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Galway County Council

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General Assistance Dept
County Buildings,
Galway.

6. 3. 62

Dear Reverend Father,

I should be most grateful if you would let us have Baptismal certificates for the following children:

Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Mother's Name
Michael Flaherty	[REDACTED] / 48	Tuam	Patricia Flaherty

Thanking you,

Mise le meas,

Very Rev. M. Grogan Adm.
Tuam.

L.O'Luanaigh.

Runai

(20) / (29)

(20)

The Presbytery,

Guam.

Co. Galway.

8 MAR 1962

7 March 1962.

Dear Mr. O'Duanough,

I regret to say that we have
no record here of the Baptism of
Michael Flaherty, born 15 Feb 1948,
of Patricia Flaherty.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,
Martin Graghty, Adm.

(21)

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General Assistance Dept
County Buildings,
Galway.

15. 5. 62

Dear Reverend Father,

I should be most grateful if you would let us have Baptismal certificates for the following children:

Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Mother's Name
Michael Murphy	[REDACTED]	Tram Home	Mrs. Murphy

Thanking you,

Mise le meas,

Rev. Bishop Lavin
Regional Hospital
Galway.

L.O'Luanaigh.

Rumai

Baptism not at Tram Home - child transferred
to Regional Hosp.

REPORT FORM

NAME OF CHILD MICHAEL FEHERTY
DATE OF BOARDING OUT 26.11.53
DATE OF BIRTH [redacted] 48
NAME OF FOSTER PARENT MRS. KATE MC GANN
ADDRESS CLOUGH, GURKEEN, BALLINAGLOE
SCHOOL GURKEEN NATIONAL SCHOOL, BALLINAGLOE

RECORD OF SCHOOL ABSENCES

SEPT. DEC. MAR 2 JUNE 3
OCT. JAN 1 APR 2 JULY 1
NOV. FEB 9 ^{days} MAY 1 AUG. un
X had polio vaccinations

DATE REPORT

14/2/54: Pile rather thin child but healthy, let's
well fed and clothed, bed time. And between
me kept clean and tidy. After home at
school. Child was vaccinated twice against
whooping cough.

24/4/59: Child was sick with swelling of throat.
attended by Dr. Quinn. Sent to hospital at
2. With date letter. Child had not
purchased all the clothing with Oct. all
as yet.

28.11.60: Sent birth certificate to foster mother, who
speaks very highly of Michael. If anything
should happen to her, her married daughter
would take the boy.

8.2.60: Wrote to St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea for
birth certificate.

8.4.60: Normal

22.6.60: Foster mother laid up with sprained leg after
a fall. ^{Michael} had sore throat.

REPORT FORM

NAME OF CHILD ... MICHAEL FLAHERTY

DATE OF BOARDING OUT ... 26.11.53

DATE OF BIRTH ... [redacted] .48

NAME OF FOSTER PARENT ... Mrs. Kate Mc Fadden

ADDRESS ... Clough, Fintona

SCHOOL ... Fintona N.S.

School absences:

SEPT 4 (see report) DEC 4 (see report) MAR 2 JUNE 1 OCT 4

OCT 3 JAN 7 (see report) APR - JULY NOV 6

NOV 3 FEB 1 MAY 3 SEPT 8 DEC 8

X See note on inside cover of file re operation.

DATE

REPORT 5 reports of 1/1/61

- 26.8.60 Foster mother had 2 ankle bones broken - to return to hospital for treatment. Michael is a thin, but seemingly healthy boy.
- 28.10.60 Normal. Called to school - Miss Duffy H.T. says Michael is well (and) for.
- 2.1.61 Michael is a tall, thin lad. He has operation scars - see note on inside cover of his file. General case good.
- 3.3.61 Michael had a cold in December - father mother was asked to get a doctor's int. if there are any future illnesses.
- 16.6.61 Michael seems to be very retarded, tall thin boy.
- 13.6.61 Called to Miss Duffy H.T. Fintona - Michael is of very low intelligence.
- 25.8.61 Michael had gone out with cattle, father away visiting to-day.
- 13.12.61 Michael went for a week to Regional Hospital in September, and for a check up in October, and had an operation for hernia in Nov/Dec. Now home, would over

JAN 62 —

FEB 1

MAR —

APR —

MAY 2

Sept 20

Oct 22

Nov 3

Resume school until after Christmas

9.2.62 Thin boy, enuretic about twice a week. Wants to go by train to Vocational school next year, but Principal furthest U.S. says could not do this — very retarded.

18.4.62 Normal

13.7.62 I told Michael and his foster mother of the possibility of Michael's going to a Special school. Michael is tall, pale and anxious. Enuresis almost every night according to foster mother's daughter-in-law who is anxious that Michael should go away to a Special school. I think that there is no place for Michael in this home since the foster parents' son has married and has his own family. I recommend that Michael be assessed for State Special Residential school.

W. E. W. L. C. C. O.

Approved.

J. M. D.

17/7/62

Note to Miss Duffy on schools
absence reminder asking
if Michael would be suitable
for Special School M.E. class

Gurteen N.S.,
Ballinacole.

Psychiatrist.
Late Special
School says too
Patrick is
old for
Special
Schooling.
30.5.62.
W. B. M. M.
10.10.62

Jean Miss Mc Cormack,

I think it would
be a wonderful opportunity for
Michael Flaherty if he could be
got into a school for retarded
boys. He can read but
arithmetic remains a closed book
to him. I am sure his health
also would benefit - possibly he
could do with less work. He
does not look strong. If you
can, get him away. Yours sincerely
A. Duffy

Understand from the schoolmaster
that he is going or has gone to a
College in Cork.

M. Duffy

31-10-62 I called to Miss Duffy & explained
that Michael is overage for Special
School - she will take him back
to Furlen. W. & Michael C. O.
31-10-62

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General Assistance Department,
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9 OCT 1962

The Principal Teacher,

Gurteen N.S

A Chara,

I enclose a supply of school attendance certificates for boarded-out children together with a stamped addressed envelope. It would be much appreciated if you would return the certificate for each month not later than the middle of the following month.

Mise le meas,

Gurteen N.S.

12. 10. '62

Runai

Thank you for supply of forms and envelopes but as there is no boarded-out child attending here now shall I return them. Michael Flaherty has not returned since the summer holidays over →

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Headford will
take C. Hendricks

[REDACTED]

$\frac{1}{2}$ mile out of to
[REDACTED]

on

(App. form with
work sheets)

Will employ Michael J. Leherly

(28)

28 JAN 1963

[redacted] ell)

C. V. Galway
26-1-63

Dear Miss McCormack

having heard from my
Sister in Law that you had a boy of
fourteen whom you could board
out. I beg to apply for this boy.
I promise to be kind and attentive
to him and to carry out your
wishes in every way. [redacted]

[redacted] who recommended
[redacted] well I am sure
recommend us too as she knows
my husband & family very well
Our own family is now full grown
except one little boy of eight years.
Its my first time ever, applying for
a board out child so I don't not
know anything about the necessary
requirements. So please call, we
would be ready to take this boy
any day. Mr Gannon & Co. would
I am sure recommend us too. awaiting
a favourable reply. Respectfully yrs
(Mrs) Joe O'Connell

Galway County Council.

General Assistance Department,
County Buildings,
Galway.

28.1.62



Theresa O'Leary

Head of School

A Chara,

With reference to your application for a boarded out boy
I attach herewith Form A. on which you may make application. Please
complete the form, have it signed by your Parish Priest and one other
responsible person. It should then be returned to me.

Mise, le meas,

Michael W. E. Mac Cormack
K. Faherty

Children's Officer.

P.S. Thank you for your letter - if you will
return this Application form completed, I will
call to see you.

W. E. Mac Cormack

(30) (39)

(30)

Headford
Co Galway
5-2-63

Dear Miss McCormack.

I regret very much
delay in returning form owing
to very cold weather I had delay
in going to Ft Kearney. then
I discovered that the other person
I had in mind to sign it namely
Dr [redacted] was in Dublin
So now its enclosed signed by
Mr O'Riordan National Bank
I hope the hay is still available

Respectfully Yours
[redacted]

7-3

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Col Selway
21-2-63

Dear Miss McCormack-

I sent you application
form two weeks ago, & has not sence heard
anything about the little boy, please
let me know if we are eligable for a
Boarded out Child. I can assure you we
will be very good to any child entrusted
to our care.

Awaiting a favourable reply
Respectfully Yours



15 years 5 months 15th
yester

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Mr. Mc Gann.,
Clough,
Gurteen,
Ballinasloe,

15.7.63

A Chara,

We have now had an offer of residential employment for Michael Flaherty. The work is light, and his prospective employers have promised that they will employ Michael during the winter months.

If you wish to keep Michael, and he wishes to stay in Clough, I would be glad to know what wages you now propose to pay him, and if you will guarantee to employ him in the winter, and to insure him, and pay him the standard Agricultural rate of wages.

If you do not wish to keep Michael, I would be glad to hear from you this week. I asked Mrs. Mc Gann, Senior, to mention this to you.

Mise le meas,

Children's Officer

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toough
Gustem

Ballinasloe

Dear Miss

15 July 63

I Promised I'd write to you about
Michael Flaherty

My son said he would pay him
12 Shillings a week until he would
be sixteen years

He will fix up about
him after that if it would not be
too much money.

I enclose Receipt

Yrs Sincerely
Kate McGarr

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25.7.63

Dear [REDACTED]

If you happen to be in Galway tomorrow (Friday) or Saturday, I would be very glad to see you if you could call to the County Buildings. If you will not be in Galway, perhaps you would be good enough to telephone, the office is open between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and between 2.15 p.m. and 5.20 p.m.,

Thanking you,

Mise le meas,

Children's Officer

(36)

2 AUG 1963

6 rough
Gurteen
Ballinshoe

Dear Miss

we are
going to keep
Michael

we are going
to pay him the
amount that is
settled for him

Hoping that
you will leave
him

Yrs Faithfully
Kate McGarr

(37) (37)

9 AUG 1963

So long
Sweeten

Dear Miss

I wrote to you
yesterday saying
we would keep
Michael.

Now we will let
you take him
as we can get
a man when
we have work to do
Hoping that will be
alright

Yrs Sincerely
K. McGinn