. 2 Indentured to Mr Ephraim Matheny of Mt Carmel Franklin Co Ind., to learn farming and to receive 200 $.

No. 263

History of Thomas R. Nelson

Aged 10 years 2 months and 16 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By his mother

Size Small Complexion very light

Appearance pleasant and interesting Marks and Scars none

Height 3 ft 11½ in Weight 67 lbs

Your Name? Thomas R. Nelson Born in Columbiana Co. Ohio

Date of Birth Feb. 4th 1842 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Thomas Nelson He was born in U. S.

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in Ohio

They have mostly resided in New Lisbon Columbiana Co. O.

How have you been employed? Living at home going to school

Who have been your companions? Boys at School

How long since you have attended school? three months

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

Apr. 26th 1852

This little boy and his sister (No. 264) were brought here by their mother on the recomendation of J. R. Johnson Coenseer of the poor for the 4th Ward. She says she was divorced from her husband about one year ago. She took the children and she came to Cincinnati. The boy ran away from the place where he lived and came to the city after his mother. Very soon the little girl did the same thing so that she had both the children. She stated that she could not control them as she had a hard time to get along. There was something very suspicious about this case as the mother was very richly dressed and the children very neely fixed. They were very quiet and amiable and the Refuge did not seem at all appropriate for them. I called the attention of the Directors to this case and they appointed a committee to investigate it.

June 9th 1852

The children were this day removed by the mother The committee were satisfied that they had no business here.

No. 264
or 599.

History of Martha J. Nelson

Aged 11 years 4 months and 2 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mother

Size medium Complexion light

Appearance very interesting Indeed Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 8 in Weight 67 lbs

Your Name? Martha J. Nelson Born in New Lisbon Ohio

Date of Birth Dec. 18th 1840 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Thomas Nelson He was born in U. S.

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in Ohio

They have mostly resided in New Lisbon Ohio

How have you been employed? Living with my mother

Who have been your companions? never had many

How long since you have attended school? three months

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

Apr. 20th 1852

As this girl is a Sister to Thomas R. (No. 263) I do not deem it necessary to write her history farther than it is developed in his. Both the children behaved well and won the respect of all the officers. Discharged June 9: 1852

1854 June 27: Recommitted for particulars See No. 599

1854 Dec 29 Discharged to her father who is now living in the country.

See Omission Let Nos 255 & 257

No. 256 mistake History of John Ford

Aged about 12 years

Committed for vagrancy — By the Mayor

Size Small — Complexion florid

Appearance rather pleasant — Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 7½ in — Weight 76 lbs

Your Name? John Ort — Born in Germany

Date of Birth I do not Know — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Wm. Ort. Step father. Sarah — He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know — She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Germany in Cincinnati 10 years

How have you been employed? Loafing about stealing small articles

Who have been your companians? Bad boys

How long since you have attended school? one year always played truant

Have you ever been arrested before? Yes

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No — Entered 2d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY

Apr. 23d 1852

This boy came from the Mayor's office charged with being a boy of very bad character. He says his father died when he was quite small. His mother married a drunken fellow who abuses his family. As this boy was a step son, he was an object of dislike to the step father he abused him and John ran away. He would stay about the street two or three weeks and then would go home again. He usually slept in stables and stole about the markets.

His mother got him places to work several times but he would not stay. She was advised to send him here. He is a good natured German and is easily managed

April 1. 1853

John has this day been liberated. He was taken out by his step-father. The probability is that he has not been much improved in the inner man.

1856 May 29. Recommitted by police Court

1856 July 14 Discharged to his mother

1860 May 8- John visited us to day- He was well dressed and appeared well- he gives a good account of himself

No. 263

History of Casper Speakerwood

Aged about 16 years

Committed to the House of Refuge — By the Mayor

Size small — Complexion florid

Appearance rather pleasant — Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 1 in — Weight 96 lbs

Your Name? Casper Speakerwenth — Born in Germany

Date of Birth I do not Know — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Henry Speakerwenth — He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know — She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Germany — In Cincinnati 7 years

How have you been employed? Selling matches

Who have been your companions? Boys who sell matches and steal

How long since you have attended school? 4 years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No — Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

April 23d 1852

This boy was committed by Mayor on a fine of $5.00 for violating market ordinance in selling matches without licence. He is an orphan, his father and mother died of cholera three years ago. He says he has neither brother sister or any relations in the world. He has worked at several kinds of business, was several years in a tobacco shop making cigars. He became unsteady and rather inclined to loaf about without any work. He was employed to sell matches by a man who made them. He had ¼ of all he made. His disposition to hollow in the streets annoyed the Market Master who took him to the Mayor's office. Under all the circumstances it was thought best to send him out here.

April 1st 1853.

Casper has this day been indentured to Chas. T. Billings of Oxford Butler County, Ohio. We think Casper will do well.

No. 116

History of James Lovett

Aged about 14 years

Committed for Vagrancy — By the Mayor.

Size rather small — Complexion florid

Appearance rather interesting — Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 8 in — Weight 82 lbs

Your Name? James Lovett — Born in Vernon Ia

Date of Birth I do not know — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? John Lovett — He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Mary Quinn — She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Indiana

How have you been employed? living with a farmer and running about

Who have been your companions? Bad boys

How long since you have attended school? two years

Have you ever been arrested before? Yes

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No — Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

Apr. 23d 1862

This boy was committed by the Mayor. He states that his mother is dead and his father has taken no care of him for several years. He was left by his father with a farmer at Vernon Ia. a few years since. Says the man was a drunkard and abused him. He ran away a few weeks since and came to Cincinnati. He wandered about the streets for several days without food or friends. He was taken by a police officer and brought to the Mayor's office. The Mayor became very much interested in him and took him into his own family to raise. He found a place for him to learn a trade. Still boarding him in his own family. James was steady for a while but soon got acquainted with a set of bad boys, who persuaded him to leave the shop and go about the river and canal. He took a small sum of money from the servant girl, and went fishing with hooks he bought with it. He was away from the shop about two weeks. When the Mayor found how

he had been conducting, he sent him out here.

March 25th 1853.

James has this day been indentured to Cyrus Howard of College Hill Ham. Co. Ohio to learn the business of Farming. James Has been, generally, a good boy during his stay in the institution; that he may continue to do well is the prayer of all connected with the institution.

No. 267

History of James W. Richardson

Aged about 10 years

Committed for Vagrancy — By his mother

Size medium — Complexion brunette

Appearance very interesting — Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 4½ in — Weight 54 lbs

Your Name? James W. Richardson — Born in U.S. do not know which

Date of Birth I do not know — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? John Richardson — He was born in U.S.

Mother's maiden Name? I do not know — She was born in " "

They have mostly resided in all the large towns on the western rivers

How have you been employed? Living with my mother

Who have been your companions? Boys in the streets

How long since you have attended school? two years

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes — Entered 3d " Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

Apr. 26th 1852

This little boy was brought here by his mother She says his father was a boatman, sometimes he lived in Canada and sailed on the lakes sometimes on the ocean and sometimes on the western rivers. He was a drinking man and left his family very poor. He has been dead about two years. One year ago the mother married again. Her husband died in about four months and left in destitute circumstances She had five small children to support by washing. She found when James was left alone he would steal out with bad boys. She was so situated that she could not control him and was obliged to send him here.

July 26th 1853.

James has to-day been discharged to the custody of Joseph A. Potter to learn the business of farming He has been a good boy.

No. 268

History of John Martin

Aged 15 years 1 month 28 days

Committed for Vagrancy — By the mayor

Size rather small — Complexion light

Appearance awkward & dull — Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 11½ in — Weight 82 lbs

Your Name? John Martin — Born in Liverpool England

Date of Birth Mar. 8th 1837 — Former Residence " "

Father's Name? Thomas Martin — He was born in Liverpool Eng.

Mother's maiden Name? Mary A. Boylan — She was born in " "

They have mostly resided Liverpool

How have you been employed? Doing nothing

Who have been your companions? Never had any

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No. — Entered 3rd Grade 3rd Division in School.

HISTORY.

Apr. 28th 1852

This boy had been only five days in the city when he was found without home or means of support. He was sent from the Mayor's office for a home. He says his father and mother are both dead. They left him about a hundred dollars and his father on his death bed advised him to come to this country as he has two brothers in Buffalo N.Y.

John started by the way of New Orleans. He is a simple minded boy and probably did not invest his money as well as he might, when he arrived at Cincinnati he had only about $2,00 this he soon spent for board. He wished to get to Buffalo where his friends lived but could find no way to go. He appears to be a quiet clever boy without energy or activity, and is probably innocent of any crime

March 15. 1853.

John together with some other boys was engaged in a rebellion against the acting Principal Teacher Mr Bartlett. The rebellion occurred about 7 o'clock of the evening of this day. They effected nothing

but their own disgrace.

Aug 11. 1853.

John was again caught to-day in a Escape. He with two others managed to Scale the wall by means of a ladder. He was immediately caught and punished pretty Severely, as he most richly deserved to be.

1854 February 8. Discharged by Indenture to Mr David L. Long of Christiansburg Champaign Co. O. to learn Farming.

No. 261

History of William Johnson

Aged 16 years 11 months

Committed for vagrancy — By the Mayor

Size Small — Complexion light

Appearance Orderly — Marks and Scars Scar on left arm

Height 5 ft 4½ in — Weight 105 lbs

Your Name? William Johnson — Born in Nashville Tenn.

Date of Birth Aug. 29th 1836 — Former Residence Nashville

Father's Name? Joel Johnson — He was born in Davidson Co Tenn

Mother's maiden Name? Jane Jees — She was born in Va.

They have mostly resided Nashville Tenn.

How have you been employed? tending bar on a steam boat.

Who have been your companians? Got acquainted with some bad boys

How long since you have attended school? two years

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes — Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY

Apr. 28th 1852

William states that he has a father and mother living in Nashville Tenn. His father keeps a wholesale grocery and is in good circumstances. He worked in his fathers store until last fall when he was taken sick and was unable to work for several months. When he recovered his health his father allowed him to get a berth on a steam boat. He found a situation as a bar keeper on the Huron, a small boat that runs from Nashville to Cincinnati. When he arrived here he fell in with some bad boys who were in the habit of loafing about the wharf. They were about the streets at 12 o'clock at night and were taken up and here. William does not seem to be a bad boy and if there was any way for him to get home I have no doubt it would be best for him to go.

No account of Discharge Probably left in a few days

No. 270

History of Christiana Spath

Aged 15 years 8 months and 3 days

Committed disobedience — By her father

Size rather large — Complexion dark black eyes

Appearance interesting — Marks and Scars none except pitted from small Pox

Height 5 ft ½ in — Weight 110 lbs

Your Name? Christiana Spathe — Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth Aug. 1st. 1836 — Former Residence "

Father's Name? Sebastian Spathe — He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? Catharine Legner — She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Working out as a Servant and making dresses

Who have been your companians? My School mates

How long since you have attended school? four years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes — Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY

May 4th 1852

This girl was brought here by her father who is a respectabl German mechanic. He states that his daughter had for sometime past manifested a determination to leave home and work in families of doubtful reputation. They took her home two or three times, but she would soon get a place and leave home again. She soon became associated with a set of bad boys or young men who were constantly after her. She rode out into the country and was seduced by a young fellow by the name of Branch. She says he promised to marry her she was so young and foolish that she soon became enamored in his faithless promises. When her mother found what her daughter had been doing she wisely prevailed on the father to place her here.

July 9th 1852

Christiana is steady and give but little trouble

March 21st 1853.

Christiana was this day indentured to Geo. Fr. Eichenlaub to engage in the occupation of House-keeping. It is my individual impression that she will do well.

A. P. Rickoff.

May 14th 1853.

We have recently heard that Christiana is married.

No. 971

History of John Cashman

Aged about 16 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size large Complexion dark

Appearance pleasant with open (tenance) countenance Marks and Scars Scar on forehead

Height 5 ft 5 in Weight 115 lbs

Your Name? John Cashman Born in Wayne Co. Penn.

Date of Birth Apr. 20th 1836 Former Residence Long Island N. Y.

Father's Name? David Cashman He was born in U. S.

Mother's maiden Name? Caroline Harrison She was born in Louisiana

They have mostly resided in Penn. in Cincinnati 6 years

How have you been employed? Blacksmith trade

Who have been your companians? Never had any vicious companions

How long since you have attended school? 6 years

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY

May 5th 1852

John was committed by the Mayor for vagrancy He states that his father and family moved to Cincinnati about 9 years ago The mother died and left her youngest child in the Catholic orphan Asylum. The older sister was put out to service and John was taken by the father back to Penn among his Uncles and cousins. He was put to the printing business but his father thought he was not well used and took him away. He worked at different kinds of business until his father died very suddenly. His Uncle took him but he soon died. John was left without friends and went to Long Island N. Y. He worked about at at different places until he earned $26,00 when he started for Cincinnati. He very foolishly allowed William Conklin to come with him. He bore his expenses until they got to Pittsburg when they got out of money. They begged them rows to Wheeling on a boat and come from there to Cincinnati on foot begging victuals at farm houses.

When he arrived at Cincinnati He was without money and as he could not find his sisters he came in here for a home.

Sept 20th 1852

John made his escape this morning by forcing the bars of the windows and getting over the wall.

No. 273

History of William Cashman alias Aged 14 years Cornelius Conklin, of Huntington Long Island

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size small Complexion light

Appearance rather interesting Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 4½ in Weight 64 lbs

Your Name? William Cashman Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth Feb, 1838 Former Residence Long Island

Father's Name? David Cashman He was born in Ohio

Mother's maiden Name? Caroline Harrican She was born in Louisiana

They have mostly resided in Penn, Cincinnati 6 years

How have you been employed? Jointing Shingles.

Who have been your companians? Never had any vicious ones

How long since you have attended school? Six years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY

May 5th 1852

This boy was in company with John Cashman (No. 271) and pursed for his brother, but he had not been here long before I found his name was Cornelius Conklin, He was raised in Huntingdon Long Island and ran away with Cashman, I wrote to his father who answered me and appeared very anxious to get his boy again, I wrote again informing him what it would probably cost. He wrote back that it would be impossible to get him as he could not raise the money.

When I informed Cornelius what his father had written to me he seemed very unhappy and the next morning he slipped out of the school room ran up a ladder on the top of the work shop, down a pipe and over the walls. I was sick in bed at the time and he succeeded in getting away. He will probably go home to New York

1852 July 14. Escaped

No. 273

History of Eliza Burton

Aged about 16

Committed to the House of Refuge By herself

Size very large Complexion dark florid

Appearance rather bold & degraded Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 1 in Weight 150 lbs

Your Name? Eliza N. Burton Born in Pittsburg Pa.

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? William Burton He was born in U. S.

Mother's maiden Name? Elizabeth Hogarth She was born in U. S.

They have mostly resided in Pittsburg Pa.

How have you been employed? Living in a house of ill fame

Who have been your companions? Bad men and girls

How long since you have attended school? never went to school

Have you ever been arrested before? no

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? no Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

May 7th 1852

This girl came to the Refuge voluntarily She states that she lived in St. Louis seven years with her parents when they moved to Cincinnati about five years ago. Her father died four years ago and the mother supported the family with her needle. Three years ago the mother died and left Eliza entirely without friends or home A benevolent lady procured her a place in the Orphan Asylum where she stayed about a year She managers procured her a place in the country but she could not agree with the family and ran away and came to the city She got a place to live in a respectable family She was there a few months when she was enticed away by the notorious Joe. Allen and was taken to Sally Haiden's where he kept her about a year. They quarreled and he left her. She had no other resort but to become a public prostitute. She says she disliked the life She now obliged lead very much and wished to go away but Sal would not let her. She seized an opportunity and ran away

and soon found a place to work in a private family. but this fiend in human form pursued her and told the lady where Eliza lived what kind of life she had led. As a matter of course the lady turned her away. She came to the refuge and begged to be taken in. She has behaved well while she has been here.

June 14th 1853.

To-day Eliza was taken from the Institution by Mr. Stephen Wade of Oxford Ohio upon the verbal order of Wm. P. Stratton Chairman of Indenturing Committee — this being all the order that was necessary as she was 18 Yrs. of age. We indulge the fond hope that she will do well. We were very favorably impressed with the appearance of Mr Wade.

No. 274
or 647

History of William Neely

aged 11 years 7 months and 25 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By his father

Size medium Complexion light

Appearance rather pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 4½ in Weight 72 lbs

Your Name? William Neely Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth Sept. 13th 1840 Former Residence "

Father's Name? William Neely He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Ellen Douglas She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Running about the county

Who have been your companions? Bad boys

How long since you have attended school? Six months

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

May 8th 1852

This boy was committed by his father
He says this is his only son. He has tried
every means to control him but without
success. About two years ago he got into the
habit of playing truant from school. It was
a long time before he found it out as he
went and came regularly. He was associated with
the worst kind of boys, who stole when they could
get a chance. He soon began to take small
sums of money from his parents but they did
not mistrust him for some time. He took
seven dollars from his father and ran
away to Pittsburg. He stayed away several
weeks and returned again to his home
He went to school quite steady for several
months. He again became associated with
bad boys and got as bad as ever. He stole more
money from his father and started for Marietta
The officers of the boat put him off at New Richmond
His father whipped him severely but it seemed
to do no good. As a last resort he sent him
out here.

April 28: 1854 Discharged to the care of his Father.

August 26 1854 Committed by Police Court for Vagrancy
Yesterday, William came to the Refuge asking to be admitted and protected from the cruel treatment of a drunken father. He came by advice of his mother. He has wounds on his head face & on all parts of his body, the result of a whipping received from a drayship in the hands of his father. He was lodged, and this morning sent to the Police Court who committed him.

Octo 5: 1856. Escaped when permitted to carry swill to the swine kept without the enclosure.

May 10: 1856. Committed by Police Court for Petit Larceny. He took a watch of little value from which belonged to his father and was laying about the house, and sold the same for which his father had him committed.

Feby 26 1856 Indentured to Johnson McLean of Preble Co. O to learn Harness making and to receive 250 $.

1856 May 27 Returned by his master for disobedience and for Pilfering.

1858 Jany 30 - Transfered to the State Reform School

No. 275

History of John Crowly

Aged about 7

Committed to the House of Refuge By his mother

Size very small Complexion florid

Appearance like a baby Marks and Scars none

Height 3 ft 3½ in Weight 40 lbs

Your Name? John Crowly Born in Brookline Mass

Date of Birth I do not know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Cornelius Crowley He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Margaret McCarty She was born in "

They have mostly resided Boston Mass

How have you been employed? living with my mother

Who have been your companions? boys in the street

How long since you have attended school? six weeks always played truant

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 4 Division in School.

HISTORY.

May 11th 1852

This was a little fellow not more than 6 years of age. His mother brought him here to get rid of him. She represented to the committee that he was 9 years of age and a very bad boy. When they came to see him they ordered that he should be immediately returned to his mother.

1852 May Discharged to his Mother

No. 276

History of Thomas H. Dobbins

Aged 14 years 5 months and 19 days

Committed To the House of Refuge By his father as a boarder

Size Medium Complexion light

Appearance pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 11½ in Weight 93 lbs

Your Name? Thomas H. Dobbins Born in Watertown N. Y.

Date of Birth Nov. 3d 1837 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Thomas Dobbins He was born in Bermuda W. I.

Mother's maiden Name? Elizabeth Henry She was born in Ireland

They have mostly resided Cincinnati

How have you been employed? working in tin copper &c

Who have been your companions? Bad Boys

How long since you have attended school? Six months

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

May 14th 1852

This boy was brought here from Covington Ky. by his father who proposes paying his board. He had been running about the streets until he had got into very bad company and was fast going to ruin. He had taken money from his father several times and had begun to go about the streets and take what he could find. He stole a lot of old copper and sold it. His father took every means in his power to correct but it seemed nothing would keep him from his evil companions. It was thought best to send him here although I do not think his parents would have took it harder if they had followed him to the grave

July 9th 1852

Thomas was this day released by order of the board. His father notified them that he was no longer able to pay his way and as he was a citizen of Covington they thought best to release him. I am fearful we have not done him much good

No. 277

History of John Gable

Aged about 15 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size Medium

Appearance forlorn downcast

Height 5 ft 3 in

Complexion dark - black eyes

Marks and Scars none

Weight 100 lbs

Your Name? John Gable

Date of Birth I do not Know

Father's Name? Jacob Gable

Mother's maiden Name? Margaret Senzin

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Working in a potter's shop

Who have been your companians? Boys about the street

How long since you have attended school? four years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes

Born in Pennsylvania

Former Residence Cincinnati

He was born in Germany

She was born in "

Entered 3 Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY

May 14th 1852

John was committed by the mayor at the request of his friends for vagrancy They represented that he would loaf about the streets in spite of all they could say or do. His father died three years ago. He was placed at Mr. Seibl's to make fine works and was steady for some two years. His employer stopped a few months and threw John out of work. He tried several things but did not remain long at any one thing He got rather discouraged and concluded it was about as well to play as work His brothers who are older tried several times to get him a place but he had got so in the habit of loafing that he would not stay. He does not seem to be a bad boy and as far as I can learn is honest. His only fault is laziness. I think we shall be able to cure that in a few months

March 15th 1853.

It has been ascertained that John was on the evening of this day implicated in a plan to rebell and escape. He was severely punished and put into solitary confinement to be fed

on bread and water. He was confined for about 15 days.

June 1st 1853.

John has this day been released to the custody of his mother, That John will do well is fondly anticipated.

No. 918

History of Cornelius Rees

Aged about 10 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size large Complexion florid

Appearance coarse & uncouth Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 5 in Weight 62 lbs

Your Name? Cornelius Rees Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth I do not Know. Former Residence "

Father's Name? William Rees He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in Cincinnati

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Never did any work

Who have been your companions? Boys about the streets

How long since you have attended school? three weeks

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

May 19th 1852

This boy was sent as a vagrant from the Mayor's office. He says his mother died before he can remember. His father was shot in the Mexican war. He was taken to the Orphan Asylum on Elm St. where he stayed about a year and ran away. A poor woman by the name of Mc. Cune took him to raise. She has kept him several years. He got so lazy and trifling that she could keep him no longer. He would not mind a word she said to him and ran in the streets from morning until night. By the advice of friends she took him to the Mayor's office and had him sent here.

May 30: 1854. Indentured to Mr Washington Ozias of Lewisburg, Preble Co Ohio, to learn farming.

1860 July 8. Mr. Ozias called to day, and Stated that his boy was doing Pretty well.

1861 Sept. 7. Cornelius visited us to day. is a fine appearing young man. He says he served his time and lost my and paid his freedom money $150.00 He is now at work for a farmer at a half dollar per day.

No. 979

History of James Messenger

Aged 17 years 2 months and 9 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size rather small Complexion dark — black eyes

Appearance very pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 3/4 in Weight 105 lbs

Your Name? James Messenger Born in Rockland Co N.Y.

Date of Birth Mar. 15th 1835 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Abraham Messenger He was born in New Jersey

Mother's maiden Name? Peggy Osborn She was born in New York

They have mostly resided Rockland Co. New York

How have you been employed? Working in a bakery

Who have been your companions? Boys in the shop

How long since you have attended school? three years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

May 19th 1852

James came here voluntarily. He states that his father and mother are both dead. He was left entirely destitute of friends at their death He was raised in Rockland Co. N.Y. about 160 miles from N.Y. city He left there without money and worked his way to Buffalo on a canal boat He begged his passage to Cleavland and worked his way from there to Circleville. Here he got employment in a confectioner's shop for three months. He earned a few dollars and came to Cincinnati. He was here without money for several days when he got a place with a respectable baker. He staged about six months but being unprotected by friends the boys in the shop rectored him so badly that he was forced to leave He went to the Mayor to see if he knew any place where he could go. The Mayor advised him to come out here until we could find him a place

Dec. 24th 1852

James was this day indentured to Robert Merill to learn the Baking business Mrs Merill resides in Cincinnati.

No. 280

History of Philander R. Child

Aged 14 years 6 months and 11 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By his father

Size large Complexion light

Appearance rather pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 4 in Weight 114 lbs

Your Name? Philander R. Child Born in Manchester Ia.

Date of Birth Nov. 10th 1837 Former Residence Walnut Hills Ohio

Father's Name? A. L. Child He was born in Vermont

Mother's maiden Name? Margaret Gozier She was born in Indiana

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati & several other places

How have you been employed? Working as a carpenter

Who have been your companions? Bad boys

How long since you have attended school? two years always despised to go

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

May 9th 1852

This boy was brought here by his father, who represents him as entirely unmanageable. The father is a respectabl Physician, who has taught school on Walnut Hills for several years. He is rather a fickle minded man who has tried different social societies. He lives with the Shakers awhile and shifted about in several different places. As might be expected Philander imbibed the same spirit of shifting from one thing to another.

His father first placed him at the printing business but he soon ran away and came back home. He was then placed with a carpenter on Walnut Hills but his employer could do nothing with him. He ran away and staged about the city five or six weeks. His father tried to get him to go to school but he behaved so badly that he could not keep him. He became a nuisance in the neighborhood by coaxing boys to play truant as the last hope the father brought him out here. He is very much inclined to be lazy and trifling but I find by stopping his dinner I can manage him.

March 17. 1853.

Philander has to-day been released to his father. The institution has been the means of his improvement, at least temporarily. If his father were a proper man to manage children I am inclined to think Philander would do well.

No. 281

History of John Brennan

Aged 15 yrs 10 months and 21 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By his mother

Size medium Complexion light

Appearance very pleasant Marks and Scars none except J. B. on right arm

Height 5 ft 2 in Weight 95 lbs

Your Name? John Brennan Born in Dublin Ireland

Date of Birth July 3d 1836 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Michael Brennan He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Eliza Mulligan She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Ireland—in Cincinnati 12 years

How have you been employed? doing almost every thing working in tin shop printing &c.

Who have been your companions? Got in company with bad boys who were thieves

How long since you have attended school? three years. always played truant

Have you ever been arrested before? yes in New Orleans

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

May 21st 1852

This boy was brought here by his mother at the suggestion and recommendation of Marcus Smith. Mrs. Brennan says her husband died about two years ago. Since that she has found great difficulty to control this boy. She has obtained numerous places for him to work. He was awhile in a printing office, then in a tin shop and various other places. Last winter he ran away and was gone all winter. He was in New Orleans He went in company with a boy who was here (Thomas H. Sobbins No. 276) They worked part of the time but depended mostly upon stealing old copper iron &c. They soon got into the City Prison where they were confined eleven weeks. Sobbins escaped but Brennan remained until the time of his trial. He was released as no one appeared against him. He immediately left for Cincinnati. When he came back he pursued his old course of stealing and loafing about. His mother lived on a farm belonging to Mrs Smith and he used his influence to get him here

May 14th 1853.

This day dates the release of John from the Institution. He was released to his mother, Mrs. Eliza Ferrel, who appears to be a worthy woman. John has, for the last nine months, been an exemplary boy — may he still continue to do well.

No. 282

History of Mathew Singleton

Aged about 15 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size medium Complexion light

Appearance rather pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 4 in Weight 115 lbs

Your Name? Mathew Singleton Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Mathew Singleton He was born in U.S.

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in " "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Making shoes for H. H. King

Who have been your companions? Idle bad boys for the last few months

How long since you have attended school? three years

Have you ever been arrested before? no

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 4th Grade 2d Division in School.

HISTORY.

May 24th 1852

This boy was committed by the mayor for some kind of a riot or fighting scrape. He was fined $20.00 and costs amounting to $23,26 which he could not pay. As near as I can find out Mathew had become very trifling and spent his time running about the streets. His mother was a hard working woman who gets her living by binding shoes. Mathew was able to earn three dollars per week stitching boots but he chose to play. It was thought best to send him here a few weeks to see if it would not cure him of his loafing habits.

July 17th 1852

Mathew was this day released from the refuge The Mayor sent a communication to the board stating that the probability was that he had learned a lesson which would be valuable to him and as his mother needed his services it was probably the best thing to release him

No. 283

History of Sebastian Frick

Aged about 14 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By his father

Size Small Complexion light

Appearance very awkward and uncouth Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 6½ in Weight 70 lbs

Your Name? Sebastian Frick Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence "

Father's Name? Sebastian Frick He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Going to School

Who have been your companions? Boys at School

How long since you have attended school? two weeks

Have you ever been arrested before? no

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? no Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

May 25th 1852

This boy was brought here by his father. He was unable to talk much English and I could scarcely find out why he put his boy here. Sebastian says his father had no money and took him he to have him taken care of. He is a simple foolish boy but I do not see the least thing vicious about him. The probability is the parents wished to get rid of him.

1855 May 2 - Discharged to care of himself, by order of the Board. He goes with Mr Charles Pierce of Wrights Corner Dearborn County Ind^a on a farm - Mr Pierce proposes to take him & care for him paying what his services are worth -

1855. May 13 - Frick returned this morning begging to be admitted - he had left his place & gone to the City, but not finding anything to do, came home

1855 June 27 - Frick was again permitted to go & look for a place

No. 284

History of Mary E. Scales

Aged 15 years 1 months and 8 days

Committed To the House of Refuge By A magistrate

Size Small Complexion light

Appearance rather interesting Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 9 in Weight 76 lbs

Your Name? Mary E. Scales Born in Hamilton Butler Co. O.

Date of Birth Apr. 16th 1837 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Hiram Scales He was born in Va.

Mother's maiden Name? Margaret Holden She was born in Cincinnati

They have mostly resided in Butler Co.

How have you been employed? Living out.

Who have been your companions? Girls in the neighborhood

How long since you have attended school? one year - never went steady

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

May 26th 1852

Mary was committed by a magistrate charged with stealing $10,00 from her mother Margaret Holden. She says her father has been dead several years and her mother married a man by the name of Holden. They did not agree and separated She lived with her mother until a few weeks before she was brought here. Says her mother abused her so that she could not live with her. and she hired with a lady for 75 cts. per. week Her mother found where she was and compeled her to come home. She ran away and went to Hamilton where she has a cousin. She stayed there awhile and came back to the city and found another place to work. When her mother found she had returned she went to the Magistrate to have Mary sent out here. She found she could not send her here without an accusation of crime. She made oath that Mary took $10,00 from her while she declares she never took a cent in the world. There is evidently something wrong in this matter It seems very unnatural that a mother should accuse her own daughter of theft Yet the story of Mary

seems very natural and reasonable.
The reputation of the mother is not good in the
vicinity where she lives and it may be possibl
she has done this to get rid of Mary.

March 25th 1852

Mary has this day been indentured to Griffith
Hinchman of Wainsville, Warren County, Ohio. Mary
has been a very good girl, and consequently has
given the officers but very little trouble. She is thought
to have gone to an excellent home.

Nov. 29 1853

Mary was returned to by her master Griffith Hinchman,
unabled to engage in the active duties of a housekeper, in
consequence of a White Swelling, which she says, began
to make her lame befor she left the Institution.

July 15. 1854.

Mary was this day discharged to Mr Langdon's
friends.

No. 283

History of William Sherrick

Aged about 14 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor & Court

Size rather small Complexion very dark- curly hair

Appearance rather African Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 7 in Weight 75 lbs

Your Name? William Sherrick Born in New York city

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Wm. Sherrick He was born in New York city

Mother's maiden Name? Elizabeth Britt She was born in " " "

They have mostly resided in New York city — in Cincinnati 5 years

How have you been employed? Going about the Streets stealing old iron

Who have been your companions? Thieves and bad boys

How long since you have attended school? one year — always played truant

Have you ever been arrested before? Yes been sent here once before

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No, Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

May 28th 1852

William was committed by the Mayor for Larceny and in a few days taken to court and fully committed by a jury until he was of legal age. His father was killed in the Mexican war. Since that his mother could do nothing with him. He commenced by playing truant from school. He was associated with a set of very bad boys who stole every thing they could find. Four years ago Wm. was detected in Stealing but was released on account of his youth. He continued to steal but his mother would contrive to get him released. Yet I do not think she encouraged him in his wickedness. About one year ago he was sent here for robbing a money drawer of a stone, but his mother bailed him out in a few days. She kept him in the house several months after this and did not allow him to go into the streets day or night Gradually he began to go into the streets again and drew around him a set of very bad boys They organized a circus and went and rented a hall for their performance. Wm. was chief

manager. He went into a grocery and took $7.00 to pay the rent of their hall. For this he was again committed here by court.
He will probably stay here until he becomes a better boy.

Oct. 29th 1853.

William was to day discharged to the care and custody of his mother. She is about to be married and to remove to Pensylvania.

No. 286

History of Morris Flemming

Aged 13 years 6 months

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size rather small Complexion very light - white hair

Appearance Delicate but pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 9½ in Weight 75 lbs

Your Name? Morris Flemming Born in Ireland

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Patrick Flemming He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Ellen Powers She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Ireland in this country two years

How have you been employed? Scouring Knives in a boarding house

Who have been your companions? Never had any who were bad

How long since you have attended school? Six months

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3rd Grade 3rd Division in School.

HISTORY.

May 29th 1852

Morris was committed by the Mayor for Vagrancy. He says his father left Ireland about three years ago and left his mother and family until he could earn money enough to bring them to this country. He is a steady industrious man and in about two years, he had the means to remove all his family to Ohio. In the mean time the mother died and one child. The father sent money for Morris and a younger brother the others having come over before. He procured a place for this boy in a boarding house in the city to scour Knives and do the work about the house. The father went into some part of Ky. to work on the rail road The family where Morris was placed kept him until the time of his coming here and turned him away. He had no friends and does not Know where his father is located. He went into the Market house to sleep and was found by a watchman and sent out here

Nov. 7th 1852

Morris was this day released to his father under a promise that he should be indentured to learn the business of tailoring. He is to be indentured to Richard Welch of Smithfield Ky.

No. 287

History of Mary J. Richards

Aged 16 years 4 months and 11 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By her husband

Size medium Complexion light — blue eyes

Appearance rather interesting Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 0 in Weight 114 lbs

Your Name? Mary J. Richards Born in Butler Co. Ohio

Date of Birth Jan. 18th 1836 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Wright Wilson He was born in N. J.

Mother's maiden Name? Catharine Foster She was born in Ky.

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Living with my husband

Who have been your companions? Became acquainted with bad women

How long since you have attended school? never went to school

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No

Entered 2d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

May 29th 1852

This woman was brought here by her husband from a house of ill fame

Dr. Richards, a respectable appearing dentist married her when only 15 years of age. Her parents had separated and she was mostly raised by her grand parents. They were old and indulged her in every thing. When she was married she was a mere child and thought she should be petted and indulged by her husband as she had by her grand parents. This he was unwilling to do The result was that they lived unhappily together. She became jealous of him and accused him of keeping a mistress. She became acquainted with some very bad girls who advised her to leave him. Their object was to induce her to leave the city and become a public prostitute She resisted their influences for some time but was finally persuaded to leave him and board at a respectable house on Elm St. Her husband came after her and induced her to go home again She stayed awhile but was finally induced by these

prostitutes to and live with them. She had only been there four days when the husband procured an officer and had her brought out here. She appears much more like a self willed child than a woman. Her family are very indignant and threaten a writ of Habeas Corpus to have her released. This is doubtless the best place for her but whether she will ever have strength of character to make her do right is a question.

Sept. 16th 1852

This woman was taken from the refuge today by her husband. He paid her board while here and proposes to take her home and live with her again.

No. 281

History of James Thornton alias Joseph

Committed May 31, 1852 By

Size Complexion

Appearance Marks and Scars

Height ft in Weight lbs

Your Name ? Born in

Date of Birth Former Residence

Father's Name ? He was born in

Mother's maiden Name ? She was born in

They have mostly resided

How have you been employed ?

Who have been your companions ?

How long since you have attended school ?

Have you ever been arrested before ?

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School ? Entered Grade Division in School.

HISTORY.

Discharged or Escaped March 25th 1853.

James, alias, Joseph to-day made his escape through the consummate foolishness of an old man by the name of Johnson,

No. 287

History of Robert Barthold

Aged about 13 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size Small Complexion light

Appearance downcast Marks and Scars Scar on right cheek

Height 4 ft 6 in Weight 61 lbs

Your Name? Robert Barthold Born in Germany

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence St. Louis

Father's Name? August Barthold He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? Louisa Lutwish She was born in "

They have mostly resided Germany in this County three years

How have you been employed? Assisting my father

Who have been your companions? Never was acquainted with many boys

How long since you have attended school? Two years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

May 31st 1852

This boy and his little brother (No. 290) were committed by the Mayor for vagrancy. They had been in this country but a short time and I find it difficult to ascertain much about their history. They say their friends came from Germany about two years ago and settled in Baltimore They stopped there a few months and came to Cincinnati and opened a toy store. There the mother died very suddenly and the father took his family to St. Louis. He lost all his money by a fire and came back to Cincinnati All his children had left him but these two little boys. When he arrived here he got into some difficulty about stealing some hams. He was arrested and sent to jail. This left the boys entirely destitute of a home or friends. They were sent here merely for a home,

May 21st 1853.

Up to this day Robt. has been a good boy and, as a reward for his correct deportment, the Committee have found, as they think a good home for him at Mr Sims' in Clermont County Amelia, Ohio. His brother has gone to the same place.

No. 290

History of Edward Barthold

Aged about 7 years

Committed to House of Refuge — By the Mayor

Size very small — Complexion light

Appearance Innocent & interesting — Marks and Scars none

Height 3 ft 6½ in — Weight 41 lbs

Your Name? Edward Barthold — Born in Germany

Date of Birth I do not Know — Former Residence St. Louis

Father's Name? August Barthold — He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? Louisa Lutwish — She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Germany — in this country three years

How have you been employed? Doing nothing

Who have been your companions? My brothers

How long since you have attended school? Never went to school

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No — Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

May 31st 1852

For this boys history see Robert Barthold's (No. 289) This is a very small boy and seems to to have been well raised.

May 21st 1853.

Edward and his brother Robt. (289) have this day been indentured to Mr. Joshua Sims to learn the business of painting. It gives the Superintendent pleasure to say that they have both been very good boys.

No. 291

History of Hannah Walker

Aged about 16 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By her father

Size medium Complexion rather dark

Appearance modest and pleasant Marks and Scars None

Height 4 ft 11½ in Weight 111 lbs

Your Name? Hannah Walker Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Wm. Walker He was born in England

Mother's maiden Name? I do not recollect She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Working with a milliner

Who have been your companions? My Sisters & School mates

How long since you have attended school? One year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d "Grade 2d "Division in School.

HISTORY.

May 31st 1852

This girl was brought here by her father He says his wife died about three years ago leaving a family of children to his care. He keeps a coal yard and could not pay that attention to his children that they required. He sent them all into the country to school for two years. His oldest daughter became old enough to take the care of his house. He placed this one with a lady to learn the millinery business. She worked steadily for six months when she was detected stealing silk and other articles from her employer. Her father was very much exasperated and brought her here as a punishment. He is in good circumstances and there was no excuse for Hannah as she was well provided for. She seems happy and contented here. Her crime is probably the result of the want of a mother's care and the advice of judicious friends.

July 19th 1852

Hannah was this day released to return to her parents.

No. 292 See 135 History of Michael Sullivan

Committed — By

Size — Complexion

Appearance — Marks and Scars

Height ft in — Weight lbs

Your Name ? — Born in

Date of Birth — Former Residence

Father's Name ? — He was born in

Mother's maiden Name ? — She was born in

They have mostly resided

How have you been employed ?

Who have been your companions ?

How long since you have attended school ?

Have you ever been arrested before ?

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School ? — Entered Grade Division in School.

HISTORY.

May 31st 1852

This boy was here once before and his history (No. 155) was taken at that time. He is again committed for larceny and the probability is that we shall now keep him some time.

May 26: 1854 ~~Indentured to~~ Discharged to his Father who was about leaving, to live in Fall River, Mass.

No. 293

History of John Doran

Aged about 14 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size small Complexion light — blue eyes

Appearance very genteel Marks and Scars Spot with hair off as big as a (dollar

Height 4 ft 7 3/4 in Weight 89 lbs

Your Name? John Doran Born in Ireland

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence St. Louis

Father's Name? John Doran He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Ireland in St. Louis 8 months

How have you been employed? Going to school

Who have been your companions? Got with some very bad boys.

How long since you have attended school? One week

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No. Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

June 2d 1852

John was committed by the Mayor for picking pockets. He says he left Ireland about 8 months ago with his mother and Step father He has a brother and Sister who came over three years ago and earned money enough to bring them to this country. John was placed in the Catholic College at St. Louis. He says he went steady for some time until he became acquainted with some boys about the wharf. They persuaded him to run away from home and come to Cincinnati. He was finally induced to leave home. When on board the steam boat he found the business of the boys was to pick pockets. He was carefully instructed in the art and had tried several before he got to this city. The boys took rooms at a hotel here and some went to the theatre some to the Circus and some to other places John took the markets, The boys were quit successful, they soon obtained between $4 & $500 which they changed into gold and kept in a trunk in their room. John was finally caught by one of the police officers in the very act of taking

a lady's purse from her pocket. He was taken to his rooms where about $400 of the money was found The spiced did not succeed in taking any more of the gang as they got wind that John was ~~taken~~ arrested. He is a very interesting boy and appears to have been well instructed

April 9th 1863.

John has, this day, been discharged to Gilbert W. Churchill of Oxford, Butler County, Ohio. John's conduct, during his stay in the institution, has, almost invariable, been unexceptionable. John is indentured to learn the business of farming.

No. 271

History of Peter Dull

Aged about 13 years

Committed to the House of Refuge — By M. Greenwood

Size Small — Complexion light

Appearance rather Stupid — Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 3¾ in — Weight 67 lbs

Your Name? Peter Dold — Born in Germany

Date of Birth I do not Know — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? I do not Know — He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know — She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Germany

How have you been employed? Stripping tobacco & loafing about the Streets

Who have been your companions? Boys in the streets

How long since you have attended school? One year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No — Entered 3d "Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

June 3d 1862

This boy was admitted on an order from Mr. Greenwood without a commitment from any legal authority. He says his father is a drunk and in Germany and his mother left him several years ago. Three years since she started from Germany with her two children and came as far as New Orleans where she was taken sick and died in the Hospital. The children remained there about a year when they were brought to Cincinnati by a Sister to their mother She got Peter into a tobacco shop where he has worked about one year. They had no more work for him and he began to run about the streets. His aunt could not get him to go to School and she went for a waterman to bring him out here. As he has no legal guardian there is no one to commit him.

March 26th 1863.

Peter has this day been indentured to Herman F. Lillie of Mill Creek Township Ham. Co. Ohio. Peter has been a good boy during his stay in the institution

No. 295

History of Joseph Cross

Aged about 15 years

Committed to the House of Refuge — By the Mayor

Size small — Complexion light

Appearance rather stubborn — Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 6½ in — Weight 90 lbs

Your Name? Joseph Cross — Born in Germany

Date of Birth I do not Know — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Balser Cross — He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? Elizabeth Bracledge — She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Germany — in Cincinnati 9 years

How have you been employed? Working on a farm

Who have been your companions? Boys in the neighborhood

How long since you have attended school? five years

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No. — Entered 3d Grade 5th Division in School.

HISTORY.

June 3d 1852

Joseph was committed by the Mayor for vagrancy. He says he lives with his father and mother a few miles in the country. They sent him to the city to sell mint to hotels. He was late one night and as it was raining very hard, he took shelter in the market house. He was found by a police officer and sent out here. If his story is correct he should not be here.

March 15th 1853.

This boy is a desperate character. On the evening of this day he headed a rebellion against Mr. Bartlett, the Principal Teacher in the institution. He attempted to punish Cross when he struck him (Mr Bartlett). It was ascertained that this rebellion on the part of this boy was but a signal for rebellion and an attempt to escape on the part of several inmates. They had prepared themselves with large screw nuts as weapons of offence and defence. Their plan was to knock down the teacher and get the key to the gate and thus escape. The attempt did not prove successful.

1853 Oct. 14 Escaped

HISTORY.

No. 296
or 526

History of George G. Fisher

Aged 11 years

Committed to the House of Refuge — By the Mayor

Size Small — Complexion florid

Appearance rather smart — Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 1½ in — Weight 56 lbs

Your Name? Geo. G. Fisher — Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth I do not Know — Former Residence "

Father's Name? Geo. Fisher — He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know — She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Stripping tobacco & picking rags

Who have been your companions? Bad boys who stole

How long since you have attended school? One year — always played truant

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No — Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

June 6th 1852

This boy was committed by the Mayor for Larceny. His father was a drunken trifling man who died several years ago, leaving the mother with a family of small children. She maintained them as well as she could by washing and needlework. She sent this boy to school but he soon got into the habit of playing truant. He became associated with some rag pickers who took him with them about the city. They would steal clothing when they had a good chance. They were seen by a police officer drawing a bed quilt through the fence. They caught Geo. but the rest escaped. This boy had not probably become a confirmed thief but he was fast hastening to ruin. The mother seems to be a very honest German woman.

Jan. 28th 1853

Geo. was permitted to return to his mother

1854 Feb. 12 Recommitted - for Particulars Sec 526

1856 Aug. 22 - Indentured to Adam Korb. of Cincinnati to Car Tailoring and to receive $250 at the Expiration of his Term of Service.

No. 297

History of William L. Heglin

Aged 13 years 2 months and 12 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By his father

Size small Complexion light

Appearance very sly & shrewd Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 4 in Weight 66 lbs

Your Name? Wm. L. Heglin Born in Colerain Ham. Co. Ohio

Date of Birth Mar. 20th 1839 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Wm. L. Heglin He was born in Knox Co. Ohio

Mother's maiden Name? Minerva Bansant She was born in Virginia

They have mostly resided in Hamilton Co.

How have you been employed? Going to school & playing in the streets

Who have been your companions? Boys who kept away from school

How long since you have attended school? three months

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

May 6th 1852

William was brought here by his father for stubbornness. He says he has two sons older than this one, who have turned out very badly they both ran away and went to New Orleans where they are spending their time in drinking and gambling Wm. loves taking the same course. He could not get him to go to school He or his wife frequently followed him to the door of the school house. He would go inside and wait until they went away and then he would slip out and play until night. They tried whipping and coaxing but nothing would do He has shown himself one of the most stubborn boys we ever had here He has made three efforts to escape. He threatened several times to burn the house if he could get a chance. We shall have to watch him for a long time to come.

March 16th 1854. William was indentured to Mr John M Kinniston of Fair View Indiana to learn Harness making and Carriage painting.

No. 298

History of Mary A. Mc. Kay

Aged about 12 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By Sister Father a lady

Size rather small Complexion dark - black eyes

Appearance downcast Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 5 3/4 in Weight 70 lbs

Your Name? Mary A. Mc. Kay Born in Ireland

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Timothy Mc. Kay He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided Ireland

How have you been employed? Working out at different places

Who have been your companions? I never had many

How long since you have attended school? I never went to School

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No. Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

House of Refuge June 7th 52

This girl was brought here by a lady by the name of Catharine Green, who stated that she came to her house in a dreadful condition She was dirty and ragged and had the marks of having been whipped and abused in a shocking manner She child stated that she had a step mother who is in the habit of getting drunk and abusing her. The neighbors tried to protect her but every time her mother got drunk she was sure to get a beating. They all advised Mary to run away. She went to a family in the vicinity who became alarmed and transfered her to ~~this~~ another family. She ran away from here and came to the Mrs. Green's Her Step mother hearing where she was threatened to kill her if she did not return home Mrs. Green did not feel safe and took the responsibility to bring her here

May 13th 1853.

Mr. E. B. Langdon of the vicinity of Cincinnati took Mary A. out to-day. As she had been illegally committed, of course the Indenturing Committee did not consider that they had any right to bind her. May she do well.

No. 297

History of Samuel Clarke

Aged 13 years 11 months and 5 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size medium Complexion light freckled

Appearance rather smart Marks and Scars Scar on back of right hand

Height 4 ft 6½ in Weight 74 lbs

Your Name? Samuel B. Clark Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth July 4th 1839 Former Residence "

Father's Name? William Clark He was born in U. S.

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in England

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Selling papers on the Wharf

Who have been your companions? Bad boys

How long since you have attended school? two years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d" Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

June 9th 1852

This boy was committed by the Mayor for Larceny He says his father died about two years ago and his mother went to live with a man in New Orleans. He was left with a man who keeps a small periodical store. He sent him to the steam boat landing to sell papers Here he became associated with boys who would steal when a good opportunity offered.
Samuel went with another boy to Mr. Bagely's store to buy a supply of papers and they contrived to slip a number into the package for which they had not paid. I presume this is an old trick as one of the clerks was on watch and detected them. They were taken to the Mayor's office and committed to this place for trial

Jany 25. 1854 Given up to Mr. L. Ashcraft who promises to send him to his mother, who now lives in New Orleans.

No. 300

History of John Crownin, alias Crowley

Aged about 6 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size very small Complexion florid

Appearance fat & dumpy Marks and Scars none

Height 3 ft 4 in Weight 40 lbs

Your Name? John Crownin Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence "

Father's Name? John Crownin He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Living at home

Who have been your companions? never had any

How long since you have attended school? never was at school

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

By his own account left 1853
he was made 8 years old March
15. 1853 which he says the date
of his birth March 15 1845

HISTORY.

Indentured by Mayor dated H.M.J. June 16th 1852

This little boy was sent here by the Mayor He is so very small that I can find out but little about him. He says his father and mother got drunk and beat him. They did not give him enough to eat and neglected him badly. They died a few weeks before and left him without a home. He was wandering about from place to place when he was brought here

Sept. 15th 1856.

John was to-day discharged by Indenture to the Custody of John W. Beck of New Boston, Wayne County, Ohio. John is a good little boy and deserves a good home.

1858 Apr-13 Returned by his Master as a disobedient boy—

1862 Feby 1— Indentured to Ezra Gorsmans of Okamo Butler Co. Ohio to learn farming and to receive at the expiration of his term of Service $100— John graduates as a Cadet of Honor from 3rd Div. 4th Class Sept

1862 March 31. Mr. Gowmans writes that John is well and appears to be satisfied with his home- and that he (Mr Gowmans) is well pleased with the Boy-

1862 June 19- Returned by his Master, per order of Director A.A. Taylor Chairman of the Indentuing Committee- for using threatening language against Mr. and Mrs Gowmans-

1864 Feby 26. Having attained the requisite Standing viz 16th John was this morning discharged to the care of himself and a man sent with him to the City to assist him about enlisting in the U.S. Service of which he was desirous of doing- John is in Co. I. 4th Regt. O.V.C.

1865 July 2- John writes from Nashville he is yet in the above mentioned Comp & Regt. has been in several fights- and has enjoyed excellent health-

No. 301

History of John Shirdin

Aged 15 years 2 months and 15 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size small Complexion florid

Appearance rather pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 8 in Weight 87 lbs

Your Name? John Shirdin Born in New York City

Date of Birth Mar. 4th 1837 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Thomas Shirdin He was born in New York city

Mother's maiden Name? Margaret Welden She was born in " " "

They have mostly resided New York – in Cincinnati 9 years

How have you been employed? Caneing chairs & working on a farm

Who have been your companions? Boys in the Orphan Asylum

How long since you have attended school? 6 months

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

June 19th 1852

This boy was committed by the Mayor for vagrancy. He states he is an orphan. His mother died of Cholera and his father of Delirium Tremens. They were both drunkards. He was placed in the Catholic Orphan Asylum where he remained until it was burned to the ground. He was placed with a farmer where he stayed about a year. He ran away and came to the City. He says he did not have any home here and got his living by taking small things from market. shoveling in coal and doing little jobs of work. He slept in a stable. He was questioned by a watchman who when he learned his situation had him brought out here.

March 9th 1854 John was Indentured to Mr John Blair, of College Corner, Butler County, Ohio, to learn farming.

No. 302

History of Leon Richards

Aged about 16 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size medium Complexion light

Appearance surly & morose Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 11 in Weight 124 lbs

Your Name? Leon Richards Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence "

Father's Name? John Richard He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided Cincinnati

How have you been employed? tending bar at a coffee house

Who have been your companions? Boys who got drunk

How long since you have attended school? Two years

Have you ever been arrested before? yes

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? no Entered 3d " Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

June 19th 1852

This boy came here and begged to be admitted. As he had no commitment I could not admit him. He started back to the city and went to the Mayor's office and got one. He stated to me that he was in the habit of getting drunk and wanted a place here until he could quit his habits of intemperence His father visited him a few days after his residence here and says his boy has given him a vast deal of trouble. He commenced getting drunk when only eight years of age He has frequently been obliged to go and take him from school while intoxicated. He would go to the acquaintances of his father and get money or liquor on his credit. He would take money from his father has taken as high as $20.00 at one time. The father has been unable to do any thing with him for several years

July 26th 1853.

Leon was to day discharged to the custody of his father John Richards. The he has been bettered by his sojourn with us admits of doubt.

No. 303

History of Richard Semour

Aged about 11 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By his mother

Size medium Complexion light

Appearance pleasant but roguish Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 3 in Weight 59 lbs

Your Name? Richard Semour Born in Ireland

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Thomas Semour He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? running about the streets

Who have been your companions? Boys about the streets

How long since you have attended school? one year always played truant

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes. Entered 3d " Grade 3d " Division in School.

HISTORY.

June 23d 1852

This boy was brought here by his mother She stated that She has a second husband who abused the boy. He was naturally mischievous and did many bad things. He would stay out nights. His Step father would beat him and his mother would take his part This caused quarrels in the family which were very unpleasant The boy at length began to take money from home and other places. The mother in a fit of rage brought him out here. She wished to get him out in two days after he was placed here She seemed to be perfectly crazy about the matter

Aug. 2d 1852

This boy, ~~was~~ this ~~was~~ day released. His mother made such a fuss that it was thought best to let the boy go if he could be taken care of. She promised take him to N. O. with her if the board would let him go

No. 304

History of Andrew Cahill

Aged 15 years 2 months 24 days

Committed for Larceny — By the Mayor

Size very large — Complexion florid

Appearance awkward — Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 4 in — Weight 120 lbs

Your Name? Andrew Cahill — Born in Wheeling Va.

Date of Birth Apr. 1st 1837 — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Wm. Cahill — He was born in Pittsburg Pa.

Mother's maiden Name? Susan Martin — She was born in District of Columbia

They have mostly resided in Wheeling in Cincinnati one year

How have you been employed? Running on the river

Who have been your companions? Steamboat characters

How long since you have attended school? One year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes — Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

June 24th 1852

This boy was committed by the Mayor for Larceny. His father lives in the city and allowed his boy to go on the river as cook. Here he was exposed to every temptation. He became associated with a set of bad boys who tempted him to steal. He is quite a timid boy and probably did not take any thing of much value. One of his companions who is much worse took a carpet bag from a Steam boat and in company with this boy went to sell it. They were seen and followed by the owner who called the police and had them arrested. It did not appear in evidence that this boy was present when the property was taken or was to share in the proceeds of the sale; but it was proved that he was an associate of the prisoner and they had been seen together in a suspicious manner. My own opinion is that the boy is comparatively innocent and would do well under proper instructions.

Sept. 15th 1852

Andrew was this day taken to court for trial. He was admitted to bail and will not probably return to the refuge

No. 305

History of John Haffin

Aged about 16 years

Committed for Larceny — By the Mayor

Size large — Complexion light

Appearance Coarse and rough — Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 3¼ in — Weight 106 lbs

Your Name? John Heevran — Born in Buffalo N. Y.

Date of Birth Feb. 4th 1836. — Former Residence Lexington Ky.

Father's Name? John Heevran — He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know — She was born in "

They have mostly resided Portsmouth Ohio

How have you been employed? 3d Cook on steam boat

Who have been your companions? Boys and men on boats

How long since you have attended school? 4 years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No — Entered 3d Grade 5th Division in School.

HISTORY.

June 12th 1852

This boy was committed by the Mayor for Larceny He say he has lived at Portsmouth Ohio several years. His mother died when he was quite young. His step mother did not use him well and he ran away. He has been on boats two years in capacity of cook or deck sweeper. He was exposed to evil companions and while he laid up in winter was in the habit of gambling drinking &c. He got acquainted with (Morris) (No. 306) who was a thief. They were seen together frequently on the wharf. Morris stole a carpet bag from a boat containing clothing and some land warrants. He gave the papers to Heevran to read. While they were together they were arrested and sent here

May 10th 1853.

John has this day been discharged to the custody of Mr. James Fagin by Indenture. Mr Fagin is of Mt. Phisgay Clermont County — he takes John with the view of instructing him in the business of farming.

June 1st 1853.

We have heard to-day, through Mr. Morgan himself, that about three days since John ran away from his good home. That he had a good home, is without doubt. O! how blind children frequently are to their own best interests.

No. 306

History of John Morris

Aged about 16 years

Committed for Larceny — By the Mayor

Size rather large — Complexion florid

Appearance low, dirty, and disagreeable — Marks and Scars anchor on right arm

Height 5 ft 4 in — Weight 106 lbs

Your Name? John Morris — Born in St. Louis Mo.

Date of Birth I do not Know — Former Residence St. Louis

Father's Name? James Morris — He was born in Virginia

Mother's maiden Name? Susan Sylvester — She was born in "

They have mostly resided in St. Louis

How have you been employed? Working on Steam boat for 7 years

Who have been your companions? Thieves & bad boys

How long since you have attended school? 8 years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No — Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

June 24th 1852

John was committed by the Mayor for Larceny He took a carpet bag from the Steam boat Persia and took it to a second hand store for sale He says that a man called Jack told him there was over $700,00 in the bag. and wished to divide with him. They took it to the Market house and found it only contained a lot of clothing and some land warrants. He gave these to another boy and went and sold the clothes to a second hand store. One of the hands on the boat saw Morris with the bag and informed the officers of the boat. They went for a police officer and found the boys in the market house dividing the money. Jack was sent to jail and three boys sent here. Morris is no doubt a very bad boy. He says he ran away from his parents when he was 10 years old, he has been knocked about a Steam boat ever since He has been past his fathers house many times but never went to see his friends.

1853 March. 8 – Released – by expiration of Sentence
of Six months)

No. 307
or 709

History of Caroline Miller

Aged about 11 years

Committed for Vagrancy — By the Mayor

Size medium, — Complexion light

Appearance rather interesting — Marks and Scars None

Height 4 ft 3½ in — Weight 61 lbs

Your Name? Caroline Miller — Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth I do not Know — Former Residence "

Father's Name? Michael Miller — He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? Mary A. Cambler — She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Living with my mother

Who have been your companions? Some bad girls who learned her to steal

How long since you have attended school? Six months

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes. — Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

June 24th 1852

Caroline was brought here by a watchman who states she was guilty of Larceny although the commitment charges her with Vagrancy She says her father is dead and her mother supports the family by washing. There are 9 children which are dependent on the mother for support. This girl became associated with other girls who are degraded by poverty. They were in the habit of prowling about the neighborhood picking up little articles and selling them at second hand stores. They stole three flower pots from a gardiner. Caroline became a pest to the neighbors and they persuaded the mother to permit her to come here She is a troublesome little girl.

1853 Feb. 24 Discharged to the care of John Polen of Hamilton Co. —

1854 Oct. 14 Returned by order of the Directors on account of ill treatment

1855 Mar 8. Indentured to Mr William Wood of Abington, Wayne co Indiana; to learn housekeeping and to receive 125 $.

1855 June 2 Returned dissatisfied with her place: and probably they were dissatisfied with her.

1858 Nov. 12th. Caroline being of legal age, was to day discharge to care of herself. She takes the cars for Montezuma Ill. where Rev Horace Bushnell has obtained a situation for her, with a friend of his. Extreme doubts are entertained as to Carolines future Course.

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No. 308

History of Andrew Lovelady

or 714,

Aged 14 years 4 months and 12 days

Committed for Vagrancy By the Mayor

Size rather small Complexion florid

Appearance smart and active Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 9 in Weight 80 lbs

Your Name? Andrew J. Lovelady Born in Louisville Ky.

Date of Birth Feb. 14th 1838 Former Residence Louisville

Father's Name? Cyrus Lovelady He was born in Penn.

Mother's maiden Name? Prudence Whitaker She was born in "

They have mostly resided Louisville

How have you been employed? Never did anything but run about

Who have been your companions? Boys in the Street

How long since you have attended school? Dix months

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes, Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

June 26th 1852

This boy was committed for vagrancy by the Mayor. He says he was raised in Louisville and always lived there until about six weeks before he came here. His father and mother are both dead. He has lived with a married sister since his father death He became very unsteady and got into the company of bad boys. At the request of the sister an older brother came to Louisville and took him to Cincinnati. He soon became worse here than there. His associates were thieves and all his friends could not induce him to attend school. They were very much afraid he would become a confirmed thief. He needs constant watching here. He may do well

May 31st 1853.

This is the date of Andrew's release from the refuge. He is indentured to Asa F. Fordyce of Christiansburgh Champaign County Ohio. It is anticipated that Andrew will do well.

1854 Nov 21. Andrew has returned to the Refuge saying he will not live in Ky among the negroes.

1856 Meay 17. Indentured to Dr. F Easterline of Liberty Union Co Ind; to learn Printing and to rec. 125 $.

No. 804

History of Philip Witchon

Committed — By

Size — Complexion

Appearance — Marks and Scars

Height ft in — Weight lbs

Your Name ? — Born in

Date of Birth — Former Residence

Father's Name ? — He was born in

Mother's maiden Name ? — She was born in

They have mostly resided

How have you been employed ?

Who have been your companions ?

How long since you have attended school ?

Have you ever been arrested before ?

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School ? — Entered Grade Division in School.

HISTORY.

June 26th 1882

This was a little Italian beggar committed by the Mayor for vagrancy. He could talk three or four different languages fluently but knew but little about English & could not find out much about him. He has been in the habit of begging in different countries. He did not remain here long but was released by order of the bond on his friends paying his board. His father took him from the refuge July 30th/82

No. 310

History of Geo. W. Plummer

Committed for vagrancy — By his mother

Size small — Complexion light

Appearance rather pleasant — Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 4 in — Weight 54 lbs

Your Name? Geo. W. Plummer — Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth Mar. 19th 1861 — Former Residence "

Father's Name? Kempt Plummer — He was born in Springfield Mass

Mother's maiden Name? Mary B. Golger — She was born in Nantucket Mass.

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Running in the Streets

Who have been your companions? Bad boys

How long since you have attended school? Six months always played truant

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes — Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

July 1st/62

This little boy was brought here by his mother. She states she is a widow with a large family of children. This boy will not go to school and is in the habit of playing with bad boys. She does not know that he has committed any actual crime but she is afraid he will soon do wrong if he has not already done so.

Sept. 1st 1862

Geo. was this day released to live with an uncle in Shelby Co. Pleasant View P. O. about 10 miles from Indianapolis Ia. He is a quiet boy and has doubtless a good home.

No. 311

History of Barney Little

Aged about 10 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By his father

Size medium Complexion light

Appearance very interesting Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 1½ in Weight 53 lbs

Your Name? Barney Little Born in Covington Ky.

Date of Birth I do not know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? John Little He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Elizabeth Ames She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Living at home picking up wood

Who have been your companions? Boys in the streets

How long since you have attended school? One year was in the habit of playing truant

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d " Grade 3d " Division in School.

HISTORY.

July 6th 1852

Barney was brought here by his father who is very much out of health. He says his boy is beyond his control. He sent him to school and he would run away and play about the river two or three weeks at a time. He would stay out nights and sometimes not be at home for several days As his health was bad it was a great trial to have him do so He could not look for him and was afraid he was in bad company. His neighbors advised him to send the little fellow here where he could be taken care of. He is very quiet here.

March 28, 1853.

Barney has to-day been indentured to Joseph A. Potter, Eaton, Preble County, Ohio. Barney's conduct has generally been commendable.

No. 312

History of Thomas Casey

Aged about 7 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size very small Complexion dark - black eyes

Appearance interesting Marks and Scars none

Height 3 ft 4 3/4 in Weight 42 lbs

Your Name? Thomas Casey Born in I do not Know

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Michael Casey He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided I do not Know where

How have you been employed? Begging

Who have been your companions? Never had any

How long since you have attended school? Never went to School

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

July 7th 1852

This little boy was sent from the Mayor's office as a vagrant. The watchman found him dirty and ragged in the street. He could find no one to care for him. I am unable at the present time to find out any thing about him as his extreme youth precludes any knowledge of his parents or friends

Aug. 23. 1853.

Thomas was to-day discharged by Indented to the care of Mr. Daniel Stetler of Eaton, Preble County, Ohio. Thomas has been generally a good boy, and it is thought he has a good home.

1862 Aug 26. Mr Stetler writes that Thos is well and doing well. Thinks he will make a good and industrious farmer—

1864 June 6—Mr Stetler writes that Thomas has left him and enlisted in the U. S. Army.

May 21. 1892 Mr Thomas F. Casey called here this afternoon to see his history and to see if he could get any trace of his parents. Mr Casey is a very respectable appearing man; quite intelligent and says that he was kidnapped from his Mother on the Streets of Cincinnati and has never seen her since, thinks his Father was a Stone cutter and was away seeking employment, does not know what became of either father or mother. In 1864 he enlisted in the United States Army with Gen Sherman in his march to the Sea, and served thiought the War. After the Close of the war he learned the Painter & Paper hangers trade and works at it now. His residence is Liberty Indiana

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Mr James Allison Sir

I See By your report In the Enquier of Dec 31-1899 That you have made Mention of the vast amount of good The House of Refuge has done.

But you failed to say a word about the untold Agony. the Broken Hearts. the floods of Tears. your Institution has been Instrumental In. Pardon me if I make this to Strong. for I am one of the misfortunate ones who was cast into what Seemed to be that Horrible Prison.

I can See that great Stone wall and Bared windoes yet. and even worse the Pillow Soaked with Tears that My Head layed on those many years for that Heartbroken Mother that I have never Herd from Science. that awful Hour that Some heartless wretch Snatch me from Her as She held me by the Hand. Threw me in a Buss and Landed me in that Prison you call the House of Refuge. without Privilige or Authority from any one. your Records dont Show any at least

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I was to See if I could find my Mothers
Name that I might find Some talen to
what became of Her. but there was nothing
not even the Kidnapers name. who the ~~the~~
Sheriffs Scafold would be to good for.
I Had Fathes Mother and Two Sisters.
Now dont know of a relative any where.
You aught to Brag on Such things only
that are wright and Just. Mine I dont is Not
the only one of this Kind. very true no
doupt there is Many cases where Justice is
done and good and Kindness comes to the
Misfortunate ones through this Institution.
But it would take a Multitude of them to
Cover the wrong ones. So they Should be very
carefull that each little one is accounted for
when he is Brought In. You no doubt will
wonder who I am. Look on the Ledger find
Aug 24 - 1858 you will find the Name of
Thomas Casey. who would be ever greatfull
for any Information in my case. dont take this
as Personal it is not. it is long before your time.

No. 313

History of Michael Frank

Aged about 15 years

Committed for Larceny — By the Hamilton County

Size rather small — Complexion light

Appearance downcast & guilty — Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 2½ in — Weight 106 lbs

Your Name? Nicholas Frank — Born in Germany

Date of Birth I do not Know — Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Peter Frank — He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know — She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Germany — U.S. 5 years

How have you been employed? Picking rags and stealing

Who have been your companions? Ray Pickers

How long since you have attended school? Seven years

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No — Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

July 8th 1852

This boy and his brother John were committed by the Court of Common Pleas for Larceny. They are brothers of Francis Frank (No. 138) After his release from the refuge the old folkes quit begging set the boy to work and drove these two younger boys into the streets to pick rags and steal. They were suspicioned for a long time but nothing could be found against them. At length one of them was seen with two bolts of muslin and some Calico. A watchman went and searched the house and found large quantities of Calicoes, muslins, ribbons &c. The probability is that the whole family have followed stealing more or less. There was about $2000 in Specie found in the house. They have represented themselves as being so very poor that they were obliged to beg or pick rags. It was high time the whole establishment was broken up.

Nov. 12th 1852

This boy and his brother were released to the care of Enos Gorest their Bro. in law who promises to take them out of the city

Aug. 8th 1853.

Nicholas was this day returned to the Refuge he having been convicted of Petit Larceny before E. W. Burgoyne Esq of Mill Creek Township.

Sept. 1. 1853.

Nicholas has to-day been bailed out. His parents have made great efforts to have both Sam and his brother, John, discharged.

Frank Casey

No. 314

History of John Frank

Aged about 12 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Criminal Court

Size large of his age Complexion florid

Appearance pleasant with an open countenance Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 7 in Weight 88 lbs

Your Name? John Frank Born in Germany

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Peter Frank He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Germany

How have you been employed? Picking Rags & Stealing

Who have been your companions? Thieves who pick rags

How long since you have attended school? Never went to School

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d "Grade 1st Division in School.

HISTORY.

July 8th 1852

This boy is a brother to (Nicholas No. 313) and committed for the same offence. He is an honest looking boy and would no doubt have done right if his friends had taught him the correct way. There is no excuse for his parents as they had money to purchase a farm or do some honest business. They had never sent their children to school and would no doubt fitted them for the Penetentiary.

Nov. 12th 1852

John & Nicholas Frank were released by order of the board to return to their friends.

Aug 9th 1853.

John has this day been returned to the Refuge. He is now committed for Vagrancy but was implicated in the offence of his bro who was committed yesterday – see No. 313.

Sept. 1. 1853.

John was to-day taken out by a writ of Habeas Corpus but was again remanded by the excellent Judge Spooner to the guardianship of this Institution

1854 March 25 - Discharged by writ of Habeas Corpus -

No. 215

History of Joseph Black

Aged about 13 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size small Complexion light

Appearance rather pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 6½ in Weight 80 lbs

Your Name? Joseph Black Born in Covington Ky.

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Joseph Black He was born in U. S.

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in " "

They have mostly resided in Covington & Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Doing nothing or working in ropewalk

Who have been your companions? Boys about the street

How long since you have attended school? Six months always played truant

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

July 12th 1852

Joseph was brought here by a police officer from the Mayors office Charged with Larceny He says his father left his mother about six years ago. His mother has got a living by washing. He has done about as he chose sometimes he has worked a little, but usually he loafed about the market house and other places. The particular offence with which he is charged is stealing a whip from a farmer He does not seem disposed to talk therefore I can learn but little about him or his family

June 10: 1853. Indentured to Dr Alfred Hancock of Stilwell P. O. Butler Co. Ohio.

No. 316 History of Ann Slaven

Aged about 16 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By her guardian

Size large Complexion florid

Appearance rather dull Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 2½ in Weight 111 lbs

Your Name? Ann Slaven Born in England

Date of Birth I do not know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Patrick Slaven He was born in Ireland

Mother's maiden Name? Honor Mary She was born in England

They have mostly resided in England

How have you been employed? living in the family of Mr. Jeffers

Who have been your companions? The family with which I lived

How long since you have attended school? not attended school more than one month

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? yes Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

July 24th 1852

This girl was brought here by Mr. Jeffers an old citizen of Cincinnati. He says she was an entire orphan brought from New Orleans about 4 years ago with an older sister He took her to raise out of charity. She became very troublesome in his family on account a bad disposition. He bore with her for a long time. His wife's health is very bad and Ann gave so much trouble he found he must get her out of his family. He was afraid to place her with another family as her older sister had become a bad girl and had made efforts to get this girl to leave his house and go with her. He though under the circumstances it was best to send her here. Ann says her father died in England 9 years ago, her mother came to New Orleans and died in two days after her arrival. A man took her and her sister to Cincinnati where Mr. Jeffers found them in a destitute situation I do not think Ann is naturally a bad girl

Feb 26th 1853.

Ann was to-day discharged to the care and custody of her guardian and friend Mr Jeffers.

Aug 6th 1853.

Ann has to-day been brought back to our Institution, she having proved herself entirely unworthy of the good home furnished her at the House of Mr Jeffers.

Oct. 4. 1853.

To day Ann has again been indentured. She goes with Mr Cyrus Powers of Cincinnati, Ohio. She has deported herself with propriety since she came back.

No. 317

History of Henry Butcher

Aged about 11 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size medium Complexion very light

Appearance very dutchy Marks and Scars none

Height 3 ft 11 in Weight 58 lbs

Your Name? Henry Reitcher or Butcher Born in Germany

Date of Birth I do not Know Former Residence Log Island

Father's Name? Michael Reitcher He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Germany

How have you been employed? working in the garden

Who have been your companions? My Brothers & Sisters

How long since you have attended school? Never went to School

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? No Entered 3d Grade 4th Division in School.

HISTORY.

July 14th 1852.

This boy was committed by the Mayor for vagrancy He was an odd looking Specimine of humanity and it was difficult for some time to make out any thing about him.

Aug. 2d 1852

Henry's father called to day with an interpreter and stated that he sent this boy to Reading about a mile from his residence to get some money but he either was taken or ran away to the city He supposed he had fallen into the Canal and was drowned. He came out here without hope of finding him

Aug. 27th 1852

This boy was released to day by order of the board His father applied for him and it was thought best to let him go.

No. 818

Or 734

History of Melissa Mitchel

Aged about 14 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Township Trustees

Size medium Complexion rather dark

Appearance Simple but not vicious Marks and Scars cut on right hand

Height 4 ft 11 3/4 in Weight 80 lbs

Your Name? Melissa Mitchel Born in St. Louis Mo.

Date of Birth I do not know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? John Mitchel He was born in France

Mother's maiden Name? Lucinda Green She was born in U. S.

They have mostly resided in St. Louis

How have you been employed? three years in the Orphan Asylum

Who have been your companions? Girls at the Asylum

How long since you have attended school? One year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3rd "Grade 2d" Division in School.

HISTORY.

July 15th 1852

Melissa was committed by the Township Trustees at the request of Mrs. Davis one of the Managers of the Orphan Asylum.

She say her parents resided in New Orleans as long ago as she can remember. Her father was a drunkard and abused his family. She was taken from home by an uncle and brought to Cincinnati. She lived in his family several years, but she proved very quarrelsome with his children. They were so much trouble that he was obliged to place her in the Orphan Asylum. She remained here about three years. She had the reputation of being a very troublesome girl. They placed her with a lady in the country. She remained there one year. She proved very disobedient and hard to manage. After trying every method in her power she was obliged to return her to the managers of the Orphan Asylum who thought best to send her out here.

Octo 26 1854 Indentured to Jas B. Stockton of Kentucky
2½ miles from Covington (P.O Address Cin. O.)
to learn Housekeeping and receive 50 ℔.

Jan 3 1855 Returned by her master, who reports
that she did well until recently; and
has annoyed them by her misconduct to
compel them to return her to the Refuge.
She reports the story commonly reported by
Girls returned from Ky. i.e. no society but
that of Colored Servents.

August 2, 1855 Delivered to the care of the Directresses of
the Cin Orphan Asylum. She was formerly an
inmate of that Asylum for about three years

No. 319

History of Henry Siémann

Aged 14 years 2 months and 15 days

Committed to the House of Refuge By a Magistrate

Size very small Complexion light white hair

Appearance innocent and pleasant Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 5 in Weight 65 lbs

Your Name? Henry Siémann Born in Cincinnati

Date of Birth May 3d 1838 Former Residence "

Father's Name? Francis Siémann He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? I do not Know She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed? Going to School at the Catholic Orphan Asylum

Who have been your companions? Boys at School

How long since you have attended school? one month

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 2d Division in School.

HISTORY.

July 17th 1852

Henry was committed by a Magistrate charged with Larceny. He says his mother died three years ago and his father two. He was placed in the Catholic Orphan Asylum on 4th St. He remained there until about a month before he was sent here. He ran away from the Asylum and wandered about the streets and slept in the Market house. He was taken by a man who sells lemonade in market and kept a short time He stole money from him and was sent out here. He appears to be a very quiet pleasant boy. He says he did not like to live at the Asylum because they gave him no work to do and did not allow him to play.

March 25: 1854. Indentured to Mr John H. Markey of West Alexandria, Preble County, Ohio: to learn farming.

1859 Dec-20- Henry spent last night with us- He has served his time out- received & deposited his money in the Bank.

but intends to remain with Mr Markey for the present.

No. 320

History of Theodore Beanlin

Aged about 14 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By the Mayor

Size medium Complexion light

Appearance Sly but interesting Marks and Scars none

Height 4 ft 4 in Weight 72 lbs

Your Name? Theodore Beanlin Born in Germany

Date of Birth I do not know Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? Joseph Beanlin He was born in Germany

Mother's maiden Name? Frederika Walters She was born in "

They have mostly resided in Louisville

How have you been employed? living in a boarding house

Who have been your companions? boys in the city

How long since you have attended school? one year

Have you ever been arrested before? No

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d Grade 3d Division in School.

HISTORY.

July 17th 1852

Theodore was committed by the Mayor for vagrancy. He says his mother left his father when he was four years of age and came to Louisville. There she married a man by the name of Wall. His own father soon died and the grand mother brought the children to Louisville. Theodore lived with his step father until he was 10 years old and ran away. He say his reason for doing so was that his step father abused him. He went to St. Louis and lived in a boarding house two years. He became anxious to see his mother and went back to Louisville and lived at home again. He soon became dissatisfied and came to Cincinnati where he has an uncle. He stayed here a few days when he showed a disposition to run away again. The uncle thought this would be the best place for him,

Oct 9. 1850.

Theodore, in company with John Leary, escaped to-day by running off when sent outside the walls to empty slops. At the time they ran off the gate was kept by the Steward's little son and the boys took the advantage of his inability to prevent them from running off and made their escape.

No. 321

History of Edward Mitchell

Aged 16 years

Committed to the House of Refuge By his Step father

Size medium Complexion rather dark

Appearance unhappy and downcast Marks and Scars none

Height 5 ft 2¼ in Weight 94 lbs

Your Name? Edward M. Mitchel Born in Philadelphia Pa

Date of Birth May 12th 1836 Former Residence Cincinnati

Father's Name? John Mitchell He was born in N. J.

Mother's maiden Name? Sarah Ann's She was born in " "

They have mostly resided in Cincinnati

How have you been employed?

Who have been your companions? Lived several years with Shakers on a farm

How long since you have attended school? Six months

Have you ever been arrested before? No.

Have you ever attended a Sabbath School? Yes Entered 3d " Grade 1st Division in School.

HISTORY.

July 17th 1852

This boy was committed by his Step father as a bbanden.

April 12th 1853.

Edward has to day been released to his step father — he has not been a very bad boy during his stay in the institution. His father paid his board to the time of his discharge.

Nos 155 and 292 are the same boy. –