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Nan McCabe,  
Social Work Dept.,  
Carron House,  
Annan Way,  
CUMBERNAULD.

margaret Hay

2.10.84

Date

Dear Nan,

RE: Elizabeth & Joseph Geddes.

You are invited to attend a routine review on the above-named which will  
be held at 4 p.m. on 24.10.84.  
in Mr & Mrs Downie's

A reply to this invitation would be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

margaret Hay

Administrative Assistant,  
South East 2.

*Handwritten initials and signature*

**Strathclyde  
Social Work  
Department**

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8 MAR 1985

SOCIAL WORK DEPT  
SOUTH EAST 2  
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Ref. :  
Tel. No. : 634 0331

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Date 6.3.85

To: Social Work Dept  
Carron House  
Annan Way  
CUMBERNAULD

FOR INFO  
ONLY

Dear Sir/Madam,

The following child(ren) has/have been ~~\*received into care/discharged from care/~~ transferred for other reasons  
Please advise appropriate members of your staff.

Surname	1st Child	2nd Child	3rd Child
	GEORGES		
Forename(s)	Elizabeth	Joseph	
Date(s) of Birth	15.2.73	[REDACTED]	
Religion	Prot.	Prot.	
Last School(s) attended	Glenhead Primary Aberonhill, CUMBERNAULD, KIN.		
Family Doctor			
Transferred from	b/p: [REDACTED]		
Transferred to	b/p: [REDACTED]		
Date of Transfer	27.2.85		
Statute	Social Work (Scot) Act 1968		Section 15
Supervising Social Worker	Shaun McCourt		Tel. No. 634 0331

Signed *Margaret Hay*  
Designation Admin Asst

\* Delete as appropriate

al Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

of Child: Elizabeth & Joseph Geddes

of Birth: 15.2.73



of Home: c/o Downie,

of admission: 8.9.83

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

Elizabeth & Joseph to remain on a temporary basis with the Downie's.  
Application for assumption of Parental rights to be made.  
Form 'E' has to be completed.  
Referrals to Homefinding Team to be made by Social Worker.  
Childrens Social Worker to visit weekly.

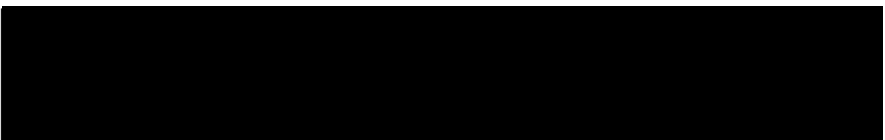
Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:

Child Work (Scotland) Act 1968 Section 15.

Action indicated:

Section 16 Application being prepared on Elizabeth and Joseph and their younger brother and sister.

Current address/es of:



Parents: Mr Geddes,  
Mrs Geddes,

Siblings not in care:



Siblings in care:

Present situation with family since ~~reception into care~~ last review:

Grandparents continue to care for younger children.

Mrs Boucher has not yet intimated to us her intentions and I have written twice to her and attempted to contact her by telephone.  
Mrs Geddes is in touch with the Johannesburg Child Welfare Society and there has been regular correspondence between myself and them.  
Mr Geddes is still expressing that he will return to G.B. in Feb/March 1984, and wishes to resume care of the children.

Continued (2 of 3)

Nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care/last review:

Visit to see both the children and Foster Parents in Cumbernauld. Visits has been to see Elizabeth and Joseph, commence work with them on "Story Books" and also to glean details for 'Form E's' support to Mrs Downie been an important part of the visits.

Nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care/last review:

Go Grandparents to keep them informed of the progress of the children.

Concern:

Lack of contact with Mother & Father.

Regular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review.)

Elizabeth has had to learn to accept a role as a child in the household and this has led to an amount of conflict but this has been well handled and good progress has been

agencies involved:

The children are still causing a deal of concern at bedtime i.e. fighting between themselves and having to be spoken to constantly about this. Various sanctions have been used by Mr & Mrs Downie but the effect of these is usually short lived.

Joseph is also very hard on clothes due to his participation in every type of "High & Tumble" activity.

Wishes of the child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies, estimated amount of parental contact etc.):

Permanent long-term placement with Foster/Adoptive Parents estimated length of placement 4-6 months.

Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):

That Elizabeth and Joseph should remain with Mr & Mrs Downie until permanent placement is secured.

) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? Yes/~~XX~~

Any further comments:

Persons who will attend review (from area team):

- BRENDA DOYLE - SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER
- SHAUN McCOURT - SOCIAL WORKER

Signed: Shaun McCourt

Designation: Social Worker, South East 2

Date: 9 January 1984



22 FEB 1984

SOCIAL WORK DEPT.  
CUMBERNAULD

Date of Review: 22.2.84

Name of Home: 3/3 Mary Hill Drive, 3rd Flr Crescent, Altonhill, Cumbernauld.

Name of Child: ELIZABETH & JOSEPH GEDDES Field Case Paper No:

Date of Admission: 8.9.83

Date of Birth: [redacted] 21.4.74

Areas of concern as indicated in residential review form:

- 1) Behaviour deteriorated - fighting, less willing to take a telling, destroying clothing and defacing walls.
- 2) Elizabeth being over-loving and desperate for attention.

School Reports

Elizabeth receiving remedial teaching; she is very attention seeking.

Areas of concern as indicated in Social Worker's review form:

- 1) Elizabeth's difficulty in learning to accept the role of child in the household.

3) Difficulty in settling down at night.

4) [redacted]

Summary of Discussion:

There was lengthy discussion of all of the areas of concern above, and the consequent difficulties for the foster parents and the school staff in handling the children. The need to be firm discipline has been recognised and implemented, but it certainly is exhausting work, difficult to sustain over any length of time. Both children persist in their own ways to display attention-seeking behaviour; Elizabeth through being over-affectionate and manipulative, [redacted]. It was recognised that the foster parents are coping with two very demanding children, and that timescales will have to be looked at with them.

Mrs Downie felt quite a lot of pressure over the Christmas period because of the competition among all the kids in the house.

With regard to ongoing work with the children, Shaun McCourt has been gathering material for their life story books, though the children are showing a bit less interest in these now than at the beginning of the placement. Both children have made it clear that they do not wish to return to their father, and that they do want to be placed in a family. They have had irregular contact with grandparents and younger siblings.

Form 'E's have been completed and the Homefinding Team have them. Application for the Assertion of Parental Rights is presently being prepared.

# Minutes of Review Meeting continued

## Decisions taken (specifying action to be taken and by whom):

- 1) Children to remain temporarily with Mr and Mrs Downie.
- 2) Foster parent's support S.W. to discuss timescales with them.
- 3) Children's S.W. to continue to visit weekly and to liaise with foster parents S.W.
- 4) Permanent placement to be actively pursued.
- 5) Application for Assumption of Parental Rights to be made.
- 6) Children to visit the Homefinding Team.

## Date of next review:

5.4.84 at 4.00 p.m.

## Names and Designations of review panel:

- Mrs Downie - Foster Parent
- S McCourt - Social Worker, S.E.2
- B Doyle - Senior Social Worker, S.E.2
- Jan McCabe - Downie's Social Worker
- Headmaster

Chairman of Review Meeting:..... *Frankie Doyle* .....

Designation:..... *SW* .....

Date:..... *29/2/84* .....



**Social Worker's Review Form** Initial Review/Subsequent Review

Name of Child: Elizabeth & Joseph Geddes

Date of Birth: 15.2.73 > [Redacted]

Name of Home: 10 MR & MRS. DOWNIE

Date of admission: 8.9.83.

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

1. Social Worker to continue to visit weekly.
2. Social Worker To apply for enhanced allowances.
3. [Redacted]
4. Social Worker to pursue photographs of the natural family.
- 5 Access to grandparents and younger siblings to be pursued.
6. Shaun, Angela and Frances to keep in regular contact as to the plans and the developments, in the children

1. Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:

Section 1

Legal position: Section 15 Social Work Scotland Act 1968

Any action indicated:

None

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: Mr Geddes [Redacted]  
Mrs Boucher, or Geddes [Redacted]

(b) Siblings not in care:

(c) Siblings in care: [Redacted]

3. Present situation with family since reception into care/last review:

Family situation remains the same with mother and father still in South Africa. William and Joanne remain with Mr and Mrs Hannaway but a family have been identified for them in the Motherwell area.

## Form D continued (2 of 3)

## 4. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care/last review:

The writer has continued to visit Elizabeth and Joseph weekly and has also taken them across to see their grandparents in Castlemilk. There have been two visits between Elizabeth and Joseph and their younger siblings, William and Joanne once in Cumbernauld and once in Cathkin. The opportunity was taken when the family group were together to take photographs for each of their scrapbooks.

## 5. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care/last review:

On each of my contacts with Mr and Mrs Geddes has been to keep them up to date in respect of pursuit of a new family for Elizabeth and Joseph. They also participated in the photographing session with the children.

## 6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family      None

(b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review.)

The same area of concern regarding Elizabeth and Joseph and their differing types of behaviour continues

## 7. Other agencies involved:

Homefinding Team, McIver House.

## 8. Needs of the child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies, estimated nature of parental contact etc.):

To remain with Frances and Gordon until the move to a permanent placement, this now should be within the next three to four months.

Form D continued (3 of 3)

9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):

The children should remain with Frances and Gordon until a permanent placement.

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? Yes/No

10. Any further comments:

Two assessments for Elizabeth and Joseph are continuing at the Homefinding Team. Frances and myself have visited the Homefinding Team to talk to the workers involved in the assessment to clearly state the problems that would be likely to arise in any placement with the families.

11. Persons who will attend review (from area team):

- Shaun McCourt Social Worker SE2
- Brenda Doyle Senior Social Worker SE2

Signed: *[Signature]*  
 Designation: *Social worker*  
 Date: *23-10-84*

Review/Placement of Children in Care

To be completed by Foster Parents

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FORM G

Child's Name: Elizabeth Geddos  
Date of Birth: 15.2.73  
Date of review: 24.10.84 at 4 p.m.

Name and Address of Foster Parents:



Date of Admission to Foster Home:

Sept 1983

Contacts with natural family:

Visit to grandparents on 17-10-84

Leisure Activities:

As before

Details of incidents of importance since last review/placement including any significant behaviour:

No real change since last time, still some behaviour problems, but no new ones.

Report of Progress since last Review (including reactions and attitude to family contact). Relationships with Foster Home. Progress at School/Employment etc.):

No change since the last review.

How do you see child's future:

As before

Signed: Frances Downie  
(Foster Parent)

Signed: Gordon Downie  
(Foster Parent)

Date: 17.10.84

Please return to:

## Minutes of Review Meeting

Date of Review: 17.4.84

Name of Home: c/o Mr. and Mrs. Downie, [REDACTED]

Name of Child: Elizabeth and Joseph Geddes

Field Case Paper No:

Date of Admission: 8.9.83

Date of Birth: 15.2.73 and [REDACTED]

Areas of concern as indicated in <sup>foster parents</sup> residential review form:

- Elizabeth: feelings towards her foster family still appear to be fairly superficial, she does not appear to have a deep attachment with anyone.
- Joseph: has silly behaviour at times; bedwetting has stopped.

Areas of concern as indicated in Social Worker's review form:

Elizabeth's recent realisation that she was adopted by her father.

School reports: Elizabeth growing in confidence and trying harder, much less demanding.

Summary of Discussion:

Discussion initially focussed on general development of the children in the past six months. Mrs Downie felt that, after a very demanding spell over the Christmas period, the children had begun again to make efforts to fit in with their family. However, both children continue to have problems in managing relationships both in the home and at school, because of their previous history of relationships. Mrs. Downie feels that Elizabeth's attempts to make relationships are inept and obvious, and that she still finds it hard to be open or to trust.

Contact with the children's grandparents has been minimal, as the grandparents have not kept up contact, despite encouragement to telephone. However, arrangements had been made for the children to come out to see their grandparents and younger siblings in the near future.

The plans for permanent placement were discussed, and it was agreed that any effort should be made to find a permanent family for both children. Plans had been made for Joseph and Elizabeth to visit the Homefinding Team. Pat Howell mentioned that a children's preparatory group was due to start soon, and it was agreed that Elizabeth and Joe should be considered for this group. The possibility of media publicity was considered, and it was agreed that Shaun would apply for permission for this. With regard to the legal position, Shaun has been pursuing parental agreement with the plan for permanent placement through Johannesburg/

# notes of Review Meeting continued

**Decisions taken (specifying action to be taken and by whom):**

- 1) Children to visit the Homefinding Team and hopefully to involve themselves in preparatory group.
- 2) Social Worker to continue to pursue parental agreement with the plan, and also media publicity forms.
- 3) Social Worker to continue to visit weekly, and to keep in contact with the school.
- 4) Social Worker to help children and grandparents keep in contact in accordance with their wishes.

**Date of next review:**

**Names and Designations of review panel:**

Frances Downie, foster parent,  
 Nan McCabe, Social Worker, Cumbernauld Social Work Department,  
 John Cooper, Head Teacher,  
 Shaun McCourt, Social Worker, South East 2,  
 Brenda Doyle, Senior Social Worker, South East 2.

Chairman of  
 Review Meeting:..... *B Doyle* .....

Designation:..... SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER .....

Date:..... *14/11/86* .....

Summary of Discussion cont'd

Johannesburg Social Services, the difficulty being one of distance, in terms of trying to do any work with the natural parents. However, it was hoped that written confirmation of their agreement would soon be available.

The children chose to pop in and quickly out again at this review and it was agreed that Frances Downie and Shaun McCourt would discuss what happened at the review with them.

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Name of Children: Elizabeth and Joseph Geddes

Date of Birth: 15.2.73 [REDACTED]

Name of Home: c/o Downie, [REDACTED]

Date of admission: 8.9.83

**Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):**

- 1) Joseph and Elizabeth to remain with Mr. and Mrs. Downie.
- 2) Liaison between Social Worker and Homefinding Team to actively pursue permanent placement for the children.

**1. Initial Position/Section under which child is in care:**

Section 15 Social Work (Scotland Act, 1968)

**Any action indicated:** Both parents have given outline permission for Elizabeth and Joseph along with their younger brother and sister to be adopted.

**2. Current address/es of:**

a) Parents: Mr. Geddes: [REDACTED]  
Mrs. Boucher [REDACTED]

b) Siblings not in care:

c) Siblings in care: [REDACTED]


**3. Present situation with family since reception into care/last review:**

Joanne and William were received into care on 6th July, 1984 after an introductory process.

Contact with South Africa is good at the moment and whenever the children are placed the authorities in South Africa will deal with the legal technicalities.

6. (b) continued

Elizabeth stated to Frances that she wanted all her own clothes back and packed away all those that Frances had bought her since the start of the placement. This was seen by both Frances and myself as a hankering back to her previous situation and also that the clothes meant a lot to Elizabeth as they symbolised to her, her roots and the only period of stable care that she had received in her short life before being received into Local Authority care.



**Form D continued** (2 of 3)**4. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care/last review:**

Regular weekly/twice weekly contact.

The nature of the contact has been to support both Mr. and Mrs. Downie and the children in the placement. I have also been involved in taking the children to the Homefinding Team to prepare their posters and also to attend a preparation group for placement. There was a lot of contact between myself and the children at the time of the newspaper article on the children to monitor any adverse reactions.

**5. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care/last review:**

Weekly contact with grandparents up until the time that William and Joanne Mary were received into care, since then fortnightly visits to assist them and also encourage them to visit William and Joanne Mary at their new foster parents.

**6. Areas of Concern:**

(a) Family            None.

**(b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review.)**

Elizabeth was extremely upset after the newspaper article, the reason for this was that she realises that she and Joseph will be moving on and had become very attached to Frances and Gordon. This was a breakthrough for Elizabeth as up to now she had hidden behind "shell" and did not show any great emotion. Frances and I both went over with her in some detail that to show affection was fine and that her new mum and dad would also love her and give her affection. Also soon after the newspaper article Elizabeth/

**7. Other agencies involved:**

Homefinding Team.

**8. Needs of the child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies, estimated nature of parental contact etc.):**

To remain with Frances and Gordon until move to permanent placement.

## Form D continued (3 of 3)

9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):  
That they should remain with Frances and Gordon until permanent placement.

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? Yes/No

10. Any further comments:

As a result of the newspaper article on Elizabeth and Joseph there were a lot of enquiries regarding fostering older children. At the moment the assessments are taking place and also preparation groups. Angela Worthington at the Review will be able to give the up-to-date position on how these assessments are going and should be able to give us a better timescale as to when Elizabeth and Joseph can expect to be placed

11. Persons who will attend review (from area team):

Shaun McCourt, Social Worker, South East 2,  
Brenda Doyle, Senior Social Worker, South East 2.

Signed:.....

Designation:.....~~Social~~ SOCIAL WORKER

Date:.....22-8-84

# Minutes of Review Meeting

Date of Review: 24.10.81  
 Name of Home: 11 W...  
 Name of Child: Elizabeth & Greg, 1978  
 Date of Admission: 3.9.81  
 Date of Birth: 10.1.78 - [REDACTED]

Field Case Paper No:



Areas of concern as indicated in residential review form:

[REDACTED]

Areas of concern as indicated in Social Worker's review form:

Social Worker's Form:- Elizabeth and Jo's behaviour difficulties

Summary of Discussion:

Discussion initially focussed on the discussions of the previous review and progress made since then. Enhanced Allowances have been applied for but these have not been agreed as yet. John agreed to check that enhanced allowances have been agreed for permanent placement. Shaun is to up-date the 'E' Form. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Shaun has again written for information and photos to South Africa. Access has taken place with the children's grandparent's and younger siblings and this has gone very well, with no resulting unsettledness. Some discussion took place as to the frequency of access [REDACTED] was agreed that Visits would be around every couple of months at [REDACTED]

# Minutes of Review Meeting continued

## Decisions taken (specifying action to be taken and by whom):

1. John Owen to ensure that enhanced allowances available.
2. Shaun McCourt to up-date forms 'D'
3. Shaun McCourt to up-date forms 'D'
4. Social workers to continue to keep in close touch.
5. Shaun McCourt to continue to visit weekly

## Date of next review:

Within three months.

## Names and Designations of review panel:

- Frances Downie, foster parent,  
 Shaun McCourt, Social Worker, SE2  
 Ian McCabe, Social Worker, Cumbernauld  
 John Owens, Senior Social Worker, Homefinding Team  
 Angela Worthington, Social Worker, Homefinding Team  
 Brenda Doyle, Senior Social Worker, SE2

Chairman of  
 Review Meeting:..... *Brenda Doyle* .....

Designation:..... *SE2* .....

Date:..... *12/11/88* .....

Summary of Discussion Continued: Geddes Children

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[REDACTED] Elizabeth too is a bit more secure in herself - she doesn't cling so much. With Elizabeth, Mrs Downie feels that anticipating problems is a help, and letting Elizabeth know the limits before she goes over them.

The Homefinding team reported that they are nearing completion of forms 'F' with families, and it is hoped that families will be identified by the end of November. It is anticipated that linking may take place by early December. Again, the importance of careful planning and preparation were emphasised.

The Downie's are thanked for all their very hard work, which is of tremendous help to Elizabeth and Jo.

**STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL**

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**SOCIAL WORK DEPT.  
CUMBERNAULD**

# Minutes of Review Meeting

FORM **T**

Date of Review: 7.10.88

Name of Home: c/o Mr. and Mrs. Downie, 30 Lime Cres., Ibroxhill, Cumbernauld

Name of Child: Elizabeth and Joseph Geddes Field Case Paper No:

Date of Admission: 8.9.88

Date of Birth: Elizabeth: 15.2.78

Joseph: [REDACTED]

## Areas of concern as indicated in residential review form:

Foster Parents

1. Childrens' resentment of father
2. Need for constant attention and firm controls.

## Areas of concern as indicated in Social Worker's review form:

1. Total lack of contact with mother and father.
2. Childrens' reaction to the move are of ready acceptance.

## Summary of Discussion:

Discussion focussed initially on the reasons for RIG, and the childrens' background details. We went on to look at the childrens reaction to the move from their grandparents to foster parents, and noted the apparent lack of demonstrated concern or upset about the move. Since the move, the children have settled with the foster parents very quickly, and have felt very free to do as they please. They have not been at all withdrawn, and in fact they have needed firm controls in order that they accept the foster parents' authority. Initially there were problems with destructive behaviour and defacing the walls and there were denials from the children as to their part in this; particularly Elizabeth, seems to be resistant to accepting parental discipline, and the reasons for this were explored. The grandparents had had the same problems and stated that in South Africa the children were used to ordering black staff about, and they saw the grandparents in the same way, i.e. as servants. The foster mother agreed that there were problems around the childrens' attitudes and prejudices towards other races and people of different religion. Some work is necessary around this issue. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In general it was felt that both children were demanding and needed a lot of affection, reassurance and limits set. The foster parents have explained to the children that they are temporary foster parents and so will be looking after them for a limited period of time, until a permanent family is identified. contd....

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# Minutes of Review Meeting continued

## Decisions taken (specifying action to be taken and by whom):

1. Elizabeth and Joseph to remain, on a temporary basis, with the Doumales.
2. Application for Assumption of Parental Rights to be made.
3. Form 'P's to be completed.
4. Referral to Homefinding Team to be made by social worker.
5. Childrens' social worker to visit weekly.

## Date of next review:

12th January, 1984 at 4.00 p.m.

## Names and Designations of review panel:

- Shaun McCourt, social worker, 522
- Patricia Doyle, Senior Social Worker, 572
- Jan McCabe, social worker, Cumbernauld
- Frances Doumaie, foster parent, Cumbernauld
- Mr. and Mrs. Geddes, grandparents.
- Elizabeth and Joseph Geddes

Chairman of Review Meeting: Brenda Doyle *B Doyle*

Designation: Senior Social Worker

Date: 11th October, 1983



Summary of Discussion contd.....

The legal issues were discussed. The social worker has been in contact with the legal section who have advised that we make application for Section 16. It is at least two and a half years since either parent had the care of the children. Neither parent has seen the children in the past two years.

The tasks in relation to the children were outlined: A Life History Book for each child is to be started, and Form 'D's to be completed as soon as possible.

Preparatory work in relation to placement with a permanent family has to be done, reprevious family experience, feelings about their parents, to help them become ready to move on to another family. The social worker for the children should work along with the foster parents towards helping the children understand all these issues.

It is envisaged that there may be difficulty in identifying a permanent family within a short period of time. The indefinite nature of the placement was discussed, and the foster mother and her support worker felt that the foster family could accept this difficulty. Support from the children's social worker would be essential for the foster parents as this is the first time that they have undertaken to prepare children for placement.

Contact with the grandparents should be as appropriate to the children's needs and it is envisaged that contact will lessen as they become more prepared for another family.