

2. 6.76

Last Monday Mathlian brought her boyfriend, Owen ^{—3rd Party Information—} to Glasclune at my request. I was very impressed by his smart appearance and by his attitude. Although he is rather naive in many ways he is the most suitable boyfriend that Mathlian has had so far. We talked about the implications of under-age sex and Owen said that Mathlian was his first girlfriend and that he was going to help her to keep out of trouble.

When I saw Mathlian tonight I told her that Mrs. Ross, her S/W, was coming to a meeting on Friday and that we were going to discuss whether she should go to the Panel or not. I asked Mathlian what she thought we should decide and she said she didn't want to go to the Panel.

When talking with Mathlian about my responsibility and her responsibility I felt for the first time that she was concerned about herself and that she realised that it was really up to her what she did with her life.

19. 5.76

Mathlian spoke mostly about trivial things concerning school and I was conscious several times of trying to get her to look at what she was still feeling about recent events. She did eventually describe how she had felt when a group at the Youth Club had been calling her names like 'cow', etc. I asked how she had felt when she attended the clinic and she said that she had just looked at the ceiling.

Mathlian said that she didn't think her mother would come back since I had told her about Mr. Edmonds advances to Mathlian and I asked her if she was angry with me for telling her mother. She said 'no', that she was glad. When I asked her how she felt about everything coming out about herself and different boys she said she was glad as now she didn't feel guilty any more.

I felt that Mathlian was again just telling me what she ~~th~~ought I wanted to hear and that underneath she is just going to live her own life, doing exactly what she wants and hoping she won't be caught.

FILE NOTE

MATHLIAN GRAHAM

W.P.C. Archibold phoned to ask for details of birth certificate.

She is sending a report concerning the offences against Mathlian which took place around Christmas time last year.

Discuss with EF, Dr. Rogers, ML

DAVID POMFRET

DP/AC
6.5.76.

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Mathlian was accompanied to the Police Station by Donna Ferrier and interviewed by a policewoman concerning information which the police had about North Berwick girls soliciting boys from Prestonpans and Tranent. During the interview Mathlian told the P.S. about having sexual intercourse with a fourteen-year-old boy in a caravan and that her sister, Margaret, and her boyfriend were also there. There was no evidence that Mathlian had been soliciting.

4. 5.76

I accompanied Mathlian and a P.W. to Haddington Police Station where Mathlian had a medical examination. The doctor informed me that Mathlian was very experienced sexually and must be having sex regularly. He advised a further examination by Dr. Malinck in two weeks time in case of infection.

Although I knew within myself that Mathlian was known in her peer group as 'easy', recently she had been behaving much better and had been saying that she was turning over a new leaf. She has been 'going' with the same sixteen-year-old boy for a few months.

We did not speak on the way home from Haddington but afterwards, when I confronted her with the doctor's statement, she said she had only 'been' with two fourteen-year-old boys in March and February and denied having sexual intercourse with Owen ^{—3rd Party} ever. After about an hour I told her to put on her coat as we were going to see Mrs. Link and Owen. She then burst into tears and told me that they 'do it' often. I asked her where and she replied: "In the Glen". I then asked her to go to Owen Link's house and break off the relationship. When I asked her what she was going to say to him she said: "That we have been found out."

5. 5.76

When Mathlian and I talked tonight I asked her if she had had a bad day at school. Her eyes filled with tears and she said: "It's all round the school." We then talked about how angry Margaret had been with her and I was able to tell Mathlian that Margaret was going to help her and that she was much more sympathetic now. I reminded her about how Margaret's reputation had also been terrible but that she had tried hard to regain her self-respect and had to a certain extent succeeded.

I said that Mathlian could have a day off school tomorrow. We both went to the office and she 'phoned Mrs. Mulloch and arranged to visit there for the weekend.

I think that Mathlian has had a fright. She tells lies all the time and I am quite sure there are lots of things that she is not going to tell me. However, in view of the doctor's statement I was able to take some action and I will be able to talk more directly with her in future. Nevertheless, there is no doubt that Mathlian is at risk.

Mathlian Graham

On-going Session with Mrs. Falconer.

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25. 3.76

Tonight Mathlian told me about yet another very best girl friend she now has at school. She talked for most of the time about how everything is fine now and how she is going to make a decent life for herself. I am afraid that her long, boring accounts of silly little incidents leave me feeling tired and useless but there is no doubt that Mathlian enjoys having someone to herself to talk to and she remembered our appointment and came in promptly for once.

16. 3.76

Just before our session tonight I had to talk to Nathalian and her two sisters about the smell in their bedroom caused by their dirty socks, pants etc. to it followed that Nathalian and I started to discuss clothes and how what you wear conveys to people what kind of person you are. This led on to talking about reputations and we discussed ways in which Nathalian could regain a good reputation.

She told us how hurt she had been because Colin Thompson had called her 'a cow' and told other people that he 'had sex' with her. She said that it was just not true. I said that it had been true that Kevin Thomson had 'been' with her. She said: "Yes, but not Colin."

I then talked to Nathalian about relationships, how she would have married Colin or 'Flo' if she had been old enough. Now she hated them but at the time she thought she loved them. I told her that I was concerned because she was going out every night and although I was pleased that she was coming in on time, I wanted to know where she was going. She told me that she was going to Mrs. Lank's because she was now 'going with' Owen Lank. I asked her if she had ever thought that the Lank family would be fed up with her visiting every night and although it was not going to make her stay in one night, now she was growing up a bit she thought that she should plan her evenings a bit better, telling Owen that she would be staying in on certain nights, letting him do the cooking.

We agreed to meet every second Wednesday at 9 o'clock and that if she could start taking an interest in her appearance i.e. having pants without being told, I would then tell the other girls that she was respectable for them. If so they could stop causing her up to wash or to clean her clothes.

Although I did most of the talking, I felt that it was a good session and that Nathalian was beginning to look at herself a bit.

JY/10P/100

11.12.75

This was one of the best talks I have ever had with Mathlian. She told me how she is making puppets at school and with the help of another girl is giving the children in the Nursery School a puppet show.

Mathlian had 'phoned Mrs. Falconer to say that she would not be going there for Christmas but would be spending it with her boyfriend, Kevin. We talked about Kevin - how he ignores her at school - he doesn't like anyone hanging around him - how Mathlian felt when he treated her like this and how eventually she was going to try and say a firm 'no' to him instead of letting him treat her in this way.

Mathlian told me that Mrs. Link had warned her to keep away from her sons. She said that she (Mathlian) was getting the blame for everything from Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Link and Mrs. Whitelaw. We both agreed that this was very unfair.

I told Mathlian that it had been the police who had referred her to the Panel, not the school as we had thought. I said I thought they had probably referred her because I had told the woman police officer that I was very worried about her when I had taken her to the police station to be questioned re Colin Thomson.

I also told her that someone in Glasclune liked her very much. She asked me who this was and I said: "Violet". Mathlian really 'glowed' when I told her this and asked me how I knew that Violet liked her. I said that Violet had told me that of all the girls in the house she really liked Mathlian in a special way.

11.2.76

I saw Mathlian tonight: she is wanted to resume our session and said that she would stay in every second Wednesday evening. She was very happy tonight, feeling that everyone liked her again.

She told me that Kevin was now ignoring her and she was very hurt about this. She had written him a letter which was never posted to tell him that she was pregnant but it wasn't true - it was just to get him back. We talked about the Pill and Mathlian said she had learned something from her parents - not to get married young. I pointed out that it could be that her parents had children too soon and that nowadays this could be avoided. I stressed the point that when Mathlian was sixteen she could choose whether she went on the pill or not and that it was being responsible to take the pill if she had a sexual relationship with a boy.

We talked about how Mathlian felt about her mother's wedding. She said: "Imagine how I felt having to baby-sit when Mary Pat was in the pub getting drunk." I said: "Did you wish it had been you getting drunk?" and Mathlian replied: "Well, quite honestly, I do."

Mathlian seemed to me to have a kind of serenity tonight. She is definitely thinking deeply about herself and her parents and is beginning to be more realistic about her expectations from them.

20.2.76

When I saw Mathlian tonight I was a bit of a square one. Everything was fine! She spent most of the time talking a lot of rubbish about a girlfriend and about school. I almost fell asleep listening to these long tales and it reminded me of just how boring Mathlian can be when she is talking. Yet sometimes she can talk very intelligently about serious happenings and now she felt.

10.10.75 (continued)

Colin ^{—3rd Party Information—} - offences against young girls. I told Mathlian and she said: "He has never touched me". Later she was crying loudly outside the office. I brought her into the office and when I asked her why she was crying, she replied: "because of Colin. That's the truth. He never touched me". I spoke to her for a while but she would not say anything more.

11.10.75

When Mathlian was interviewed by a woman P.O. I asked her about Colin. Mathlian was still adamant about Colin's innocence. When the policewoman asked her if she had ever had sexual intercourse with anyone else, she told her about the incident at Bilton almost a year ago. She was questioned thoroughly about this. The policewoman said they might look into it further. She also said she would probably be asked to come to the Reporter.

15.10.75

This is the first time I have seen Mathlian without having to speak to her about her behaviour as she had been confined to the house all week. I spent an hour talking with Mathlian and afterwards it was as if we had never talked at all. I just feel as if we have come to a complete 'block' in our relationship i.e. as soon as Mathlian is out with Glasclune it is as if she becomes a different person and no amount of talking makes any difference.

5.11.75

Mathlian deliberately went out this evening avoiding our session.

8.11.75

I had received reports from some of the older girls about Mathlian's disgraceful behaviour at the disco on Thursday evening when she had been with Colin ^{—3rd Party Information—} yet again. When I asked her if this was true, she started to deny it, and became very angry with her and smacked her on the face. I told her she was not going to Mrs. Ivers as her aunt could not be expected to be responsible for her when she behaved in this way with boys. I raged at her for ten minutes and told her that she would not be going to any more discos meantime and that she would be coming home again at lunch time. It seems as though Mathlian is completely disregarding all our warnings about seeing this boy and is pursuing him at every available opportunity.

14.11.75

Miss Jermyn 'phoned to say that the school were going to recommend that Mathlian should appear before the Panel. She had been seen in a compromising situation with Colin ^{—3rd Party Information—} at lunchtime in the Lodge grounds.

1.10.75

When I asked Kathlian what she had been doing on Monday and Tuesday evenings she told me at once that she had not been home by 8.00 pm. but had stayed out until after 9.00 p.m. She admitted that she had known what time it was and she didn't try to tell me any long untruthful stories. I told her that I thought that she didn't care about what was going to happen to her or about her reputation.

I asked her to tell me where she had been on both evenings. It seems that her friend, Jacky, and Kathlian had gone to the Links house and had been asked in. Mrs. Link had picked them up, saying that they would be giving her boys a bad reputation. She came into the room for a while and then went to his bedroom to play records, after which they all (Jacky, Albert, Kathlian and Ian) went in to North Berwick. The boys went into the Snar for a drink and the girls waited outside for them.

I asked Kathlian if she didn't think that she was chasing the boys. She replied: "No". I told her that usually boys called for their girlfriends and then they went somewhere together. Kathlian could not admit that she chased boys at all, even though it is quite obvious that with almost every boyfriend she has had, she has done the pursuing.

I told Kathlian that as she had disobeyed Mr. Falconer and me on Monday and Tuesday she would not be allowed out on Thursday and Friday.

I am afraid that almost all our time together was spent in me talking. I told her that if she was not going to do as she was told, then she would become beyond our control. I also told her about the Reviews and that on 16th October we would be talking about how she had been during the past year and about her future. I said that unless she was able to show me before then that she really did care about herself and could control her actions outside Glasglene, I would have to write in the report that she was out of control. I also told her that I would let her read the report to see if she agreed that it was fair.

As we were finishing Kathlian said brightly: "I was the best in the class today". I asked her: "What were you doing?" and she replied: "We were visiting the Nursery School and I was the only one able to talk to the wee ones". I felt shattered. It was as if our whole interview had never taken place and that I had had no more effect on Kathlian than water off a duck's back.

2.10.75

I asked Kathlian how she felt about being 'kept in' for a fortnight. She said that she had been thinking and that she was going to change her ways and make new friends. I asked her if she was angry at being 'kept in' and she replied that she wasn't as she knew it was for her own good. I said that I didn't think she had any intention of changing as I had a note that she had written to Colin Conson saying he could 'have her' any time, and to meet her at lunch time in the large grounds. Kathlian sat with her eyes down and when I asked her if she was sorry that I had seen the note, she said: "No" as she would see Colin tomorrow anyway at lunch time.

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24.9.75

Mathilian came to me yesterday and said that she had decided to stay in on Wednesday night but at 6.00 p.m. tonight (Wednesday) she came to me and asked if she could go out. I said no as she had already agreed to stay in. Before I saw Mathilian Daniel had washed her hair and given her a lot of attention. She seemed happy and said now she had enjoyed her evening.

I told Mathilian that I thought she had improved this week as I had had no complaints about her coming in late. She said she had. She still insisted that she is not 'going' with Colin although according to the other girls she is. She said that her friend, Fiona, is 'going' with him. I told her that she should have been at the girls' meeting but had gone out. Some of the girls had mentioned her name and I thought that I should tell her what they were saying i.e. that she should be battered, that we should keep her in and that she would end up in an approved school. We talked about how quite a few girls at Glasclune had been very difficult, including her sister, Margaret. I asked her how she felt when Margaret was horrible to her. Was she angry? She replied: "No". When I asked her why not, she said: "I think Margaret is angry at me and wants to help me." But at one point Mathilian said that she felt her life was not worth living.

I had to tell Mathilian that Miss J. Ryan had 'phoned and complained about her behaviour at school. Mathilian said that she hated Miss J. Jemiss and it was all her fault. Later she agreed that it could be the company she kept and we discussed how she could change this.

I still feel as if I am not getting through to Mathilian and I wonder if we don't need a crisis before we can reach any depth in our relationship.

26.9.75

When Mathilian came in tonight it was obvious that she had been drinking. I asked her into the flat - she was very ashamed and hung her head. She had already told different stories about what had happened but finally she said that she had been in the pool room at the Dolmpton Hotel and two Carlsberg lagers had been bought for her. She told us the names of the girls and boys who had been there. Mr. Falconer told Mathilian that he would be informing the police in the morning.

When we continued talking to Mathilian about her behaviour re drink and sex. She said that she was a virgin except for the time at Bilston when she had been forced. Mr. Falconer asked her why she had not complained about it and she said that they had both been drunk.

Mathilian said that she had finished with Kevin as he had told people that she was 'easy' and it was not true. Although she had told us that she had, with another girl, 'phoned Colin, she still maintained that she was finished with him.

Mathilian was told that she would not be visiting her aunt the next day: she would be confined to the house all weekend and when she went out she would be in at 8.00 p.m. until further notice.

Mr. Falconer asked her if she still wanted to see me every week and she replied: "Yes" - too quickly.

27.9.75

Mathilian was crying bitterly on the settee in the hall. I held her for a while and then we went upstairs. She said that she was crying because she was ashamed and because she had to stay in. Then her two girlfriends arrived and I used the opportunity to warn them about their behaviour and told them that if I heard about them drinking again, I would tell their parents. I also told them that the police had been informed.

The boy who had bought Mathilian the drink visited the house on the same evening and Mr. Falconer gave him a severe warning. He seemed rather a nice boy, aged about sixteen.

10.9.75

^{—3rd Party Information—} Mrs. Cunningham 'phoned to say that she had seen Mathlian with Colin. At 9.30 p.m. Mathlian came home with Colin who had a very badly cut eye. Mr. Falconer drove Colin to the hospital and Mathlian and I went to the Kitchen where we had a cup of tea and toast. She was trembling slightly with shock.

I asked her if she had been with Colin again despite the fact that she had been asked to give him up as he was too old for her. She started telling me an elaborate story about how she had met Colin accidentally. I asked her to tell me the truth and after talking with her for over an hour, she agreed to try and be truthful with me in future. We agreed to meet weekly, the object being for Mathlian and I to talk over her problems and for us to try and have a frank, honest relationship with each other.

During our talk we touched on subjects like anger at parents, Mathlian's preoccupation with the past, Mathlian's future, sex and love. Mathlian in a rush of confidence told me that she had asked her friend, Fiona, to 'phone Glasglene to ask if she could stay out at her house for tea, but instead of going to Fiona's house she had waited for Colin at the golf course. Colin had been drinking rum and he had fallen and cut his head because he was drunk. They had been 'looking about'.

I feel that I have to try to help Mathlian but I am aware that my "starting relationship" is not very good, that she is very apprehensive towards me i.e. "Yes, Mrs. Falconer, no, Mrs. Falconer" and more often than not says exactly what she thinks I would want to hear.

17.9.75

I had arranged to see Mathlian at 8.00 p.m. She had talked twice about our meeting, once just before she went out, but she did not come in until 9.30 p.m. Jack saw her when she came in. I made her a cup of coffee. She sat with her head down. I asked her what had happened and she said she had forgotten. I reminded her about last week when we had talked about being truthful and said that I didn't think she had forgotten. She replied that it was just that when she was with her friends she didn't like being reminded that she was in a home and saying to them that she had to be back to see me. I made them aware that she was in a home. I told her that I understood and asked her if she had thought about me waiting for her once during the evening. She replied that she hadn't.

We then talked about how she felt about being in a home. She said that she didn't hate it but that she wished she could be free. I talked about some of the older girls and how they had earned a certain 'freedom' by building up trust. We talked about how often she had been late during the past week and how she felt about not being allowed to the disco tomorrow.

Mathlian told me that she had seen Colin nearly every night but that he was 'going' with Fiona and that she was 'going' with Kevin, a 14 year old who used to 'go' with Fiona. She also said that Fiona's mother was 'keeping her in' for a month.

I asked Mathlian if she thought it would be a good idea if she stayed in the house next week as it seemed so hard for her to keep an appointment. She is going to think about it before next week.

Mathlian asked me if she could go and see her father tomorrow when I take her to the Skin Clinic in Edinburgh. I said 'No' but that I would see Maggie Lawson and ask her if it would be possible for Mathlian to go to her aunt for a weekend to see Dad there.

I feel as if I am banging my head against a brick wall with Mathlian and I doubt very much that I am going to be able to help her. She is unable to see me in any other role than that of an authoritarian figure.

MATHLIAN GRAHAM - GLASCLUNE

Re incident involving sexual intercourse between Mathlian and a 14 year old North Berwick boy 4.5.76.

Family - Maternal aunt, Mrs Ivers, visited by Maggie Lowson 5.5.76. Told her of the incident and possible outcome, i.e. referral to the Reporter with hearing involving Mathlian - Mrs Ivers willing to attend the hearing and take part in any discussion involving future plans, on behalf of parents.

Mrs Ivers agreed to inform Mr Graham when he contacts hers. Little contact in past few months. He is living in Edinburgh with girlfriend, Alison, but exact whereabouts unknown.

Discussion with Mrs Ross, LASW, Dalkeith 19.5.76. Gave details. The department has had periodic contact with George Edmonds requesting furniture on the grounds that he and his wife (Mrs Graham) have been allocated a new house and will be taking the Graham children!

I agreed to involve Mrs Ross in any further discussion.

MARGARET LOWSON
Social Worker

ML/MPS
21.5.76

cc. Glasclune

On-going report on Mathlian Graham

8.5.75

Throughout the week Mathlian has been in tears apparently as a result of pressure from Margaret and Sandra. She is made to feel completely divorced from the family and it seems that she is finding this situation increasingly intolerable. On Wednesday, 7th May, she expressed very strongly that she wanted to move from the bedroom.

L. Hunter.

20.5.75

I asked Mathlian what was upsetting her as she was not normally so aggressive and bad-tempered. She gave three reasons: i) Doesn't know where her mother is ii) Her father doesn't want her iii) It isn't over with Flo. Margaret gets to go home every weekend but their aunt doesn't want her (Mathlian). The only place she is wanted is in Glasclune. Flo wants to ask her out again, according to Mathlian, but won't as he is scared of the police. I explained that he really was too old for her and that she wouldn't be allowed to go out with him. Couldn't she find a younger boyfriend. She replied that the rest were all 'hacks'. Mathlian was also angry about the theft of some of her things. She suspects Christine ^{—3rd Party Information—} and the feud which seemed to be carried on between the Grahams now appears to have been transferred to a fight between the Graham's room and Christine's and Andrina's room.

J. Nicoll.

11.7.75

Mathlian seems to be in a better mood than she has been for a while since she got a job. She is really enjoying working and speaks a lot about the people she meets and what she is doing and so on. The job seems to occupy her so much that she has forgotten about her boyfriend for a while. She hasn't mentioned him at all recently.

Lisbeth Madsen.

21.8.75

For the past few weeks Mathlian has been going about with a boy aged 20 who lives in North Berwick. Thankfully the 'romance' seems to have finished now - one hopes. Mathlian has shown the usual distress which she has shown over all her mature or immature boyfriends but seems to be getting over it now.

John Mann.

20.9.75

24.10.75

When I saw Mathlian in Edinburgh on Thursday she was very well-behaved, although she kept on asking for a cigarette, which I would not give her. On the bus coming home we met a friend (male) of Mathlian's. He came to sit in the seat in front of us. Immediately Mathlian asked him for a 'fag' which he refused to give her saying that he had only one left. At this Mathlian began to put her hands into his pockets to find out for herself. I had to be very firm with her before she would stop this. She was very flirtatious and I felt the boy was embarrassed by this. Her conversation with this boy was spasmodic and reminiscent and usually very silly and every so often she would come back to asking for a 'fag'. It became obvious that the boy was very uneasy in our company and the conversation became very strained while Mathlian became very giggly. The boy got off at Aberlady and Mathlian returned her attention to pestering me for a cigarette.

Jean Inglis.

5.12.75

Mathlian and Christine fidgeted all through the girls' meeting and kept asking if they could leave. Eventually I allowed them to go as they did not contribute anything to the meeting and they were inhibiting the other girls. They both asked if they could have a late night and I refused.

They both came in at their usual time but fifteen minutes later they had gone out again. Janie & Carol ^{—3rd Party Information—} gave us the necessary information as to the whereabouts of the girls and of their intention to run away the following day. They planned to spend the night at Albert Links caravan. We telephoned the police and gave them the relevant information.

At 10.45 p.m. the girls came in at the front door. They were both quite subdued. I asked them to go upstairs immediately and Mr. Falconer spoke to them about the incident the next day.

Donna Ferrier.

5.12.75

I went with Mathlian to see Dr. Rodgers. She was talkative on the journey there and cheerful in the waiting room. After seeing Dr. Rodgers she was quiet and pre-occupied. On the ~~return~~ return journey she began talking about her visit and showed a lot of fear and apprehension about her Panel appearance. I explained that I knew nothing about the procedures and reminded her that her own behaviour was more important than what anyone could say about her. She seemed really worried and asked if she could come to my room once a week to talk to me "like Margaret and Carmel do. Margaret has helped a lot by Carmel." I said I liked talking to her and that we would discuss it further. ~~Back at Glasclune~~ Back at Glasclune she became her happy-go-lucky self and went out with her

Go. Going Report on Mathlian Graham.

18.11.74

Mathlian seemed to enjoy herself at Butlins. She spent the day at the pool and the evening at the disco. She always went for the groceries when asked and was willing to help. She spent a lot of time flirting with Peter ^{—3rd Party Information—} and kept calling him into her bedroom when she was in bed. Donna and myself spent a lot of time asking Peter to go out of Mathlian's room.

S. Wright.

18.11.74.

I went into Mathlian's bedroom and found her lying on her bed. I asked her what was wrong, she said I'm just thinking about you leaving. I don't know what I'll do. You have always been here for my problems. I told her that Donna would help her just as much as I have. She would not have this, saying that Donna was a great housemother but not like me. I sat talking to her for sometime, She just sat looking on the floor and holding onto my arm. After a while she said I feel cold I think I will get a bath and go to bed, I still don't see why you should leave.

S. Bryant.

18.2.75

Seems very happy to be so involved with the Youth Fellowship and has been very good all week. She punched me in the eye on Friday, accidentally, in an excess of religious enthusiasm!

Miriam Eitherton

19.3.75

Mathlian made a curious comment: "If you're good to Staff, they're good to you". She then proceeded to do some chore or other. I can give no explanation for this except that it was Saturday night, Youth Fellowship night, and she was feeling very Christian.

J. Nicoll.

14.4.75

Mathlian came in the house crying and saying that a boy had interfered with her at the top of the back drive (see John ^{—3rd Party Information—} report). She was most upset by this and insisted that she wanted the boy charged.

D. Ferrier.

29.4.75

Margaret continually shouted at Mathlian this morning and blamed her for everything that went wrong. Mathlian at first stood up for herself but eventually burst into tears complaining that she was not included in the Graham family and that she hated being in the bedroom with Sandra and Margaret. At breakfast Mathlian again said that she was not treated by Margaret as a member of the family. She said that Sandra was included as were Charles and Marion but that she was left out.

L. Hunter

28.4.75

Mathlian is not going with her boyfriend now and that, coupled with her father's disappearance and her involvement with a boy who, she claims, sexually assaulted her, is making her feel extremely low. Her appearance was beginning to pick up but has now rapidly deteriorated. She despises anyone interfering with her in this way, saying "Leave me alone. It's my life."

D. Ferrier.

On 12.4.75 Mathlian Graham came in at approximately 11.45 p.m. after being at the Youth Fellowship and complained to Donna Ferrier and Jackie Nicoll that a certain 16 year old North Berwick schoolboy had interfered with her in the grounds of Glasclune. This incident was not reported to me until 10.00 a.m. on Sunday, 13.4.75.

After I had sought out Mathlian, she described the whole incident to me. Seemingly the youth asked Mathlian, when leaving the Youth Fellowship, if he could walk her up the road. Mathlian's reply to this was: "Well, you can walk me up the road but just as a friend." On arriving at the main entrance to Glasclune, the youth asked Mathlian if she would like to go out with him. Mathlian replied: "Definitely no."

At this the boy tried to kiss Mathlian several times. She said that while he was trying to kiss her she told him to stop it and not be so silly. They walked further up the drive which leads on to the back driveway within Glasclune grounds and the youth asked Mathlian if she would walk him up the driveway as it was so dark for him to walk alone. She agreed but told him that she would do this only as a friend and nothing else. Half-way up the drive, next to the cottage, the boy grabbed Mathlian and held her against the cottage wall where he tried to interfere with her - feeling her chest several times and trying to loosen her blouse.

During all this, Mathlian said she was struggling and hitting out at him. When she finally managed to slap him on the face, he stopped and, as Mathlian said: "He kicked me under the belt."

I reported the incident to North Berwick Police who took details and told me that they would have to send for a W.P.C. from Dalkeith to interview Mathlian. The W.P.C. arrived at 2.00 p.m. on Sunday, 13.4.75 and interviewed Mathlian. Present at this meeting were the W.P.C., Mrs. Anne Couper, a housemother, and Mathlian. Mrs. Couper told me that Mathlian had given a written statement to the W.P.C. and had been over the incident several times. The situation was left like that and the W.P.C. informed Mrs. Couper that she would come back and see me at 11.00 a.m. on the Monday morning.

On Monday, 14.4.75 the W.P.C. had a discussion with Mrs. Falconer and me about the whole matter. The W.P.C. informed us that she found it very hard, on the evidence submitted to her, to do much about it but she did say that she would have a talk with the boy to find out his side of the story. Before leaving she told us that within herself she did not really believe Mathlian and thought that Mathlian had manipulated the story for her own benefit.

I also informed the W.P.C. before she left that for several weeks Mathlian had been going out with a boy of 18 from Gullane who works in North Berwick. After discussing the affair which Mathlian was having with this Gullane youth, it was felt by all parties concerned that the Police should have a talk with him and tell him that this kind of situation was not 'on'. This was done.

This report has only been written at this date because I was waiting for the report from the Police to see if any action was to be taken with either party. I finally had to telephone the Police several times and finally on Monday, 12.5.75, was advised that they had spoken to the 16 year old youth, had severely reprimanded him and told him to watch his future behaviour.

I feel within myself, having heard about the character of this young man, which seems to be an excellent one, and knowing Mathlian, that I would go along with the Police estimate of the situation that Mathlian had led this boy up the garden path. As far as the Police are concerned, no action will be taken against either party.

This incident was reported to Miss Margaret Lowson, the Social Worker for Glasclune, on 13.4.75.

With reference to a memo from Miss Sylvia Hassey of 28.4.75 informing me that all incidents such as this should be reported to the Senior Social Worker on call, my failure to do this was due entirely to ignorance on my part as I had not been informed that this action should be taken. I apologise sincerely for this and in future will know better.

John P. Brown
Assistant Superintendent

On Going Report on Mathlian Graham.

1.4.74.

Mathlian went to Mum for week-end after a period of not going due to Mr. Edmunds. Mum has now left him and is staying with her sister. Mathlian came back having thoroughly enjoyed herself. She was filthy dirty and smelt horrible, but it was good fun. She said Mum had asked her to go next week-end but Mathlian had said no as she wanted to go to Mrs Tullock. This had been arranged for some time with Mathlian.

S. Bryant.

3.5.74.

Mathlian visited me while I was sick at home. She really seemed a different person, more mature somehow. She carried on quite a sensible conversation with my mother and her manners were excellent. She enquired after my health and seemed to really care how I was feeling. Her outside appearance was not the scatterbrained Mathlian of Glasclune, but of a very asserted and caring person. When she left she said I got your letter asking us to write, I was thinking about you being ill, so I thought when I was at Aunt Barbara's it would be nicer for you if I visited.

D. Ferrier.

7.7.74.

Mathlian enjoyed herself fairly well at Butlins. She seemed to enjoy the amount of entertainments that were there, and tried everything out. It was quite apparent though that Mathlian tried to sexually encourage Peter Munro in every way that she could. She constantly had him chasing her into her bedroom and was repeatedly having to be told off for sitting in an unladylike and very promiscuous positions when he was near her. She seemed to be very calculated about this, but when told off, she expressed apparent naivety.

D. Ferrier.

12.9.74.

Mathlian has shown signs of worrying over Margaret's behaviour with friends and boys in the town. Though she does not say anything direct she will hint in the hopes that the staff will pick it up and act. Mathlian though still very young for her age in some ways, has during the summer holiday tried to be a bit more responsible. She is showing signs quite often of being promiscuous with the boys, but it seems to be where it can be noticed at the moment. She likes to be popular with the boys and will roll around the grass and sittingrooms with them if allowed like a three year old.

S. Bryant.

9.74.

breakfast time Mathlian told me that her Mother was going to think about the divorce. I asked her what she meant. She said that when Mum visited on Saturday they had gone up to Mathlian's room and Mum had told her that she will think about going back to Father. I did not know how much of this Mathlian was making up, so did not press the subject. Later I heard that Mrs Graham had told the children that there would be no hope of her going back to Dad. If she got a house and had them home, she would let them see Dad when they wished. Mathlian's one dream is for her parents to be together, and still can-not face the truth. She still declares that Mum will go back she told her.

S. Bryant.

BARNARDO'S
DIVISIONAL OFFICE
EDINBURGH

17 SEP 1974

Ref'd to S. Bryant

GRAHAM FAMILY

Joint meeting arranged between Graham children, Margaret ^{—3rd Party Information—} and Eric ^{—3rd Party Information—}

Arose out of one or two of them (Mathlian and Charles especially) mentioning the divorce and dad's plans for taking them. Also Margaret not ^{—3rd Party Information—}

Children told that we wnted to talk about their visits home to their Mum and why ~~they had~~ all made the decision not to return to Mr. Edmond's house.

Charles -
^{—3rd Party Information—}

Mathlian - didn't like Mr. Edmonds bullying "always expecting us to get his meals and do things for him and he shouts and gets mad, especially with my Mum sometimes".

Miss Margaret Lowson,
Social Worker.

1.7.74 - Glasclune Meeting

THE GRAHAM FAMILY

Margaret and Mathlian have gone to Dad's for a week. Sandra and Charles are away in Wales.

Margaret and Mathlian have asked if Marion can come to Glasclune for a holiday - to come back with them. Discussed this with Staff, felt that it would be a good time at the moment when the house is quite empty.

Margaret Lowson to discuss this with Mr. Graham tomorrow.

Necessary also to discuss with Mr. Graham a visit for Sandra and Charles sometime during the Summer holidays.

Question of Local Authority payment for Marion.

Since Mrs. Graham moved back to Newtongrange the only contact has been with Mathlian, she wrote her a rather manipulative letter begging Mathlian's forgiveness, and saying how much she missed Marion. Mathlian reacted immediately and wanted to go to her mother.

Discussion between Mrs. Bryant and Margaret Lowson who felt that Mathlian should maybe, in this case, be protected from her own vulnerability, she tends to respond emotionally to any contact made. Mrs. Bryant discussed this with Mathlian who readily agrees to go to her Dad's as arranged and to await further contact from her mother.

MISS MARGARET LOWSON,
SOCIAL WORKER.

On Going Report on Mathlian Graham.

1.1.74.

1-1-74
Mathlian came downstairs crying, and saying that Charles had accidentally knocked the bandage off her finger. On going upstairs Shaun told me that it had been her own fault I spoke about her finger being so bad, and Sandra ^{—3rd Party Information—} said I know its a dreadful finger. I then discovered that Mathlian had had the bandage off to show her finger to the others. I was very cross with her, as the Dr. had told her that on no account was she to remove that dressings. I put on a fresh dressing and put a bandage on top of this to keep it firm. Next day the Doctor spoke to her and expressed his anger.
J. Scott.

J. Scott.

31.12.74.

31. #2.74.
Mathlian said to me Miss Scott Don't you think its awful, my Mar and Dad are getting a divorce on Charles' birthday. I explained that they could not help the date the court decided what date the devorce should be held. She then went on to say that her Father had not been going to get a devorce, but he then changed his mind, and after it he was getting a housekeeper and they would all go home in the Summer. J. Scott.

J. Scott.

7.2.74.

7.2.74.
I had to take Mathlian to the Doctor, as he walked down the road, she talked and talked, just a lot of rubbish. He passed the milkman and she told me that he was a very good friend of hers - he never even looked at her, then he passed another man and she said this man always makes me laugh on my way to school & again she hardly looked her way.

and she said this several times and hardly looked her way. At the table she sits and talks about her dreams, it is quite obvious that she is making them up and everyone at the table becomes so fed-up with her silly dreams that they tell her to shut-up, but even this does not stop her, she goes on talking even although no-one is listening.

H. Tread.

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2.3.74.

1. The first visit, in 1961, was made by a group of 10 people, including the author, who were invited to the site by the local government. The purpose of the visit was to assess the damage to the site and to develop a plan for its restoration. The group spent several days at the site, and the author conducted a series of interviews with the local people. The results of the visit were published in a report in 1962.

3.3.74.

Dad "I'll not come on Monday" "I'll not come on Monday" "I'll not come on Monday" he had promised to come "I'll not come on Monday" "I'll not come on Monday" "I'll not come on Monday"

Nathlian has gained her Red Cross Badge.

D. Falconer.

On going Report on Mathlian Graham.

8.9.73.

When playing at chasing around the house, we made up certain rules before starting. Mathlian made up most of them, and was also the first to break them. Although the game she shouted and swore and I had to give her a warning. She took no notice so I sent her indoors and this made her very angry. She told Mrs Falconer that the game was fine until Carol ^{—3rd Party Information—} came out, she spoiled it. I spoke to Mathlian and told her that it was she herself who had spoiled the game. Mathlian then said ' Well you did not see her hit me with a rope! Janie told me that this had happened, but Carol had only tapped her with it. Carol admitted that she had tapped Mathlian with the rope, and then Mathlian said it was only sore because she was in the huff. Mathlian was so angry at being sent out of the game that she could not bear it and Blamed Carol for the whole episode. Later Mathlian came to apologise for her behaviour with her usual ' oh so sorry expression' Being Mathlian one felt it meant nothing at all.

M. Gregg.

28.9.73.

Very delighted because she had been made a seconder at Guides. Has been trying for a long time to make this achievement. She has been told that she must work hard and not to let her Guides down. She will be responsible for her packs behaviour. Mathlian thinks this may help her to grow up as well.

S. Bryant.

3.11.73. October Camp.

Most of the time she was on her own. She and Lindsay slept in a tent together, but during the day they did not pal about together. The only time they got on well together was at bedtime. Mathlian left the table once or twice because the others teased her and she could not take it. She followed me around, and when I suggested something for her to do she was not interested. It was as if all she wanted was someone to be with, and the other girls did not seem to want her.

M. Gregg.

19.11.73.

Mathlian's reply to Margaret's accusations of Mathlians behaviour with boys were mainly, Its my life. I do not care what it does to you. Denied that anything happened behind bicycle shed. Boys had thrown her school bag onto the shed roof and she had gone to catch it. She played with girls when at Athelstaneford, though there were some boys. When Mathlian returned on Tuesday from her friends I got the impression that something had been going on. Mathlian asked Audrey to drive round the housing estate so that they could pass a boys house.

J. Scott.

29.11.73.

Late in for supper when asked where she had been, she said "At the end of the road to wave to my friend". I asked who the friend was, said a Bus Driver. I told her she should have come home with the other girls as I had been worried about her. Her reply was " Can't I wave to a friend if I want.

A. Cunningham

1.1.74.

Mathlian had a very septic finger which the Dr. had dressed. She went to Mrs Tullock for the Christmas holiday and whilst there had to attend the Hospital and have it lanced. On seeing our Dr. on her return, she asked Mathlian how it had happened. Mathlian said 'Well you see I bite my nails and I had no nail left so I just bit all the skin of the side of my finger and it went bad. The Dr. just raised her eyebrows and said 'Well I suppose this is one way to teach you not to bite your flesh. Mathlian just laughed and said I hope I shall remember not to do it again.

S. Bryant.

On seeing Robert on Mathlian Graham.

6.8.73.

Mathlian returned from her home visit. Had a good time, well half good and half bad. All I heard was be quiet and belt up from my cousin and her friend. Got a catch from Dad the other one would not mend, so the man gave my Dad this one for nothing. It is real gold. Why did I have to come home today? Mr Falconer said I could stay until next Sunday. Told her she was to phone on Friday, she looked blank for a second then said she had forgotten. She then said Dad had not given her the money. Did not know why she was to phone anyway.

J. Scott.

27.8.73.

On holiday Mathlian had some odd behaviour, if it was for attention seeking it certainly was not for pleasure. Sleeping bed being let down, when she complained it was discovered she had let it down herself. Audrey's hantag 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, was only a joke. I was almost convinced Mathlian was only happy when she was unhappy.

J. Scott.

27.8.73.

Mathlian was wanting to write to her Mother and I said that I would help her, when she realized there was a good film on T.V. she made such a fuss that I said if she wanted to see the film she had better forget about writting just now, she went to her room and I found her crying, she said it was because I had said she could not write the letter I tried to help her to understand that because of the film she did not want to write it at that time. She told me that Margaret had told her that Marion was having an operation and that her Mother was being watched in ~~Leister~~ Leister and she was worried, she then remembered that her Mother was in Blackpool not ~~Leister~~ Leister so it could not be true. I told her that she should start thinking about things for herself and not to believe absolutely everything she was told.

M. McNally

4.9.73.

Mathlian takes everything and everyone at face value, everyone is her friend could still go and talk to any stranger.

She is not quite so brow-beaten by her sister Margaret, she has grown a bit this summer and has a very neat figure.

Mathlian has strong feelings of loyalty towards both her parents and is concerned about how they feel.

Mathlian is so very, very sorry for herself, everything that she says or does seems to be related to this self pity.

E. Falconer.

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Graham Family.

30.6.73.

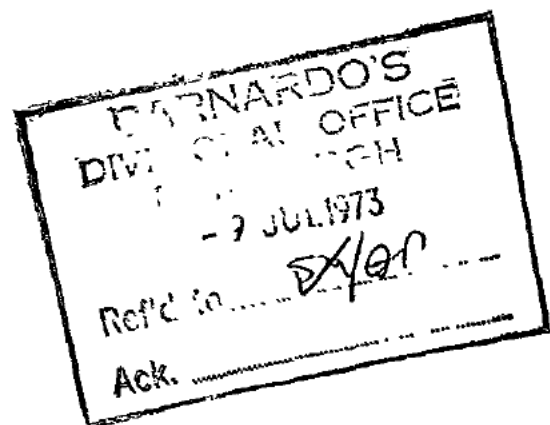
To-day Mr Graham visited Glasclune with Marion, Sandra and Mathlian had already left for their holiday in Wales, Margaret was taking part in the North Berwick Gala and so Mr Graham spent most of his time with Charles and Marion at the Gala. He did however have tea with us in the kitchen before he left for his bus. He was very smart and was looking better than I have seen him for a long time.

I suggested that he came into the office so that we could have a chat about Margaret,
—3rd Party Information—

Mr Graham said that it would be alright for Margaret to
—3rd Party Information—

Although Mr Graham was unable to concentrate on Margaret's
—3rd Party Information—

D. Falconer.



SM/AD

Glasclune.

26.6.73.

Report on Mathlian Graham and Christine ^{—3rd Party Information—} Absconding.

Yesterday Mathlian and Christine were sent home from school for their library books, they were told by Mr King, head teacher that they had better be back in ten minutes "or else". They came back to Glasclune while all the staff were at a staff meeting, when they could not find the books they did not return to school.

Mr Graham phoned at ten o'clock to say that Christine and Mathlian were with him they had walked from North Berwick, this was just after the police had been informed. I went over to Bilston and picked them up.

They had been frightened to go back to school as they were sure they would get the belt for not having their books.

Mr King did not allow them to go on the class outing the following day, to Farno Island.

Mrs Graham phoned at mid-night to enquire if Mathlian had been found.

2/1/73

Superintendent.

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EDINBURGH
3 - JUL 1973
Ref'd to SM/AD
Ack.

On going report on Mathlian Graham.

10.3.73.-13.3.73. Pleading Mother by letter to go back to Father. Mother making every one unhappy. Crying because Mother questions her about Dad. Wants to ignore her, but doesn't because Mum might think they have a plot against her. Says Mum has done a lot to them such as walking out and leaving them. Unhappy for Marion. Dad wants to know about Mum, they will be unhappy if I do not tell them. Expresses wish to go back to Foster Mother at Gullane. Miss Massey was going to ask Mrs Davie to see Foster Mother is still there. This is the only thing that would make her happy.

1.4.73. Returned from Mum with message for Dad. He was to meet her at the legion when Mr. Edmunds was out.

5.4.73. Mum went with Father, Charles, Mathlian and Sandra to see Margaret at camp. Mother insisted on being dropped at Edinburgh, would not come back to Glasclune. Father said Mathlian was upset by this.

5.5.73. Mathlian, Christine ^{—3rd Party Information—} and Sandra ^{—3rd Party Information—} were causing quite a scene in North Berwick High Street with a blind man, who was drunk. He had his arm around them and was trying to find the door of the pub. Mathlian is causing staff a lot of concern with her habit of talking and even going with strange men. D. Falconer.

6.5.73. Started crying for her nanna. Said if she was alive she would give the other girls a row for running away from her. Said the staff do not bother about things like that. Margaret told her to stop using their nanna for a cover up when nobody wanted her. Mathlian said no more but went off to play. M.Gregg.

12.6.73. Mr Edmonds told Mathlian that she could have their dog if she stayed with him for ~~always~~. Mathlian told him she would rather do without the dog there was one at Glasclune. She would never stay with him M.Gregg.

17.6.73. Mathlian is very absent minded at the moment far more than usual. She loses her clothes and has no idea where they are. Her blazer was at the trampolines where she had been getting free rides from the man there. He kept the blazer for her. M. McNally.

17.6.73. Mathlian came back from Dads in high spirits. He had given her a canary as a belated birthday present. He is keeping it for her until after her holiday. M. McNally.

25.6.73.

Mathlian absconded with Christine ^{—3rd Party Information—} after being sent home for a library book, from school, which she could not find. They walked to Mr Graham's house at Bilston where Mr Falconer picked them up. They were not allowed to go to the class outing the following day.

(See Report) D.Falconer.

28.6.73.

Mathlian was asked how she would like to become friends with Mr and Mrs Tulloch and their two daughters, she thought it was a good idea but was quite concerned about how "Dad" would feel, I said that Mrs Davie would see her Dad and that visits to her Mum and Dad would come first.

D. Falconer.

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNE .

STAFF MEETING - 4th JUNE, 1973.

Charles —3rd Party Information—
—3rd Party Information—

Also told the Teacher that Margaret was —3rd Party Information—
—3rd Party Information—

Mr. and Mrs. Tulloch and family visited Glasclune (Volunteer Group) and Mrs. Falconer is wondering if they would be the right family for Mathlian.

Discussed Mathlian's very poor school reports. Mr. Falconer thinks he will probably make the modified class - in fact sure of this.

MRS. A. DAVIE,
SOCIAL WORKER.

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNE

STAFF MEETING - 14th MAY, 1973.

Children visited Father yesterday, a normal day visit.

Margaret —3rd Party Information—

—3rd Party Information—

MATHILIAN

12 now and says going to act like a grown-up but cannot keep it up. School Report - no grasp of basic skills - easily distracted behaviour gives cause for concern - unable to cope with any of the normal work.

CHARLES

—3rd Party Information—

MRS. A. DAVIE,
SOCIAL WORKER.

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNE

19.3.73. Staff meeting.

Mr. Graham brought all four children back in car last night - all very friendly together, but Margaret ~~—3rd Party Information—~~

~~—3rd Party Information~~, Mathlian has written to Mother and received an answer.

MRS. A. DAVIE
SOCIAL WORKER

GRANBY FAMILY - GLASCLUNE.

26.2.73. Staff Meeting.

Mathlian and Sandra had a day visit to mother last Saturday. Margaret had ^{—3rd Party}Information—

—3rd Party Information—

. There was very little comeback about this day visit. Mathlian saying it was nice, but mother had been very angry that Margaret had refused to come home, had in fact given Mathlian a ring belonging to Margaret which Margaret had asked her mother to keep for her and this, of course, causing conflict with Margaret.

Margaret's ^{—3rd Party Information—}

—3rd Party Information—

MRS. A. DAVIE
SOCIAL WORKER

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNE.

12.2.75. Staff Meeting.

Spent last week-end with father and father would like them to spend from Thursday of this week until Sunday evening, which is acceptable to Glasclune as this is the mid-term break.

Father's seeming accelerated interest may be due to the children's accounts to him of their having spent a week-end with Mother and George Edmonds. The children seemed to enjoy the week-end with father and according to staff, came back dirty, but very happy.

Mr. and Mrs. Falconer have —3rd Party Information—

—3rd Party Information—

—3rd Party Information—

MRS. A. DAVIE
SOCIAL WORKER

Copy to Mr. Falconer.

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNE

9.10.72. Staff meeting.

Mother had 'phoned asking if the children could meet her last Saturday as she was going to take them to her Mother's house for the day. Children saying Mother had left Mr. Edmond "he hits her too much".

Later

'Phone call from Mrs. Ross, Midlothian Social Work Department. Mrs. Ivers has been given official permission to have Mr. Graham and Marion stay with her provided no other rules broken. Mrs. Ivers has since however taken someone else in to live, presumably her daughter, so again under threat of eviction unless they leave.

Mr. Ross of the housing department will alert Mrs. Ross if action to be taken. Scottish Special Housing have been on to Mr. Graham re rent arrears.

I gave Mrs. Ross news of Mrs. Graham and said I would try to visit both Mr. and Mrs. Graham as soon as possible.

10.10.72.

Visited Mr. and Mrs. Ivers. —3rd Party Information—
—3rd Party Information—

17.10.72.

Nothing accomplished at week-end regarding Marion's —3rd Party Information—
—3rd Party Information—

—3rd Party Information— the end of the journey and she showed my feelings of 'loss'. Margaret gave her a very warm welcome and Mathlan, who at one time acted in a very 'motherly' way toward Marion, was definitely pushed out. How will she deal with this? In a Becky Sharp way?

Asked Mr. Graham to sign agreement regarding holiday and to make financial contribution of £4. Mr. Graham looking tired and thinner and sad and seems to know little of what is happening to Mrs. Graham at the present.

2.11.72.

I had written to Mrs. Graham asking her to come and see me but she neither telephoned nor kept the appointments, so I visited her Mother, Mrs. Smith, today. Mrs. Smith said that in fact Mrs. Graham had only stayed for a couple of days with her, that she had been living and working in Edinburgh, but was now back staying with George Edmonds, that Mrs. Graham had in fact brought the children to see her, but just for the afternoon. Mrs. Smith did not seem unduly upset at the idea of Mrs. Graham going back to George Edmonds, she did say that she thought she was a fool to let him knock her about the way he did, but in fact she was more derogatory in her remarks about Mr. Graham, writing him off as a complete wash-out.

She said that my letters to Mrs. Graham had come to her house and that she had re-addressed them to Newtongrange.

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CRASHLEY - GLASCLUNE

10.7.72. Staff Meeting.

I was surprised to see George Edmond and Mrs. Graham in hall when I arrived at Glasclune. They were on Miners Bus Tour to North Berwick so had called in to see if children could join them. George Edmonds left after a while. Mrs. Graham stayed to have lunch with children then took Mathlian, Sandra and Charles down to join rest of party in North Berwick. (Margaret on holiday in Wales with Group).

12.7.72. Staff Meeting.

Children returned from above outing saying Mother and George Edmonds had taken them into the "Ship Inn" - that George had definitely said he would be taking them home for good. Charles —3rd Party Information—

—3rd Party Information—

Mathlian, Sandra, Charles had visited Father at Bilston previous day (Margaret still on holiday). Mr. Graham, Mrs. Ivers and Marion came back to Glasclune with children by car in evening. Mr. Graham in a fury - children had told him of their outing at North Berwick with Mother and George Edmonds - Mathlian adding that George Edmonds had slapped her. Mr. Graham calmed eventually and although Mrs. Ivers helped in the calming process, there was no doubt she would have strong feelings about episode too.

Tentative arrangements made for Margaret to spend week-end at Bilston next week-end and perhaps Mathlian and Sandra on subsequent and separate week-end.

Margaret

During the two weeks Margaret —3rd Party Information—

Mathlian

What was her motive in saying to Father George Edmonds had slapped her (was it true)? Was she stirring things up - trying to assure Father of her loyalty to him.

Comment-

Will visit and see Mother and George Edmonds to talk about promises of children going to live there and other incidents. Should we consider Case Conference thereafter to look closely at situation.

A. DAVIE
SOCIAL WORKER.

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASGOW

13/3/72. Staff Meeting.

Mathlian now has a boy friend. His father, Mr. Gray, is a Stock Man on Dales' farm. Has asked if Mathlian can spend a week-end and perhaps a week's holiday with them.

Charles —3rd Party Information—

MRS. A. DAVIE
SOCIAL WORKER.

copy given to Min Grams

GRAHAM PATRICK - GLASGOW

10 4 72 Staff Meeting

Both parents visited Sunday, 2nd April - independantly - Mr Graham arrived first - in car - with Marion. Very shortly afterwards Mrs Graham. Mr Edmonds and another man arrived - also by car. Mrs Graham was shown upstairs to childrens' bedroom and told children were with Father downstairs. Mrs Graham went upstairs - reluctantly - but soon began calling for children to come up to her. Margaret was

—3rd Party Information—

Mr Graham had only 10 - 15 minutes with children during which time he told them of how he would attack Mr Edmond. He left - without any incident.

Children remained in grounds with Mother, George Edmonds and other man - were refused permission to leave grounds.

Later

Mrs Graham phoned to ask Mrs McNally's address - she wanted Margaret to

—3rd Party Information—

—3rd Party Information—

Mrs Graham collected children on Sunday - not known who else was with her. Margaret insisted on sitting on Mother's knee - saying I always get my own way.

Phone call late afternoon to say "Mrs Drummond's car broken down at Port Seton. Mrs Graham would take all children home overnight to Mrs Drummonds house - Staff asked for Mrs Drummonds address and they would be collected from there - after consultation on phone then Mrs Graham said she would just send children back on but to North Berwick, which she did.

Charles had been given Penguin chocolate biscuit - he refused saying I'm not allowed to eat that, but Mother insisted it would not do him any harm.

—3rd Party Information—

Margaret 1

MRS A DAVIE
Social Worker



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

ACS/RBC/VA

24th January 1980

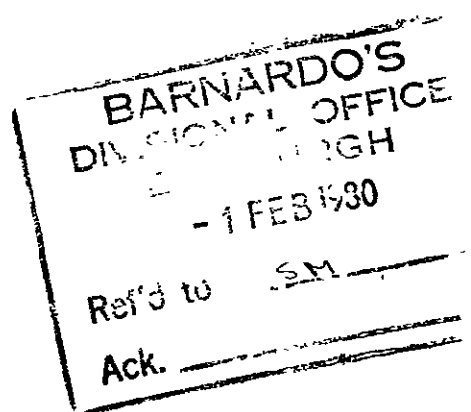
Re: Mathlian Quim GRAHAM

Born: 27.4.61. Adm: 17.8.70 Glasclune

STANDARD - Letter
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Clear

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



Mr. and Mrs. Edmonds,
44 C. Lowrie Place,
CAMBRIDGE.

Our ref. ML/MS

8th October, 1976.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Edmonds,

I would like to call and see you on Monday, 11th October at 6 p.m.
I hope this is convenient and look forward to seeing you then.

Yours sincerely,

MAGGIE LOWSON,
SOCIAL WORKER.

Mrs. Edmonds,
44 Carlowrie Place,
Gorebridge.

Our ref. MI/MS

1st September, 1976.

Dear Mrs. Edmonds,

I am sorry I was unable to keep our appointment tonight, but I have been off sick. Could I call on Monday, 6th September instead, at 6 p.m.

I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

MARGARET L. SON,
Social Worker.

Mrs. Edmonds,
44 Carlowrie Place,
Gorebridge.

Our ref. ML/MS

26th August, 1976.

Dear Mrs. Edmonds,

I would like to call and see you on Wednesday, September 1st at 6 p.m.
I hope this is convenient and look forward to seeing you then.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Lawson,
Social Worker.

c.c. Glasclune
ML, DP/SM, file

031-226-5241

Dr. J. Blachford Rogers,
Department of Psychological Medicine,
Royal Hospital for Sick Children,
3 Rillbank Terrace,
Edinburgh EH9 1LL

Our Ref: DP/AC

19th November 1975

Dear Dr. Rogers,

RE: MATHLIAN GRAHAM

At today's staff meeting we discussed the continued problem Glasclune are having with Mathlian.

She is, they feel, outwith their control to a large degree and maintains an association with a 21 year old man. She has been referred by the school to the Children's Panel as have two other girls from North Berwick in the hope that it would place some controls on the situation. I feel we should with some urgency look a little deeper into the problem, as it seems Mathlian has had surface controls placed on her by Glasclune for some time now with no effect.

I think your next visit to the Unit is 5th December and I wonder if you could perhaps see her in Edinburgh before then to provide an initial assessment for discussion on the 5th.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID POMFRET
Senior Residential Officer, Scotland.

Dr. J. Blachford Rogers,
Dept. of Psychological Medicine,
3 Rillbank Terrace,
Edinburgh EH9 1LL

Our Ref: DP/AC

22nd October 1975

Dear Dr. Rogers,

RE: MATHLIAN BRAHAM

From our review last week it is obvious that we need to discuss Mathlian in some depth and evaluate our task and direction.

I have enclosed the papers for you to consider and would suggest we meet on Friday, 7th November to discuss. If time allows we should also perhaps look at Leeann Fleming and Sandra Westwood.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID POMEROY
Senior Residential Officer, Scotland.

Mr. Graham,
12 Pantiles Caravan Park,
West Linton.

Our ref. ML/MS

14th April, 1975.

Dear Mr. Graham,

I would like to see you as soon as possible about an incident in North Berwick on Saturday evening in which Mathlan alleges she was assaulted by a local boy. Although not hurt, she was naturally upset and as the Police are involved I felt that I would like to discuss the matter with you.

Could you come to the office on Thursday morning at about 9.30 a.m.?

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

MARGARET LOWSON,
SOCIAL WORKER.

Mr. Ivers,
17 Castleway Crescent,
BILBO,
Midlothian.

Our ref. 11/11

4th December, 1971.

Dear Mr. Ivers,

After you told me of your concern about Mathlan I discussed it with Mathlan and Mr. Falconer and she clearly feels ashamed and upset. She wants to convey this to you herself and I wondered if it would be possible for you to come to Glaceluna with me on Friday afternoon for an hour to talk with Mathlan, after which I will bring you with Margaret and Charles back to Tilston.

If this is convenient I will collect you at 1.30 p.m., if not could you please let me know before then and we could arrange another time.

I hope you will be able to come. Mathlan and I look forward to seeing you.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

MR. J. P. IVERS,
100th St. N.W.

Mrs. M. Graham,
c/o Smith,
47 Spalding Crescent,
DULWICH.

Our ref. IL/13

26th November, 1974.

Dear Mrs. Graham,

I would like to call and see you on Thursday evening at about 7 p.m.
if this is convenient?

I look forward to seeing you then.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

MARGARET LEWSON,
SOCIAL WORKER.

Mr. J. Graham,
c/o Ivers,
17 Castlelaw Crescent,
Bilston,
Midlothian.

Our ref. 11/10

26th November, 1974.

Dear Mr. Graham,

I would like to call and see you at about 5 p.m. on Thursday. I hope this is convenient.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

MARGARET LOUCHE,
SOCIAL WORKER.

South Midlothian Area Team
Dalhousie Road
Eskbank
Dalkeith
Telephone 031-663 2248/9

File GRAMM

James G Gardner
Director

Midlothian, East Lothian and Peebles Department of Social Work

Our ref AF/SMW

Your ref

Date 7.10.74

Name Miss Fisher
Ext no

Miss Massey,
Assistant Children's Officer,
Barnardo's Scottish Office,
22, Drumsheugh Gardens,
EDINBURGH EH3 7RP

BARNARDO'S
SCOTTISH OFFICE
EDINBURGH

SH/MH/MS/Fue

Dear Miss Massey,

Re: Graham Family

Thank you for your letter of 3rd October 1974. Mrs. Ross is on holiday and will be returning to this office on 14th October, when I am sure ~~she~~ we will contact you.

Yours sincerely,

J.B. Holmes pp.

A. Fisher (Miss)
Social Worker

Mr. Graham,
c/o Ivers,
17 Castlelaw Crescent,
BILSTON,
Midlothian.

Our ref. IL/ES

3rd October, 1974.

Dear Mr. Graham,

I would like to call and see you tomorrow, Friday, at about 4.30 p.m.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

MARGARET LO'ISON,
SOCIAL WORKER.

Mr. J. Graham, *family*
c/o Smith,
17 Golding Crescent,
Barnet.

Our ref. 111/10

2nd September 1974

Dear Mr. Graham,

Thank you for letting me know your new address. Perhaps this could be a good time for us to discuss the possibility of a visit for the children. I would like to call and see you on Wednesday at about 5.30p.m. I hope this is convenient and I look forward to seeing you then.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

MISS M. LOMSON
Social Worker

Mr. Graham,
c/o Ivers,
17 Castlelaw Crescent,
BILSTON,
Midlothian.

Our ref. ML/PS

12th August, 1974.

Dear Mr. Graham,

I would like to call and see you on Thursday 15th August at about 11.30 a.m.
I hope this is convenient and I look forward to seeing you then.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

MISS MARGARET LOUGHER,
SOCIAL WORKER.

cc Glasclune

Gordon,
1500,
100 W Crescent,
1 ton,
Glasclune.

W. ref. 11/

9th July, 1971.

Mr R. R. Graham,

Mr Graham is spending a week at Glasclune, could you please sign the
document form attached.

Mr Graham with Margaret and Mathian at Glasclune yesterday looking very
active!

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Mr. R. R. Graham,
Glasclune.

What I have requested Mr. Amadio to receive my daughter
into their ranch home, I will be there Friday, 6th July, 1971
for a holiday.

My daughter and wife are there.

1 page:

2 pages:

Mr. Graham,
c/o Ivers,
17 Castlelaw Crescent,
BILSTON,
Midlothian.

Our ref. HL/MS

3rd October, 1974.

Dear Mr. Graham,

I would like to call and see you tomorrow, Friday, at about 4.30 p.m.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

MARGARET LOWSON,
SOCIAL WORKER.

I do confirm that I have requested Mr. Burnardo's to receive my daughter
born into their ranch Lomo, Glasclune from Monday, 8th July, 1974
to the 15th July, 1974 for a holiday.

This holiday is at my request and with my agreement.

Signed:

Date:

Our ref IL/SR

25th June 1974

Mr. Graham
c/o Ivers
17 Chesham Crescent
Bristol
Wiltshire

Dear Mr. Graham

I am sorry that I called when you were out, but I expect you were very pleased to be working again. I would like to call and see you on Tuesday, 2nd July at about 6p.m.

I hope this is convenient and I look forward to seeing you then.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

MISS MARGARET MCGEE,
SOCIAL WORKER.

Mrs. M. Graham,
c/o Edmonds,
49 Lingwood Road,
Newtongrange,
Midlothian.

Our ref. ML/MS

13th June, 1974.

Dear Mrs. Graham,

I called last week at your sister's house in Dalkeith and she told me that you had returned to Newtongrange.

I think that it must have been quite a difficult decision for you to make.

I shall be away until the end of June, but if you would like to see me after that, please contact me and I can arrange to visit.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

MISS MARGARET LOWSON,
SOCIAL WORKER.

Mr. Graham,
c/o Ivers,
17 Castlelaw Crescent,
Flemington,
Midlothian.

Our ref. IL/MS

30th May, 1974.

Dear Mr. Graham,

I am sorry about not being able to keep our last appointment, something turned up unexpectedly.

I would like to call and see you on Thursday June 6th at about 5p.m. If you were able to come up to the office before then, please ring me and we could try and arrange it.

Unless I hear to the contrary, I look forward to seeing you on the 6th.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

MISS MARGARET LOWSON,
SOCIAL WORKER.

Our ref ML/SR

17th May 1974

Mr. Graham
c/o Ivers
17 Castlelaw Crescent
BILSTON
Midlothian

Dear Mr. Graham

I am sorry I was unable to see you last Friday. I would like to call and see you on Tuesday, May 21st at about 5.00p.m. I hope this is convenient and I look forward to seeing you then.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

MISS MARGARET LOWSON,
SOCIAL WORKER.

Our ref SM/SR

17th May 1974

Mrs. M. Graham
c/o Cunningham
96 Woodburn Avenue
DALKEITH
Midlothian

Dear Mrs. Graham

I would like to call and see you on Wednesday, May 22nd at about 5.30p.m.
I hope this is convenient and look forward to seeing you then.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

MISS MARGARET LOWSON,
SOCIAL WORKER.

Mr. Graham,
c/o Ivers,
17 Castlelaw Crescent,
HILTON,
Aberdeenshire.

Cur ref. 17/15

7th May, 1974.

Dear Mr. Graham,

I would like to call and see you on Friday at about 5 p.m. I hope this is convenient.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

THE LARGEST FIC CO.,
LONDON, ENGLAND.

Mrs. Margaret Graham,
c/o Mrs. Cunningham,
92 Woodburn Avenue,
DALKEITH.

Our ref. IL/TS

26th March, 1974.

Dear Mrs. Graham,

I have been trying to contact you for several weeks and I understand that you would like to see me about the children visiting you at the week-end.

Could I call and see you at your present address on Thursday, 28th March at about 5.30 p.m.

I hope this is convenient and I look forward to seeing you then.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

MISS MARGARET LONDON,
SOCIAL WORKER.

Our ref I L/SR

Your ref

5th March 1974

Dear Mrs. Graham

I was at Glasclune yesterday and I heard that you had visited the children on Sunday afternoon. I hope you enjoyed the afternoon out with them. I understand that you would like the children to visit you in Dalkeith this weekend and that you wanted to see me about this.

I would like to see you this week to discuss several things concerning the children. Could you ring me at the office on Thursday, 7th March at 1.00p.m. and we can arrange a time to meet.

I look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

MISS MARGARET LOUSON,
SOCIAL WORKER.

Our ref HL/SR

Your ref

20th February 1974

Mr. Graham
c/o Ivers
17 Castlelaw Court
BILSTON
Midlothian

Dear Mr. Graham

I understand that you tried to contact me yesterday by telephone. I am sorry that I was not there to speak to you myself. I did wonder if something urgent had happened that you wanted to see me about. I shall be in the office between 12.15 and 1.30p.m. tomorrow, Thursday 21st if you would like to discuss something immediately.

However, I would like to call and see you next week, and I wondered whether Friday, March 1st at about 5.00p.m. would be convenient.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

MISS MARGARET LOUSON,
SOCIAL WORKER.

Our ref 'IL/SR

Your ref

25th January 1974

Mr. Graham
c/o Ivers
17 Castlelaw Crescent
BILSTON
Midlothian

Dear Mr. Graham

I am sorry I had to cancel my previous visit. I should like to call and see you on Wednesday evening, 30th January at about 6p.m.

I look forward to seeing you then.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

MISS MARGARET LO' SON,
SOCIAL WORKER.

Our ref 1/17

Your ref

25th January 1974

Mrs. J. Graham
c/o [unclear]
49 [unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
[unclear]

Dear Mrs. Graham

I hope you had a good Christmas and New Year. I would like to visit you next week and I wondered if Tuesday evening, at about 6p.m. would be convenient? (29th January).

Unless I hear from you before then, I shall look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

MISS [unclear] [unclear]
SOCIAL [unclear] [unclear]

Our ref IL/SR

Your ref

18th January 1974

Mr. Graham
c/o Ivers
17 Castlelnw Crescent
BLISWORTH
Widmoreham

Dear Mr. Graham

I am sorry not to have been able to visit you yesterday
and hope that this has not caused you any inconvenience.

I will be in touch in the near future to arrange another
time to visit.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

MISS MARGARET THOMSON,
SOCIAL WORKER.

Our ref LL/ST

Your ref

13th December 1973

Mrs. M. Graham
c/o Diamond
49 Lincolnton Road
THE COLLEGE
Midlothian

Dear Mrs. Graham

I am very sorry that I was unable to visit you this afternoon and I hope you were not inconvenienced. I had in fact to deal with an emergency. Could I call instead on Thursday, 20th December at about 2.30p.m. to discuss Christmas arrangements concerning Margaret.

I hope to see you on Thursday.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

MISS MARGARET LOVISON,
SOCIAL WORKER.

Our ref ML/CR

Your ref

20th November 1973

Mr. Graham
c/o Ivers
17 Castlelaw Crescent
DUNDEE
Midlothian

Dear Mr. Graham

I would like to call and see you again and I wondered if Wednesday, November 21st at 1.30p.m. would be convenient? If not, perhaps you could let me know.

I look forward to seeing you then.

Yours sincerely,

MILLS & CO. LTD.,
SOCIAL WORKER.

Our ref AD/SR

Your ref

7th September 1973

Mrs. M. Graham
c/o Adamson
Flat 4
Maisden Street
Kirkham
Preston
LANCS.

Dear Mrs. Graham

I am writing to let you know that I will be leaving Dr. Barnardo's towards the end of this month.

A Miss Lowson will be taking my place at Glasclune, and I know she would be happy to hear from you at any time.

In saying Goodbye may I also wish you happiness and peace of mind in the future.

Yours sincerely,

MRS. A. DAVIE,
SOCIAL WORKER.

Our ref AD/SR

Your ref

9th August 1973

Mrs. Ross
Social Worker
Midlothian Social Work Department
Dalhousie Road
Eskbank
DALKEITH
Midlothian

Dear Mrs. Ross

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNE

I enclose copy of letter I received from Mrs. Graham on Monday, and a copy of my reply. It is rather ironic that Mrs. Graham now seems to be in the same vulnerable relationship with Mr. Edmond as Mr. Graham is with his wife.

As I shall be leaving Dr. Barnardo's towards the end of September, I wondered if we could perhaps have a mini case conference on the Graham family before then?

Could you let me know what you think and whether you will be on leave any part of the next 6 weeks or so and not available.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

MRS. A. DAVIE,
SOCIAL WORKER.

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440 - Graham
Glasgow

BARNARDO'S
DIVISIONAL OFFICE
FOR GIRLS
- 6 AUG 1973

Ref'd to

Mrs Margaret Graham
c/o Edmond
Flat 4 Marsden st.
Kirkham
Preston Lancs.

Dear Mrs Davie

As you can see by
the above address I have moved
down to Kirkham to stay with
a girl friend.

Well Mrs Davie I am not very good
at explaining things on Paper
But I will try.

Although I deeply love Mr Edmond
we just not hit it off
that is why I moved down here
I just had to stay for a while

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from him so that I could get over
him. staying with my Mother
was no good cos he just sent
down messages

Mrs Davis Please tell me what chances
I have of getting my children as I
do really want to make a new
start for myself. and I do miss
my kids. Will you write to me
and let me know how they are
getting on. I am going to write myself
but they are not to keep on writing
I will come to a close now

Yours truly

Mrs Margaret Graham
from Neatongrany

Copy to Mr. Falconer.

Mrs. Ross,
Social Worker,
Midlothian Social Work Department,
Dalhousie Road,
Eskbank,
DALKEITH,
Midlothian.

Our ref AD/ALS

2nd July, 1973.

Dear Mrs. Ross,

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASGOW.

I am writing to let you know that the holiday arrangements for the Graham children are as follows: -

Margaret	1st - 14th July	-	Cadet Camp
	15th - 25th August	-	Butlins - Filey with staff and group.
Mathian)	30th June - 13th July	-	with staff and group to South Isles.
Sandra)			
Charles	14th - 28th July	-	with staff and group camp in Glenurquhart.

The situation with parents is still very much the same. Since Mrs. Graham's return to George Edmonds, she has 'phoned and requested that the children visit her at maternal grandmother's house.

They still have regular contact with father and Mrs. Ross by visiting her house, and both Mr. Falconer and myself have had conversations with Mr. Graham about Margaret.

It appears that Margaret has

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—3rd Party Information—

Mr. Falconer and I are trying to support him through this and ensure that consistent contact is a very valuable contribution from him.

One always feels like saying 'poor Mr. Graham' - he is so inoffensive and yet alas so ineffectual too.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

MRS. A. DAVIE
SOCIAL WORKER

Work Department,
MELSMITH,
Midlothian.

Our ref AD/ALS

19th February, 1973.

Dear Mrs. Ross,

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNE.

We are planning to have an Annual Review of the children at Glasclune on 7th March and would like to discuss the Graham family in the forenoon, beginning at 10-30 a.m.

We do hope you can manage to come and look forward to seeing you then.

Yours sincerely,

MRS. A. DAVIE
SOCIAL WORKER

44 Riverside Road,
New York, N.Y.
Hialeah, Fla.

AD/ALB

19th February, 1975.

Dear Mrs. Graham,

It seems such a long time since we met, I would like to come and see you
sometime soon if I can. Perhaps if you could let me know when you and
Mr. Edwards will be in, I could see you both together.

I know he works in shifts and as you may be working in Edinburgh, it makes it difficult for me to know when to offer an appointment.

If you are working in Edinburgh, perhaps you would like to come in and see me in the office,

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

MRS. A. DAVIE
SOCIAL WORKER

Copy to Mr. Falconer.

Mrs. Graham,
c/o Minnie,
49 Lingerwood Road,
NEWTONRANGE,
Midlothian.

Our ref AD/ALS

20th December, 1972.

Dear Mrs. Graham,

Mr. Falconer has asked me to let you know that it would be much more convenient for the children to come to visit you on Sunday, 24th December as there are very few buses from North Berwick on Christmas Day and timing is very irregular.

The children know this too, and are, therefore, looking forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Could you telephone Glasgow sometime on Saturday so you will know which 'bus they will be getting.

With every good wish for 1973.

Yours sincerely,

MRS. A. DAVIE
SOCIAL WORKER

Copy to Mr. Falconer

Mrs. E. Graham,
c/o Smith,
76 Woodburn Gardens,
Edinburgh,
Midlothian.

Our ref AD/ALS

26th October, 1972.

Dear Mrs. Graham,

Mr. Falconer has reminded me that next Sunday, the 5th of November is the next day on which the children are due to visit you.

I wonder if you could telephone Glasclune to say whether in fact you can have the children on that day, presumably at your mother's house.

I am sorry you were not able to come in and see me. Could you let me know if you are working so that we could arrange an appointment to suit your hours of work.

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With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

MRS. A. DAVIE
SOCIAL WORKER

Copy to Mr. Falconer.

Mrs. M. Graham,
c/o [illegible],
76 [illegible] Garden,
DALKEITH,
Midlothian.

Our ref AD/ALS

10th October, 1972.

Dear Mrs. Graham,

I was visiting Glasgow today and learned that you had had the children
put at your Mother's for the day as you are now living there.

I would like to have a chance to have a talk with you. Can you come to see
me at the office say 4 p.m. on Friday, 13th October?

If you are working, could you write or 'phone to let me know what time you
finish work and we could arrange something else.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

MRS. A. DAVIE
SOCIAL WORKER

Mr. Graham,
c/o Ivers,
17 Castlelaw Crescent,
BILSTON,
Midlothian.

Our ref AD/ALS

23rd August, 1972.

Dear Mr. Graham,

I am sorry I did not see you when I called yesterday.

Mrs. Ivers has said it would be all right for the children to visit you this Sunday, so I have made arrangements with Glasclume that they come by 'bus directly to you - they will find their own way - but if this is not convenient or you would like to know which 'bus they are getting, perhaps you could 'phone Glasclume.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

MRS. A. DAVIE
SOCIAL WORKER

Copy to Mr. Falconer.

Mr. Graham,
c/o Jones,
17 Castlemore Crescent,
BILSTON,
Middlethian.

Our ref AD/ALS

28th June, 1972.

Dear Mr. Graham,

I am writing to confirm that Mathlian, Sandra and Charles will come out to visit you themselves on Sunday afternoon, 16th July - Margaret will be on holiday.

As there is no transport available from Glasclune in July, they will be coming by 'bus. Could you just see that they get the 'bus back all right. If you telephone Glasclune on the morning of 16th July, they will be able to tell you which 'bus they get leaving North Berwick and perhaps you could meet them in Edinburgh at the 'Bus Station.

Yours sincerely,

MRS. A. DAVIE
SOCIAL WORKER

Mr. Graham,
c/o Ivers,
17 Castlelaw Crescent,
EDINBURGH,
Midlothian.

Our ref AD/ALS

19th June, 1972.

Dear Mr. Graham,

With regard to your suggestion that you could come to see me on Wednesday, 21st June, could you come at 10-30 a.m. as I have appointments before then and also after and I would not like you to make the journey and find I was not available.

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday at 10-30 a.m..

Yours sincerely,

MRS. A. DAVIE
SOCIAL WORKER

Mr. Graham,
c/o Ivers,
17 Casselaw Crescent,
BILKIE,
Midlothian.

Our ref AD/ALS

2nd June, 1972.

Dear Mr. Graham,

On my last visit to Mrs. Ivers' house, she told me you were now working. I would very much like an opportunity to see you as I feel that recent events have been upsetting for you - and for the children - who were very disappointed when their last visit to you was cancelled.

If you are working in Edinburgh, could you come to see me at the office after work, or I could come out to see you one evening. Could you write or 'phone to let me know which would suit you best?

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

MRS. A. DAVIE
SOCIAL WORKER.

South Midlothian Area Team
Dalhousie Road
Eskbank
Dalkeith
Telephone 031-663 2248/9

James G Gardner
Director

Midlothian, East Lothian and Peebles Department of Social Work

Our ref SMG/LKP Your ref Date 18.5.72 Name Miss Grant
Ext no

Mrs. Davie,
Dr. Barnardo's,
22 Drumsheugh Gardens,
Edinburgh EH3 7RP.

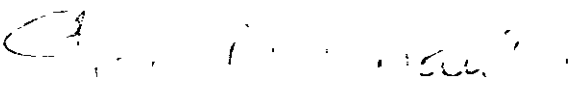
Dear Mrs. Davie,

Re: Graham Family - Glasclune:

Thank you for sending me the reports of the February reviews on the Graham children and also the account of your meeting with the staff on 10.4.72.

I shall let you know as soon as there are further developments with regard to the Court action. I have heard no more since my meeting with you last month.

Yours sincerely,


SHEILA M. GRANT (MISS)
SOCIAL WORKER.

Copy to Mr. Falconer

Mrs. Graham,
c/o Edmonds,
49 Lingerwood Road,
NEWTONGRANG,
Midlothian.

Our ref AE/ALS

28th June, 1972.

Dear Mrs. Graham,

I am writing to confirm that Mathlan, Sandra and Charles will get the 10 o'clock 'bus from North Berwick on Saturday, 8th July to spend the day with you - Margaret will be on holiday.

Could you meet them in Edinburgh and also see them back on the 'bus in the evening at the usual time.

Yours sincerely,

MRS. A. DAVIE
SOCIAL WORKER

Mrs. Graham,
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Gen Ref AD/ALS

5th April, 1972.

Dear Mrs. Graham,

I am sorry that I was not in the office on the two occasions you telephoned. The only time you are really sure of getting me in the office is on a Wednesday morning.

However, I shall be very happy to come and see you one evening next week. Would Tuesday, 11th April about 6 p.m. be convenient?

I look forward to seeing you again.

Yours sincerely,

MRS. A. DAVIS.
SOCIAL WORKER.

Mrs. Graham,
c/o Edmonds,
48 Ringerwood Road,
Newtongrange,
MIDLOTHIAN.

Our ... 18

23rd ... 1974.

Dear Mrs. Graham,

As you know, I visit Glasclune every week and each time I meet the children they ask me if I have seen you and, of course, I have to say no.

I would like if you could come to see me so that we could have a talk together. I am not sure whether you are working or not which makes it difficult to suggest a date, however, I will be in the office here next Tuesday, 28th March at 4 p.m. and I should be very happy to see you then.

If you are working and this time is not convenient, could you let me know and we could arrange an alternative appointment either here or at your present address.

Yours sincerely,

MRS. A. DAVIS
SOCIAL WORKER

MIDLOTHIAN, EAST LOTHIAN & PEEBLES SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Maurice G. Speed,
Director of Social Work.

South Midlothian Area Office,
Dalhousie Road,
Eskbank, Dalkeith.

Tel. No. 031-663 2248/9

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[If 'phoning or calling ask
for ~~Mr~~ Miss Grant.]

Mrs. Davie,
Social Work,
Dr. Barnardos,
22 Drumsheugh Gardens,
EDINBURGH EH3 7RP.

Dear Mrs. Davie,

Re - Graham Family,
Glasclune.

Thank you for your letter with the enclosed copy of Mrs. Sprott's report on the situation in the Ivers household.

I feel it is important to be at the Annual Review of the children in Glasclune and if there is still a choice of time I would prefer to come in the morning. I already have an appointment for 3p.m. on the 29th but if the morning is impossible I could come early in the afternoon.

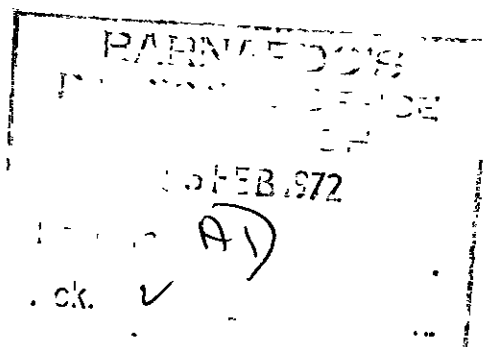
I have heard ~~nothing~~ further regarding the date of the Court Hearing but the preliminary documents have now been lodged on the Court.

I shall look forward to meeting you on the 29th.

Yours sincerely,

Sheila M Grant
SHEILA M. GRANT (MISS)
SOCIAL WORKER.

M. Grant



AD/SR

9th February, 1972.

Miss Grant,
Social Worker,
Midlothian, East Lothian and Peebles
Social Work Department,
Edinburgh Road,
Edinburgh,
DALKEITH,
Midlothian.

Dear Miss Grant,

Re: Graham Family - Glasclune.

We are holding an Annual Review at Glasclune on Tuesday, 29th February at which we hope to discuss the Graham Family. I do hope you will be able to attend as there is so much hanging in the air at the moment regarding divorce, custody of children etc.,

I have not yet made up a time-table so could you say if morning or afternoon would suit you best - if you can come.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

(MRS. A. DAVIE)
Social Worker

Copy to Mr. Falconer.

AD/AH

13th December, 1971.

Dr. W.J. Blatchford Rogers,
Consultant Psychiatrist,
Royal Hospital for Sick Children,
3 Rillbank Terrace,
EDINBURGH,
EH9 1LF.

Dear Dr. Rogers,

Re: Visit to Glasclune - Tuesday, 14th December 1971.
Graham Family.

We had hoped to discuss this family with you on your last visit to Glasclune, but time did not allow. We wonder if, on this occasion, you may be able to see the children.

I wrote to you on 8th November, giving you some notes on Mathlan, the child we hoped you would see on that occasion. I now enclose copies of notes made at the last Annual Review as the briefest way of introducing the family and the situation to you.

Yours sincerely,

(MRS. A. DAVIE)
Social Worker.

Copy to Mr. Falconer.

AD/AH

8th November, 1971.

Dr. W.J. Blackford Rogers,
Consultant Psychiatrist,
Royal Hospital for Sick Children,
3 Millbank Terrace,
EDINBURGH,
EH9 1LF.

Dear Dr. Rogers,

Re: Visit to Glasclune, Tuesday, 9th November - 6-30 p.m.

I wonder if you could see the following children on your next visit to Glasclune:-

Mathlian Graham born 27.4.61.

Mathlian is the second oldest child in a family of five, four of whom are in Glasclune. The youngest child, Marion aged 3, is living with Father in the home of a paternal Aunt. This is the family we discussed briefly at Glasclune recently when a member of staff expressed anxiety over Margaret, the oldest child, who —3rd Party Information—
—3rd Party Information—

It seems more than likely that these children will remain at Glasclune for a very long time. Father is a man of poor intellect, an extremely immature personality who uses fantasy as a defence continually. Mother, also an immature person, resorts to hysterical behaviour to achieve her own ends. She is presently cohabiting, but returned to live with Mr. Graham for a few days last month, then returned to the cohabiters.

The children at Glasclune are committed to the care of the Local Authority and in view of the long-term care envisaged, the staff are anxious to define and meet the needs of the children individually.

Mathlian is described as a clinging, attention-seeking, pathetic and sad little girl. She has the ability to make staff feel guilty. All have been in care since April 1965 - involving five 'moves'. They returned to live with parents from March 1969 to August 1970 when Mother again/

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again deserted and the children returned to Glasclume. On two occasions, the children were placed with Foster-parents, separately - and there were indications that Mathlian had been ill-treated. She was removed from the foster-home ostensibly because the foster-mother was expecting a baby.

Mathlian loves to "mother" her youngest sister, the child who is at home with Father, and when they lived together she literally did look after this child. She is 'pushed out' by her other two sisters, who seem embarrassed by her naivete and constant chattering. She is below average in all subjects at school, the dullest of the family.

Andrew

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- Peter

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We look forward to having your guidance on the needs of these children and how they may be met.

Yours sincerely,

(MRS. A. DAVIE)
Social Worker.

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James G Gardner
Director

Midlothian, East Lothian and Peebles Department of Social Work

Our ref SMG/LKP

Your ref

Date

24.9.71.

Name

Miss Grant

Ext no

Mrs. Davie,
Dr. Barnardo's,
22 Drumsheugh Gardens,
Edinburgh.

Dear Mrs. Davie,

Graham Family,
Glasclune,
North Berwick.

Thank you for your letter of 21st September giving me the up to date position with the Graham children. It is encouraging that Mr. Graham has found employment and I hope that with Mrs. Ivers support he may hold on to his job. I am also glad to hear that Marion is —3rd Party Information—

—3rd Party Information—

Yours sincerely,

Sheila M. Grant

SHEILA M. GRANT (MISS)
SOCIAL WORKER.

AD/AH

21st September, 1971.

Mr. J. Graham,
c/o Ivers,
17 Castlelaw Crescent,
BILSTON,
Midlothian.

Dear Mr. Graham,

I hear from Glasclume that you have been to see the children and that Marion enjoyed her visit too. The children have been asking whether Marion might be able to spend a week-end with them some time and I wonder if you would come in to see me so that we can talk about this.

I am not sure of your shifts, so if you could telephone me, we could then make an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

(MRS. A. DAVIE)
Social Worker.

Copy to Mr. and Mrs. Falconer.

AD/AH

21st September, 1971.

Miss Sheila M. Grant,
Social Worker,
Midlothian, East Lothian and Peebles Social Work Department,
South Midlothian Area Office,
Dalhousie Road,
Edinburgh,
DALKEITH,
Midlothian.

Dear Miss Grant,

Re: Graham Family - Glasglow.

Thank you for your letter of 6th September and papers relevant to the Assumption of Parental Rights.

Mr. Graham has visited the children at North Berwick once, since our meeting together at Court and the children have had one visit to Mrs. Ivers house for an afternoon.

Mr. Graham is now working in a plastics factory on shift work, and I think with some pressure from Mrs. Ivers, he may keep this job a little longer than usual. Marion seemed

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The children at Glasglow have asked if Marion could spend a week-end with them and I hope to discuss this with Mr. Graham. I think an occasional week-end might be beneficial. but if, as I suspect, Marion is

—3rd Party Information—

There has not been any communication from Mrs. Graham since the beginning of August when she requested the children be brought out to her for a week-end. My suggestion then was that she 'phone Glasglow after 14th August when children returned from holiday and arrange to visit them the following week.

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I have not contacted Mrs. Graham as I agree with you that she should demonstrate some willingness or effort to keep in touch with the children herself, but also, I feel that when both parents visit, it is their conflict which impinges on children and the staff at Glaselms feel they are benefiting from the period of calm recently.

I shall let you know of any change - or new events.

Yours sincerely,

(MRS. A. DAVIE)
Social Worker.

Copy to Mr. and Mrs. Falconer.

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6th September, 1971.

Mrs. Davie,
Dr. Barnardo's,
22 Drumsheugh Gardens,
Edinburgh.
EH3 7RP

Dear Mrs. Davie,

Re: Margaret Graham
Kathleen "
Alexandria "
Charles "

I apologise for the delay in confirming in writing the events following the Social Work Committee's decision to assume parental rights over the four children of the Graham family at present in Glasclune.

The events leading up to the application for the assumption of parental rights are clearly detailed in the copy of the account of your visits which I received from you on June 8th. The subsequent application was discussed by The Social Work Committee on June 9th and it was agreed that there were grounds for the assumption of parental rights by the Local Authority under Section 16(1)(b)(1V) & (V) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

Mrs. Graham was informed of the decision and of her rights to object to the resolution. Meanwhile Mr. Graham gave his consent voluntarily to the assumption of Parental Rights by the Social Work Committee.

... Following the receipt of Mrs. Graham's objection to the resolution a petition against her objection was made to the Sheriff with a subsequent Hearing in the Sheriff Court on July 5th. I enclose a copy of the memorandum sent to this Department by the Social Work Committee's agent representing them at the Sheriff Court, which gives a summary of the proceedings. I also enclose the copy of the Interlocutor.

As you know we have had several telephone conversations since the Hearing discussing 1) policy regarding visits between the children and their parents and 2) future plans for Marion Graham who I understand is still with her father c/o Mrs. Tvers at 17 Castlelaw Crescent, Bilston.

I understand that Mrs. Graham has been in contact with you demanding that the children should be taken to see her at Newtonrange. At the moment I do not feel that the children should be allowed to stay overnight with either parent. I know that you have been encouraging Mrs. Graham to visit the children at Glasclune and until /

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until she has done this at least twice and renewed her contact with them I would suggest that they should not be taken to visit her at Newtonrange.

Unless Mr. Graham has visited the children recently I feel the same condition should be applied to him - namely that he should visit at least once before they are taken to see him at Bilston.

I do not think one can make absolutely rigid rules but as a general policy I do feel the Grahams have yet to indicate that their parental feelings for the children extend beyond merely using them for their own (the parents), political ends.

Yours sincerely,

Sheila M. Grant

SHEILA M. GRANT (MISS)
SOCIAL WORKER

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Copy to Mr. and Mrs. Falconer.

AD/AH

9th August, 1971.

James Graham, Esq.,
a/o Ivers,
17 Castlelaw Crescent,
BILSTON,
Midlothian.

Dear Mr. Graham,

I am sorry you were not at home last week when I called
and also to hear that you had been ill and in hospital.

Could you come in to see me on Wednesday morning, 11th
August about 11 a.m.? If you are going to be in Edinburgh any other
day, could you 'phone to let me know in advance and we might be able
to arrange an appointment which would save you coming into town
specially.

Yours sincerely,

(MRS. A. DAVIE)
Social Worker.

Copy to Mr. and Mrs. Falconer.

AD/AH

12th July, 1971.

Mr. Graham,
c/o Ivers,
17 Castlelaw Crescent,
BILSTON,
Middlethian.

Dear Mr. Graham,

As you will know, I visited Mrs. Ivers on Thursday, but, unfortunately, you were not at home.

As Margaret, Mathlian, Sandra and Charles will be going on holiday to Peebles for two weeks as from 1st August, I am wondering if you were planning to visit them and perhaps take Marion too, before then. The alternative would be for the children to visit you at Mrs. Ivers.

Could you let me know what your plans are?

Yours sincerely,

(MRS. A. DAVIE)
Social Worker.

AD/AH

1st July, 1971.

Mrs. Graham,
c/o Edmonds,
48 Lingerwood Road,
NEWTONGRANGE,
Midlothian.

Dear Mrs. Graham,

I have heard from Miss Grant that you have appealed against the Assumption of Parental Rights and that the case will be heard in the Sheriff Court on Monday, 5th July at 10 a.m..

As it is possible I will be there also, I thought it might be helpful if I came to see you before then so that you will know what my position will be. I could come to see you on Friday, 2nd July about 5 p.m.. If this is not convenient, perhaps you could let me know.

Yours sincerely,

(MRS. A. DAVIE)
Social Worker.

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James G Gardner
Director

Midlothian, East Lothian and Peebles Department of Social Work

Our ref SMC/LKP

Your ref

Date 4.5.71.

Name Miss Grant

Ext no

Mrs. Davie,
Dr. Barnardo's
22 Drumsheugh Gardens,
Edinburgh.

Dear Mrs. Davie,

Re: Graham Family
Glasclune,
North Berwick.

Thank you for sending the copies of the reports made when the Graham children were reviewed on Tuesday 20th April.

Shortly after my last telephone conversation with you Mrs. Graham telephoned. As we had arranged I suggested that she should get in touch with you if she wished to discuss plans for the children.

Yours sincerely,

Sheila M. Grant.

SHEILA M. GRANT (MISS)
SOCIAL WORKER.

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15th April, 1971.

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Mr. [REDACTED] Grant,
[REDACTED]
Social Work Department,
[REDACTED] Area Team,
[REDACTED]
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Dear Mr. Grant,

Re: Glasgow Annual Review.

Thank you for your letter confirming you will attend Review.
We hope to begin discussing the Graham family at 2-45 p.m.

Yours sincerely,

(MRS. A. DAVIE)
Social Worker.

AD/AH

15th April, 1974.

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Miss Sheila M. Grant,
Social Worker,
Midlothian Social Work Department,
South Midlothian Area Team,
Dalhousie Road,
Eskbank,
DALKEITH,
Midlothian.

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We hope to begin discussing the Graham family at 2-45 p.m.

Yours sincerely,

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Social Worker.

AD/AH

5th April, 1971.

Mrs. Grant,
Social Worker,
South Midlothian Social Work Department,
Dalhousie Road,
DALKEITH,
Midlothian.

Dear Mrs. Grant,

Re: Graham Family - Glaselune.

We would like to review the Graham family at Glaselune on Tuesday, 20th April and do hope you can come. Before fixing the time, I wonder if you could let me know whether morning or afternoon would suit you best and we will try to accommodate, as this may make the difference between you being able to come or not.

Yours sincerely,

(MRS. A. DAVIE)
Social Worker.

Copy to Mr. Falconer.

AD/AH

14th January, 1971.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham,
33 Cladding Crescent,
LIT,
Widlothian.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Graham,

I called to see you this afternoon at 5 p.m. as arranged and was very disappointed to find there was no one at home, although I waited a further fifteen minutes.

I am afraid it will not be possible for me to continue to visit you regularly each week if you are not going to be at home when I call, nor can I see any way of trying to help you to deal with your rent arrears, and other problems, unless we can meet regularly.

I shall call again next Wednesday, 20th January at 5 p.m. and hope to see you, however, if you will not be at home then do please 'phone and we will try to arrange an alternative appointment.

You will remember that Mr. and Mrs. Falconer will be bringing Margaret, Mathian, Sandra and Charles to see you next Sunday, 17th, in the afternoon.

Yours sincerely,

(MRS. A. DAVIE)
Social Worker.

SM/AH

7th January, 1971.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham,
33 Spalding Crescent,
DALKEITH,
Midlothian.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Graham,

This is to confirm that Mr. and Mrs. Falconer will bring the children to see you a week on Sunday, that is the 17th of January, some time in the afternoon.

I do hope you managed to pay the £6 to rent today. If you could find someone who could look after Marion, we could try to see if the Ministry of Social Security could help with payment for this.

Yours sincerely,

(MRS. A. DAVIE)
Social Worker.

Graham & Graham

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31st December, 1970.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham,
33 Spalding Crescent,
Dalkeith,
Midlothian.

Dear Mr and Mrs. Graham,

I called to see you yesterday afternoon and was sorry to find you were out.

I shall come again to see you, next Wednesday, 6th January at about 4 p.m. If this is not a convenient time could you phone me on Monday or Wednesday morning. I look forward to seeing you again.

I shall be visiting Glascolune on Tuesday and could perhaps arrange for another visit from the children to see you unless you have already managed to visit Glascolune.

Yours sincerely,

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Social Worker.

Copy to Mr. and Mrs. Falconer.

AD/AH

4th November, 1970.

John Coley, Esq.,
Area Officer,
South Midlothian Social Work Department,
Dalhousie Road,
DALKEITH,
Midlothian.

Dear Mr. Coley,

Re: Mr. and Mrs. Graham, a/o Ivers,
17 Castlelaw Crescent, Milston, Midlothian.
Graham Children - Glasgow.

As you know, I have been keeping in contact with this family, four of whose children are in our Branch Home at North Berwick. On 12th October, I notified you that Mrs. Graham had twice been admitted to Rosalynlee Hospital and discharged herself on both occasions after a few days.

I have now received a telephone call from Mrs. Graham to say that she and her husband have been given joint tenancy of a five apartment house at 33 Spalding Crescent, Dalkeith.

I am greatly concerned about this as it would appear from the size of the house, that they are contemplating having the children home again.

I have consulted Dr. Forder of Rosalynlee Hospital who has been seeing Mrs. Graham and she too is of the opinion that Mrs. Graham could not yet properly take over management of home and family and, in fact, Dr. Forder would still be prepared to admit Mrs. Graham to Rosalynlee for assessment and treatment if only she would co-operate.

Mrs. Graham is coming in to see me on Friday, 6th November at 3 p.m. when I hope to learn more about the situation. On my visits to Castlelaw Crescent, I gathered that Mrs. Graham does not feel she wants to remain there. There are difficulties over finance, the family Allowance Book has been recalled, presumably because no payments are/

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are being made for children's maintenance. Also, Mr. Graham is not motivated to finding a job, partly, I feel, because of his anxiety over Mrs. Graham's condition and the obvious lack of sympathy between Mrs. Ivers, his Sister, and his wife.

I am writing to let you know immediately, as the welfare of the children at Glasclune and of Marion who is living with her parents, is very much involved in what action the parents now take over this house. I would very much like an opportunity to discuss the situation with you, or any successor to Mrs. Watson. Could you let me know what you feel about this?

Yours sincerely,

(. . . DAVIE)
Social Worker.

AD/AH

26th October, 1970.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham,
c/o Ivers,
17 Castlelaw Crescent,
BILSTON,
Midlothian.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Graham,

I have been out of town for the past week and, therefore,
was unable to visit you.

I was wondering how things are with you and would very
much like to come and pay a visit on Wednesday, 28th October
sometime in the early afternoon.

I am sorry that I cannot give you a more precise time.

Yours sincerely,

(MRS. A. DAVIE)
Social Worker.

AD/AH

12th October, 1970.

John Galey, Esq.,
Area Officer,
Midlothian Social Work Department,
Dalhousie Road,
DALKEITH,
Midlothian.

Dear Mr. Galey,

Re: Graham Family - GLASCLUNE.

I enclose a copy of an Accident Report concerning Charles
Graham. —3rd Party Information—

To bring you briefly up-to-date concerning Mr. and Mrs. Graham - Mrs. Graham was admitted to Rosslynlee Hospital on the evening of Friday, 25th September from the home of her Mother, Mrs. Smith, 76 Woodburn Gardens, Dalkeith. She discharged herself voluntarily on Thursday, 1st October and went to live with her husband and Marion at the home of her Sister-in-Law, Mrs. Ivers, 17 Castlelaw Crescent.

I am seeing Mr. and Mrs. Graham at least once a week and, on the last occasion, Friday, 9th October, Mrs. Graham was obviously still in a very disturbed state and anxious to continue contact with Rosslynlee. Mr. Graham is being extremely protective towards his wife, to the extent of not looking for work as "he is afraid to leave her alone".

Mr. and Mrs. Graham, a paternal Uncle and Mrs. Ivers have each visited the children at Glasclune.

Yours sincerely,

(MRS. A. DAVIE)
Social Worker.

Copy to Mr. and Mrs. Polocne.

AD/AH

7th October, 1970.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham,
c/o Ivers,
17 Castlelaw Crescent,
BILSTON,
Midlothian.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Graham,

I am sorry you were not at home when I called to see you yesterday - I called again this afternoon, but this time there was no-one at home

I could come to see you on Friday, 9th October about 4 p.m..

If this is not suitable, perhaps you could 'phone and let me know.

Yours sincerely,

(MRS. A. DAVIE)
Social Worker.

AD/AH

14th September, 1970.

James Graham, Esq.,
c/o McIvor,
17 Castlelaw Crescent,
BILSTON,
Midlothian.

Dear Mr. Graham,

I am sorry that you were not at home when Mrs. Watson
and I called last Wednesday.

May I come to see you next Tuesday, 22nd September
about 6-30 p.m.?

If this is not convenient, perhaps you could telephone
the above-number to let me know.

Yours sincerely,

(MRS. A. DAVIE)
Social Worker.

EAST LOTHIAN COUNTY COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

ALLX H MORRISON M A
Headmaster
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HIGH SCHOOL,
NORTH BERWICK,
EAST LOTHIAN
EH39 4QS

13th October, 1975

MATHLIAN GRAHAM - 3B

Mathlian is very restless in school and tends to find excuses to leave class to see our Auxilliary or myself. She is obviously seeking attention. Perhaps her friendship with some of the girls has made her unhappy. She clings to one or two girls and is never far away from them.

The girls concerned wish to give up this friendship because they feel that she gets them into trouble with their own parents.

I think that she is a very unhappy girl and at present she appears to have lost her boy friend and now her three closest friends wish to break with her. As I watch her going about the school she desperately clings to anyone who looks at her. It is rather pathetic. Her work is obviously suffering because of this.

It is very difficult to get her lunch routine organised. Her form teacher has reported that for the first few weeks she did not have school lunches. During the past two weeks she has bought 3 tickets per week but has only had two or maybe three lunches. I have repeatedly told her that she must have school lunches but she defies this order.

At History classes she often forgets books and homework, turns up late for class but she does find the work difficult.

At Science classes she is very unco-operative.

P.E. is a struggle, very often she turns up without her gym kit.

At Maths classes she is inattentive but she can work if she tries.

Part of her trouble in school is that her life out of school catches up with her.

I see her regularly each week to have a talk with her. She seems very interested in her Danish pen-pal. I wish that there was something which we could do to help.

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNEHome Visit to Mr. Graham, Bilston

12.7.74

Several appointments missed previously. I knocked at the open front door and several voices yelled 'come in' from inside. I walked in to find the room full of children as usual. Mathlian came and grabbed hold of me and said "Hi-ya Margaret" and pulled me down to take her place on the couch. Mr. Graham greeted me cheerfully. Mathlian told me excitedly that her Cousin, Mrs. Ivers eldest son, had just stuck a nail into his foot. He was hobbling around with it tied up in a handkerchief.

In my reply to asking how he was, Mr. Graham said that he had word of a house in Eskbank. It was vague as usual, and it seemed to me that Mr. Graham needed to keep this bit of hope in front of himself and me. Mathlian's reaction was an excitable ooh! but died fairly quickly as if she too had heard this many times. I said that I knew it did/^{take} some time to get a new house in the area and I didn't expect it to happen over night. He started to tell me how he had been made redundant recently in his last job so at the moment he wasn't working and couldn't really pay off the rent arrears for the last house. I asked him how much these were and he said that it stood at about £40. I said that it seemed to me that it had been at £40 for quite a long time and was it difficult for him to pay it off gradually. He said yes it was and he was going to pay it off in a lump sum one of these days when he got a good job. Talked about the chances of a job paying £70 a week in Galashiels. This I also felt was a bit of a fantasy. At this point when he couldn't convince me any more of his own good intentions he began to criticise his wife. Fantasies, speculations about what he would do to George Edmonds if he got hold of him. Some tale of almost killing a man previously, having taken a broken bottle to him and being stopped just in time from doing him serious injury. Got quite wild and excited and gesticulated wildly when talking about what he would like to do him. At this point Margaret got up and left the room, I think she felt the criticism of her Mother difficult to tolerate.

I put it to Mr. Graham about what it must feel like to the children when he talks about their Mother. He said "Oh well they don't want to go there anyway and in any case they are not allowed to. I've been given the rights. I can stop them from going to Newtongrange". I confronted him with this, and said that wasn't so. The children could go if they wanted to, but at the moment they hadn't expressed any wish to do so.

Mr. Graham really seemed to be listening and I think he heard what I said and nodded almost relieved that I had made the position clear. Mathlian was looking from one to other of us and I felt this must be rather confusing for her, but at the same time I felt that she is perhaps the ^{most} vulnerable to emotional demands made by her parents, that getting a clearer message about what the situation was would perhaps be helpful for her. At this point Mr. Graham playfully punched Mathlian and said "Ah, but it's your Daddy you want to be with really, isn't it". Mathlian said "oh yes". Marion came dancing into the room with Margaret behind her and Margaret came and asked me if they could possibly take Marion back for a weeks holiday with them. I said that I had discussed this with the staff at Glasclune and they had suggested that Margaret and Mathlian brought Marion back at the week-end. Both Margaret and Mathlian were very pleased.

Throughout the interview there was lots of movement in the house, children backwards and forwards bringing in their tea and eating it, television on. Mr. Graham's attention occasionally drawn by the television. Mrs. Ivers eventually joined us, apologised for not having time to say hello to me. She had had her hair cut and looked more healthy than usual, there was some

colour in her cheeks. She seems to cope amazingly well with the crowded household. She asked after Charles and Sandra and I said that they were on holiday in Wales. I put to her the possibility of them coming to stay when they returned. Mrs. Ivers was quite happy about this, but queried Charles' special diet. Mathlian broke in by saying "Charles knew exactly what he was able to eat and in any case somebody at Glasclune would put in a booklet saying what he couldn't have". Margaret endorsed this, but it certainly is Mathlian who does the mothering in this family. At some break in the middle of Star Trek Mr. Graham suddenly asked how much would a home help cost. His mind had obviously been on the future. Mrs. Ivers broke in and told him it varied according to his income. There was some discussion about what Mr. Graham expected of the children, particularly Margaret and Mathlian in terms of housekeeping. I reminded^{him} that both the girls had to finish their schooling and couldn't take full time responsibility for the up keep of the house. Mr. Graham agreed. We got little else discussed because everybody's attention was^{on} the television, but I agreed to call again soon. Mr. Graham talked about seeing his lawyer again and getting the divorce settled. I put to him that I felt that he still had very mixed feelings about whether he actually wanted the divorce to go through. He agreed and indicated that he still did have the hope that she would come back to him.

As I left everybody yelled "cherrio", Mrs. Ivers, Mr. Graham and Mathlian came to the door and waved me off down the road. I always feel that there is a great warmth in this family which sustains them.

MISS MARGARET LOWSON,
SOCIAL WORKER.

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNE

22.4.74.

Since Mrs. Graham moved to Dalkeith and began to see the children again, Mr. Graham appears to be putting more pressure on the children not to visit their mother, and to denigrate her.

All the children spent several days with their mum over Easter. It was planned that they should all visit their dad for their monthly day visit on 7.4.74. Margaret, Sandra and Charles were to go from Dalkeith, Mathlian from the Tullochs.

None of them went - said they "forgot" - no suggestion that mum deterred them.

Mr. Graham very angry - visited them two weeks later saying that he had had a letter from his lawyer giving him custody and control over the children's visits.

21.4.74.

Mr. Graham due to visit today - didn't turn up. Mathlian and Sandra expected this. "Just like him". Margaret saying she doesn't want to visit her mother at present. Looking very unhappy, almost tearful.

Need to clarify again the confused messages that these children are getting from each parent.

22.4.74. Telephone conversation with Miss Dundas.

I rang to inform her about Mrs. Graham's present whereabouts and to check reports from Mr. Graham that he now controls the children's visits to their mother on order from his lawyer.

Miss Dundas confirmed that no action had taken place and suggested that Mr. Graham's lawyer probably suggested what plea he should make over custody but certainly no decision.

MISS MARGARET LOWSON,
SOCIAL WORKER.

GRAHAM FAMILY

31.1.74

Telephoned Mr. McEwan, Midlothian, to clarify existing situation re children and parents, and proposals for future arrangements re custody.

Local Authority has parental rights under Section 16 of Social Work (Scotland) Act in respect of both parents - likely grounds are that Mother's "habitat and mode of life is unfit" and that Father has "persistently failed to fulfil the obligations of a parent." Any legal documents relating to this are lodged with Miss Dundas, County Solicitor - not in Midlothian Social Work Department case papers. Parental rights would have been granted by Social Work Committee resolution, upheld by Sheriff. Authority rests with Social Work Department, not with Court. Miss Grant, Social Worker, would have prepared report for Committee - Mr. McEwan will send us a copy of this.

With Divorce Hearing now imminent, Mother has applied for custody of the children (not known what Father intends to do). Local Authority has to decide whether or not to cross-petition, so that parental rights remain with them. If Mother decides not to go ahead with custody application, situation remains as it is.

Parental rights held by Local Authority is preferable to custody arrangement, because children protected, and more flexible arrangement re planning. Local Authority has discretionary power to return children to either parent, regulate contact according to situation, and revoke their parental rights at any time, if this is appropriate, without going to Court of Law. Custody is less flexible - access rights have to be spelled out and adhered to, and cannot be changed without a further Court Order.

Likely alternatives:-

- (1) Mother to be helped to understand difference between existing arrangement, and custody. She may withdraw application for custody.
- (2) If not, Miss Dundas may talk with Mother's Solicitor re reasons why Mother should not pursue application. These are related to cohabitee. Miss Dundas is Procurator Fiscal for Midlothian J.P. Court - and knows that Father recently appeared, and been charged with several offences (breach of peace, and assault). If application for custody goes ahead, Police records could be used as evidence of Mr. Edmond's unsuitability as step-father.
- (3) If application continues, Miss Dundas would wish to obtain information from Maggie Lowson re current situation. She would collate this into report which Maggie Lowson would be asked to sign - focus again on Mr. Edmond's unsuitability, and possibly on children's views, as presented to Maggie Lowson. Miss Grant's original report also could be used. It would be hoped that Mother's Solicitor would desert the case at this point, and advise against proceeding.
- (4) If custody action dropped, divorce proceedings only would go on, and Local Authority retain parental rights. If not dropped, Miss Dundas (or her Counsel) would present evidence in Court, and Maggie Lowson could be cited as witness.

Agreed/

Agreed Plan:

- (1) Mr. McEwan will send us copy of Miss Grant's original report.
- (2) R.M. and M.L. discuss best way of helping Mother here, and also try to discover Father's intentions, and children's views.
- (3) Informal meeting between Mr. McEwan, Mrs. Ross, R.M. and M.L. with Miss Dundas, to discuss whole matter. Mr. McEwan will arrange this.

MRS. M. MITCHELL
Senior Social Worker.

MM/MG

8.2.74

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GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNE

Mrs. Ross, Local Authority Social Worker telephoned to discuss the position of the Graham parents re the divorce.

She was uncertain as to whether Mrs. Graham was living with Mr. Edmonds and whether or not she planned to apply for custody.

I agreed to confirm the present position when I saw them next week.

Discussed Margaret's —3rd Party Information—
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To meet Mrs. Ross at Glasclune Review - February 6th, 1974.

MISS MARGARET LOWSON,
SOCIAL WORKER.

SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT

Social Work (Scotland) Act Section 16(1)(b)(iv) & (v)

Application for Assumption of Parental Rights against

Mrs Margaret McMillan d.o.b. 25.5.40 and Mr James Graham d.o.b. 15.7.36
Graham or Smith 33 Spalding Crescent
c/o Mr George Edmond DALKEITH
49 Lingerwood Road (Unemployed)
NEWTONGRANGE

over	Margaret Graham	-	d.o.b. 10.12.59
	Mathlian Graham	-	d.o.b. 27.4.61
	Alexandra Graham	-	d.o.b. 26.12.62
	Charles Graham	-	d.o.b. 10.4.64

received into care on 17.8.70 under Section 15(1)(b) & (c) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, and placed in Glasclune, North Berwick.

Other member of Family

Children's Sister

Marion born July 1968
in the care of her father.

HISTORY

This family has been known to the Children's Department and Social Work Department since 1962, five months after they were given the tenancy of a house in Bonnyrigg. The cause of referral was rent arrears, which were a continuing problem together with multiple debts, a dirty house, inadequate mothering and irregular employment which resulted in eviction in June 1964. Relatives in Bilston then took them in for a month after which they moved to the maternal grandmother in Dalkeith until she evicted them after nine months on 9.4.65. All four children were then received into care on the grounds of homelessness, until they were discharged on 13.3.69 after the parents had been allocated a house at 17 Crawlees Crescent, Mayfield. During this period a fifth child was born in July 1968.

Between March and November 1969 the family approached the department from time to time when in financial difficulties but there was no regular contact. During November 1969 when Mr Graham had appeared in Court and his case had been continued for a Social Background Report Mrs Graham deserted but returned after a few days. During her absence the children were cared for by Mr Graham's sister in Bilston. After Mrs Graham's return the situation deteriorated with continual rent arrears and other debts until a crisis point was reached in March 1970 with a threat of eviction. At this stage it was decided to offer more intensive support to the family in order to attempt to keep them together and a grant of £28 was made under Section 12 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act on the understanding that the balance of the rent arrears would be paid by the Grahams. To begin with they responded to regular visiting for collection of their rent but because of other debts and a tendency to spend their income in an unrealistic way they were

were again faced with possible eviction in June 1970. Mrs Graham then deserted and eviction took place on July 2nd. Mr Graham attempted to look after the children himself for the first few days after his wife deserted and before eviction.

The children would have been taken in to care on the grounds of their Mother's desertion and Father's inability to cope on his own but owing to Charles having mumps this was not possible. Charles was admitted to hospital and the other four children again moved to their paternal aunt in Bilston. Meanwhile application was made for vacancies for the four older children to be admitted to Glasclune, Dr Barnardo's Children's Home in North Berwick, where they had spent some months during the last time they were in care. Vacancies were offered and the four older children were again received into care on 17.8.70. Marion remained in the care of her Father and continued to live in Bilston. Mrs Graham was known to have returned to the district but at that time was determined that reconciliation was out of the question. She was admitted to Rosslynlee Hospital on 25.9.70 but took her own discharge to join her husband at Bilston on 1.10.70 and remained there until they obtained the joint tenancy of a house in 33 Spalding Crescent, Dalkeith. They moved there with Marion in November 1970 but were soon in financial difficulties and Mrs Graham is said to have deserted on 10th January 1971.

Since this date she appears to have been living with Mr Edmond at 49 Lingerwood Road, Newtongrange.

Meanwhile Marion remained with her Father but they both gradually spent more time with Mrs Graham's sister, Mrs Williamson at 15 Cowden Terrace, Woodburn. In March 1971 Mrs Williamson notified this department that she was looking after Marion five days per week the object being to enable Mr Graham to work. Though he had obtained work once or twice he does not retain a job for more than a few days.

PRESENT POSITION

Mr Graham is currently unemployed and due to be evicted from 33 Spalding Crescent, Dalkeith on 16.6.71. While Marion remains in his care she is looked after for five days of the week by a maternal aunt.

Mrs Graham has been living with Mr George Edmond of 49 Lingerwood Road, Newtongrange since she deserted her husband for the third time in January 1971. She now wishes to remove her children from the care of the Local Authority as she maintains she can offer them a good home and security at her present address and with Mr Edmond's co-operation.

GROUND'S FOR ASSUMPTION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

1 Section 16(1)(b)(iv)

While still married to Mr Graham, Mrs Graham is known to be cohabiting with Mr George Edmond of 49 Lingerwood Road, who is said to be married and separated from his wife. It is known by this department that Mr Edmond was cohabiting with another married woman immediately prior to his association with Mrs Graham and that on 12.10.70 he pled guilty to a charge of assault on his cohabitee and was fined. One of the previous cohabitee's two sons ages 14 - 16 was under supervision to Mr McEwan a Social Worker in this department and during the period they remained in Mr Edmond's house there was regular contact.

Mr McEwan/

Mr McEwan can refer to frequent occasions when Mr Edmond's behaviour was irrational and anti-social particularly after he had been drinking. When the cohabitee threatened to leave him he would throw the furniture, which belonged to her out in the street.

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The two boys were

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After this cohabitee moved to another house in the neighbourhood Mr Edmond was said to have pestered her but now that her husband has returned to her, Mr Edmond has ceased to try and see her.

Mr Edmond did

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In view of Mr Edmond's conviction for assault and of his irrational and aggressive behaviour to bring children in to this house would expose them to a grave risk of physical and moral danger. While Mrs Graham continues to cohabit with Mr Edmond it would appear that she is of "such mode of life as to be unfit to have the care of the children".

2 Section 16(1)(b)(v)

While Mr and Mrs Graham may fundamentally wish their marriage to succeed and to bring up their family themselves the sequence of events has demonstrated their immaturity and inability to cope with the responsibility of family life. Their financial difficulties and rent arrears led to eviction twice, in June 1964 and again in July 1970. Mr Graham is now threatened with eviction for the third time.

Mrs Graham has deserted her family on three occasions since November 1969, twice when all five children were at home and more recently in January 1971 when only the youngest child was in their care.

Since November 1961 the children have had a very disturbed and unsettled existence:-

From 18.11.61 to June 1964 with parents at Bonnyrigg.

June 1964 to July 1964 with parental relatives, Bilston.

July 1964 to April 1965 with maternal grandmother at Dalkeith.

April 1965 to March 1969 in Care of Local Authority.

During this period part of the time in foster homes and partly children's homes.

March 1969 to 28.11.69 to parents in Mayfield.

28.11.69 to 30.11.69 to relatives in Bilston.

30.11.69 to 2.7.70 to parents in Mayfield.

2.7.70 to 17.8.70 to relatives in Bilston.

17.8.70 - 4 children received into care and placed in Glasclune, North Berwick.

- Marion remains with her Father in Bilston.

Nov 1970 - Both parents and Marion move to Dalkeith.

Jan 1971 - Mother deserted.

The purpose of the reception into care in August 1970 was to give the children security with a planned long-term placement which has been/

been provided for them.

It would therefore appear that there are also grounds under Section 16(1)(b)(v) in that Mr and Mrs Graham have "so persistently failed without reasonable cause to discharge the obligations of parents as to be unfit to have the care of the children".

SUPPLEMENTARY FACTOR

Mrs Graham was admitted to Rosslynlee Hospital for assessment and treatment on 25.9.70 and took her own discharge on 1.10.70. She attended again later as an out-patient when she was —3rd Party Information—

—3rd Party Information—

It is known that Mr Graham does not wish his wife to have care of the children while she is living with Mr Edmond. It is felt that one of her motives is that Mr Graham had refused to let her take the youngest child who is currently in his care.

The Social Worker from Dr Barnardo's who is in constant touch with Mr and Mrs Graham and the children, feels that it would have a seriously damaging effect on these children for them to be discharged from care to a situation which offers no stability, possible physical and moral danger and a likelihood of further breakdown.

I would therefore ask the Midlothian, East Lothian and Peebles Social Work Committee to assume parental rights over these four children.

Sheila M. Grant.

MISS SHEILA M GRANT
SOCIAL WORKER

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MARGARET, SANDRA, MATHILIAN AND CHARLES GRAHAM - GLASCLUNE.

1.10.73.

Home Sunday for the day except Sandra who has shingles. Mr. Graham brought them back in the van in the evening.

Staff feeling that the children go wild when they are at home. Mr. Graham spread elaborate fantasies about having his own business, with a group of men working for him. Talks with total lack of reality and puts the childrens' hopes up with promises of outings, gifts etc. Promised he would come for the children the following weekend, Mathlian said they had arranged to see the Tuckers. Father angry - were the Tuckers more important than their Paddy?

Staff feel his demands on the children to be unrealistic - frequently promises to come for them and doesn't turn up.

Could his present angry feelings be connected with Mrs. Davie's leaving and meeting new social worker?

MISS MARGARET LOWSON,
SOCIAL WORKER.

GLASCLUNE - GLASCLUNE

PERIOD: JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 1973.

The incompatibility of the parents, both of whom could be described as having "personality disorders" has been the most destructive factor in the lives of these four children. There have been five children of the marriage, but Marion, the youngest girl (5 years) remains with Father.

The severe marital disharmony and mother's desertion (on more than one occasion) resulted in children's reception into care on six separate occasions. (See notes attached to last Review Forms).

On previous occasions when parents separated, there had been a reconciliation after a comparatively short interval - usually on Mr. Graham's initiative as he always has and still does wish to have his wife back.

However, in 1970, Mrs. Graham entered into a relationship with a Mr. George Edmond of Newtongrange and went to live with him in January 1971.

Both she and Mr. Edmond stated their intention to marry after each had obtained a divorce and would be asking for custody of Mrs. Graham's children.

As Mr. Edmond's "unsavoury" reputation was known to Midlothian Social Work Department, they took steps to assume Parental Rights (granted) in respect of the four children at Glasclune.

It is worth noting that when Mrs. Graham left home on prior occasions it had been because of her dissatisfaction with Mr. Graham - not because she was having "affairs" but in spite of the fact that Mr. Edmond has ill-treated her - including physical assault - she has found in him an attraction which never existed for her with Mr. Graham.

On at least three occasions, she has been "put out" by George Edmond and returned to live with her Mother or a sister and on these occasions made contact with Mr. Graham usually for the purpose of obtaining money - which he always gives - but on one occasion stayed with him at his sister's house for two nights.

She has now (finally ??) decided she can no longer continue to live with George Edmonds, but seems equally sure she does not want to return to Mr. Graham and has therefore gone down to England to live and work. (See letter in file).

Although Mr. Graham has the reputation of being a good worker, he had a poor work record when the couple lived together.

My own observation was that he was afraid to leave Mrs. Graham alone, partly in case she would "disappear" and partly from a real concern for her health (one or two attempts at "overdose" of sleeping pills - out-patient at Rosslynlee). Mrs. Graham used this poor work record as a reason for the breakdown of family life. It seems only fair to say, however, that Mr. Graham's "naive" approach to problems and use of phantasy situations for solving them, would make him unfitted to take control of situations which is perhaps what Mrs. Graham needed.

The children at Glasclune have contact with both parents. Initially this was maintained by Superintendent at Glasclune taking them to parents as they hardly ever visited Glasclune.

At the time of the assumption of Parental Rights, it was agreed that both parents would continue to have access to children but that whereas they/

could spend overnight with Father at the home of his sister Mrs. Ivers, they should not spend overnight in the home of George Edmonds.

At present, the situation is that Mr. Graham is in steady employment as a Builder's Labourer - is aiming (he says) at getting enough money to get a house and furnish it and "get the children home". This way he feels sure his wife will return - especially now that she has left George Edmonds.

This is not a new idea - it has been his plan all along - stated, but never accomplished - his naivete is exploited even by his sister (Mrs. Ivers) on whom he is very dependant.

Although Mrs. Ivers has the care of Marion and welcomes the children from Glasclune for regular visits and part holidays, she "uses" Mr. Graham as a "resource" and it is doubtful if she would actively support him in any attempt to set up his own home again, although it could be because she doubts his capacity to sustain the effort this would require.

Mrs. Graham is keeping in touch with the children by letter and has also telephoned.

I have spoken with Mrs. Ross, the Local Authority Social Worker about the kind of help that might be given to Mr. Graham to maintain a home of his own with the view of gradually re-integrating the family.

Apart from the very great difficulty of persuading committees to provide the kind of help that would be needed, we are doubtful, at this stage - of what, in positive terms, this would provide for the children.

MRS. A. DAVIE,
SOCIAL WORKER.

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNE

27.8.73.

Mrs. Graham phoned Glasclune last Friday and spoke to Mathlian, mother had also sent a letter to Mathlian as Margaret had not replied to the letter mother had sent to her.

Mrs. Graham said she is working just outside Blackpool in a biscuit factory. Later, when speaking to a member of staff (Margaret McNally) she said "I had to come away, there were too many people telling me what to do."

The children are going home regularly to Father. Margaret tending to want to go alone and the staff feel that rather than one hard and fast monthly visit, so long as Mr. Graham and Mrs. Ivors have accepted, the children will go home either Margaret alone or Margaret with one other and a combination of two or three is always accepted.

MRS. A. DAVIE,
SOCIAL WORKER.

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNE.

3.5.73.

Home visit to Mr. Graham. House seemed full of children, but Mrs. Ivers co-operative - got all into kitchen to give Mr. Graham and I some privacy.

Something had already broken the illusion for Mr. Graham that he and Mrs. Graham would be coming together although he did not seem to know that she had returned to George Edmonds.

He was depressed and when in this mood becomes 'hard of hearing'. Mrs. Graham had managed to get £11 from him - and had been out several times together. Mrs. Ivers and a married daughter joined us after a short time - obviously wanting to add to the conversation.

Mr. Graham rather surprisingly got angry with Mrs. Ivers and said "you should not have gone to see her on Sunday night".

Apparently Mrs. Ivers had tried to see Mrs. Graham to talk about Marion -
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Mrs. Ivers protective emotions obviously aroused on behalf of her brother -
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Marion —3rd Party Information—
—3rd Party Information—

I told Mr. Graham that the purpose of my visit tonight was to let him know that Margaret had again apparently had sexual relationship with a boy at Glasclune. Mr. Graham got very angry - at Margaret - Mrs. Ivers said you can't blame her. I expect she's seen it at Newtongrange when they all slept in the same bed.

Mrs. Davie - "We feel this is one way Margaret is —3rd Party Information—
is - and recent events have not helped". Both asked what would happen to
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Mrs. Ivers said Margaret always —3rd Party Information—
—3rd Party Information—

I told Mr. Graham that if Mrs. Graham had not returned to Newtongrange, I would have suggested he accompany me to visit her and talk about the family, however, this was not possible under present circumstances.

Visited Mrs. Graham. George Edmonds not in, but Mrs. Graham's sister and three children present. Mrs. Graham said "is it all right if my sister stays"? I said "it's up to you". She said "Oh I want her to stay, she knows everything anyway".

I said first of all I was surprised to learn that she was back here - looked to her sister - and added - as your sister assured me you had left for good.
Sister/

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her than children - in fact she does not seem to see the children as individuals - except perhaps Margaret - the others she seemed to use as a collective Insurance Policy against being thought of as a neglectful bad mother.

MRS. A. DAVIE
SOCIAL WORKER

Copy to Mr. Falconer

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNE.

9.3.73.

Visited Mrs. Ivers today for purpose of what might happen during Easter Holidays. Met Mrs. Ivers and all the children coming out of house, so interview as conducted on the pavement and, therefore, very brief.

Mrs. Ivers was looking very bright and cheerful - said that she was doing down to Dunbar to a caravan with the children this week-end - that she expected the children from Glasclune to be coming up as usual and that Mr. Graham would be looking after them himself.

I said I had wondered if Mr. Graham had discussed with her any possibility of part of the Easter Holidays being spent at Bilston. Mrs. Ivers said no, but I'll tell him to get in touch with you about it (the usual way she passes things off), but she added "I hear that Margaret is going away camping for her Easter".

I accepted her offer to ask Mr. Graham to get in touch with me, but this is something which is frequently offered, but seldom maintained.

MRS. A. DAVIE
SOCIAL WORKER

Copy to Mr. Falconer.

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNE

22.8.72.

Visited Mrs. Ivers at Bilston. Mr. Graham was not present, said to be working temporarily. Mrs. Ivers' daughter Maureen, her husband and two children are now living in Inverness in a caravan near to Mrs. Ivers' other daughter, so apparently things have quietened down with regard to eviction.

We spoke about visits for the children and Mrs. Ivers said she would be pleased to have them either next Sunday or the following Sunday, that things were back to normal. I said I would contact Glasclune and drop her a note to let her know.

MRS. A. DAVIE
SOCIAL WORKER.

Copy to Mr. and Mrs. Falconer.

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNE

9.8.72.

Mrs. Ross, Dalkeith Area Office, 'phoned. She has had conversation with Mr. Ross, Housing Department. He listened to explanation why not considered good thing for Marion to be received into care - yet - if possible, but was quite firm that unless all extra people out of Mrs. Ivers' house, he would proceed with application to Court for Eviction Order, this of course will take some weeks to accomplish. He was presently waiting for a report from Housing Inspector.

Mrs. Ross will keep in touch with Housing Department's actions - meantime, can we consider if Marion can be accommodated at Glasclune as more frequent visits would be a help in preparing Marion.

MRS. A. DAVIE
SOCIAL WORKER.

GRAND FAMILY - GLASCLUNE.

11.5.72. Home visit to Mrs. Ivers.

Mr. Graham out - children saying at work. Mrs. Ivers saying he starts work next week. She gave reason for cancelled visit last Sunday as "no money for food". She is disapproving that Mother is having children on monthly visits now, however, suggested a visit to Bilston for them this coming Sunday. I suggested we check with Glasclune because of transport or Mr. Graham collect them.

5.6.72. Staff Meeting.

Mrs. Ivers pleased to see children - father not there - arrived just on leaving - he asked children if they had seen Mother, but children not forthcoming. He asked if he could have the children for a caravan week-end.

6.6.72.

Mrs. Graham telephoned to check arrangements for Gala Day. I said I had contacted Social Work Department who agreed children might have week-end with her for this special occasion, but should not be taken as a precedent and Mrs. Graham accepted this. Also advised that we could not be involved in arrangements for her to see Marion as it would be a matter for direct communication between herself and her husband.

No word of divorce hearing yet.

12.6.72.

Children came back from week-end filthy - had been babysitting on Saturday night, presumably the baby was Charles. Mum at bingo. Came and went by 'bus to Edinburgh. Sandra said "Daddy says we are going home for good in five weeks".

16.6.72.

Home visit to Bilston to see Mr. Graham. He was not at home, but children went to fetch him. Marion seemed very much part of the group and holding her own with the myriad of children milling around the house. Mrs. Ivers' looking well - no word of going into Hospital. Daughter Marion and family still with her, but hoping for a council house - another daughter and her little boy visiting.

Mr. Graham arrived about 20 minutes later. I focussed interview on his feelings about children visiting Mother and the way in which he was dealing with these feelings - for instance - on children's last visit to Mrs. Ivers' house, Mr. Graham had stayed away and it was only because the children were collected later than usual that the children were able to meet Mr. Graham as he was walking down the street.

Only for a moment was Mr. Graham silent and nodded in agreement when I suggested that he was very angry that the children were visiting Mother. Mr. Graham said he did not mind the children seeing their Mother(?), but it was very hard that they went to 'his' house. I tried to convey to Mr. Graham that the situation was also difficult for the children, perhaps especially for Margaret who was old enough to know a great deal of what was going on, but in fact I was sure from what the children were saying to staff, that their loyalty to their father was still very strong and only Mr. Graham himself could destroy this. If he stopped seeing them, they might feel he was punishing them.

Mr. Graham/

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Mr. Graham was with me in this line of thought, but only momentarily. His instinctual drives are overwhelming. He evaded any positive discussion and it was very difficult anyway because of interruptions, but there is an air of defeat and sadness about him. He was a little more accessible as we walked together to the car and were alone for a little. I encouraged him to come to see me at the office.

Mr. Graham said he is going to London for the week commencing 21st July, taking Marion with him. He is doing this for a neighbour and would like the children at Glasburne to visit him the Sunday before. I said if this did not coincide with regular date, it might not be possible.

Mr. Graham also said that his Lawyer had dropped his case against Mrs. Graham saying Mr. Graham would need to produce witnesses. I reminded Mr. Graham that when Divorce Hearing case came up, he would need to appear to defend if he did not want divorce granted in favour of Mrs. Graham because it was 'undefended'.

21.6.72

Mrs. Graham to office by appointment, looking neat, smart and happy. Now working in Biscuit Factory in Sighthill.

Focus of interview was to discuss reaction to children's week-end at Newtongrange and to reinforce previous discussion on stress to children over conflict of loyalty to parents unless this was carefully handled.

Mrs. Graham said the week-end had been a very great success, but the children had been sad to leave and she had wept on way back from 'Bus Station.

I tried to determine just how much Mrs. Graham had been involved with the children during the week-end, but it seemed it had been a very free and easy week-end with the children doing whatever they wanted to do. Charles and Sandra had played outside most of the time, making a lot of noise, while Margaret and Mathian vied with each other in tidying up the house and helping Mum. (Mr. Edmonds was not in all the time). Margaret especially had been less moody than on previous visit.

I said the children had been saying they might go home for good in the Summer - Mrs. Graham hedged answering this, but said "how could they - I haven't got my divorce yet".

We spoke about Mr. Graham and Marion. Mrs. Graham said the children had said he was avoiding them and she thought that was very wrong of him. Surprisingly, said that although she would like to see Marion and had thought of asking Mr. Graham to meet her in Dalkeith with Marion, she thought it would make her feel guilty to try and take Marion away from Mr. Graham now??

When I asked when she had planned to have the children for a further visit, she said she had just been waiting for us to say. I suggested the 8th of July as being a week from the last visit and she accepted this. She will meet the children off the 'bus in Edinburgh as George Edmonds' car is not licensed at the moment. I told Mrs. Graham that Margaret would in fact be on holiday, but that the other three children could visit her.

MRS. A. BAKER
SOCIAL WORKER.

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASGOW.

14th May 1972

Home Visit to Newtonrange

Mr. Edmonds present. Focussed discussion on children's visit. Mrs. Graham had had a talk with Margaret about what had happened. It was Mathlian who burst out with facts about it as soon as she got home. Mrs. Graham feels that Margaret is not worried about the incident but wonders why she has to attend a clinic.

I tried to draw from Mr. Edmonds how involved he had been with the children, saying "I knew he had taken them to see the pit where he worked" and he said that the children had told him that their father had said he was going down to England and would be taking Marion with him and they would never see either of them again. Mr. Edmonds said, "That was a terrible thing for a man to say to his children - he is grown up and should know it would hurt them". This gave me an opportunity to point out how Mr. Graham could be feeling about the whole situation; no doubt what Mr. Graham had said could worry the children but it was going to be just as hurtful if they got feelings of resentment against the father from Mrs. Graham or Mr. Edmonds when they visited. They both assured me that they would not do this. Mr. Edmonds said, "When we get married and if we get the children he can see them at regular times".

Both are assuming that the divorce will be granted to Mrs. Graham. Mr. Graham has been writing letters to Mrs. Graham and they are being handed over to the solicitors. It was interesting, however, that they still had one letter, the most recent letter, I think, and Mr. Edmond read it to me. Started off by saying, "This will just give you an example of what he says" and in fact when he read the letter, it was a pathetic, sad, very appealing letter, with no menace in it at all. It conveyed that Mr. Graham had a job, was trying to get another house and pleading with Mrs. Graham to return to him and they could be a happy family again. I think even Mr. Edmonds realised that this letter could not be anything but beneficial for Mr. Graham because he said, "We haven't sent that one to the solicitor".

I am more than ever convinced that Mr. Edmond has a great deal invested in these children and a wish to see himself in the role of their father. In pursuing this line of thought, I talked further about how trying it might be for them if the children continued to show loyalty to father in spite of what they might be trying to do for them and Mrs. Graham picked this up immediately, saying "George was just saying that. He said, someday they will turn round and say I am not their real father anyway." Mr. Edmonds was not pleased at her disclosure and darted what looked to me like a warning glance. He is more perceptive than Mrs. Graham but if he saw a threat to his facade in what she said, does it mean that his real motivation is to win the children over to him? What is his need here? I feel it goes deeper than a need to score off Mrs. Graham.

Edmond if he had ever been married. He said he had, but they were divorced (in 1963 I think he said). He told me his name was Prestenpans - his father, a miner, was killed in the colliery. He had gone to England when in the Army - met his wife and married her - When his father was killed he wanted to come home but the mother was alone - his brothers had married before him - His wife then came to Scotland so divorce was granted on the grounds of desertion. Asked if he had any children, he said, "No, there were no children." (Does this tell us anything about his needs?)

In view of his obvious pugnaciousness and resort to aggression, Mr. Edmonds is a strong candidate. He told me he wrote poetry and showed me some - all very sentimental. If he is vulnerable - he will fight hard to conceal it.

Mr. Edmond was given assurance that the next visit of children would be as arranged, different from the previous one. I reminded them that the children would be taken to father at Mrs. Iver's house on the intervening fortnight.

2nd Mar. 1971

Staff Meeting

Father telephoned saying he was in Newcastle and therefore the children were not to be taken out to Mrs. Iver's house last Sunday as she would not be in. Mrs. Iver was very, very upset to an extent which surprised staff, as she had indicated somehow that it was her mother that she was most interested in but after hearing that father was not coming she said "I'm not going to visit my mother again. I hate that man. I will never, never go back." The other children were upset too and Charles said, "I'm not going to go anywhere - I'm just going to stay here".

Mrs. Davis
Social Worker.

AD

3/4/72

Mr Graham phoned
Said she left message
re your visit & thought
she might have been able
to speak to you today.
I went to look to see
if you had fixed a time
& made away (seconds!!)
the phone clicked off...

Sony!



AD.

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(London)

1.15 pm

Mr. Graham 'phoned

In same fashion because
he had only been able to see
the children for 10 minutes yesterday
because Mr. Graham went
down with 2 other fellows &
he felt so angry that he had to
retreat from the scene in case
he killed them.

He wonders if you could
make a court order against
this man to stop her visiting because
it upsets the children so much.
He is afraid they will be so upset
they will run away.

I said I would pass on his
page - also suggested to ramp
him so that his own mind was

put at rest about whether
the children ~~would be taken~~
were still there - & so that
they could be put in the picture.
(Dr & Mrs. Faulkner were away last
w/e)

Mr Graham said that if
you didn't manage to contact
Mr. Tommorrow - he would
call in at the office in Wed.
mornig.

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Mrs Graham tel'd -
Sorry unable to keep
appt. yesterday -

Could you possibly
go to see Mrs G. -
in any evening except
Friday -

B.T.

Copy to Mr. Falconer.

AD/ALS

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNE.

28.2.72.

Home visit - Mr. Graham in with all children. Mrs. Ivers out shopping - no word of her going into Hospital yet. Mr. Graham saying he could not visit Glasclune as his car not working.

Told me about new shoes and dress he had bought for Marion. No further communication with Mrs. Graham.

Mr. Graham cannot focus on any constructive thoughts about children - all attention directed towards coming action for divorce - apprehensive about this.

I do not think Mr. Graham could survive sharing his children with Mrs. Graham's cohabitee - yet Mrs. Graham may not be able to give anything to her children without the support of George Edmonds.

This is a case in which I find it difficult to decide who my client is. A 'moral' decision has already been made against George Edmonds, yet Mrs. Graham has lived with him for nearly a year now though not without conflict. Her family seem to have disowned her. Mr. Graham says he occasionally visits his mother-in-law.

MRS. A. DAVIE
SOCIAL WORKER

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASGOW.

10.1.72.

Mrs. Graham and George Edmunds visited on Christmas day, presents for the children, they now have a car and Mrs. Graham has a fur coat.

Further Report 19.1.72.

Home visit, saw Mrs. Ivers, Mr. Graham was visiting his brother at Danderhall. This brother assumes quite a paternal role with Mr. Graham.

Mrs. Ivers told me Mrs. Graham* had come to her door last Sunday demanding to see Marion. Mrs. Ivers refused admittance because of George Edmunds presence. They went away, but returned later in the evening. This time George Edmunds remained in the car outside. Mrs. Graham came in and made conversation with Marion. —3rd Party Information—
—3rd Party Information—

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According to Mrs. Ivers Mr. Graham was present but Mrs. Graham ignored him and they had no conversation together. Mr. Graham was very upset and is extremely worried in case Mrs. Graham does get custody of Marion or any of the children. The divorce hearing is quite soon according to Mrs. Ivers, but she does not know exact date. Mr. Graham has apparently gone to see a lawyer to handle his case for him and has told lawyer about Mrs. Graham living with him for three or four days recently.

Mrs. Ivers said she is due to go back into hospital again - was a little ambivalent about children from Glasgow visiting but this may be related to fears that Mother and George Edmunds may turn up again.

I left message from Mr. Graham inviting him to come and see me in the office.

Further Report 24.1.72.

Phoned Miss Grant of Midlothian Social Work Department, the case in the hands of their Legal Department and she will notify me when she has further information.

Further Report 12.1.72.

Mr. Graham to office. He is working with his brother doing odd jobs in a garage and is still worried about his divorce case in case he loses the children. He inferred that he was now having to take Marion around with him more because things were difficult in Mrs. Ivers house. I did not raise the question of Marion coming into care at this point as in the first place Mr. Graham had not requested it, but in fact I think this is an area which will have to be explored when the divorce case comes up especially as the Local Authority will be involved in giving evidence.

Mr. Graham said that now he had the use of a car from this garage he could come in to see me on Wednesday mornings but in fact this is the only visit he has kept.

(MRS. J. P. V.L.)
Social Worker

Graham Family - Glasclune.

21.12.71.

Visited Mr. Graham, learnt he had phoned the office earlier to see if Marion could be received into care at Glasclune, the reason being that Mrs. Ivers is in hospital and her daughter Maureen is looking after the household - 7 children + 3 adults - at the end of her tether - I sympathised with her situation; but, "would removal of Marion make all that difference"?

Mr. Graham not officially working - talks of going to I.R.U. - Granton for training - says he has an old car now, but needs repaired.

Told me he had heard George Edmunds got £500 compensation for accident in pit. He has bought himself a car - Mrs. Graham a fur coat - Mr. Graham pretended to laugh this off.

Mr. Graham showed me letter from Law Society saying Mrs. Graham had been granted legal aid to pursue petition to, "which he was a party" - not known whether this is in respect of divorce proceedings or custody of the children. Mr. Graham said he would visit Glasclune next Saturday instead of the children coming to Bilston on the Sunday. Maureen could not cope with them.

(MRS. A. DAVIE)
Social Worker

Copy to Mr. and Mrs. Falconer.

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNE.

14/12/71. Seen by Dr. Rogers.

Whole family less damaged than might have been expected.

Charles:-

—3rd Party Information—

Mathlian:-

Gave a good account of things. A lot of personality still intact - sat quietly and talked - statements of fact - no histrionics - sad about Mother and Father - might like to be a nurse - or work in a Home, look after others. "If looking after people, how would you know when they are sad"? "They might be fighting - or crying". "When you are sad - fighting or crying? "When I feel sad inside I look like I am now - I would know when people were sad!! - startlingly objective and quite real.

Is there some special skill she can develop? - give maximum approval - minimal disapproval - can say I have had enough for now, but don't cut off - erecting barriers no good for children - so they go on and on - no use trying to be kind - cloaking feelings with professionalism - they know - get her to stage where she will be screaming and shouting at you!

Margaret and Sandra:- (seen together)

—3rd Party Information—

Mrs. A. Davie.
Social Worker.

Copy to Glasclune.

Graham Family - Glasclune.

25.11.71.

Home visit.

Mr. Graham still not working. Took clothes for Marion who —3rd Party Information—
—3rd Party Information—

Mr. Graham seems to have settled with Mrs. Ivor. As always inferring that he was not thinking about Mrs. Graham but cannot stop trying to convince himself and others.

Spoke about children's visit at the week-end. Mr. Graham spoke about Margaret being sad, and quarrelling with Mathlian. Mrs. Ivors seems able to accept that children are anxious about their Mother.

Mrs. A. Davie.
Social Worker.

Copy to Glasclune.

Graham Family - Glasclune.

26.10.71.

Home visit to Bilston. Mr Graham is thinking of applying for a job up North. He saw Mrs Graham coming out of the Hinto Hotel a fortnight ago - she is said to be working there. She is back with George Edmunds.

Margaret is —3rd Party Information—
—3rd Party Information—

This provided an opportunity to discuss at some length again that the children should not be subjected to hear the Father speaking in aggressive ways about Mother. Mr Graham was quite definite that he had never spoken of threats against Mother since she first left the house in Dalkeith to go and live with George Edmunds, but was still coming to the house to taunt him.

He said that he would bring Marion to Glasclune this weekend. If he goes up North, the monthly visits to Mrs Ivors should continue.

Mrs Ivors said that Margaret was very quiet and sad on her visit, she lay on the settee and watched television and did not want to go back to Glasclune when it was time to leave.

Comment.

Should we consider looking for a suitable family to take an interest in the Graham Children, to extend their horizons ?? may be too difficult when there are four of them.

Mrs. A. Davis.
Social Worker.

Glasclune.

Father did not bring Marion for the weekend as promised. He had telephoned to say that they may come next weekend.

The children have had a letter from Mother addressed to Margaret but this apparently only came after Margaret had taken the initiative in sending a post card to Mother. Margaret and Marion have both written to Mother now.

Mrs Graham's letter had contained the phrase, 'Just because I do not visit you, it does not mean that I do not love you'.

Mrs. A. Davie.
Social Worker.

Copy to Mr. Falconer and Miss Grant.

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNE.

21.9.71.

Wrote to Mr. Graham to make arrangements for Marion to spend week-end at Glasclune. Mr. Graham did not follow this up.

11.10.71.

Home visit - c/o Mrs. Ivers. Mr. Graham at home, very depressed. Is again out of work due to skin eruptions on arms which he associates with his work at Plastics Factory.

Mrs. Graham arrived at Mrs. Ivers' house at 11 p.m. last Wednesday, (6th October) and remained there until last Saturday evening when she left saying she was just going out for a drink, and so far has not returned.

She appeared to be annoyed at the fact that Mr. Graham had no wages coming at end of the week. When she came to house, she apparently said Mr. Ivers had 1—3rd Party Information—
—3rd Party Information—

Mrs. Ivers made what I thought was a rather shrewd observation. She pointed out that by returning voluntarily to live with Mr. Graham for those three days, she had jeopardised divorce proceedings for either party - also that after she had obtained all the money available (£2 10/-) she had just disappeared again.

After this brief re-union, with her Mother, Marion is —3rd Party Information—
—3rd Party Information—

Mr. Graham says he will 'phone Glasclune this Thursday and make arrangements to take Marion down on Friday to spend the week-end. She will be returned to Mrs. Ivers' house on the Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. A. Davie.
Social Worker.

GRAHAM FAMILY.

27/7/71.
Telephone call from Mr Graham, he asked in rather an agrieved tone of voice when he was going to see the children again. He said it had been months since they had come to see him, I said I rather imagined that he had been going to visit the children to try to help the children to try to understand what had been happening recently as he had I had discussed this together. He asked if the children could come to see him the following weekend. I suggested that he contact Glasclune directly and see if this was possible as previously it had been a special arrangement to suit him, as we realised that it was a difficult journey for the children to go alone or for Mr Graham to come and collect them.

Mr Graham is now working in a plastics factory but working on three different shifts. It is therefore not very easy for him to get to Glasclune. He did however promise to telephone Glasclune and see if it would be possible to arrange for the children to come to see him.

He spoke about Marion —3rd Party Information— foot
—3rd Party Information— He said he wondered if I could help him to get ~~the~~ medical certificate so that he could get a new house. The medical certificate was to be in respect of Charles's —3rd Party Information—
I said that in view of that he had just been forced to part with the house I wondered if this was not something that he could talk about and asked if he would come to see me. And Mr Graham promised that he would.

I telephoned Miss Sutherland at Glasclune and conveyed the message that Mr Graham was telephoning to ask the children to come for the weekend but in view of past experiences I was not at all sure that this was a firm enough offer to warn or discuss with the children in advance till Mr Graham had telephoned.

Mrs. A. Davie.
(Social Worker).

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNE.

27.8.71.

Telephone call from Mr. Graham - he asked in rather aggrieved tone of voice when he was going to see the children again as it had been months since they had come to see him. I said I had rather imagined that he had been going to visit the children and talk about recent happenings that he and I had talked about. He then asked if the children could come and see him this Sunday. I suggested that he 'phone Glasclune directly and see if this was possible as it had been a special arrangement to benefit him when the children had gone to Spalding Crescent. Mr. Graham

7th June, 1971

Graham Family Glasclune

Phone call from Miss Grant. Application for Assumption of Parental Rights cannot go before Committee until Wednesday, 9th June, 1971. Application will be under sub. sections 4 and 5.

Miss Grant will acknowledge Mrs. Graham's letter today so she will have some notification from Local Authority by Tuesday, as I stated.

We discussed Mrs. Graham's position - application for Parental Rights is in respect of Mother only at present (and of course does not include Marion who is not in care). Father will give voluntary consent if requested.

Told Miss Grant Mrs Williamson had phoned me today to say Mr. Graham had received official notice from Housing Department last Saturday "eviction in one week plus three days". She also did say that she and her husband were expecting to go to Glasgow soon. I asked what will happen to Marion. I repeated what I had said to Mr. Graham. If he cannot make suitable arrangements for himself and Marion when he is evicted, he should go and discuss with Miss Grant of Social Work Department (this with Miss Grant's approval).

Miss Grant will phone me Wednesday p.m. to give result of application to Committee for Parental Rights.

Mrs. A. Davie
Social Worker.

Copy to Mr. and Mrs. Falconer.

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNE.

24/5/71.

'Phone call from Mrs. Williamson - Mr. Graham to go to Court this morning re rent arrears - —3rd Party Information—
—3rd Party Information— Mrs. Williamson thinks he

Later

Mr. Graham to office with Order to appear in Court - did not go - too late - so eviction almost inevitable now. Also had interview with M.O.S.S. re Family Allowance. He - or Mrs. Graham - have continued to collect Family Allowance so possibly both charged with this - over £100 would have to be paid back. £60⁺ rent arrears. Thinks may be reaching crisis. Told Mr. Graham I had asked Mrs. Graham to visit.

Mrs. A. Davie.
Social Worker.

Copy to Glasclune.

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNE.

18.5.71.

Visited at 33 Spalding Crescent - no-one at home, but Mr. Graham obviously not yet evicted. Went on to Mrs. Williamson. She was in alone. Confirmed that Mr. Graham not yet evicted, but also not working - attended Doctor with ~~3rd Party Information~~ ^{3rd Party Information} on Sickness Benefit. Marion staying

Mrs. Williamson showing more sympathy for Mr. Graham - "he tries hard, is good hearted, will share everything he has, but is too foolish for his own good". I asked her to let Mr. Graham know I had called.

Mrs. Williamson also said she and her husband may be moving to Glasgow so ?Marion.

21.5.71.

'Phone call from Mr. Graham - no money - refused help by M.O.S.S.. Said he did not know why - after discussion admitted he had not told them truth, but had said he was working when he was not, because he did not like to say he had lost another job.

I tried to intervene with M.O.S.S. at Dalkeith office - asking for emergency grant for Marion. ~~3rd Party Information~~ ^{3rd Party Information}

'Phoned Mr. Graham - told him result of 'phone call to M.O.S.S.. Suggested Mrs. Williamson or other relative might help. Said he would need to borrow money to get in to Edinburgh on Monday. No use asking his brother as he was working in Ayr.

Spoke sadly of Mrs. Graham - repeated my conversation with him about trying not to involve the children in his angry feelings about her. I told him I would be writing to Mrs. Graham to talk about this.

Mrs. A. Davie.
Social Worker.

30th April, 1971

Graham Family Glasclune

I visited Mr. Graham this evening having checked him down by telephone to Mrs. Williamson's house where he was having something to eat and arranged to meet him at his own house at 7.30 p.m. When I got there Mr. Graham's older brother was also present and it was interesting to meet this man who, although very silent, added a comment now and again to the conversation which was reinforcing some of the things which I was saying to Mr. Graham and it seemed that this man is helpful. It was interesting however, when we first met and I said "Your'e very like Mr. Graham." His reply was "but I'm not so daft as he is."

The house was very neglected looking and most of the furniture appears to have gone, although Mr. Graham did refer to having the television set in his bedroom. He has been working all week but had his wages arrested this week for a clothing debt which he said was in Mrs. Graham's name. He said that he was starting to run a catalogue club himself, for some of the neighbours roundabout and men at his work and he had orders of well over £75. I suggested that this was potentially dangerous commitments as, as the collector, he would be responsible for the payments to be made and it would be quite a job getting all his members to pay him the money regularly each week. His brother reinforced this and Mr. Graham then said that he was not very keen of the idea anyway, and he did not think he would send them away, but it is very probable that he well might. Mr. Graham has also had to pay a fine to the Sherrif Court in connection with his electricity accounts. Mr. Graham told me that he had been into see a lawyer a Mr. Dick, of Eskbank Road, Dalkeith about getting a divorce from Mrs. Graham. He said that the divorce proceedings would come up on the 22nd of June. I asked how long ago he had instituted these proceedings, as he had not mentioned it before and he said it was about a month ago. He said he was also asking custody of the children. I said this was very important in view of the fact that Mrs. Graham had phoned the Social Work Department in Dalkeith and myself asking if she could have the children home to stay with her and George Edmonds beginning with Margaret and Mathlian. I had asked Mrs. Graham to come and discuss this with me and Mr. Graham said but she can't have the children because she would not be allowed to and I said that this was not so, that in fact as they had both signed permission for the children to come into care, either parent could take the children out if they wanted as there was no law to stop this, however, I would try to persuade Mrs. Graham that it would not be in the best interest of the children to do this in her present situation. Mr. Graham said he would never allow the children to go and live with Mrs. Graham and George Edmonds and threatened what action he would take.

His brother and I both tried to point out that it would be the children that would suffer in such a situation and the best thing would be if he were to make sure that he was applying for custody of the children and if he gave me permission, I could telephone Mr. Dick to find out what the circumstances were regarding application of custody.

I asked Mr. Graham if he was asking custody of the children, did this mean that he was prepared to allow them to remain at Glasclune? He said he was as he could not make a home for them at the present moment but was determined to stay on in this house if he possibly could so that there would be a place for them to come to. I said that if he wanted the children to remain at Glasclune it might be that he had an unnecessary burden in the present house, and would it be possible for him to find accommodation for himself meantime where he could get full board and where perhaps Marion could be looked after too. His brother suggested that he might go and live with Mrs. Williamson but Mr. Graham insisted that he wanted to keep the house on although, he knew he would have to pay something like £10 a week to clear the rent arrears before the end of June.

I reminded Mr. Graham that the children, were due to visit him this Sunday. He said that he had very little money left, in fact, he had had to borrow something from his brother and did not like to have the children home when he had nothing to give them. I said it was very important not to disappoint the children and that if he could not have them to visit, would it be at all possible for he and his brother to go down to see them and his brother readily agreed to this. I suggested that they telephone Glasclune and make definite arrangements.

It was very pathetic to hear Mr. Graham talking about divorcing his wife and almost in the same breath saying that he was sure that she would not remain with George Edmonds, that / . o

that he would put her out at some point and that he, Mr. Graham, would never see her on the streets "after all she is my wife, and the mother of my children." Although his brother said that he thought by divorcing her, it would learn her a lesson and he would be a fool to do anything for her. Mr. Graham, although on considers him to be a weak willed man, was absolutely adamant that he would never do anything to hurt Mrs. Graham nor would he ever desert her if she needed him. He says he likes his work and is determined to remain at it but of course, whenever there is a crisis of Mrs. Graham leaving him with remarkable tenacity of purpose to remain and maintain a home and get a job and also make arrangements for looking after Marion. I would suggest that there has been some maturing influence at work on Mr. Graham although not to any great extent.

(MRS. DAVIE)
SOCIAL WORKER.

10th April, 1971

Graham Family Glasclune

I had a telephone call this afternoon from Mrs. Graham. She said that she wanted to have Margaret and Mathlian home to live with her and George Edmonds. She said she had been in touch with the Social Work Department about this and that they had told her that she must speak to me. I said that Miss Grant had in fact telephoned me to tell me this and that we had been both expecting to hear from Mrs. Graham again. I said I wonder whether in fact, she had considered what the children would feel about this. In the first place, Sandra and Charles would feel very much that were being left out, that Margaret and Mathlian did not know George Edmonds and that it would be very difficult for them when they were so closely in touch with their own father for them to feel that this man was taking this place. Mrs. Graham said that she would not stop them visiting their father. I said I wondered if this would not lead to difficulties for her, Mr. Graham and of course, Mr. Edmonds but most important, that it would be very difficult for the children to be in the middle of this pulling to and fro. Mrs. Graham said that she was very happy with George Edmonds except that she missed the children, that he was very anxious that she should have all four children, and reasons for asking for Margaret and Mathlian first was that she did not have sufficient beds and bedding to have the other children as well, but as soon as she got a bed and blankets she would have Sandra and George home too.

I said I wondered if we could think of the numbers of times that the children had been in and out of care, how very unhappy this must have made them and in fact they must be wondering whether this was just another temporary move. Mrs. Graham said that she had thought about this and that this was why she had taken so long to ask for the children home. I said I wondered if she had ever spoken to Mr. Graham about this. She said she knew he would not agree to it but did not think he would do anything about it but she said he is always threatening to come up here and do things but he never does, he just talks but he never does any thing. I said that I felt that there was a great many things that we ought to talk about and that it was not quite suitable to be talking over the telephone. For one thing it would take too long, I asked therefore that she should come in and see me. Mrs. Graham said she is now working in Simpson Memorial Hospital in Edinburgh, that her day off would be next Monday or Tuesday neither of which would be a suitable day for me but that in fact she finished at four o'clock in the afternoon and I therefore arranged for her to come in and see me between four and five next Thursday 6th May.

Mrs. Davie - Social Worker

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNE.

6/4/71.

Visited Mrs. Williamson - took blankets from Social Work Department for Marion. Mr. Graham said to have stayed off work Monday and Tuesday this week - yet he 'phoned me Monday night to say he 'loved' his job.

Mrs. Graham's Mother present also 'Hattie'. All spoke of Mrs. Graham pestering Mr. Graham for money - he also told me on 'phone she was asking for money - Mrs. Williamson saw him waiting for Mrs. Graham at Melville Castle Hotel - also said when she 'phoned Mr. Graham - another man answered and she was sure it was George Edmonds?

Mr. Graham had said he would take Marian to Glasclune at week-end. Mrs. Williamson had heard that Mrs. Graham and Mr. Edmonds were supposed to be going to visit Glasclune at week-end - this may be just 'talk', but could be very difficult for children.

Mrs. A. Davis.
Social Worker.

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASGOW.

24/3/74. Visited Mr. Graham.

Mrs. Graham has visited him about three times in past week - has stayed off work - Mr. Graham says he has bought her shoes and a suit, also gave her money. Said she had been down this morning and wanted him to go and see her at her sister's house in Gilmerton.

I 'phoned Mrs. Graham at this house from Mr. Graham's house - said I was sorry she had not come to see me - could we meet and talk about contact with children - was there any change in situation now she had visited Mr. Graham. She said she had only come to see Marion and wanted to take her away with her - still happy with Mr. Edmonds - no intention of leaving. Might come to see children at Spalding Crescent on Sunday. Said she would like to take Margaret and Marion to live with her - could not see that this was an unrealistic suggestion. Said she might write to children. I said I wondered if she had thoughts of coming back to Spalding Crescent when I heard she had been visiting there. She replied "he thinks I am, but I've no intentions - I only come to see Marion. She said she had been off work because she did not feel well, but was sure she would get her job back.

I spoke with Mr. Graham about Mrs. Graham saying she will not come - he does not believe it - says Mrs. Graham asked him to go out to see George Edmonds and talk it over with him!! Also, asked him to go out to Gilmerton to see her there. This was confirmed by the 'phone ringing just a few moments after I had used it. It was Mrs. Graham asking Mr. Graham when he was coming out to see her at Gilmerton.

I feel action will be precipitated in this situation by mounting debts, especially if Mr. Graham is now giving Mrs. Graham money as he does not get an allowance for her from M.O.S.S..

—3rd Party Information—

Marion

Mrs. A. Davie.
Social Worker.

Graham Family - Glasgow

12/3/71 Phone Mrs Graham at Melrose Castle Hotel - said she had not heard from ch since phone call from Shalding Crescent. Painted and ch had no way of getting in touch with her. They were waiting for her to make contact.

Now has day off on Mondays. arranged she come in to office to see me next Monday to talk about ch.

Copy to Mr. and Mrs. Falconer.

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASGOW.

8/3/71.

Visited Mr. Graham - not at home - went to sister-in-law, Mrs. Williamson, 5 Cowden Terrace, Mr. Graham there with Marion. Mr. Graham and Marion seem to spend all day at this house, for comfort and companionship.

Mr. Graham spoke about his efforts to obtain work, but I doubt any real motivation. Mrs. Williamson is prepared to look after Marion full-time - for payment - if Mr. Graham does find work. I reminded her and Mr. Graham that this would have to be notified to Social Work Department under Child Minding Regulations.

Marion is

—3rd Party Information—

—3rd Party Information—

Mr. Graham was due to appear at Burgh Chambers this evening in connection with rent arrears - I am sure he will have trouble from Electricity Department soon too.

Mrs. Graham has not yet telephoned me to make arrangements to visit children.

Mrs. A. Davis.
Social Worker.

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNE.

4/3/71.

'Phone call from Mrs. Williamson - sister of Mrs. Graham -
Mrs. Graham is not doing anything about finding work and is not
looking after Marion very well". I said I had arranged to visit
Mr. Graham in afternoon - thanked her for 'phoning.

'Phoned Miss Grant, Social Work Department - brought her up-
to-date with family position - suggested case conference, re Marion -
place at Glasclune if need be. Miss Grant said she would try to get
in touch with Mrs. Johns, Health Visitor, to assess position re Marion.

Visited Mr. Graham's house in afternoon - "not in".

5/3/71.

'Phoned Mr. Graham.

Mrs. A. Davie.
Social Worker.

Graham Family

1.3.71, Phoned Mrs Graham at Melville Castle Hotel.
She is working at Hotel daily and living with
Mr. Edmonds. When ch phoned yesterday
as Mr Graham used this as opportunity to
get "at her" -

I suggested she phone me ^{as to} when she has day
off - we talk about ch. and arrange visits for
her she agreed.

23/2/71

Graham Yarnall

F. phone last w/e but did not come on Sunday.

P. Maun — talk with M. Rathbone.

Copy to Mr. and Mrs. Falconer.

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNE.

19/2/71.

After several 'phone calls from Mr. Graham when I was out and several 'phone calls by me when he was out, I at last contacted him on Friday evening. Everything ok now he said - he got money from M.O.S.S. - told them about Mrs. Graham - has got a new three piece suite - "got it for nothing Mrs. Davie" because he thinks Mrs. Graham will come back to him if she does not get allowance from M.O.S.S. because "that man" won't keep her.

M.O.S.S. are urging him to get a job - so he has promised to contact Nursery on Monday a.m. to see about getting her enrolled - will then try to find someone who will look after her in afternoons - was extremely cheerful - ???? - asked if children coming home this week-end - told him next week-end

Mrs. A. Davie.
Social Worker.

Graham Family - Glasgove

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Mr Graham phoned Sunday - are you buying
ch. over -? phoned me - no money from MOL -

M O S S

Mr & Mrs Y take ch home 28th, afternoon - every 4 weeks.

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cannot really believe this - went over all the old ground again - asked if he could not get Marion into Glaslune - no place at present - could he not get assistance in caring for Marion - said sister-in-law, Mrs. Williamson, was helping - Marion had ~~3rd Party Information~~ but Father is getting a bit short with her.

Mr. Graham has received letter from Burgh Chambers to appear before them on 5th March in connection with his bad rent history. Has had demand from Electricity Department too - I said I wondered if he would not be better off trying to find accommodation for himself and Marion where Marion could be looked after while he went out to work, but he said he would never give up house. Asked if I could supply any bedding as Marion was wet a lot and he was always washing. Said I would see, but made no promise as we did not have a supply of such things.

Mrs. A. Davis.
Social Worker.

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Mr Graham -

Spalding Cres.

Dalkeith.

Tues

tel'd at 5.45pm.

Perhaps you will tel.
him at home -

Could you tel him
either any time up to
"back of 6" - or on
Wed. am

no money from Moss

B.T.

Graham Yarnie - Glasgow

71 - Min Grant. Mrs S.W. Kent, phone

4 Mrs Graham called at Inisbathian S.W. Kent, spoke to Min Grant asked how she could get Marion back.

Had discussed with George Edmondson who said she could bring Marion to live with them, at

49 Kingwood Rd.

Copy to Mr. and Mrs. Falconer.

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASGOW.

3/2/71. Home visit.

Mr. Graham has had new windows put in living room - thought he might as well have it modernised as one had to be repaired anyway!!.

Marion had —3rd Party Information—
—3rd Party Information—

Has got a 21 " T.V. set now!

Has not heard from R.C.P.C.C. again.

I suggested I go to see Mrs. Graham - he said I'd better be careful as George Edmond is a real tough character and will threaten me. Says he is keeping Mrs. Graham locked up.

I visited Welfare Clinic myself to see about Marion, —3rd Party Information—
—3rd Party Information—

I don't know how Mr. Graham manages to get so much credit. I warned him electricity bills must be paid or supply cut off - and no T.V.! He is managing to pay weekly rent, but still has 99 arrears.

I hope to contact Health Visitor re Marion.

Mr. Graham is asking for children home for the day next Sunday again - I suggested possibly the following week end, but we could not guarantee transport any more than perhaps once per month.

Mrs. A. Davie.
Social Worker.

4/2/71.

I telephoned Miss John, Health visitor, Dalkeith Clinic, this morning and asked that she make contact with Mr. Graham with a view to Marion's admission to Day Nursery.

Miss John will contact Mrs. Grant, Social Worker, Dalkeith Area Office, for background history and will go and visit family.

Graham Family - Glasclune.

26.1.71. F has asked for ch. home next Sunday - afternoon
Yalcomers will take. F had $1\frac{1}{2}$ hr on phone to ch.
He had not go home last time - Mrs D's fault.

27.1.71 Phone message from Mrs Talson - Soc. W. Roschman
"the Graham keeps phoning her up" - just thought
she would let me know as she knew I
was seeing her

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNE.

13/1/71.

'Phone call from Rosslynlee. Mrs. Graham has not been at Hospital for a week - Mrs. Parker visited at home. Mrs. Graham has left home, no one knows where she is - Mr. Graham said to have notified C.I.D. He is looking after Marion.

'Phoned Miss Grant, Social Work Department, put her in picture. Mr. Graham 'phoned - said to have job to start Monday - ?Marion - He is in bad way over Mrs. Graham - see attached notes.

15/1/71.

Mr. Graham 'phoned - at end of his tether - suggested he take Marion to —3rd Party Information—

—3rd Party Information—

Says Mrs. Graham is staying with Doreen Lang, —3rd Party Information—
Ormiston.

Phoned Glasclune to cancel children's visit on Sunday.

Mrs. A. Davie.
Social Worker.

Copy to Mr. and Mrs. Falconer.

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GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNE.

31/12/70.

Telephone call from Mr. and Mrs. Graham - He opes to start work next Tuesday - Doctor says Mrs. Graham must continue as Day Patient - 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Problem of who will look after Marion. Doctor suggests Marion should —3rd Party Information—

—3rd Party Information—

'Phoned Miss Grant - Social Worker, Dalkeith - to ask re Day Care for Marion - she will try to find out what is possible - "not much" - Day Nursery at Dalkeith - 9 a.m. - 12 noon only.

Mrs. A. Davie.
Social Worker.

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNE.

22/12/70.

I visited Mr. and Mrs. Graham this afternoon. Mr. Graham had telephoned me to ask if I could intercede with Ministry of Social Security as he had made an arrangement with the Electricity Board that if he paid a sum of £7 8/8d. they would turn on the Electricity. Thereafter, he was to pay £1 per week towards the outstanding arrears.

Mr. Graham had been expecting some Money from the Ministry of Social Security in respect of previous under payments. I 'phoned M.O.S.S. and they said they had sent a sum of £15 and that an additional sum of £12 would be in the post by Thursday and thereafter, there would be a sum of £12 per week payable to Mr. Graham. When I spoke to Mr. Graham in the house, he said he was ready to start a new job at the beginning of January. Mrs. Graham was sitting looking depressed again and Mr. Graham was sitting on the arm of her chair, very protective and ready to answer her every whim. I am sure this irritates Mrs. Graham.

I asked Mrs. Graham how she was feeling about attending Rosslynlee as a Day Patient. —3rd Party Information—

—3rd Party Information—

Mr. Graham was waiting for the electrician to come and turn on their light seeing that he had paid the £7 8/8d.. I discussed with them possible budgeting that we would need to do in the future. £1 per week to electricity, possibly £3 10/- or £4 per week to rent to make up the two missed weeks and from then on we could perhaps tackle some of the other outstanding debts. They both agreed to this, but I am not sure whether it will last.

I promised to visit again the following Wednesday, when we will start on the budget proper.

Mrs. A. Davie.
Social Worker.

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNE.

15/12/70. Meeting with Superintendents.

Graham children visited parents last Sunday - taken by Mr. and Mrs. Falconer. Father came to door to greet them - he looked very dishevelled - when Falconers collected them to come back, they ran out to brake without a backward glance. Mathlian very quiet on way back - said 'Marion a nuisance'.

Father said he had £7 to buy Margaret a present for her birthday, but lost the money - he "reported it to Police". Told children he would visit next weekend.

Falconers aim at taking children to see parents about once per month.

Mrs. A. Davie.
Social Worker.

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNE.

2/12/70.

I visited Mrs. Graham this morning by appointment. She was not in her own house, but I traced her to her Mother's house. Mrs. Graham said that her husband was off work again, that he had hurt his back, been sent home, and told not to come back until the following Monday; she was not sure if this meant that he still had a job, but he, apparently, had inferred that he had. I think that this is probably unlikely.

Mrs. Graham is —3rd Party Information—
—3rd Party Information—

She did ask about the children and seemed anxious to know how they were. I said I had not had a conversation with them the last week, but so far as the staff could see, they were quite happy, but of course, anxious to know what was going on at home. Mrs. Graham said she had written and had received a letter and I said I wondered if, when she was receiving some extra money from her sister, she could perhaps pay a visit to Glasclune even if it meant going through the week, if she travelled in the afternoon she could see the children when they returned home from school, perhaps have tea with them and this would give them quite an hour or two together and I am sure would be what the children would want. She said she would try to arrange to go down this Friday.

Mrs. Graham appears to be a little more stable at present, but again seems to be slipping into the attitude of despising her husband, although she was not so vehement about it this time, but rather laughingly referred to him as just being the same as ever. I had only a few words with her Mother, Mrs. Smith, who seemed to want to keep out of the way. I made a point/

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point of taking some toys for Marion as the child did not have a single thing to play with and her ~~—3rd Party Information—~~

~~—3rd Party Information—~~

I telephoned Miss Grant of the Dalkeith Social Work Department when I returned to the office and brought her up-to-date with the position. I have promised to visit Mrs. Graham again next week and she said "If I am not in my own house, you will find me at my Mother's".

Mrs. J. Davie.
Social Worker.

Cory to Mr. and Mrs. Falconer.

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASGOW.

28/10/70. Visited 17 Castlelaw Crescent. Mr. and Mrs. Graham had gone out. Mrs. Ivers spoke about their financial difficulties and how she could not afford to subsidise them. Said they had word of a house, but Mr. Graham was not working. I asked her to ask Mr. or Mrs. Graham or both to come in and see me on Monday, 2nd November.

2/11/70. 'Phone call from Mrs. Graham. Did not have 'bus fare to come in to Edinburgh. Still waiting to get allowance for herself from Ministry of Social Security. Confirmed she had got keys of a house at Dalkeith, but so far they did not have an allowance for rent - approximately £3 per week. She was not quite sure how husband had managed to get house, as they had not cleared of arrears due to Scottish Special Housing Association. I said I would like to talk to Mrs. Graham about house and other things that were troubling her. She said she would like to come to office as it would be more private, so we made appointment for Friday.

3/11/70. 'Phone message from Mrs. Parker, Social Worker, Rosslynlee Hospital to say she would be visiting Mrs. Graham.

I 'phoned Rosslynlee - Mrs. Parker out - asked to speak to Dr. Forder, who had been seeing Mrs. Graham. Dr. Forder confirmed —3rd Party Information—
—3rd Party Information—

I wrote to Mr. Coley, Area Officer, asking for discussion as welfare of children at stake.

4/11/70. 'Phone call from Mrs. Graham - still worried about money - could not afford to pay rent on new house - sounded distressed so I offered to come out to see her.

Visited at home. Got details of visit from M.O.S.S. representative and promised to 'phone Argyle House next day. Spoke about problems of setting up house again. M.O.S.S. have taken list of articles needed. Suggested it might be wiser not to think in terms of having all children home until well settled, they seemed to accept this, but Mr. Graham already talking in big way about how he will furnish new house - no debts this time, he is going to make all his furniture!!!

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5/11/70. 'Phoned Argyle House. Delay in allowance for Mrs. Graham due to investigation as they believed she was still separated from husband and working. They know now real position, but "assessment" had not yet been confirmed. They knew about new house and would be making a rent allowance and material grants. They were waiting for Mr. Graham to call at office. I had asked Mrs. Graham to 'phone office and left message suggesting she or Mr. Graham call at Argyle House.

5/11/70. Visited Glasclune. Had tea with Mathlian, Sandra and Charles. They had had letter from Mother telling them about house. I told them Mother had not been well, and would not be able to look after them at home even if she and Father did move in to new house and this was not sure yet. They spoke about their dog - asking if it was with Mother and Father. Mathlian asked about watch given to her by paternal Grandmother. Father was supposed to be having it mended.

Margaret —3rd Party Information—
—3rd Party Information—

Mrs. A. Davie.
Social Worker.

Copy to Mr. and Mrs. Falconer.

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASGOW.

16/10/70.

'phoned Mrs. Parker, Rosslynlee, to see what had transpired in contacting Mr. Coley - and to explain why I could not give Social History. Mrs. Parker had got my message - consulted Dr. Forder who suggested they let this go - do nothing about Social History, but offer Mrs. Graham out-patient care and take it from there.

Mrs. Parker will not, therefore, be visiting Mrs. Graham again. She had said she might come back.

Says Mrs. Graham is projecting a lot of emotional difficulties on to Dr. Forder which makes treatment difficult.

I agreed to support offer of out-patient treatment when I saw Mrs. Graham.

Mrs. A. Davie.
Social Worker.

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNE.

15/10/70. Mrs. Parker (Student, Rosslynlee) 'phoned. She visited Mr. and Mrs. Graham at Bilston - found them in euphoric state - enamoured of each other. Mrs. Parker wants to get Social History - Mrs. Graham wants to talk about her past, but Mrs. Parker cautious about over- involvement as she is on 'placement' only. Mrs. Graham has refused her permission to contact maternal Grandmother. Asked if I would supply Social History - I agreed provided Social Work Department gave permission as this was 'confidential' and given to us, also Mrs. Graham would have to know about this. I would contact Mr. Coley and let her know.

'Phoned Mr. Coley. He stated -

- 1) Mrs. Graham must give permission.
- 2) He would prefer that Mrs. Parker then contact his Department for Social History and their involvement with family as children admitted under Section 15 which meant parents could withdraw children (???)
- 3) He has no objections to my collaborating with Rosslynlee in ongoing casework - either with Doctor or Social Worker.

'Phoned Rosslynlee - Mrs. Parker out - left message she contact Mrs. Graham re permission to contact Social Work Department - then if granted - refer to Mr. Coley.

Mrs. A. Davie.
Social Worker.

Copy to Mr. and Mrs. Falconer.

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNE.

12/10/70. Mr. Falconer said ^{—3rd Party Information—} children reported having seen Mr. and Mrs. Graham with case at Roslin on Saturday - presumably Mrs. Graham going back to Rosslynlee.

'Phoned Rosslynlee Hospital - Social Work Department - Mrs. Graham was re-admitted to Rosslynlee on Friday, 9th October - Mrs. Parker Student (Placement at Glasclune) is now at Rosslynlee and has been given case to do social history!! She has been told of my involvement with family and I will 'phone her tomorrow to discuss. Dr. Fodder is in charge of case.

Mrs. A. Davie.
Social Worker.

Graham Family - Glasgow.

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Mrs Graham telephoned me to tell me she had been in hospital and was out again and "back to her husband" also v happy - was going to see ch on Sunday but would have phone in case anything came in the way"

I said I would visit next Monday.

Copy to Mr. and Mrs. Falconer.

GRAHAM FAMILY - GLASCLUNE.

2/9/70..

Met Mrs. Watson at Dalkeith Office - visited Mrs. Graham. She had been in to Edinburgh to see about repair to Hearing Aid - quite deaf really. Also contacted Lawyer re Divorce proceedings - says she is determined about this.

Says she is afraid to visit children in case she meets him - admits also she cannot stand them crying and wanting home - tried to help her to see what this meant to children.

Mrs. Watson spoke about housing - advised Mrs. Graham to apply herself. Mrs. Graham said she thought of applying to Dalkeith Burgh - warned her she would have to clear arrears. I asked if she thought it would be possible for her to do this - she said "Yes, she would be realistic about not getting into debt"! She is working full-time and overtime, therefore I will be only able to see her in evenings after 6 p.m..

Visited Mrs. Ivens. Mr. Graham not back from work although Mrs. Watson had made appointment. Apparently Mrs. Ivens and Marion down at Glasclune to see children.

Mrs. A. Davis.
Social Worker.

Ronald —3rd Party
Information—
Derek —3rd Party
Information—
Graham Family.

} GLASCLUNE.

—3rd Party Information—

4/9/70. I visited Glasclune in the afternoon. Ronald

—3rd Party Information—

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Information—

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Met Graham children. Margaret rather quiet and seeming to want close contact. Mathias clinging and exuberant. Sandra quiet, undemonstrative, but involved in play with others. Charles running about - involved with others. I explained to children who I was, and that I would be visiting Mother and Father and hoped to be able to tell them what was happening at home.

GRAHAM'S. Margaret and Mathias said they had gone away to see how their wee sister was because she was ill "high fever" - Mathias "Scarlet Fever" - Margaret, but I think this served as a logical reason for them and, in fact, they had simply caught the excitement of others 'running away'.

—3rd Party Information—

DEREK

—3rd Party Information—

Mrs. A. Davie.
Social Worker.

—3rd Party
Information—

DEREK
JANIE
JOHN
SANDRA GRAHAM.
MATHLIAN GRAHAM

GLASCLUNE.

4/4/79. I had a telephone call from Miss Scott this morning to say that the above five children had again absconded. She had notified the Police and hoped that she would hear of them very soon. I said I would notify Midlothian Department immediately about Sandra and Mathlian as apparently they had said they were going home to see their little sister who was ill.

I 'phoned Duty Officer, Midlothian (Dalketh Branch) as Mrs. Watson was not available. Informed him of facts. He doubted if children would get so far as Dalketh and said he would discuss advisability of informing parents right away.

12 noon approximately - Miss Scott telephoned to say all five children back in Glaselune - picked up by Police - John and Janie - Margaret and Mathlian Graham in Gullane. Notified Midlothian who were just about to notify parents.

Mrs. A. Davis.
Social Worker.

SM/MS

Mrs. Ross,
Social Worker,
Forthian Regional Council,
Department of Social Work,
Dalhousie Road,
Blackbank,
Glasgow

17th September, 1976

Mrs. Ross,

Glasgow 22nd October
the Graham Family at 10.45 a.m.

28th September

MRS S.A. MASSEY,
ASSISTANT CHILDREN'S OFFICER, RESIDENTIAL.

Mathlan Graham
Sandra Graham
Charles Graham

10.45 a.m.

SM/MS - Graham Family

Glasgow - 22nd October

FAMILY REVIEW - 30th September 1975

GRAHAM FAMILY

Present: Ian Sparks, Assistant Children's Officer (Field)
Barbara Fletcher, Senior Social Worker
Maggie Lowson, Social Worker

The question of Mrs Graham's contact with the children and how this should be managed was discussed as it is causing concern at the moment. It was felt that a policy needed to be worked out between the residential staff and Family Social Worker and their respective roles clarified.

The Family Social Worker's main task with the father is to continuously feed reality into the situation since he tends to have very grandiose ideas about what he is going to do. On account of the number of people involved with the various members of this family it was suggested that the Foster Friends should meet as a group as it might help them in their relationships with "their child" to feel part of a team.

BARBARA E FLETCHER
Senior Social Worker

REVIEW SUMMARYREVIEWDate of Review: 15.10.75Time: 10.00 a.m.Unit: Glasclune

<u>Child(ren) to be Reviewed</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Date admitted into Care</u>	<u>Act and Section</u>
Margaret Graham	10.12.59	17.8.70	Section 16 (1)(b) & (V) Social Work (Scotland) Act.
Mathlian Graham	27. 4.61		
Sandra Graham	26.12.62		
Charles Graham	10. 4.64		

Responsible Local Authority: Lothian Social Work DepartmentSUMMARYPlans made at last Annual ReviewDate:

Comments from last 6 Monthly Report
or Plans made at last Case Conference

Date:Date:

Plans from Current Review What to do Reviewed at or (not) being

Long term plan and ways to progress to this, any action to be taken and by whom.

Margaret

—3rd Party Information—

Mathlian

1. Doris Falconer to continue individual sessions.
2. Staff to attempt to personalise Mathlians actions - She hurts people.
3. Send copy of review to Dr. Rogers and ask for discussion at Staff meeting. - Action David Pomfret.

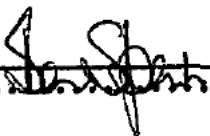
Sandra

—3rd Party Information—

Charles

—3rd Party Information—

<u>Present at Review</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Pre-Review Papers sent to /</u>	<u>Post Review Summary to be sent to /</u>
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Signature of Chariman of Reviw 

Designation:

Assistant Children's Officer, Fieldwork

Date: 20th October, 1975

ANNUAL REVIEW OF CHILDREN IN RESIDENTIAL CARESOCIAL WORKER'S REPORTREVIEWDate of Review: 15.10.75Time: 10 a.m.Unit: Glasclune, North BerwickChild(ren) for ReviewDate of BirthDate admitted
into CareAct &
Section

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Charles Graham

10. 4.64

Responsible Local Authority: Lothian Social Work DepartmentCasework Responsibility: Barnardo's/~~Joint/Local Authority~~Name of Local Authority Social Worker (if appropriate) Miss RossSOCIAL WORKER'S REPORTFamily Membership.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relationship to Child</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Employment</u>
Margaret Graham	Mother	79 Victoria Street, Arniston	Farm Worker
George Edmonds	(co-habitee of mother)		Miner
James Graham	Father	c/o Mrs. Ivers 17 Castlelaw Crescent Bilston.	Unemployed
Marion Graham	Sister	"	School
Lily Ivers	Maternal Aunt	"	Housewife
Stewart, James & Linda Ivers	Cousins	"	School

Family Situation

Development of and changes in family situation, observation on relationship between child & family & social contacts, relationships towards Social Worker. The casework relationship with both parents remains erratic with attempts to keep in touch with them and to maintain contact with the children difficult.

Present situation - Mrs. Graham left co-habitee George Edmonds and the end of 1974, partly as a result of his frequent violence towards her. She moved to Dalkeith where she stayed with various family members in turn and seemed to make an increased effort to renew contact with the children. Two family group sessions were held at Glasclune with Mrs. Graham and the children and Doris Falconer during which in their various ways the children tried to convey what it felt like to be caught between their two parents in an emotional conflict. A contact was maintained for a short time during which/

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which Mrs. Graham was encouraged to see the children individually for short periods. She eventually disappeared and was admitted in February to Roslynlee Hospital following an ^{—3rd Party Information—} In collaboration with the hospital team, we looked at the possibility of Mrs. Graham being able to use intensive social work help in a hostel setting based on Mrs. Graham's apparent motivation to be independant of her immediate family. Mrs. Graham finally discharge herself being unable to consider any recurrence of difficulties once the overwhelming depression had lifted and it seemed that her own need to receive value from her children exceeded her ability to consider their needs as individuals. Mrs. Graham returned to George Edmonds from where she has spasmodically contacted the children but has not been able to accept social work contact.

I think that her conscious choice of relationship she made when returning to George Edmonds became significant as she did not sign the parental rights consent form sent before Sandra and Charles Norwegian holiday. Social Work relationship with Mrs. Graham, like her periodic contact with the children is tantalising as one is again swayed into believing that a real change is occurring in Mrs. Graham's conception of the person as another and to gain some insight into her own needs.

Father - Social Work contact has been maintained with the Ivers household with or without Mr. Graham present. He left the house after Christmas to live with his girlfriend in a caravan in West Linton. His sudden departure had a traumatic effect on Marion as it ^{—3rd Party Information—}

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My casework with Mr. Graham centred on maintaining a sense of reality in his relationship with the children and confronting him with his use of the children as allies in his bitter verbal attacks on their mother. Since Mr. Graham came out of Barlinnie where he was for three months he appears really depressed and unable to make even unrealistic promises for the future to either myself or the children. His own future is uncertain and is planning to travel around and find work as there doesn't seem to be a place for him within the Ivers household at present.

My current work with Mrs. Ivers is focussed is planning for Margaret ^{—3rd Party Information—}

—3rd Party Information—

Mrs. Forbes - Margaret's ^{—3rd Party Information—}

—3rd Party Information—

The Tulloch Family - Mathlan visits regularly. Difficult to determine what she gains from her foster friends. A very stable family who do provide a consistent environment for Mathlan. A strong relationship with Gwen, the younger Tulloch girl. The Tullochs expectations of change in Mathlan were high and I think they are having to begin to face the disappointment that come of realising that little change can be seen.

Dishan Family - Sandra has ^{—3rd Party Information—}

—3rd Party Information—

—3rd Party Information—

The Greng Family - Charles ^{—3rd Party Information—}
_{—3rd Party Information—}

Apart from the foster friends meeting it would seem helpful to get these particular four together after the Review and involve them in some of our thinking and planning for the Graham Family.

Date of Visits to Child and Family

Mother - To Glasclune for family meeting December 1974

Visits to Mrs. Graham in Roslynlee(3) February 1975.

Social visits to M.G.M. to trace Mrs. Graham. Frequently no trace as Mrs. Graham is moving around her family.

Father - Monthly (approx) visit to maternal Aunt.
Two office visits from Mr. Graham.

Foster friends

—3rd Party Information—

Mrs. Forbes (Margaret)

Mrs. Disher (Sandra) 2

Mrs. Tulloch (Mathlan) 2 visits and foster friends group

Mrs. Greig (Charles) —3rd Party Information—

Points for Discussion at Review

Signature "Margaret Lowson"

Designation Social Worker

Date 10.10.75

Signature of Supervisor

Designation

Date

ANNUAL REVIEW OF CHILDREN IN RESIDENTIAL CARE

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RESIDENTIAL STAFF REPORT

REVIEW

<u>Date of Review:</u>	15.10.75	<u>Time:</u>		<u>Unit:</u>	GLASCLUNE
<u>Child(ren) to be Reviewed</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Date admitted into Care</u>		<u>Act & Section</u>	
Mathlian Graham	27. 4.61	17. 8.70			

Responsible Local Authority:

Midlothian Social Work Department

REPORTS OF RESIDENTIAL STAFF

1. Progress Report from Unit

General progress since last review; observations of personality, emotional and social development; person and group relationship, description of play and for leisure time; outside interests and contacts. Christian Upbringing.

Mathlian is very much the scapegoat of the family. She seems amazingly immune to anything insulting or nasty said to her both by staff or children. She seldom shows aggression even when Margaret shouts at her: she just keeps quiet and says: "I'm sorry" or "I won't do it again". When members of staff try to reason with her about her behaviour, she simply agrees that she has done wrong, promises to be good and then carries on as before. She displays little emotion, except that of frustration concerning herself, the naggings she receives and her role in the Graham family.

Mathlian romanticises all the time, whether it is being in love with every boy who gives her any attention, or idealising her parents. This physical contact and emotional dependence on a boy is absolutely everything in Mathlian's life. Nothing else has the same importance.

During the last few months Mathlian has had several boyfriends, two of them eighteen and twenty one years old respectively. With two other local girls she spends her time chasing boys, 'phoning them, waiting outside public houses for them and even calling at their homes. Mrs. Falconer has been seeing Mathlian regularly but it seems impossible to get any response. She repeatedly comes in late or goes out without permission. A fortnight ago she came in under the influence of drink. Finally, after constant warnings, we have felt compelled to keep Mathlian 'in' for two weeks. This is the most drastic punishment ever to be enforced at Glasclune but we hope that it will in some way provoke some more natural response from Mathlian, rather than "Yes, Mrs. Falconer" or "No, Mrs. Falconer", and then just repeating the offence without any sign of caring at all.

2. Development of Family & Community Relationships

Involvement with family; dates of visit by and to family; holiday arrangements, specific social contacts.

15. 2.75 Visited mother in hospital
21. 2.75 Mrs. Tulloch W/E
25. 3.75 Mrs. Tulloch D/V
12. 4.75 Mrs. Tulloch D/V
18. 4.75 Mrs. Tulloch O/N
10. 5.75 Mrs. Tulloch O/N
16. 5.75 Mrs. Ivers (aunt) O/N
24. 5.75 Mother D/V
30. 5.75 Mrs. Tulloch W/E
7. 6.75 Mother D/V
12. 7.75 Mrs. Ivers D/V
12. 8.75 Mrs. Tulloch O/N
22. 8.75 Mrs. Tulloch W/E
29. 8.75 Mrs. Tulloch W/E
20. 9.75 Mrs. Tulloch D/V

Educational Progress

Summary of latest School Reports; Up to date Teachers Report.

Health
General health, date of last medical check, dental care and any treatment proposed or being carried out; physical growth; habits e.g. eating, sleeping, Cleanliness, Continence.

Last Medical Examination: 20. 2.75

Last Dental Examination: 20. 5.75

Summary of latest School Report up to date. (School Report)

Points of Discussion at Review

Mathlian's behaviour at the moment.

Signature of Head of Unit

Designation Superintendent Date 9th October, 1975

Mrs. Ross,
Social Worker,
Lithian Region Department of Social Work,
Dalhousie Road,
Lockbank,
DUNDEE.

7th October, 1975.

Mrs. Ross,

Glasclune October 15th
Margaret, Nathlian, Sandra and Charles Graham.

13th October

IAN GILLES,

Margaret Graham
Nathlian Graham
Sandra Graham
Charles Graham

10.00 a.m.

IS/TS - Graham Family

Glasclune - 15th October, 1975

Mrs. Ross,
Social Worker,
Midlothian Social Work Department,
Dalhousie Road,
Eskbank,
DALKEITH.

Our ref. SM/MS

3rd October, 1974.

Dear Mrs. Ross,

Re: Graham Family.

We are holding a Case Conference at Glasclune on 6th November, 1974 when we will be discussing Margaret, Mathlian, Sandra and Charles at 11.30 a.m.

It will be helpful if you can let us know if you will be able to attend, by completing the slip below and returning it to us at your earliest convenience.

If you would like to submit reports on these children, it would be helpful if we could have them by 23rd October in order that they can be circulated to other parties involved.

Yours sincerely,

MISS S.A. MASSEY,
ASSISTANT CHILDREN'S OFFICER, SCOTLAND.

Our ref. SM/MS

Date

Case Conference at Glasclune on 6th November, 1974 at 10³⁰ a.m. re: Graham Family.

1. I will be able to attend.
2. I will not be able to attend.
3. I will be submitting reports on these children.
4. I will not be submitting reports on these children.

Please delete which is not applicable.

(Signed)

cc Glasclune
R. Mitchell/M. Lowson

REVIEW 6th February, 1974 at Glasclune

Present: Residential Staff, Mrs. R. Mitchell, Miss S. Massey, Miss M. Lowson
and Miss Kerr.

GR&FAL FAMILY

Margaret (14)

—3rd Party Information—

Mathlian (12 $\frac{1}{2}$)

Father's favourite.

Growing. Maturing but regressing in some ways. Very kind child.
Infuriates Margaret by her foolish chatter - is there an element of doing this
purposely - aggressively?

Mathlian gets left out - "made up her mind she isn't going to care".
Fixated at present - Flunked with being responsible for Marion in the past.
Loves to play as a much younger child.
Craze on boys - in a very childish way.

Sandra (11)

—3rd Party Information—

Charles (9)

—3rd Party Information—

On 4.2.74 Miss M. Lowson & E. Falconer + the 4 children met for "family
group meeting".

To discuss parental rights being continued.

Children/

2.

Children seemed to be making noises of not wanting to go to Mother - do not like Mr. Edmunds. "He's not Father, is heavy-handed" (not violent towards children).

Meaning of divorce: Custody.

Mother applying for Custody.

Father says he will apply for Custody - is seeing a Solicitor.

Children seemed relieved that they wouldn't be forced to return to Mother.

They are very reluctant to be where Mr. Edmunds is living.

Father really only visits when Mother is interested.

- 1) Divorce proceedings likely in April.
- 2) Possibility of linking Margaret with Foster Friends.
- 3) Another family meeting in a few months.
- 4) Very much help needed around divorce time.

MISS S.A. ASLEY,
ASSISTANT CHILDREN'S OFFICER, SCOTLAND.

SM/IS



Barnardo's

Dr. Barnardo's Scottish Divisional Office,
22 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh, EH3 7RP
Telephone 031-225 3366

GLASGOW REVIEW - 6.2.74. - THE GRAHAM FAMILY

Casework Summary

Recent Events

Mother - Mrs. Graham returned to Newtongrange to Mr. Edmonds, having spent some months in England, at a time when she and Mr. Edmonds were not getting on together.

Now working. Both she and Mr. Edmonds maintain that they have settled their difficulties and there will be no more separations.

Father - Mr. Graham, still living with Mrs. Ivers and her children. Presently employed as a labourer after spells of unemployment. Has not yet begun to pay off rent arrears for the previous house, now standing at £51.

Contact by Social Worker with family

Father - September 1973, November 1973, 29th January, 1974.

Mother - December 1973, 29th January, 1974.

(These interviews were home visits).

When Mrs. Graham returned to Scotland the children, whilst very keen to see her, showed anger at her leaving them. They visited, Margaret for several days over Christmas, but now are saying unanimously that they do not want to visit mum with Mr. Edmonds around.

Mrs. Graham and Mr. Edmonds are hurt and angry about this - his wanting them does, I feel, stem from his own need to surround himself with families in trouble where he holds a position of power. His own difficulties in making close permanent relationships result in his emphasising his maternal generosity and showing somewhat righteous anger when this is not evidently sufficient.

Mrs. Graham is largely controlled by Mr. Edmonds, she allows him to act in the manner of a harsh father and I feel that the breakdowns occur when she is left with the ultimate responsibility of and guilt about the children.

Both of them are able to discuss their relationship which at the moment appears fairly stable. They plan to marry when Mrs. Graham's divorce is through and Mrs. Graham anticipated applying for the children to be restored to them.

I feel though that the present parental rights order does in fact give Mrs. Graham a feeling of protection and relief at not having to look at or take the full responsibility of her own failings as a mother.

Father - Mr. Graham is indeterminate about his own future. Mrs. Ivers has been a valuable support for Mr. Graham and Marion but presents the reality of the situation to him regularly.

Mrs. Ivers - capable and a warm mother to the many children in her noisy household. Marion (—3rd Party Information—) /continued

Summary

Both parents are a long way from being able to provide a permanent home for these children. I feel that plans each have for applying for eventual custody still contain an element of revenge and a sense of outdoing the other. They have each found a "parent" figure to live with - i.e. Mr. Edmonds for Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Ivers for Mr. Graham.

The children are placed constantly in a difficult situation with Mr. Edmonds encouraging them to turn against their father and Mr. Graham instilling the destructive elements of their mother into them.

Parents and Children

Margaret - —3rd Party Information—

—3rd Party Information—

Mathlian - father's favourite - Mathlian for dad succeeded where her mother failed, i.e. she mothered Marion and appears capable and efficient far beyond her years.

Mrs. Graham "Mathlian always needing to touch my feel whilst she watches the T.V.". Mathlian also demonstratably affectionate to Mr. Edmonds.

—3rd Party Information—

Sandra -

—3rd Party Information—

Charles -

—3rd Party Information—

Mr. Graham has great hopes for Charles whom
chance".

—3rd Party Information—

Marion - —3rd Party Information—

—3rd Party Information—

Focus of Review

- (1) Discussion of children's position regarding visits to each parent.
- (2) Discussion of impending legal proceedings, i.e. reassessment of Parental Rights Order.
- (3) Long-term plans for the children.

ANNUAL REVIEW AT GLASCLUNE (HOME/SCHOOL)
DATE OF LAST REVIEW ..29.2.73.. DATE OF THIS REVIEW .7.3.73..

1. NAME OF CHILD(REN) Margaret Graham 2. D. of B. 10.12.58 3. Religion Prot.
Mathlian " 27.4.61
Alexandria " 26.12.62
Charles 10.4.64

4. DATE OF ADMISSION TO CARE: See attached note

5. REASON FOR ADMISSION TO CARE: Mother living apart from husband - cohabiting.

6. NAME OF LOCAL AUTHORITY SOCIAL WORKER Mrs. Ross, Dalkeith Office 7. NAME OF DR. BARNARDO SOCIAL WORKER Mrs. A. Davie.....

8. FAMILY:

Mother - aged 33 - Margaret Graham - living apart from husband - cohabiting.

Father - aged 37 - James Graham - now working on Building Site - living with sister, Mrs. Ivers, Bilston.

9. PLAN MADE AT LAST REVIEW: Need to boost Margaret's Sandra Charles

10. DATES OF CONTACTS BY SOCIAL WORKER WITH FAMILY: MOTHER - 19.4.72 11.4.72 4.5.72 21.6.72 3.8.72 MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER 2.11.72 FATHER 11.5.72 16.6.72 22.8.72 10.10.72 and approximately 6 week intervals.

11. VISITS OF CHILDREN TO (a) PARENTS (b) OTHERS, SINCE LAST REVIEW (INDICATING FREQUENCY AND LENGTH OF STAY): Monthly day visits to Mother (one overnight). Monthly day visits to father plus 3 week-ends with father. Margaret -

12. VISITS OF PARENTS/RELATIVES SINCE LAST REVIEW (INDICATING FREQUENCY):
Mother visited April, May and July - Father visited April - September.

13. BRIEF SUMMARY OF FAMILY SITUATION BY SOCIAL WORKER: Parents still separated. Divorce not yet accomplished. Mr. Graham now working, but very dependent on his sister, Mrs. Ivers who is accepting and co-operative towards Mr. Graham's children - looks after Marion, but 'uses' Mr. Graham. He still writes to his wife asking her to return - pathetic letters. Parents competing with each other for children.

14. MAIN FOCUS OF REVIEW (DECIDED UPON AT RECENT STAFF MEETING IN HOME/SCHOOL):

Look at each child's social and emotional development.
?Social contacts - apart from family - especially Mathlian.

Are conflicts of loyalty to parents totally destructive - or can children be helped to emerge.

DATE

DR. BARNARDO'S

ANNUAL REVIEW FORM OF CHILD IN RESIDENTIAL CARE

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Branch Glasclune.

Name in full Mathlian Quinn Graham

Date of Review 7.3.73.

Date of Birth 27.4.61.

Date of Admission 17.8.70.

1 Progress, personality and development of the child

Mathlian is rather a pathetic clinging child at the moment, her emotions are deep and depressive, she is living less in her own world of fantasy but finds reality hard to face. Will do anything to please. She is very naive and this seems to make Margaret very aggressive towards her but Mathlian takes all this abuse and does not retaliate. She needs a lot of help and understanding, when annoyed she rarely shows her true feelings. When hurt she will sob like a little one either on or under her bed. She has a good imagination which she puts to good use in play acting.

2 Health, including dental care. (and date of last medical examination)

Good.

School

Mathlian is a well below average pupil. She is unable to cope with any of the normal work done in class, her behavior also gives some cause for concern. She is very easily distracted. As Mathlian hasn't a firm grasp of the basic skills, she finds great difficulty with English and mathematics.

4. Outside interests and contacts

Family Contacts.

Mathlian is "torn in two" by her parents conflict and tries to be loyal to both of them. She did say however that she did not want to stay another weekend with Mother.

5 Christian upbringing, Baptism, Confirmation

DR. BARNARDO'S

ANNUAL REPORT UPON CHILD

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BRANCH Glasclune.

Date 23.11.71.

Name (in full)

Date of
Admission

Date of
Birth

Mathlian Quin Graham.

Re Adm. 17.8.70.

27.4.61.

1 HEALTH Report details of illnesses, medical treatment, etc., since last report

Satisfactory.

2 SCHOOL Attainment and progress (where possible attach copy of last report)

Below average all subjects.

3 FAMILY CONTACTS

Monthly visits to Father.

Inconsistent visits from Father. (Four visits since last report.)

Sister Marion for W/E.

One visit from Mother.

4 FRIENDS

5 GENERAL REPORT To include child's progress, interests, behaviour, achievements, development of personality, etc

Mathlian brings a different schoolfriend home every few weeks.

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if necessary

She is very naive and talks constantly, irrelevant chatter, to anyone who has time to listen.

She is very caring towards her siblings.

Mathlian is inclined to be a bit of a scapegoat, but she does cause a lot of trouble by interfering with the other children.

She is deceitful.

Mathlian has the ability to make staff so cross and then she is so pathetic that one is always sorry afterwards.

Signature of Superintendent

Seen by ACO/EO/AEO

Ch. F. G. 10/11/71

BRANCH Glasclune.

DATE 29.2.72.

Mathlian Graham.

27.4.61.

17.8.70.

(1) FAMILY CONTACT

Monthly day visits to Father.

Two visits from Mother.

(2) STUDY

Class. P.6A.

Mathlian is of a cheerful disposition and can be very helpful in class. She is healthy and active in the playground. I am afraid that she is considerably below the average of the class attainment. This is partly due ~~xxx~~ I am sure, to interruptions in her school career in the past. She tries quite hard but lacks application.

(3) PERSONALITY

E. Falconer.

Presents as a very pathetic looking girl at times. Lives in a world of her own, mostly make belief. Very easily depressed-feels that the whole world is against her. Protective towards parents.

D. Falconer.

Has been very depressed recently, always saying that if her Granny was still alive, everything would be fine. Says that her Granny was the only one who ever cared for her. Often found crying- is a bit of a "Nosy Parker" and is not very popular with the children because of that. Can be far too friendly with strangers. Has very low esteem.

H. McNally.

A very difficult girl to try to understand. She continually feels sorry for herself, and the maddening thing is she always comes out on top. She has the knack of turning things round so that she is in the right. When upset something and crying, she says its her Granny that makes her feel that way. Does not talk about her parents very much, only if she is blaming them for something, but again this is not often.

A. Bremner.

At times will have a real cry saying "everyone hates me". Can play imaginary games well with the other children. Can be helpful if it pleases her, but will soon put it on to get you on her side. Will tell a lie to get herself out of a scrape.

J. Hockenhall.

A difficult child to get through to. Is very demanding and requires a great deal of patience on my part. Mothers the little ones. A slight improvement in her behaviour recently.

DR. BARNARDO'S

ANNUAL REPORT UPON CHILD

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Signature of Superintendent

Seen by ACO/EO/AEO

Chris Fotherman

P T O for Children 0-5 years

BH150

MILESTONES DURING PAST YEAR

AGE IN MONTHS

Holding head up WHEN LYING FACE DOWNWARDS

Sitting unsupported

First tooth

Babbling

• Pulls up to stand

Able to walk unaided

First word with meaning

"Asks" for toilet

Stringing words together

Comments on bowel and bladder control

ANNUAL REVIEW AT GLASCLUNE

Date of last Review N/A... Date of this Review 20/4/71

1. Names of children:	Margaret Graham	2. Born.	10/12/58	3. Religion:	Protestant
	Mathlian	"	" 27/4/61	"	"
	Alexandra	"	" 26/12/62	"	"
	Charles	"	" 10/4/64	"	"

4. Dates of Admission to care:

Margaret:-

9.4.65 - Foster Home, Peebles.
29.6.65 - Ravelrig.
10.9.65 - Returned to above Foster Home.
11.3.66 - Ravelrig.
15.8.67 - 13.3.69 - Glasclune.
17.8.70 - Glasclune.

Mathlian:-

9.4.65 - Foster Home, Gullane.
27.4.65 - Foster Home, Edinburgh.
24.9.65 - Ravelrig.
15.8.67 - 13.3.69 - Glasclune.
17.8.70 - Re-admitted Glasclune

Alexandra:-

9.4.65 - Foster Home, Peebles.
29.6.65 - Ravelrig.
10.9.65 - Returned to above Foster Home.
11.3.66 - Ravelrig.
12.10.68 - 13.3.69 Glasclune.
17.8.70 - Re-admitted Glasclune.

Charles:-

9.4.65 - Ravelrig.
12.10.68 - 13.3.69 Glasclune.
17.8.70 - Re-admitted Glasclune

5. Reason for admission to care: Mother in desertion. Father unable to cope with all children. Marion aged 2+ with Father.

6. Name of Local Authority Social Worker

.....Miss Grant, Midlothian.....

7. Dr. Barnardo's Social Worker

.. . . .Mrs. Davie.....

8. Family: Mother - (aged 31) - Margaret Graham - living apart from husband - cohabiting.
Father - (aged 35) - James Graham - Unemployed - 33 Spalding Crescent.

Siblings at Home:- Marion - aged 2+ - Partly cared for by maternal Aunt, Mrs. Williamson, 15 Cowden Terrace, Woodburn, Dalkeith.

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9. Plan Made at last Review: N/A.

10. Dates of contacts by Social Worker with family 10 visits to Mr. and Mrs. Graham jointly. 12 visits to Mr. Graham plus one visit to Mrs. Graham since last separation. Several cancelled appointments - innumerable 'phone calls with Mr. Graham. 2 visits to maternal Aunt who looks after Marion. 4 telephone commun. with Mr. G.

11. Visits of Children to (1) Parents (2) Others, Since last Review (indicating frequency and length of stay): Recently established monthly day visit to ~~Mother~~ FATHER

12. Visits of parents/Relatives since last Review (indicating/frequently: how Father has visited twice.

13. Brief Summary of Family Situation by Social Worker: Parents again living apart. Mrs. Graham cohabiting - visiting Mr. Graham ostensibly to see Marion, but making demands on Mr. Graham for money. Mr. Graham has had two attempts at working - considerable debts - cannot dissociate himself from Mrs. Graham, but showing signs of severe stress. Marion cared for by Maternal Aunt and Father.

14. MAIN FOCUS OF REVIEW (decided upon at recent Staff Meeting in Home/School)

1. Casework aims with family.
2. How do children cop with feelings about Mother (and Father).
3. Marion's situation - should we offer place at Glasclune.

6 Family contact and child's knowledge of background (A0250)

Monthly visit to Father.

Inconsistent visits from Father.

Is aware of present situation between Parents.

20/4/71 GLASCLUNE ANNUAL REVIEW

Discussion:-

Margaret - ^{—3rd Party Information—}
^{—3rd Party Information—}

Mathlian - Has run away twice - (1) To see Marion (2) away from a 'row'.
A very deprived child. "Tells" on parents - Margaret gets furious with her - most naive - dullest of family. Fostered - ill-treated - had to leave when Foster-mother expecting baby. Very caring Mother with dolls, Marion, etc. The one who makes parents feel most guilty - also staff if they have to reject her.

2. Maintenance- SANDRA - ^{—3rd Party Information—}
^{—3rd Party Information—}

Charles - ^{—3rd Party Information—}
^{—3rd Party Information—}

Family - Father using Marion, being out of care, as bait to bring Mother home. He is relying on support from Mother's people, who resent Mother's behaviour. Parents need to act out their problems, not really accessible to casework. Father acts unpredictably - Mother is manipulative.

2. Recommendations PLAN: 1) Continue regular monthly visit to Father. (Mother could see them there).
2) ?Possibility of reliable relative contacts.

Present: Mr. and Mrs. Falconer and Staff.
Miss Grant, Midlothian Social Work Department.
Miss Massey, Dr. Barnardo's.
Mrs. Davie, Dr. Barnardo's.

Present

Distribution

Signature of

DR. BARNARDO'S

ANNUAL REVIEW FORM OF CHILD IN RESIDENTIAL CARE

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Glasclune.
Name in full Mathlian Quin Graham.

Date of Review 20/4/71.

Date of Birth 27/4/61.

Date of Admission 17/8/70.

1 Progress, personality and development of the child.

Very clinging, seeking attention and ~~attention~~ affection.
Pathetic sad little girl.
Is able to express her feelings about home -To anyone who will
listen.
Absconded twice.
Can be deceitful

2 Health, including dental care.
(and date of last medical examination)

Last Medical - 28/8/70.
Dental Treatment - 11/11/70.
Health - Good.

3 School

Below average all subjects.
No. in class 33
Place in class 30.

4 Outside interests and contacts

Brownie.

5 Christian upbringing. Baptism, Confirmation.

Sunday School.

MILESTONES DURING PAST YEAR

AGE IN MONTHS

Holding head up WHEN LYING FACE DOWNWARDS

Sitting unsupported

First tooth

Babbling

Pulls up to stand

Able to walk unaided

First word with meaning

"Asks" for toilet

Stringing words together

Comments on bowel and bladder control

DR. BARNARDO'S

ANNUAL REPORT UPON CHILD

If L A case please
tick and submit
extra copy ☐

(To be completed and sent to Area within
5-7 months of the last Branch Home
Annual Review)

BRANCH Glasclune. North Berwick.

Date 29.12.70.

Name (in full)

Date of
Admission

Date of
Birth

Mathlian Quin Graham.

Re. Adm. 17.8.70.

27.4.61.

1 HEALTH Report details of illnesses, medical treatment, etc, since last report

Health Good.

2 SCHOOL Attainment and progress (where possible attach copy of last report)

Below Average all subjects.
No. in class 33.
Place in class 30.

3 FAMILY CONTACTS

Monthly visits to Father.
Four visits from Father since Re. Adm.

4 FRIENDS

Has several friends, not one particular friend.

5 GENERAL REPORT To include child's progress, interests, behaviour, achievements, development of personality, etc

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Continue overleaf
if necessary

Signature of Superintendent

Seen by ACO/EO/AEO

Chris Forbes
SA

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