

**Worcester Historical Museum: Temporary Home and Day Nursery Collection 2004.04
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Nicole Tompkins	[REDACTED]

Family Name	Envelope # (2004.04-Box Number-Envelope #)
Gauthier - Gokey	2004.04-4.78

Text on Envelope's Outside
Gauthier or Gokey Jan. 29 1922 Eleanor Howard Harriett

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2 (front and back)	

Main card: FRONT

Children

Names	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Nationality	Admission Date	Date of Leaving
Eleanor Gauthier	05/21/1915	Minnesota	French	01/29/1922	01/31/1922
Howard	01/30/1918	Bristol, CT	French	01/29/1922	01/31/1922
Harriett	12/13/1919	Bristol, CT	French	01/29/1922	01/31/1922

Parents

Father		Mother
George	Name	Ellen
134 Austin Street	Residence	Whitinsville -- at present 134 Austin St. Worcester
	Nationality	
Father		Mother
1891 Vermont	Place & Date of Birth	1985 Worcester
North Grafton, 1912	Place & Date of Marriage	North Grafton, 1912
Working for The New England Power Co.	Occupation	Housework in Whitinsville – Hotel waitress
-	Earnings	-
-	Characteristics	-
-	Married-Divorced	-
-	Deserted-Separated	-

Other children in family

George Wallace, 1913

Main card: REVERSE

Reasons for Admission

The fourteenth of November, 1921 Mrs. Gokey came to see if she could place her four children in the House, as her husband has been out of work for some time and she is quite determined to break up her house.

Children were not taken into the House because of length of time the mother wished them to stay but Miss Emerson called at

[card 2]

their house and also went to Miss Woods of the Children's Friend Society to see if she could help them out. She could do nothing for the family because they should be State cases.

In the winter of 1920 the Gokey family was aided by the City with two orders of coal and five orders of groceries.

After it was learned that Miss Woods could do nothing to help out, Miss Emerson went to Miss Witherspoon of Associated Charities, taking Mr. Gokey with her. Miss Witherspoon gave man an order for coal and groceries, and told him to try to find a cheaper place to live. If he did this she might advance money for one months rent. Mr. Gokey, and all the Welfare workers interested in family, are trying to keep family together.

[card 3]

Jan. 29 1922 – Mrs. Fiske of Grafton telephoned asking that they Gokey children be taken int the House at once. Grandmother who works for Mrs. Fiske to bring them. Mother of children working as waitress in Hotel in Whitinsville. She claims that her husband does not provide proper clothing for her so she has to go to work to earn money to clothe herself. She also said she engaged a woman to come to keep house for family while she was away but the woman failed to appear.

The three children were taken into the House as their father was very much upset and threaten to do desperate things.

Family was reported to Children's Friend Society and Miss Woods made the mother come back to her house.

Jan. 31 1922 – Father came and took children home. The children are very likable and well behaved.

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Who Brought?	Who recommended?	Agrees to Pay	Relatives?	Vaccinations?
Grandmother	-	Nothing.	Womans mother- Mrs. Bjorkman now Mrs. Levander working for Mrs. Fiske of Grafton – Tel. 46. In Oct 1899 Mrs. Bjorkman had four of her children in the House on Southbridge St.	-

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Date(s): Feb. 7 1922

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