

REFUGES, REFORMATORIES, AND TRAINING SCHOOLS FOR GIRLS: A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

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INTRODUCTION

In the 1820s, the New York House of Refuge, originally located in the Madison Square section of Manhattan, was the first reformatory for juvenile offenders in the United States. By 1887, women reformers established the New York House of Refuge for Women, which relocated both girls and young women to the riverfront city of Hudson. In 1904, with young girls outnumbering adult women, the House of Refuge for Women was replaced by the New York State Training School for Girls, which was established through legislation to house all incarcerated girls under the age of 16 across the state, establishing the first statewide reformatory for girls in the United States that allowed young mothers to keep their newly born children with them while confined.

Unfortunately, in New York and other states, the historical treatment of girls and young women confined in houses of refuge, reformatories, residential treatment centers, and training schools is given insufficient attention in major American juvenile justice reference volumes. This bibliography lists major works that fill in some of the history missing from many texts or other treatments of juvenile justice for girls and young women.

This bibliography, funded in part by the New York Council for the Humanities, will expand with further investigation, as well as through suggestions from readers. If you have, or know of, documents that might be

included in this bibliography, please contact the Prison Public Memory Project at info@prisonpublicmemory.org.

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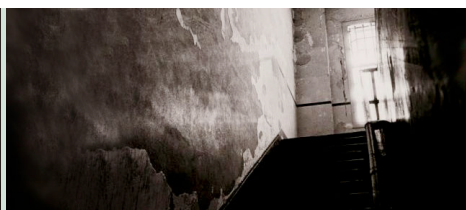
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