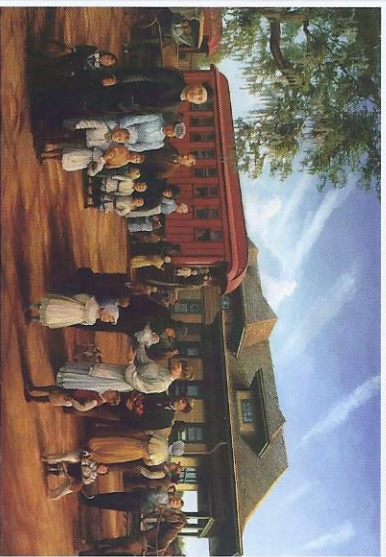


The Gathering

A moment in history unfolding as the children from the New York Foundling Hospital arrive in Opelousas, Louisiana in 1907 to meet their new families and begin the adventure of a new life.



Painted by Louisiana artist Robert Dafford,
Lafayette, Louisiana

Mission Statement

The Louisiana Orphan Train Society, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to collecting and preserving those items that tell the history of the orphan train riders who came to the area by train from New York Foundling Hospital between 1854 and 1929 and using this collection to inform and educate the public.



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BORDURE / BORDER:

WREATH: represents the many nationalities

FLEUR-DE-LIS: symbolizes French Louisiana

CROSS: represents the Catholic faith

INDENTURE PAPERS / TAG: their only identification

TRAIN: mode of transportation

CYPRESS TREE: symbol of Louisiana

MOSS: tears shed

BRANCHES: descendants

ROOTS: where they settled

CHAIN LINKS:

Linking: New York and Louisiana families

BACKGROUND COLORS:

New York and Louisiana colors

SCROLL MOTTO: Tristesse / Joyeux: sadness to joy

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ADMISSION

Adults: \$5.00 per person

Children, Seniors and Tours:

\$3.00 per person