Babies for sale : the Tennessee Children's Home adoption scandal. In 1950, the Governor of Tennessee called for an investigation of the Tennessee Children's Home black market baby operations. This was the result of a long-running investigation of the Tennessee Children's Home adoption scandal by Linda Tollett Austin. The investigation was prompted by the discovery of a "black market" baby adoption racket in the state of Tennessee. The investigation was led by Governor John Henry Floor, who appointed a special commission to look into the issue. The commission found that the Tennessee Children's Home Society had been involved in a widespread scheme to sell babies to wealthy families, with the profits going to the society's own coffers. The society was later convicted of fraud and ordered to pay restitution to the families of the babies who had been sold. The case was widely publicized and is still remembered as a landmark in the history of child trafficking in the United States. The case also resulted in the creation of the Tennessee Children's Home Society, which was later found to have been involved in similar practices. The society was eventually shut down and its leaders were convicted of fraud. The case is still remembered as a landmark in the history of child trafficking in the United States.