Orphan Trains

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• History:

- ✓ 1850 1920 New York City was teeming with homeless children.
- ✓ Estimated (1850) 30,000 children were homeless in NYC.
- ✓ Orphaned children happened due to their parents dying.
 - Epidemics of typhoid, yellow fever, or the flu.

• Coming To a Solution

- ✓ Orphanage
 - 27 orphanages in New York City alone in 1850.
- ✓ Adoption
- ✓ Orphan Trains

Saving the Children

- ✓ Charles Loring Brace was the founder of The Children's Aid Society
- ✓ He believed that it would be better for the children if they left the poverty and be raised by upright farm people.
- ✓ More than 120,000 children relocated from the NYC.
- \checkmark His program was the forerunner of today's modern foster care.
- ✓ His trains would move the children out West.

WEB SITES

- ✓ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orphan_Train
- ✓ https://www.childrensaidnyc.org/about/orphan-train-movement
- ✓ http://www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net/encyclopedia/entry-detail.aspx?entryID=2400
- ✓ http://encyclopedia.adoption.com/entry/Orphan-Train-Heritage-Society-of-America-Inc-OTHSA/267/1.html
- ✓ http://orphantraindepot.org/history/
- **✓** http://orphantraindepot.org/history/the-childrens-aid-society/
- ✓ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orphan_Train

✓ https://blog.eogn.com/2018/10/30/the-orphan-trains/

Videos

- ✓ https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=WDJx8m5DCL4
- ✓ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Z3djWoTGFU
- ✓ https://www.pbs.org/video/ozarkswatch-video-magazine-the-orphan-train

• Books

- Search Google and Amazon, there are many books, both historic and novels.
- FamilySearch.org
- Legacy Family Tree Webinars





