

From: Miss S.A. Massey, Assistant Divisional Director, Residential, Scotland.

To: Mr. R.B. Clough, Executive Officer, After Care Section, Barkingside.

Our ref. SM/MR

18th February, 1960.

Re: Mathlian Quim Graham (Date of Birth 27.4.61)

Thank you for your memo of January 24th.

Mathlian is now married and is Mrs. Standara. At present we are not sure of her whereabouts, but if you wish to write to her c/o Glasclune we are fairly certain that one of the youngsters will be in touch with her and we could pass it on.

—3rd Party Information—

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Miss S.A. Massey,
Assistant Divisional Director, Residential.
Scottish Division.

—3rd Party
Information—

Mr R B Clough, Executive Officer
After Care Section
Scottish Division

ACS/RBC/VA
24th January 1980

Re: Mathlian Quim GRAHAM
Born: 27.4.61. Adm: 17.8.70 Glasclune

I would refer to Mrs Cuddehay's memo of the 16th November asking if you have a later address for this Old Girl as her magazine was returned and I would be glad if you would let us know the position as soon as possible.

R B Clough
After Care Section

Mrs. S. Cuddehay, Guild Secretary, After Care Section, H.Q.
Scottish Division.

BC/SC

16th November, 1979

Re: Mathlian Quim GRAHAM
Born: 27.4.61. Adm: 17.8.70 Glasclune

The above-named was enrolled in The Guild in October last and we have been sending "The Guild Messenger" to her regularly. However, we have recently had returned to us the summer issue from The Neuk, Unit 1, Woodfield, Woodhall Road, Edinburgh and the envelope was marked, "Gone Away".

If you do have an up-to-date address for her, we should be most grateful to have it for our Guild records.

1/11/79
S. Cuddehay (Mrs)
Guild Office
After Care Section

DR. BARNARDO'S

SOCIAL SERVICES AND OVERSEAS DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN EMPLOYMENT

(Section 'A' to be completed in full, and other sections where applicable)

GIRL

A

Surname: GRAHAM
Born: 27-4-61
Admitted: 17-8-70

Full Christian names: MATHWAN QUIN
Branch Home: Glasdure
Child Care Officer:
File Reference Number:

B

Notification of FIRST employment

Name and address of employer:

REPLY 16.10.78

Date commenced:

Employed as: Yes. Address

Full address of young person:

THE NEUK, UNIT 1,
WOODFIELD
WOODHALL RD
EDINBURGH
SCOTLAND

① PLACE on BOOKS

② INVOL in GUILD

~~FILE~~

BG NO 15514
Enrolled 25-10-78

DIVISION SCOTLAND

DATE

SIGNATURE

Your Ref: GW.JH.DOWNS 1830
Our Ref: ACS/CMB/CJA/REG.NO.3023

10th February 1994

Messrs. Graham Leigh, Pfeffer and Co.,
Solicitors,
15 Hulton District Centre,
Little Hulton,
Manchester,
M38 0BA

Dear Sirs,

re: Mathlian Quinn Graham
d.o.b. 27th April 1961
Admitted to Barnardo's 24th September 1965

Thank you for your letter of 4th February 1994.

We have checked our records and can confirm that Mrs. Downs was admitted to Barnardo's on 24th September 1965 at the request of the Children's Officer, Midlothian, E. Lothian and Peebles Children's Department, 15 Dalbourne Place, Edinburgh.

Prior to her being admitted to Barnardo's care, Mrs. Downs was in the care of the Midlothian, E. Lothian and Peebles Children's Department and had been placed with a Mrs. Scott from 27th April 1965 to 24th September 1965.

I would, therefore, suggest that you write to Midlothian local authority as they would be most likely to hold the information you require which relates to the period before Mrs. Downs came to Barnardo's.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. C.M. Bradford
Head of After Care

Graham Leigh, Pfeffer & Co.

—◆ SOLICITORS ◆—

—3rd Party Information—

Manchester M38 0BA.

Tel: —3rd Party Information—

S.B.N. Fagelman Lib (Hons)
G.S. Leigh BA (Hons)
J.P. Pfeffer

Our ref: GW.JH.DOWNS 1830

Your ref:

AFTER CARE

Date: 4th February, 1994

- 7 FEB 1994

HEAD OFFICE

The Barnardos Foundation,
Tanners Lane,
Barkingside,
Ilford,
ESSEX,
IG6 1QG.

Dear Sirs,

re: Mathlian Quinn Graham
Date of Birth: 27th April, 1961
Admitted to Barnardos: 24th September, 1965

We have been consulted by Mrs. Mathlian Quinn Downs (formerly Graham) of 1, Wildbrook Close, Little Hulton, Worsley, Manchester, who was admitted to your organisation on the 24th September, 1965 and we enclose a copy of a letter to assist you in identifying our client.

We are making enquiries of an incident which occurred in approximately 1964/65 when our client suffered injuries whilst in the care of a foster parent called Mrs. Scott.

Kindly indicate whether you hold any information in connection with this incident in which our client's leg was broken and whether you are prepared to release these details to us to enable us to advise our client further.

We look forward to your reply and thank you in anticipation of your assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

We are regulated by the Law Society in the conduct of investment business

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ACS/DC/VC

8th October 1990

MATHLIAN QUINN GRAHAM

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Admitted to Barnardo's: 24th September 1965

Information from file on admission

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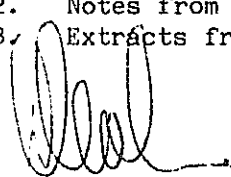
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Subsequent information

There is not much in the file about your time at Ravelrig Nursery between 9th April 1965 and 15th July 1967. You seem to have been pleased to join your brother and sisters. There was concern about your physique and you received a considerable amount of medical examination, but there was no real cause for concern. (You had possible hearing loss and were of unusual shape and you soiled and wet at night.) Intellectually you were backward but no assessment was thought necessary at that age.

The information on the file concerning your upbringing at "Glasclune" is attached - namely.

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2. Notes from staff files 1972 - 1976.
3. Extracts from reviews 1967 - 1978.


David Colenso

After Care Social Worker

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ACS/DC/VC

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- 17.08.1978 Woodfield Hostel, Edinburgh.
- 9.11.1979 Married.

David Colenso
After Care Social Worker

ACS/LFC/VC/REG.NO.0249

15th May 1991

Mrs M Edmond
5 Woodburn Drive
Balkoth
EH22 2AZ

Dear Mrs Edmond

Thank you for your letter received on the 3rd May requesting photographs of your four children who were admitted to Barnardo's. Our studio has made a thorough search and I am afraid there are none in our records.

You may be interested to know my colleague, David Colenso, has recently been in touch with Mathien.

We are sorry to learn of your serious illness and trust that you are reasonably comfortable.

If we can be of any further assistance to you please let us know.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely

Miss L F Clargo
Senior Records Research Officer

BARNARDOS HQ

17 MAY 1991

AFTER CARE



Barnardos

FROM: John Kirkham, Film & Photographic Studio

TO: Miss L Clargo, After Care

JK/MLP

16th May 1991

RE: MARGARET, MATHLIAN, ALEXANDRA, CHARLES - GRAHAM

In reply to your memo dated 7th May 1991, re the above. I have checked our records but can find no personal pictures on file.

cc Mr Prodigy

John Kirkham

/0249

7th May 1991

GRAHAM,	Margaret	Bn: 10.12.1959
"	Mathien	Bn: 27. 4.1961
"	Alexandra	Bn: 21 .12.1962
"	Charles	Bn: 10. 4. 1964

see sep.lists

Adm: 9.4. 1966, 29. 6.1965, @ 17. 8.1970.

Margaret

Please may we have an admission and farewell photo of each of the above-named children. The mother has requested them.

14. 5. 91 Ray to remind Studi - memo not received.

BARNARDO'S HQ

5 MAY 1991

AFTER CARE

Margaret Edmond

5 Woodlawn Drive

Dalkeith EH22 2AZ

Dear Sir or Madam

I hope you don't mind me
writing and thank me a check.

In 1966 my Marriage Broke up and my
4 children were the hands of Dr Barnardos Home
At First they were in Raveling in Belerno
then were all together at Glasclune North Berwick
My Daughter Sandra was Killed in a Road accident
2 year ago. But before she was killed

she told me How she got in touch with
your office to ask about any Photographs
that were taken during there stay in the Home.
I don't know if she ever got them.

My Reason For writing to your office
is I myself have cancer in the Liver
and my Life is Short.

It would be my dearest wish to see any

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Photographs of my children taken during their stay at Dr Barnardo's Home.

So if you have any, and find it in your heart for me to see any I would be most pleased and grateful.

Here are their names and date of Birth

and if there is any more information you need please feel free to contact me.

Margaret Graham. 10-12-59

Mathew " 27-4-61

Alexandra " 26-12-62

Charles " 10-4-64

Hope to hear from you soon. Good or Bad news.

**BARNARDO'S
DIVISIONAL OFFICE**
EDINBURGH

01 MAY 1991

Ref'd to

Margaret Edmund. (Graham)

Ack.....

Barnardos Report

BARNARDO'S HQ
15 NOV 1990
AFTER CARE

Name of child/family	MATHLIAN QUINN GRAHAM now DOWNS	Name of Social Worker	DAVID COLENZO
Date of visit	1.11.1990	Date typed	8.11.1990
		Tape Ref	ACS/DC/VC

Visited Mrs Downs by appointment for family background.

I was bit surprised to find she lived in a modern council flat that had long become a slum. It took a while for the door to be opened and then a naked man of huge girth and almost completely covered in tattoos back and front, asked my business. I was then invited into a filthy living room with one settee and a T.V. in it for furniture. It was 11.30 but I had to wait for Mathlian to get up.

She turned out to be a very attractive woman although filthy like her husband, Les. She has a son aged 18 months called Troy and he joined us after about half an hour.

Despite appearances, I think she is a happy person and her (2nd) marriage seems a good (if unconventional) one. He comes from Manchester and they met in London, where she had ended up with 2 babies of her first marriage. They are now being placed for adoption by Hillingdon Council. She seems sad but adjusted to the loss of these children.

I had prepared a fairly large amount of material for her, in view of her comments about having a local Social Worker to counsel her etc., and we went through it all chronologically. She seemed delighted with all the details and didn't disagree with any of the comments contained in them.

She was aware of the role she had filled in the family when growing up (scapegoat to sisters - daddies pet - ambivient to mother - constantly phantesising about family reunion etc) and had good memories about the upbringing that Barnardo's had given her. A telling remark in the light of history subsequently, was made in the report - "Mathlian is aware that her families standards and Barnardo's are very different"!

Her sister Sandra (Alexandra) was killed in a road accident last year. Charles is married with three children in Scotland. Margaret too is married but Mathlian still hates her. Her father remarried and she is in regular contact. Marion still lives with Aunt Marion and mother is now alone and bitter.

I asked Mathlian pointedly how she felt, now that she had all the information, school reports and daily logs.

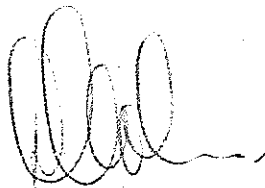
She replied that it felt great to have all this information which reinforced for her all that she felt about herself.

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She could see no and feel no real problems in handling the information.

I rescued my sheets of paper from Troy who was busy scribbling on several days written work, explaining that if she kept them in the folder provided, Troy might value them in years to come.

I offered to call again, if she gave me a ring - but I will be surprised if she does.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'David Colenso', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

David Colenso
After Care Social Worker

ACS/DC/VC

8th October 1990

NATHAN QUINN GRAHAM

Born: 27th April 1961

Admitted: 24th September 1965

Family situation at admittance

Father: James Harvey Farrell Graham
aged 28

A dustman of good health
and character living at
76 Woodburn Gardens,
Dalkeith, Midlothian.

Mother: Margaret McMillern Graham
(formerly Smith) aged 25

Suffers from T.B.
Temporarily in hospital
described as of good
character. Address not
given.

Brother: Charles Graham
dob: 10.04.1964

Admitted to Ravelrig
on 9th April 1965

Sisters: Margaret Smith Graham
dob: 10.12.1959
Alexandra Graham
dob: 26.12.1962
Marion Graham born on 12th July 1968 - 3 years later.

Admitted to Ravelrig
on 25th June 1965
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Paternal

Grandmother: Mrs Graham, 6 Cockpen Crescent, Poltenhall, Bunnyrigg.

Maternal

Grandmother: Mrs Smith, aged 71, 76 Woodburn Gardens, Dalkeith.
(Had eight daughters and a son.)

Paternal

Aunt: Mrs Marion Ivers, 7 Castletaw Crescent, Bilston.

Significant Barnardo Staff:

Mr and Mrs Moffat, Ravelrig.

Mr and Mrs Falconer, ex Glasclune, Ravelrig.

Mrs Evelyn Watson, Social Worker, ex County Council Officer.

Miss Flint, County Council Officer 1967.

Margaret Lowson, Social Worker at Glasclune.

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Extracts of notes reviews at Glasclune

- 15.08.1967 Margaret and Mathlian transferred to Glasclune from Ravelrig Nursery.
- 19.08.1967 Mathlian attended Orthopaedic Specialist over her posture. Mr Anderson thought this would correct itself over time.
- 2.12.1967 Family reunion at Ravelrig - Margaret and Mathlian taken to meet mother and father with Charlie and Sandra.
- 19.02.1968 Review at Glasclune - Mathlian described as "Shriveled - not quite a dwarf - rather naughty" and "wanting a lot of attention".
- March 1968 Mathlian upset because parents not visiting. Parents trying to clear rent arrears and get another council house.
- April 1968 Review describes Mathlian "as having had the roughest time of all the children in the family".
- 12.07.1968 Marion born - parents visited together soon afterwards to show child to sisters and brother.
- July 1968 Holiday at Barkingside (Barnardo's Head Quarters).
- 5.02.1969 Review prior to discharge to parents, 17 Crawlees Crescent, Mayfield. Mathlian described as having slight hearing loss, small for age but growing. Talks about home a lot, plays imaginative games, might be helpful to mother - review hopeful of reunion.
- 11.08.1970 Report on family breakdown and application for re-admission - mother deserted and house repossessed by council due to rent arrears.
- 29.12.1970 Has several friends - no one in particular. Monthly visits to father. Very clinging, seeks attention and affection. Can express feelings about home. Can be deceitful. Absconded twice.

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- 20.04.1971 Has absconded twice - once to see Marion, once after a "row".
"A very deprived child."
"Tells" on parents - Margaret gets furious with her.
Most naive and least bright of the children.
Very caring "mother" with dolls, Marion etc.
The one who makes parents feel most guilty - also staff if they appear to have rejected her.
- 23.11.1971 School - below average in all subjects. Brings school friends home regularly. Monthly visit to father and four visits from father. One visit from mother. Very caring towards brother and sisters. Naive - inclined to be scapegoat, but does cause a lot of trouble by interfering with other children. Deceitful. Mathlian has the ability to make staff cross and then she is so pathetic, that one is always regretful afterwards.
- 29.02.1972 Mathlian needs help towards expression of real feelings and to a better relationship with peers.
School - tries hard, ability below average, cheerful and helpful, healthy and active. Lives in a world of her own, mostly make believe. Feels the whole world is against her. Protective of parents (divorce pending). Misses Granny (recently died). Often found crying. Has low self esteem - nosy parker - "everyone hates me" - craves affection - sucks thumb - easily hurt.
- March 7th 1973 Mathlian very affectionate - can't help liking her - placid nature - rarely shows annoyance - underdog - answers to names like "monkey face" especially from Margaret.
Has now left bedroom with Margaret and seems happier - more at ease as she was frightened to say or do much when Margaret was in the room. Absent minded, easily distracted. Worried that Marion is not being looked after - at her best when she feels needed. Emotions deep and depressive.
A very "deep" girl - has lots of troubles - likes to dress up. Learning to stick up for herself. Loves play acting. Moody - says no one really cares about her.
Longing to be the "only one". Margaret rains abuse on her continually - she accepts it and crawls into her shell. Needs a lot of love and understanding. Sobs like a little one when hurt emotionally.
School - unable to cope with any of the normal work alone in class. Behaviour is cause for concern - very easily distracted. Finds great difficulty with English and maths. Decided to look for "Unofficial Aunt".
Is becoming more attractive.

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- 6.02.1974 Doesn't seem to want to grow up - everything is a "good laugh". Staff worried at lack of visible emotion. Can't hold a sensible conversation with her - talks rubbish and lives in the past. Still accepts abuse from Margaret without response. Very friendly girl - seeks attention to point of draining staff emotionally. Gives impression of being very lonely and can't keep friends for long. Talks loudly to herself in bedroom. A very kind child. Not very clean in personal hygiene - very untidy. Crazy about boys in childish way. Dislikes stepfather (Edmonds). Angry with mother because of divorce. Strong affection for father and his favourite and believes his "tales" about going home soon. Enjoys visits to befrienders Mr and Mrs Tullock. School - lacks ability. Contributes well in English discussions.
- 15.10.1975 Nathlian scapegoat of family - seems immune to insults from children or staff. Seldom shows aggression even when provoked - usually apologises rather than explain feelings and promises to be good but carries on as before. Displays little emotion except frustration. Romanticises all the time - being in love with boys or idealising her parents. Physical contact with emotional dependence on a boy, any boy, is everything in Nathlian's life at present and she has many boyfriends, one 18 and one over 21. She "chases" boys, phoning them, waiting outside pubs and even calling at their houses. She repeatedly comes in late and goes out without permission. She has come in under the influence of drink and Mrs Falconer has kept her 'in' for two weeks but the effect has only been mute compliance. Nathlian visits the Tullocks regularly - has a strong relationship with Owen, the younger Tullock girl. Mother left Edmonds at end of 1974 after frequent violence towards her. Two family group sessions held at Glasclune in order for parents to understand what it felt like for children to be caught between their parents' emotional conflict. Contact was maintained for a short time during which Mrs Graham was encouraged to see the children individually for short periods - she eventually disappeared and was admitted to Roslynlee Hospital with an overdose. Father in Barlinnie for three months and now very depressed.
- 22.10.1976 Margaret left Glasclune in September to live with mother - but couldn't stand Edmonds - went to live with granny. Great romantic - talking of getting engaged to Owen Link at Christmas. Finds thoughts of going home when she is 16 unthinkable. Concerned about Margaret, who now lives down the road.

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Attended mother's wedding in January.

Visits Tullocks for weekend monthly.

Sees Glasclune standards as different from her own families.

Review worried that Mathlian regresses when forced to confront reality. "Does this mean that we need to recreate for Mathlian some of the scatter of her own life history and try to reinforce her own sense of identity?" - agreed to talk to psychiatrist.

- 19.10.1977 Since leaving school in June, Mathlian has had 3 jobs, all of which she has lost through not showing up on time or general untidiness. Mr and Mrs Edmonds asking for childrens' return and rescinding of the "Paternal Rights Resolution". Children not interested in going to mother - father out of touch but Margaret keeps them informed as she lives at his sub let house. Children show affection to him tempered by a sharp understanding of his weakness and lack of sustained commitment to them. Mathlian attends a "leaving care group". Mathlian plays a part in group activities at the group, risking herself recently in the drama and role play which requires a level of trust which others in the group don't show. Mathlian visits the Banks frequently as this is the only way in which she can meet Owen, who now says he is going to marry her in June 1978 - he doesn't treat her very well and borrows money off her. She shows anxiety about what the future holds. Applications sent to Garvel Training Centre, Woodfield hostels. Referred to psychologist.

23.06.1978 To Woodfield.

Notes from staff files at Glasclune concerning Mathlian Graham

- 13.03.1972 Mathlian now has boyfriend - father is Mr Gray a stockman on Dales Farm and has asked Mathlian to visit for a weekend.
- 17.07.1972 Mathlian accused George Edmunds of slapping her.
- 17.06.1973 Given a canary by father.
- 26.06.1973 Absconded with Christine ^{—3rd Party Information—} (found at fathers)
- 28.06.1973 Tullocks introduced.
- 27.08.1973 On holiday Mathlian had some odd behaviour, it was for attention, it certainly wasn't for pleasure. Sleeping bed being let down - when she complained it was discovered that she had let it down herself.

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Audrey's handbag was lost - Mathlian had buried it in the sand. Mathlian was occupied on her own - the others playing hide and seek - Mathlian told the searcher where all the others were hidden - when asked why she said she was only playing - it was only a joke. I was almost convinced Mathlian was only happy when she was unhappy.

- 4.09.1973 Mathlian takes everyone at face value - everyone is her friend - would still go and talk to any stranger. She is not quite so browbeaten by Margaret - has grown a bit this summer and has a nice neat figure.
- 8.09.1973 During a game of chase Mathlian made up the rules and then broke them - staff warned her and then sent her indoors. Mathlian was so angry at being sent out of the game that she could not hear it and blamed Carol. Later she came to apologise for her behaviour with her usual "Oh so sorry expression". Being Mathlian one felt it meant nothing at all.
- 28.09.1973 Mathlian delighted at being made a secondar at Guides.
- 3.11.1973 October camp. Slept in tent with Lindsay - the other girls did not seem to want her around.
- 19.11.1973 Boys threw her bag on bike sheds - denied anything happened behind the bike sheds.
- 29.11.1973 Late for supper - had been at end of road waving to "my friend" the bus driver.
- 1.01.1974 Returned from Christmas holidays with septic finger (had been staying with the Tullocks) - bit herself. Mathlian took bandage off to show people despite strong warnings from doctor.
- 7.02.1974 Staff took Mathlian to doctor - she talked all the way about all her different boyfriends. At table she sits and talks about her dreams - quite obviously making them up - people tell her to shut up but even this doesn't stop her. She goes on and on even though no one is listening. Gained her Red Cross Badge.
- 1.07.1974 Letter from mother to Mathlian begging her forgiveness - Mathlian reacted immediately and wanted to go to her mother. Staff felt that she should be protected, in this case, from her own vulnerability - she tends to respond emotionally to any contact made by mother.

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- 6.08.1974 Children unhappy at visits to mother. Mathlian didn't like Mr Edmonds bullying, "Always expecting us to get his meals and do things for him - he shouts and gets mad - especially with my mum".
- 1.04.1974 Enjoyed weekend with mum at her sisters.
- 3.05.1974 Mathlian visited staff sick at home - carried on a sensible conversation - really cared how I was - seemed a very assertive and caring person.
- 4.08.1974 Mathlian enjoyed Butlins - perceived to be sexually encouraging towards the boys - when told off expressed apparent naivety. Seen to be worried about Margaret's behaviour with boys in town. Mathlian's one dream is for her parents to be together and she cannot face the truth.
- 18.11.1974 Mathlian upset at departure of S. Bryant.
- 12.04.1975 Mathlian accused a youth of a sexual assault on the way home from the Youth Fellowship. Police informed and investigated and took it seriously. General opinion probably was that Mathlian led the boy on - no action taken.
- 29.04.1975 Mathlian very upset by Margaret shouting at her - complained that she was not included in the Graham family and hated being in a bedroom with Sandra and Margaret. She finds the situation intolerable and complained to staff
1. She doesn't know where her mother is.
 2. Her father doesn't want her.
 3. It isn't over with Flo (but he's scared to ask her because of the Police).
- 1.07.1975 Mathlian much happier now she is working.
- 21.08.1975 Mathlian reported to be going about with a boy aged 20 but it is now over and she is distressed.
- 5.12.1975 Mathlian and Christine absconded but brought back by the Police.
- 10.09.1975 Gary out with Colin ^{—3rd Party Information—} Staff apprehensive as he is too old for her. Intensive staff counselling attempted.
- 9.10.1975 Mathlian kept in for a fortnight for staying out late and coming in drunk.
- 11.1975 Regular sessions of dispute between staff and Mathlian over Colin ^{—3rd Party Information—} Colin charged with offences against young girls.

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- 14.11.1975 Mathlian seen in Lodge grounds in a compromising situation with Colin. Head teacher recommends she go before the Panel - Police agreed.
- 11.12.1975 Puppet show at nursery school.
- 16.12.1975 Going out with Kevin ^{—3rd Party Information—} - declined to go to the Tullocks.
- 16.03.1976 Going out with Owen Link.
- 3.05.1976 Mathlian interviewed by Police re sexual activity. Later examined by doctor who stated that she was "very experienced sexually and must have regular sex". Mathlian denied this, but later admitted that Owen was a regular partner.
- 2.06.1976 Owen invited to Glasclune - staff impressed by his behaviour and attitude. Mathlian seems more concerned about herself and that it is really up to her what she makes of her life.

David Colenso
After Care Social Worker

ACE/LFC/VC/LM150

7th September 1960

Mrs M Downe
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Dear Mrs Downe

I apologise for the delay in dealing with your enquiry but we are having difficulty in obtaining records of your time in our care. Our colleagues in Scotland are making great efforts but as yet have been unsuccessful.

I am sorry about this and assure you that we are doing our best.

Yours sincerely

Miss L F Clargo
Senior Records Research Officer

BARNARDO'S HQ

18 JUN 1990

AFTER CARE

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16 June 1990

Dear Sir/Madam

In order to help me in some research I would be grateful if you could forward copies of any of my reviews or documents which you are holding in your records

My maiden name was Mathlian Quinn Graham, I was born 27th April 1961 in Edinburgh. I am one of five children and my parents names are Margaret and James Harvey Graham.

In 1963 I was taken into care and fostered out to a couple in Gullane East Lothian for eight weeks, I was then sent to a couple in Edinburgh where I was badly mistreated and because of injuries went into hospital. From there I was sent to Ravorig in Balerno Midlothian. In 1966 I was sent to Glasclune in North Berwick where I stayed until 1970. Then I was sent home for eighteen months which did not work out. So we went back to Glasclune in North Berwick where I stayed till 1978. At seventeen years old I was moved to Woodfield Hostel in Collington Edinburgh, I left there in 1979 at the age of eighteen.

I have enlisted the help of the Social Services in Little Hulton, who have said they will help me to go over my records and also give me some counselling and support with any difficulty I might have with my past life. I would therefore be grateful if you could forward copies to

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I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours faithfully



Mathlian Downs (MRS)

Mr R B Clough, Executive Officer
After Care Section
Scottish Division

ACE/RMC/VA

24th January 1980

Re: Kathleen Susan SHANAHAN

Born: 27.4.61. Age: 17.8.79 Glasclung

I would refer to Mrs Caldwell's note of the 16th November asking if you have a later address for this Old Girl as her magazine was returned and I would be glad if you would let us know the position as soon as possible.

R B Clough
After Care Section

Mrs. S. Gubbins, Guild Secretary, After Care Section, R.Q.
Scottish Division.

10/25

16th November, 1979

Re: Marion Gail GRAHAM

~~Re: 27.1.81, 17.8.79, 17.8.79, 17.8.79~~

The above-named was enrolled in The Guild in October last and we have been sending "The Guild Messenger" to her regularly. However, we have recently had returned to us the number issue from The Rock, Unit 1, Woodfield, Woodhall Road, Edinburgh and the envelope was marked, "Gone Away".

If you do have an up-to-date address for her, we should be most grateful to have it for our Guild records.

S. Gubbins (Mrs)