



# Wichita Children's Home Records Request

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MHGS holds the admission files for the Wichita Children's Home. These records are much more detailed for earlier years than they are for more recent years. Access to records are restricted to former residents and their descendants or legal representatives. The records are indexed by the last name the child used upon entering the home; we don't have any way to find children using only the surname of an adoptive family.

We recommend that you call MHGS to verify that we hold the records you are looking for. There have been many facilities for children in need of care in the Wichita area. In our experience, many family stories don't make a clear distinction between someone having lived in *a* children's home in Wichita and *the* Wichita Children's Home.

Once you know we have records, you can request copies. For \$10, we will send copies of up to 10 of the most genealogically useful pages from the file. We will also note what else the file may contain, and an estimated cost for receiving copies of the full file.

Please include the following:

- A copy of the your photo ID
- The name of the WCH resident, and birth date if you know it.
- Your relationship to the resident.
- Either written permission to view the file from the resident, or proof that the resident is deceased (an obit or photo of a cemetery marker is sufficient.)
- \$10