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CITY AND ROYAL BURGH OF EDINBURGH

CHILDRENS DEPARTMENT - RECORD OF APPLICATIONS

	DATE	NUMBER	CASE PAPER NUMBER	APPLICATION FIRST M	APPLICATION FIRST F	APPLICATION SUB-SEQUENT M	APPLICATION SUB-SEQUENT F	NAME	ADDRESS	WARD NO.	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	RELIGION	LEGITIMATE	ILLEGITIMATE	ORPHANED	DESERTED	SEPARATED	COMMITTED	REASON FOR APPLICATION	DECISION AND DATE
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77 JANUARY 1975

NO.	NAME AND ADDRESS	AGE	DATE OF BIRTH			RELIGION	REASON FOR ADMISSION AND AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE	COURT	DATE ADMITTED			
2892	SAUNDERSON, George, 44, Howdenhall Rd, Edinburgh	14	12	10	60	PROT ~~R.C.~~	J.P. Warrant EDINBURGH	Edinburgh Ch. Hearing	3	1	75	1345

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July 1975.

NO.	NAME AND ADDRESS	AGE	DATE OF BIRTH	REL-IGION	REASON FOR ADMISSION AND AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE	COURT	DATE ADMITTED
3138	SANDERSON George, 44, Hawdenhall Rd, Edinburgh	14	12 10 60	Prot.	Hoscander (446) Dr Guthrie	EDINBURGH Edin Ch. Hearing	14 7 75 16.00

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RESOLUTION 22.3.74

No. 7489

NAME Sanderson George

PARENTAGE Peter Sanderson

Annie Valentine Pommell

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Religion	
12.10.60	Edin.	Prot	S20210509

Admitted	C.L.	Cler.	R.	St.K.		Cl. Ch.		C. Bo.	DISCHARGED DATE	TO
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28·3·74						1				THOMAS	11/12/58
4.10.74							1			SANDRA	14/6/62
1-11.74						1				ROBERT	7/11/54
3. 1. 75							1			REBECCA	16/11/53
14.2.75								DG			
14.7.75							1				
19.1.76								Jules			
15.3.77						1					
12.10.78									1	3.11.78	Self Support p.

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LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REF. NO. 4489

Name: SANDERSON GEORGE Date of Birth 12. 10. 60

Date Received into Care: 14. 3. 63

Summary of Residence of Child

Name & Address	Date Boarded out	Date Discharged
Assess Centre	3. 1. 45	
Dr Guthrie	19. 2. 45	
Assess Centre	14. 4. 45	
Gilsland Lisi 'D'	19. 1. 46	
Howdenhall Group Home	15. 3. 44	
SECTION 24.	12. 10. 48	3. 11. 78 Self Supporting

Father: Gordon Sanderson Address: N/K

Mother: Anne Gemmell or Sanderson Address: Deceased 24. 1. 41

Brothers & Sisters Rebecca Sanders

Robert Charlotte (adopted)

Thomas

School:

Doctors Name & Address:

Tel:

Social Worker: Area 2

TRF. TO NO 2. FRONT

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EDINBURGH CORPORATION

DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

FROM: HOUSEMOTHER IN CHARGE
HOWDENHALL FAMILY GROUP HOME
44 HOWDENHALL ROAD
EDINBURGH
EH16 6PJ

To
MRS Davies.
Divisional office
Albany Street.

Our Ref.:

Your Ref.:

Date: February 1st. 1977.

Dear Mrs Davie,

George Sanderson. 12.10.60.

George Sanderson has returned to us from Geilsland School on Terminal leave and is at present employed on a Job Creation Scheme. Before George starts to buy his own clothes I feel that we must supply him with some necessary items of wear. 2pr, underpants 3pr Socks. 2shirts. 1 jumper and 1pr jeans, and also a jacket. The clothes that were bought for George last year are now being worn to work and I would be obliged if you could help to supply the necessary items. In these days of financial cut backs I have kept the items to a minimum. I would hope to purchase these items for £35.

Thankyou for your attentions to this child in the past.

Yours sincerely

Mary Nagel Officer-in-charge.

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RESOLUTION No. 7489

~~REVIEW MEMO~~ 22/3/72

NAME Sanderson George 12.10.60.

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14.4.63 (19)	30.1.64 (12)			
14.5.63 (27)	30.4.64 (20)			
24.7.63 (30)	1.6.64 (32)			
17-9-63 (40)				
28-10-63 (48)				

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15/11/78

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~~Mrs Barker.~~

Lee Ley

4489. G. D. L. N. Sanderson. 18 yr. D. 10. 60.

Discharged from. Howden Lall. F. G. H.

3. 11. 78.

K. Young.

Kenny. 91

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Attestations v. Geo. Rankin 16. 10. 48

Please note 41187 George Sanderson
12. 10. 60 in Howden Park Group
Home from Section 24 12. 10. 48.

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LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

EDINBURGH DIVISION

NAME George Sanderson (Date of Birth 12.10.60)

ADDRESS Howdenhall Family Group Home

A. Significant Developments since last review.

George has continued to make good steady progress. His transition into the adult world develops each day, and the indications are that he is more than ready to test out his independence. He is, however, anxious about it though not inappropriately, and is gaining maximum support from the efforts made by the staff at Howdenhall to encourage him. George has a girlfriend, is attempting to improve his writing, and is planning to spend a holiday in Spain. All of these are tremendous strides forward for a lad who has been in care so long. MUCH OF THIS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED BY THE EXCELLENT CONSISTENT CARING SHOWN TO HIM BY THE STAFF AT HOWDENHALL. THANK YOU.

B. Special Problems.

None.

C. Future Plan.

1. George has kept up his excellent progress over the last six months - so the plans previously made for his future still hold good.

2. George's brother Tam to be encouraged to support George through finding a flat or digs in September when he returns from his holiday.

3. Section 16 to continue until it lapses at age 18.

Kaye Skinner — Chairman of Review

15 6.78 — Date

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Part V

LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

EDINBURGH DIVISION

NAME George Sanderson (Date of Birth 12.10.60)

ADDRESS Howdenhall F.G.H.

A. SOCIAL HISTORY (Include details of placement, health, education or employment, activities/organisations, relationships, contact with child's natural family and discuss plans made at last review and actions taken thereon).

As at the last review the situation as far as George is concerned is quite good. He has continued his excellent progress.

He is now becoming quite anxious about the prospect of leaving Howdenhall and has made progress towards settling more well and to start off on a good footing. His brother is getting engaged soon and it may be that he will also be able to help George settle in this days which he may be leaving.

B. RECOMMENDATIONS

Continue working towards further satisfactory integration into an independent living ~~situation~~ situation

Signature: Social Worker
Area Officer/Senior Social Worker*
Residential Care Officer/Officer-in charge *

*Please delete that which is inapplicable

Copies to Divisional Officer Date: _____

Residential Care Officer Date: _____

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Part VI

LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

EDINBURGH DIVISION

NAME George Sandersson (Date of Birth 12.10.68)

ADDRESS 44 Gardenhall Road

A. Significant Developments since last review.

George has made considerable progress since the last Review. His placement with the Nagels has produced a positive relationship which has enabled him to settle into his Job Creation Programme employment very well indeed. His social development has progressed well making him an easier person to live with. Unfortunately, over a recent weekend George became involved in a housebreaking offence, for which he has been charged.

B. Special Problems.

The very recent episode of housebreaking has caused what has appeared to be a very serious setback. This however needs to be seen in the context of the very good progress George has made over the last two years.

C. Future Plan.

George should remain at Gardenhall Road, but with preparatory work being undertaken for a transition to an independent existence outside a children's home.

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[illegible] Date of review

[illegible] Date

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Part VI

LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

EDINBURGH DIVISION

NAME GEORGE SANDERSON (Date of Birth 12 10 60)

ADDRESS GEILSLAND SCHOOL

A. Significant Developments since last review.
Despite failing to return from leave on one occasion George has not been unhappy at Geilsland. He is keen to return to Mr. and Mrs. Nagel but does seem frightened of the idea of going for a job. Perhaps this behaviour was a means of putting off leaving Geilsland.

B. Special Problems.
The main problem will be George facing up to leaving Geilsland and getting a job. It was also felt that he would miss the firm constraints as imposed on him at Geilsland.

C. Future Plan.
It was felt that when George does get home then more firm limits than are usual at No. 44 should be imposed on him to help his transition to independence. He is hopeful of getting a job as a painter.

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Chairman of review

16/12/76 Date

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H. Kincaid

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Part IIB

LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

ADMISSION DIVISION

Name [illegible] (Date of Birth

Address [illegible]

School

Class

George has been a pupil of Oxhill School for almost eight weeks now. His progress was so good in the first four weeks that he was granted leave and was earlier than usual. He very quickly fitted up with routine of the 'Training House Unit' and was not a disruptive pupil. His relationships with other boys have been reasonable, although he is not naturally gregarious. His early promise has not been maintained in that things went somewhat astray on his last week-end when he was involved in shoplifting. His redeeming feature of that episode is that he owned to genuinely regret his misbehaviour.

I/We/Miss Collier will/will not be present at the review to be held on

Signature

Teacher

Head Teacher

Date

*Please delete that which is inapplicable

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PART III

Report for George Sanderson. D.O.B. 12.10.60.
Review 30th March 1976.

During the last review George was resident at Balgowan School (List D). Since then we have carried him in between Glaramara High School, Assessment Centre, Dr Guthries, Assessment Centre and finally Gilchrist School (List D). The overriding feature of George's behaviour is his constant absconding during periods of stress. The side effect of this was the continuing delinquent activities that have been carried on during the periods "on the run".

During the past few years we have been buffeted and battered by George's behaviour and our constant acceptance (though difficult to keep up) seemed to no avail, witness George's admittance to Gilchrist School in Perth.

Since then George has only had four weekend leaves, and during the past two there have been problems but at last George seems to be able to grasp what has happened over the past few years and what other people are saying now. George is becoming able to talk through situations and about his feelings. He even enjoys telephoning us from the school.

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Obviously there is a great deal of work to do but at least George has made a start with his part.

George does Boarder site weekends and enjoys visiting Bodey. George and Tam don't have very much in common and because of Tams shifts they ~~do~~ don't spend very long together.

M. Abgal
Officer in charge.

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Part VI

LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

EDINBURGH DIVISION

NAME George Sanderson (Date of Birth: 12.10.60)

ADDRESS 44 Hawthornvale Gdns.

A. Significant Developments since last review.

Mr and Mrs Nagel are now much more relaxed with George. He seems much more committed to the Home. He is much more settled and much more able to share his feelings. He also seems a much better video for room-mate Tim.

B. Special Problems.

George seems to realize that he has no more chances left and he now will have to continue at his very best to maintain his progress and continue to the benefits of his learning effort at Gilliland.

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C. Future Plan.

George will be continuing to return to Mr and Mrs Nagel for his leave from Gilliland School.

Chairman of review

20/6/86. Date

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Mr. Johnston.

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[redacted]

George Sanderson

[redacted]

from Lady Margaret School
to parents for Xmas
23 Dec. '70 — 5 Jan. '71

M. Wilson.

~~[illegible]~~

Mrs Sedder
Please Note

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Mrs Redden 73

Mr Johnston 15/7/70

Somerset children
not now going
on holiday with
parents as mother
in hospital. Will
remain with L'Anary
School at Aberdeen

Mr. Anderson

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Mrs Pedder

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Mr Johnston
Cowlairs. 17. 8. 20

Somerset children
On holiday with
parents at 16 W. Silver
Park.
6 - 13 Aug.

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE HEADMASTER

DR GUTHRIE'S BOYS' SCHOOL

T. G. RIDDOCH, T.D., M.A., DIP. ED.
HEADMASTER

10 Lasswade Road,
Liberton,
Edinburgh,
EH16 6RZ

The Director of Social Work/
Director of Education.

George Sanderson (12/10/60),
c/o 44 Hardenhill Road, Edinburgh.

Please note that the above named boy was admitted to this school on 18th February, 1975. I would be obliged if his Educational Records etc. could be forwarded to me as soon as possible.

Secretary.

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Stencil No.
BRDG 2.

Room 17
Tem. Boarding

2 4 74

Dear Sir/Madam,

Boarding-out Children (Scotland) Regulations, 1959.

I have to inform you that the undernoted child/~~ren~~ boarded out by this Authority was/~~were~~ transferred from the care of Dalgarven Hostel to the care of Hartfield Family Group Home on 28-3-74.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN M. MAIR
Director of Social Work

NAME	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH
George Sanderson 7689	M.	17 10 60

Director of Social Work.
Director of Education ✓
Medical Officer of Health

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BALGOWAN BOYS' SCHOOL
DOUNFIELD,
DUNDEE.....17.....1.....1974

Room 1

DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK,
SOCIAL WORK OFFICES,
St. Mary's Castle, Inches,
.....Edinburgh, S.E.12 E.P.

Dear Sir,

Please note that :-
Reg. No.....2546..... Name.....[illegible]

was ~~admitted~~/discharged ~~to~~/from this school on.....26.....3.....76...

Yours faithfully,

.....
Headmaster

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2/4/74

Miss Craig.

7489. George Sanderson. 12.10.60.

Transferred from Lost D. School.

And Admitted to Howden Hall Family Group.

on 28.3.74.

S/W. Mrs Sutherland A/T.

K. Young.

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Room 17

Balgowan School,
Downfield,
DUNDEE DD3 9XT

Date as postmark.

MRS. SUTHERLAND,
Social Worker,
WEST PILTON AREA OFFICE,
FERRY RD. AVE.,
EDINBURGH EH4 4AT

Dear MRS. SUTHERLAND,

We are considering leave for the undermentioned boy(s) from 29TH MARCH to 15TH APRIL.

Perhaps you will be good enough to let me know if the home circumstances are suitable for him to be allowed home over this period.

I shall also be obliged if you can find the time to visit the home while the boy is on leave.

Yours sincerely,

R. Blackmore

Residential Welfare Officer.

GEORGE SANDERSON.

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8/1/45.

Mrs. Walker.

George Sanderson. 14 yr.

Transferred from Hawden Hall Family Group Home.

To. Assessment Centre ✓

on 3.1.45.

K. Young

Buffed. Files ✓ done!

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

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EDINBURGH CORPORATION

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

YOUR REF. .....

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE Km 115

OR ASK FOR A. McNab

HEADQUARTERS
SHRUBHILL HOUSE
SHRUB PLACE
LEITH WALK
EDINBURGH
EH7 4PD

20th January 1975

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Boarding-out of Children (Scotland) Regulations 1959,
Section 16(4)

I have to advise you that the undernoted child/~~ren~~ was/~~were~~

~~placed~~ in
transferred from the care of Woodendall Family
~~removed from~~
*

to the care of Assessment Centre
and ~~returned~~ to
*

on 20th Jan 1975

Yours faithfully,

A. McNab

J.M. MAIR,
Director of Social Work

NAME	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH	RELIGION
George Sanderson	M	12.10.60	Rom

* Delete as appropriate

Education

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12/11/74

Miss Craig

George Landerson 14 yr.

Transferred from Cassomont Centre

To. Howden Hall Family Group Home.

on. 1. 11. 74

K. Young

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4th November, 74

Mr. Johnstone

Please note, 4489 George Sanderson 12-10-60 transferred from Assessment Centre to Howdenhall Family Group Home on 1-11-74

S/W. Mrs. Sutherland A/4

Mr Barker

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SAL November, 44

Contributions Mrs Johnstone.

Please note, 4489 George Sanderson 12-10-60 transferred from Howdenhall Family Group Home to Assessment Centre, 4. 10. 44

M. Barker

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5/11/46.

Miss Walker.

7489 George Sanderson. 13/8.

Transferred from Howdenhall Family Group Home to Assessment Centre.

on 4.10.46. ✓ & now back to Howden Hall Family Home on 1.11.46.

K. Young

W/S ✓
Files ✓
B.H.R. ✓
Bruce ✓
Mr J. ✓

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

EDINBURGH CORPORATION

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

YOUR REF. .....

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE Lanwell

OR ASK FOR Mrs Banks

HEADQUARTERS
SHRUBHILL HOUSE
SHRUB PLACE
LEITH WALK
EDINBURGH
EH7 4PD

7th November, 74

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Boarding-out of Children (Scotland) Regulations 1959,
Section 16(4)

I have to advise you that the undernoted child/~~ren~~ was/~~were~~

~~placed in~~
transferred from the care of Lanwell Centre
~~removed from~~
*

to the care of Howden Hall Family Group Home
and ~~returned to~~
*

on 1-11- 1974

Yours faithfully,

J.M. MAIR,
Director of Social Work

NAME	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH	RELIGION
George Sanderson	M	12 10 60	P

* Delete as appropriate

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EDINBURGH CORPORATION

DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

FROM: HOUSEMOTHER IN CHARGE
HOWDENHALL FAMILY GROUP HOME
44 HOWDENHALL ROAD
EDINBURGH
EH15 6FJ

To Mrs Davies.
Records.

Our Ref.:

Your Ref.:

Date: November 17th 1975.

Dear Mrs Davies.

George Sanderson.

George Sanderson is at present residing in the Assesment Centre and using this home as his home. Last weekend we had to buy him a pair of shoes as the sole was coming off the ~~shoes~~. Would it be possible for this money to be refunded. I would have asked before but this was an emergency. George is to go to Mist D school and will still come back here as his home.

I enclose the receipt for £7.75p.

M. Nagel.

Housemother in Charge

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4489 George Sanderson
Transferred from Balgowan
to Hazelbank 28/3/44
K. O 22/3/44

Ref No 4489 12 10 60 = 137

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Stencil No.
BRDG. 5

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Boarding-out of Children (Scotland) Regulations, 1959
Regulation 16(4)

[illegible]

I have to inform you that the above child/ren was/were removed from the care of [illegible] Road [illegible] and ~~returned~~ to [illegible] Head [illegible] Edinburgh on [illegible]

Yours faithfully,
JOHN M. MAIR
Director of Social Work

The Children's Officer
The Director of Education [illegible] Street Edinburgh
Medical Officer of Health

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Gordon Sanderson			No fixed Address		Father
Annie Sanderson			Unknown		Mother.
Sandra	"	(14.6.62)	St. Katharines	7490	Sister
Robert	"	(7.11.54)	Redhall	3009	Brother
Thomas	"	(11.12.58)	City Hospital		Brother
Rebecca	"	(16.11.53)	Redhall	3908	Sister.

Case referred by Welfare.

Mother makes application to have two children taken into care. She has been in Glenlockhart with children since 25th February, 1963, family were evicted from Ferry Road Place for rent arrears £25.

<u>16th March, 1963</u> - Mother left Glenlockhart at 9 a.m. and did not return.

1st March, 1963 Mother signed application while she was in Glenlockhart.
18th March, 1963 Probation Dept. have no address for either parent.

Annie Sanderson

1st March, 1963 Helen W. Sharp.

St. Katharines.

on 17th March, 1963 M. McLauchlan.

Edinburgh,

NO RECOVERY ACTION POSSIBLE (Init.) 1 APR 1963

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Form C.1.

EDINBURGH CORPORATION

CHILDREN DEPARTMENT

FIRST APPLICATION

7489

GEORGE SANDERSON — Protestant

Glenlockhart

Parents evicted (Corp. Property)

Legitimate/

12th October, 1960

Eastern General Hospital.

Gordon Sanderson — 17th August, 1932

Annie Valentine Gemmell or Sanderson — 11th January 1935

3rd January, 1953, Leith.

Dr. Wilkie,
46, Ferry Road.

[redacted]

				5 Days
Glenlockhart	Edinburgh		10 Months	-
6 Ferry Road Place	Edinburgh	5 Years	-	-
56 Bridge Street	Edinburgh			

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EDINBURGH CORPORATION

Social Work Department

Assumption of Parental Rights by Local Authority in terms of

Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968 Section 16 (1)(b)(i)

in respect of

SANDERSON, Thomas, d.o.b. 11.12.58 c/o. 44 Fowdenhall Road, Edinburgh
SANDERSON, George, d.o.b. 12.10.60 " " " " "
SANDERSON, Sandra, d.o.b. 14.6.62 c/o. Southhouse Group Home, Edinburgh

received into care in terms of S 1.(1)(b) Children Act 1948.

Mother: Anne Valentine Gemmel or SANDERSON
d.o.b. 11.1.35, deceased 24.1.71.

Father: Gordon SANDERSON
d.o.b. 7.8.32, whereabouts unknown.

Siblings: SANDERSON, Robert, d.o.b. 7.11.54, in Borstal.
SANDERSON, Rebecca, d.o.b. 16.11.55, married with one child lives in Wester Hailes.

FAMILY BACKGROUND:

Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson married on 3.1.53, after a brief courtship. It appears that the marriage was never particularly stable, records indicating that it was characterized by frequent separation and reconciliations. Between 1957 and 1960, Mr. Sanderson served in the Army and during this period Mrs. Sanderson bore two children extra-maritally, Charlotte who was adopted out, and Thomas, who was reared as Mr. Sanderson's own child.

[redacted] In February, 1961, Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson rendered themselves and the children homeless by handing in the keys of their house because they were unable to keep up an arrangement made by the Housing Department to enable them to clear off the arrears. At this stage Mrs. Sanderson and the children were placed in Glenlockhart Home but on 16.5.63 Mrs. Sanderson deserted the children who were then received into the care of the local authority in terms of S.1 (1)(b) Children Act 1948.

The children remained in care from this time while the parents drifted from one address to another, maintaining only sporadic contact with the children. Eventually, in June, 19[illegible], the parents were allocated another Corporation house, [illegible], West Pilton Park, and it was proposed that the children would be gradually introduced back to the home situation, starting with weekend visits. This had only just been initiated when Mrs. Sanderson became ill, having an ovarian removed from her womb in July, 1970. Her health gradually deteriorated and she subsequently died on 24.1.71.

Mr. Sanderson was not able to cope with looking after the children although by this time Rebecca was living at home. He had Tom home for a brief trial period following Mrs. Sanderson's death but this was not successful.

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successful, and Tom was returned to Lady Mary School. Mr. Sanderson subsequently gave up the house and since then he has made little effort to maintain contact with the children, and his behaviour would seem to indicate that he is either unable or unwilling to provide a home for them.

Mr. Sanderson last visited the children at Christmas, 1972, and at that stage was expressing an intention to remarry, to a Mrs. Louise Leonard, 3, Wardieburn Place West, Edinburgh. I endeavoured to contact him at this address with no success and after a few weeks it transpired that these plans had fallen through. There has been no contact with Mr. Sanderson since then and as it has been confirmed that he is no longer living at Mrs. Leonard's house his whereabouts are therefore unknown.

CHILDREN'S HISTORY:

[redacted]

George was also received into care on 15.3.63 and placed in St. Katherine's. On 18.6.64, he was transferred to foster-parents in Elgin along with his younger sister Sandra and remained there until 10.11.66. Both were then transferred to Dr. Barnardo's, Balcary, Hawick, to be nearer the older siblings in North Berwick. Because of George's disturbed behaviour and his inability to settle at school, he was moved, along with Sandra, on 22.4.68, to Lady Mary School, where Tom and Rebecca were also placed simultaneously. George later moved to Broomlands along with Tom but his difficult behaviour persisted, this being marked by several court appearances. On 11.5.72 George appeared at a Children's Hearing, relative to a charge of theft by housebreaking. He was made the subject of a supervision requirement with a condition of residence at Balgowan List D School, Dundee. George has remained there since that time although at a forthcoming review to be held on 18.3.74, it is envisaged that he will be allowed to return to the care of Mr. and Mrs. Vogel, with whom he has stayed during periods of leave. George has made extremely good progress at Balgowan, and his general behaviour and educational ability have greatly improved. It is evident however that George still requires continuing consistent and skilled care.

[redacted]

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All the children have regular contact with each other and with Rebecca who is now married and has a one-year old child.

SUMMARY

The history of this family indicates that the parents have never been able to provide a stable home or sustain any consistent interest in their children. Since Mrs. Sanderson's death on 22.1.71 Mr. Sanderson has become progressively less able or concerned to be involved in his family's upbringing and has made no attempt to contact them since December, 1972.

Tom, George and Sandra are currently making very good progress and are receiving the benefit of skilled care in residential establishments. It is clearly indicated that a return to Mr. Sanderson's care would prove detrimental to them. Although there has been no recent suggestion by Mr. Sanderson that he wishes his family returned to him it is nonetheless the case that he can be unpredictable at times and could create difficulties if he so desired. It therefore seems advisable to afford these children as much protection as possible in their present situation.

Mr. Sanderson's current whereabouts are unknown and attempts to trace him have met with no success. It should be noted that Mr. Sanderson is not Tom's natural father.

The Resolution is requested in terms of S.16 (1)(b)(i) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

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22nd March, 1974

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