HELP ME FIND A HOME.

In July of 1918, shortly after the General Assembly conferred adoption jurisdiction on the juvenile courts, the Missouri Children's Home Finder carried this appeal. (Used by permission, State Historical Society of Missouri, Columbia)
In 1918, the St. Louis City juvenile court, and its probation office and detention home, moved into the Children's Building at Fourteenth and Clark Streets. This photograph appeared in a 1925 U.S. Children's Bureau study.
The Missouri State Board of Charities and Corrections published this photograph in 1917 to help demonstrate the plight of Missouri's poor children. (Used by permission, State Historical Society of Missouri, Columbia)
The Andrew County Home, in Savannah, in 1919. (Used by permission, State Historical Society of Missouri, Columbia)

These two Missouri mothers sought state assistance for their babies in 1919. (Used by permission, State Historical Society of Missouri, Columbia)
Midwestern family farms suffered in the 1920s, even before the stock market crash devastated the rest of the nation. This cartoon, showing a Missouri family walking away from their foreclosed farm, appeared in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* on October 24, 1926. (Used by permission, State Historical Society of Missouri, Columbia)
The Depression hit Missouri hard. This cartoon, showing the ghosts of impoverished parents and their child, appeared in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* on November 2, 1933. (Used by permission, State Historical Society of Missouri, Columbia)
Band practice at the State Industrial Home For Negro Girls at Tipton. This photograph appeared in a 1929 national study of girls' reformatories.

Sewing class at the State Industrial Home for Negro Girls at Tipton, in an undated photograph.
The Missouri State Reform School For Boys at Boonville early in the twentieth century. (Used by permission, State Historical Society of Missouri, Columbia)
Volleyball at the State Industrial Home For Girls at Chillicothe, in an undated photograph.
Calisthenics at Tipton, in an undated photograph.
Judge Theodore J. McMillian became Missouri's first African American juvenile court judge in 1956. He served on the St. Louis City circuit court until 1972, when he was elevated to the Missouri Court of Appeals in St. Louis. President Jimmy Carter named him to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in 1978.
Judge Andrew Jackson Higgins was a juvenile court judge in Andrew, DeKalb, Clinton and Platte counties from 1960-64. He later served on the Missouri Supreme Court as a Commissioner (1964-1979), Judge (1979-1991) and Chief Justice (1985-87). He has also chaired the Supreme Court Task Force on Permanency Planning and The Missouri Bar Commission on Children and the Law.