

HIA REF: [HIA145/R11]

NAME: [Clinton Massey]

DATE: [10<sup>th</sup> June 2016]

**THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995**

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**Witness Statement of the Health and Social Care Board**

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Marian Hall, Children's Services Project Manager, assisted in the drafting of this statement.

The Health and Social Care Board (the "Board") will say as follows: -

1. The Applicant, was born Clinton Lee Massey on the [REDACTED]. The Board notes in the records available in respect of the Applicant that he has also been referred to interchangeably as "Clynton Massey"
2. The Applicant states that following the breakup of his parent's marriage he was taken in to care and that he was placed in Marmion House, Hollywood (Marmion) of which he makes no complaints, stating it was a "fantastic place".
3. A memo date the 19<sup>th</sup> April 1972 from the Children's Welfare Officer confirms the Applicant was received into care on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1970 and that he has resided at Marmion since that date. However this was only for weekend and holiday period, as he had been and continued to attend Ardmore House School as a weekly Boarder, see **Exhibit 1**.
4. However upon reaching school leaving age it was decided by the Education Committee that a referral should be made for continued supervision of the Applicant by the local Welfare Department under Section 32 of the Education (Amendment) Act 1962 as concerns had been raised over his behaviour

- outside of Ardmore, particularly at the weekends, see **Exhibit 2** for all relevant documents in relation to the referral.
5. At Paragraph 4, the Applicant states, that when he *“was moved to Kincora in /around 1073 when I was sixteen years old”*. The admission records for the Applicant confirm his transfer from Marmion to Kincora on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 1973 and final discharge on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 1973, see **KIN 12014-KIN 12015**.
  6. The circumstances leading up to his admission to Kincora were that it was becoming clear given the Applicant’s age and his behaviour outside of school Marmion was no longer suitable. A report by the Principal of Ardmore received by Social Services on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 1971 states, *“whilst he is at school he present no behaviour problems, however, “due to difficulties existing at Marmion, in that they are not adequately staffed or equipped for the Supervision of teenage boys, Clynton has been ....getting into trouble”*. The report goes onto state *“there is a strong possibility of Clynton becoming delinquent”* unless satisfactory arrangements were made for this supervision at weekends”, see **Exhibit 3**. Shortly after this the Applicant was placed on 2 years’ probation on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 1971 for stealing cigarettes, see **Exhibit 4**
  7. It is unclear from the records what steps were taken seeking to identify a suitable alternative placement to Marmion for the Applicant, however by January 1973 contact had been made with Kincora staff and a vacancy confirmed. Approval had been given for his move to Kincora by the Applicant’s Probation Officer, who in addition to Social Services staff would have visited the Applicant while he was there.
  8. A series of recordings following this, highlight some concerns about the atmosphere in the Hostel at that time. Mr Mains himself is recorded as stating that the Hostel *“did not have a very desirable group of boys and that most are somewhat involved in the U.D.A”* This was explained to the Applicant who indicated that he himself would not be interested in that sort of activity, see **Exhibit 5**. The Board believes that in the context of what was happening with the Troubles in Northern Ireland at that time, there had been surge in young persons becoming interested in paramilitary activity, particularly in Belfast and

was evident in other Residential facilities, such as Bawnmore Children's home.

9. At paragraph 5, the Applicant states his transfer to Kincora was arranged through the Social Workers and identifies a **KIN 392**, whom he described as a young woman who never wanted to come into Kincora. Records confirm that the appointed Social Workers for the Applicant were a **KIN 393** and a **KIN 392** who is confirmed as a Social Worker operating from the **KIN 392** Sub-Office. **KIN 393** was the Social Worker responsible for the Applicant both prior to and during this time in Kincora. **KIN 392**, subsequently took over the supervision of the Applicant and was responsible for his discharge in October 1973, see **Exhibit 6**.
10. Records also confirm that **KIN 392** continued to be involved with the Applicant as late as September 1975, some two years after his discharge from Kincora, see **Exhibit 7**
11. In his recollection of contact with his Social Worker during his time at Kincora, which as indicated above is now believed by the Board to be **KIN 393**, he states that she did not want to come into the home. Recordings found at **KIN 76581 – 76586** do confirm that a number of meetings between **KIN 393** and the Applicant did take place outside of Kincora at Social Services offices. Once visit to Kincora is recorded as occurring on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 1973, see **KIN 76584**.
12. The Applicant indicates that at the time when he was in Kincora there were eight boys and believes this to have been the maximum in the home. An inspection report dated 1972 confirms the maximum number of boys at that time to be 9 **KIN 78572**
13. At paragraph 8, the Applicant stated that he had to hand over his "*unopened Pay packet to Mr Mains who in was charge of the home*" and from this he would have only received £1 as his weekly allowance and put £1 into a Bank account. The rest was retained by the Unit. It is known that those residents in employment in Kincora, were expected to contribute to their maintenance of

an amount depending on their earnings, see KIN 78572. It is noted the Applicant did complain to his Social Worker about the amount of money he was getting, see KIN 76582

14. The Applicant states that during his time in Kincora he was “*frequently subjected to sexual abuse*”, and that much of this took place in the mornings, however he never spoke about the abuse to any member of staff or to his room-mate or any of the other boys.
15. In his statement made to the RUC on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1980, although the Applicant at this time was unsure as to the name of his Social Worker he confirms either way he did not tell them as he “*found it too embarrassing to talk about*”.
16. When interviewed at the time of the Police investigation in 1980, KIN 392 did indicate that although she was aware the Applicant was unhappy at Kincora, she did not receive any complaints from him. This is outlined the report by D/Sgt Caskey found KIN 40043. KIN 393 was not interviewed as she was at that time living in [REDACTED].
17. In a further statement to the Police on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 1980 at KIN 76579 the Applicant states, “*I did ask my social worker, KIN 392 (although the Board believes this to have been KIN 393 ) to get me out of Kincora. I didn’t tell her why. It was because of McGrath and what he had done to me*”
18. The Social Work recordings found at KIN 76582 – KIN 76586 record the following:-
  - i) 3.5.73 – 3 days after transfer to Kincora, the Applicant is reported as being “*settled*”, but still has made no friends” KIN 76582;
  - ii) 7.6.73 – a month after the Applicant moving to Kincora, it is recorded, “he dreads the thought of returning to the hostel every night”. Mr Mains was spoken to who agreed “*Clynton was rather discontented*” at present KIN 76583;
  - iii) 11.7.73 - it is recorded that Clinton phoned to say he was in a rather depressed state and said he wanted to move from Kincora. Kincora staff were

contacted. Mr Mains indicated “*he did not mix much with the other boys*” and was spending a lot of time at Marmion. This was confirmed by the staff at Marmion who indicated he had been in a rather depressed state, but no reasons are given **KIN 76584**;

iv) 12.6.73 - The Applicant was asked if he would like to move. A number of places were mentioned but there was a concern about vacancies. It is recorded that the Applicant stated if he did not move soon “*he would do something terrible*” **KIN 76584**;

v) 13.6.73 – Kincora staff were contacted about the Applicant’s unhappiness. Mr Mains did not think he would do any better in any other Hostel and suggested lodgings. **KIN 76585**;

vi) 19.7.73 – After a holiday period with Marmion, the Applicant reported that “*life in the hostel was better now*” **KIN 76586**. An advertisement for lodgings was subsequently made by the Social Worker on the 30<sup>th</sup> August 1973, see **Exhibit 8**

19. The Board believes his Social Worker actively sought to address the issue of the Applicant’s unhappiness, albeit she had no knowledge and was not made aware by the Applicant of its cause.
20. The Applicant does indicate at paragraph 15 of his statement that when he was sixteen years of age, he wanted to make a complaint about staff at Kincora hitting him and so went to Strandtown Police Station. There is no indication in the records which suggest the Applicant informed Social Services about this.
21. At paragraphs 19-29 the Applicant describes the effect his six months in Kincora has had on his life. At paragraph 86 of the Boards Overview statement dated 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016, details of the Applicant’s Civil Claim in relation to Kincora have been provided, **KIN 1110**.
22. The Board notes in the PSNI papers provided to the Inquiry, during PSNI investigations in 2014, the Applicant indicated that in 1980 when he was making his statement to the RUC he found it difficult to talk about the matter

and also because his mother had been present and that he did not want to make another complaint as he knew McGrath had been charged with offences linked to his complaint and sentenced **KIN 60038**. William McGrath was convicted in 1981 in total of 8 counts of Indecent Assault, 5 counts of Gross Indecency and 2 counts of Buggery, **KIN 114017**.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed

Handwritten signature of Roger Hall in cursive script.

Dated

10 June 2016

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Exhibit 1

County Welfare Officer

LS/MK

The Secretary

(for Committee)

19th April, 1972.

CLYNTON MASSEY (d.o.b. [REDACTED]) - HORSE RIDING INSTRUCTION

Clynton was received into the care of the Committee on the 2.10.70 and has resided at Marmion since that date. He attends Ardmore House School, Downpatrick, as a weekly boarder and has recently taken part in the Schools Programme of outdoor pursuits at Ardnabannon. He was given instruction in horse riding at a cost of £2.50 and it would be desirable if he could continue with this activity at a cost of 65p per week as from 18th April, 1972.

Committee approval is requested to refunding £2.50 to Ardmore School and to the payment of the weekly fee.

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*Approved  
25/4/72*

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Exhibit 2

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## DOWN COUNTY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

18 WINDSOR AVENUE, BELFAST BT9 6EF, NORTHERN IRELAND

Our Reference—to be  
quoted in any reply:

JRW/EF

If telephoning about this  
letter, please ask for—

Extension: 214

Name:

Clynton Lee Massey

DOWN CO. WELFARE DEPARTMENT			
CWO		SCO(A)	
DCWO		Phone Numbers:	
CC		Belfast 669414/8	
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A.M.C. J.  
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Dear Mr. Gilliland,

Down County Education Committee have decided that as this child has now reached school leaving age his case should be referred for further supervision to Down County Welfare Committee, under Section 32 of the Education (Amendment) Act, 1962.

Clynton was enrolled at Ardmore House School, Downpatrick on the 20th October 1969 and left school in June 1972. His behaviour while at his local primary school was difficult and there was also problems of retardation. His educational progress while at Ardmore was good and the staff of the school felt that his adjustments and relationships were greatly improved. I understand, however, that his behaviour at weekends and holiday times were less satisfactory and that he was taken into Care on a number of occasions. It is also understood that his home situation at the moment is still less than satisfactory.

On leaving school Clynton intended joining the Army but apparently did not do so and was enrolled at Feldon Government Training Centre. It would appear that he will have difficulty in obtaining and keeping a job. It is felt that he would benefit from further supervision in this respect by your Department.

For your information I enclose copies of the Psychologist's reports: 15.4.69; 7.10.69; 16.11.71; 15.6.72. County Medical Officer's report dated 6.11.72.

Yours sincerely,

John R. Wilson  
for Director of Education

The County Welfare Officer,  
Down County Welfare Department,  
65 University Street,  
BELFAST BT7 1HN.

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## DOWN COUNTY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEES

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MEMORANDUM

From County Welfare Officer.....

To Divisional Welfare Officer.....  
Division 2

Ref. JSW/JT                      C.1349

Ref.

*File please*

7th December, 1972.

Section 32 Referral.

I attach for your information letter from Down Education in respect of the above, referring Clynton Lee Massey, under Section 32 of the EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) Act, 1962. Please arrange to visit and in due course forward completed Kalamazoo sheet and include same on your next monthly returns.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE in relation to these referrals should be headed Section 32 Referral.

*[Signature]*  
County Welfare Officer



DOWN COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT  
HANDICAPPED PERSONS - CASE RECORD  
section 32 Referral

SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAMES	Status	D.O.B.
MASSEY	Clynton Lee	Single	[REDACTED]
ADDRESS: Marmion Childrens Home, Church Road, Holywood.		Source of Referral: <i>Education Dept.</i> G.P. Dr. Kennedy, Holywood Date of Referral: 28.12.72	
NATURE OF HANDICAP: Referred by Education Committee under Sec. 32 Date of Certification of Blindness: Income: Earns £6 p.w. as apprentice Plasterer Household: <i>lives in Marmion Childrens Home.</i>			
Brief Summary of case: Clynton was born in Glasgow, the elder of two children. In 1967 his mother left her husband and took her children to Bangor and lived with [REDACTED]. This has been an unstable relationship and Clynton and [REDACTED] never felt fully welcome in the home. Clynton ran away from home several times and eventually finished his education in Ardmore House, D'patrick. He spent week-ends at Marmion. [REDACTED] also came into Care (when her mother went with Mr. [REDACTED] to Portrush in 1971) and has remained in Marmion. Clynton started to train in Feldon after leaving school, but left there and has found himself a job as plasterer with a building firm in Sydenham.			
Date	Comments PLEASE INDICATE ATTENDANCES AT CLASSES AND AIDS AND ADAPTATIONS IN THE HOME		

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CLYNTON MASSEY (D.O.B. [REDACTED])

Clynton has been attending this school since 20.10.69.

Clynton is a well-behaved, co-operative boy and whilst he is at this school, he presents no behaviour problems. This is not the case, however, when he is away from this school and residing at Marmien Children's Home at week-ends and during holiday periods. Due to the difficulties existing at Marmien, in that they are not adequately staffed or equipped for the supervision of teenage boys, Clynton has been associating with unsatisfactory company, by whom he is easily influenced, and getting into trouble. There is a police case pending of Clynton receiving stolen goods whilst at Marmien (mostly cigarettes.) Recently, he was absent from this school for nearly two weeks, because there was no one at Marmien who could manage him and see to it that he did return. When, recently, Clynton stayed at this school for a week-end, due to Marmien refusing to have him, because of the fear of Clynton being a chicken-pox carrier, he was well-behaved; he was well supervised and an interesting series of activities provided.

I consider that there is the strong possibility of Clynton becoming delinquent, ending, in being placed in a Training School, unless satisfactory arrangements are made for his supervision at week-ends and during the school holidays.

Clynton is making progress with his school work and his attainments are as follows:-

Reading Age	-	12 years.
Arithmetic	-	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Spelling	-	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Since writing the above, Clynton has been involved with a group of boys at Marmien, this past week-end, in stealing £5 from a member of the Staff there.

*W.B. Cope*

Principal.

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LS/DR      C. 1349

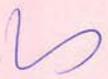
Divisional Welfare Officer  
Division 5

For the Attention of Miss Brown

3rd January, 1972.

Clynton Massey

I wish to let you know that at Hollywood Juvenile Court on 17th December, 1971, Clynton was placed on two years probation. It would be difficult to carry out this as Clynton moves so frequently between Downpatrick and Hollywood and it might be that the Probation Officer would apply for a variation of the Order.

  
County Welfare Officer

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Exhibit 5

NOTE FOR THE FILE1389  
KIN 393Clynton31/1/73

A place has been found at Kincora Hostel (Belfast Welfare Authority) for Clynton. Mr. Mains the Hostel warden told him that at present they have not got a very desirable group of boys, most of whom are somewhat involved in the U.D.A. There is a vacancy in a room which Clynton would share with two other boys. I have arranged to see Clynton to discuss his transfer.

5/2/73

Clynton was off work for part of the day today because most of the workers in his firm were doing a job in Co, Derry therefore I took the opportunity of talking to him. We discussed his work. Clynton is reasonably happy in his apprenticeship, but still feels that bricklaying would be more interesting and would also be better paid. At the present time Clynton is earning £4.47 net per week. The apprenticeship lasts for 4 years. At the end of that time, Clynton would be earning approximately £25 per week. With regard to moving into Kincora Hostel, Clynton did not show much enthusiasm. He said that he finds difficulty in making friends. He would consider Newtownards Hostel because he knows the boys there but knows no-one in Belfast Welfare's Hostel. I told him that the majority of the boys came from Bawnmore childrens Home but he would be sharing a room with two boys who do not come from there. I told him about some of the boys being interested in the U.D.A. and he told me that he was not interested in this sort of activity at all.

Clynton again mentioned that he would like to go into lodgings. I explained the difficulties of finding suitable ones and suggested that he go to Kincora Hostel. If he did not settle in after a month or two, I said that I would re advertise for lodgings for him.

I then brought Clynton to see the Hostel. He was favourably impressed by it and thought it to be homely. He also seemed to like Mr. <sup>Mains</sup> ~~Mains~~ approach him. I gave Clynton until next Thursday to think about moving.

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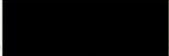
DOWN COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

**Children and Young Persons Act (N.I.) 1950**

From Divisional Welfare Officer.....

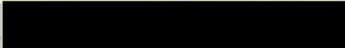
To Divisional Medical Officer.....

Name of Child... CLYNTON MASSEY .....

Date of Birth...  .....

I wish to inform you that the above child was removed  
from KINCORA HOSTEL N'ARDS ROAD .....

and placed \*with/in Mrs. MASSEY .....

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on 24<sup>th</sup> October 1973 .....

Date 25/10/73 Signed  .....

Divisional Welfare Officer

\* Please delete word not applicable.

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Exhibit 7

District :

Name of Applicant

Blynton Massey

Address

Nature of Application

If Children's Case, Foster Parent Seen/Not Seen. Child Seen/Not Seen.

Date of follow-up Visit

Transfer Summary

Report of Visit :

At present Blynton is unemployed + living at home with his mother. Nov '44 - July '45 he lived in a bed-sit in Belfast + worked as a Van-boy. He received help with his rent under Section 122 Cyp's Act. Eventually he lost his job through bad time-keeping + so returned home.

Blynton is of fairly placid temperament + inclined to be lazy. He is of low intelligence as has difficulty grasping an involved situation eg. how to get money from Supp. Ben. He is inclined to be dependant on 'the Welfare' + will turn to Mr. Kerrigan at Harmon or to S.W. for help + advice. He has virtually no friends + does not like clubs or group activities. His ambition at the moment is to join the Army.

KIN 392

10/9/45.

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Exhibit 8

NOTE FOR FILE**KIN 393**

30th August, 1973.

Clynton Massey

Over the last few weeks Clynton has become more settled again in his work. He is keen to join the navy but must complete his period of probation first. He has visited his mother on two occasions recently at her new home in Bangor. Clynton is reasonably content in Kincora Hostel but would prefer to go into lodgings if at all possible. I advertised and the only applicant who appeared at all suitable was Mrs. [REDACTED] Belfast. I requested that Belfast Welfare Authority do the assessment.