Richmond, Virginia: orphanages, 1915???

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Looking for names, addresses, phone numbers of Children's Homes, orphanages, hospitals, around 1915 in Richmond, Virginia, if they haven't crumbled to dust by now!!! Maybe old phone books, newspaper articles? My mother and her brother were adopted from there, she was 2 yrs old and very ill. She was adopted by a Dr. Joseph Vandeventer, from Leesburg, and his wife Maude, who I came to know as my loving grandmother. [Except that I was too young to ask for details!] I believe my mother's birthname was Mills, given name Helen.

Any info please write: mrrsstt@pacific.net

HADEN, Union Mills, Fluvanna Co. VA

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Bertie MILLS b: aprox 1890 was a single mother, struggling to keep her family together with no legal father in Radford VA. Her children were: CHARLIE, b: March 1, 1911. Helen, b: March 1, 1913. Louise, b: 1915. Fred, b: 1918. Mary, b: 1921. Twins, b: April 26, 1923. All were committed at different times to the Children's Home Society in Radford, Va.

CHARLIE MILLS was placed with Mr. and Mrs. B. J. HADEN, Union Mills, Fluvanna County, VA. (foster care). By March 1931 he was married and living on the old Haden place at Free Union, VA. Helen was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph VANDEVENTER, of Leesburg, VA.

Louise, Fred, and Mary were returned to their mother on Nov. 26, 1923.

The twins, (no names), born April 26, 1923, were also committed at three months old. They were soon adopted by Mr and Mrs. ???, millionaires from Texas.
Bertie eventually married Mr. George L. HOWE of East Radford, Va. She had many relatives in Radford. Helen is my mother and Bertie is my natural grandmother. Any help would be appreciated.

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